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President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde

Dear Members and Friends

I hope all of you have enjoyed the summer so far; Erna and I certainly did (except for all the problems we encountered due to the loss of our GACT home which forced quite a few hectic days upon us). We drove to Arkansas to participate at my sister Barbara's 80th birthday and then continued to Minnesota so Erna could spend one night there, thereby closing one item on her bucket list. On the way home we were able to visit friends in Ohio and a niece in Kentucky. Great road trip!

Now that our (not so) relaxing time is over, we are ready to start implementing the many changes required due to the loss of our long time home at the FOP. We will need the support and understanding of all members to enable us to make the changes necessary to continue to be a viable club. **Please, keep up to date about changes to our customary routines in running the GACT by reading the Newsletter** – our home location has changed, the location and number of meetings is changing as well as some of the dates of the Club's dances. All our dances will be held at the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, 4831 E. 22nd Street** and our new meeting venue is the **Woods Memorial Library, 3455 N. First Ave, Tucson 85719, Telephone 520-594-5445**. I am sure we will go through a period of "Moving Pains" but if we all work together, we can continue to have pleasant get-togethers for many years to come.

Our long time treasurer, **Doug Van Dorpe**, has resigned as treasurer – he will continue to support the Club as an alternate Board member. I want to thank Doug for his many years of service and for his continued support.

It is also my distinct pleasure and privilege to welcome **Renate Ramirez** to the position of GACT treasurer, **Peter Kron** to one of the positions of the Executive Council, and **Carol Toohey** to a position on the Alternate Council. I look forward to seeing these new additions in action as they help with the running of our

Club.

With the loss of our old home, we were/are faced with implementing a number of changes to be able to continue to be a non-profit Club. I do want to take this opportunity to thank the whole Board of Directors for their hard work and the dedication it took to implement the necessary changes. Some changes have already been implemented, others are still being worked on – please be patient and support the Board within your abilities.

The Stammtisch on June 15 at the Claim Jumper Restaurant on Broadway was attended by 31 members and 2 guests. I was pleased to see so many participants at this "Stammtisch" which enabled our members to get to know each other better. For me personally, it is always a pleasure to get together with friends without the concerns of a dance (no responsibility) and just enjoy the companionship.

The membership breakfast on July 6 at the First Watch restaurant was attended by 34 members and guests. These breakfast get-togethers give the members who do not drive at night a chance to join the group and chat with their friends. While very few members take advantage of this early gathering, it is always a pleasure to see and welcome long time members such as **Maria Kristofl** at these get-togethers. A big "Thank You" to Hartmut Hausler for arranging this annual activity; hopefully, we will continue to have this event for many years to come.

This year's Oktoberfest on **October 12** – **note the date change** – will be held in a hall of the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson**, (our new home) located at **4831 E. 22nd Street** (just east of Swan). As always, we will be looking for help from the membership with the setup of the hall. Since this will be our first setup in a new environment, it will more than likely take longer than usual – it's probably going to be a little "try and modify". So please, be generous with your support. More information about the Oktoberfest will become available in the next Newsletter.

Wendell Hecke, President

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Street. (More info about the Oktoberfest in next month's newsletter.)



Thinking of you as you face your health challenges: **Diane Burgess, Mert Harshman, Richard Hoppe, Hermann Kron, Peter Kron, Aiga Loeffler, Jerry Mullins, and Roger Taylor.** Please inform a board member of any members that are ill.

Upcoming Club Activities

- Sep. 4, 6:30 pm, Board meeting
- Sep. 18, 6:30 pm, Member meeting
- Oct. 12, 5 pm, **Oktoberfest**, Peter Kron
- Oct 16, 6:30 pm, Membership and Board Meeting
- Oct. 19, 6:00 pm, Stammtisch, TBD
- Nov. 16, 5:00 pm, **Erntedankfest**, Peter Kron – Rouladen
- Nov.20, 6:30 pm, Board meeting, plan Christmas party
- Dec. 6, 4 pm, Christmas party, DM Ironwood Club
- Dec. 31, TBD, New Year's Party, Crisp Ranch

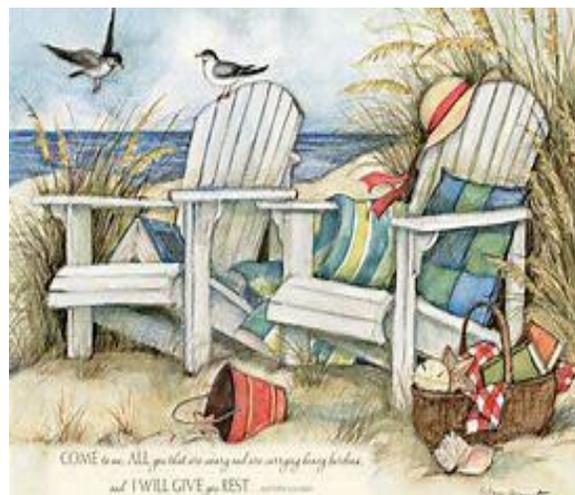


Sincere condolences to friends and family of **Anna Graves** on her passing on June 8; and to **Gerda and Roger Taylor** on the passing of their daughter, Evelyn KC on June 15 and to friends of **Shirley Springborn**, who passed away on July 18. For members who wish to attend, there will be a memorial service for Shirley on August 7 at 11:00 a.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Oro Valley, 11575 N. First Ave. Auf wiedersehen. May they rest in peace.



Congratulations to those members celebrating birthdays in August

- Karl Kirner 02
- Jean Brett 11
- Rafael Ramirez 11
- Ingrid Van Dorpe 21
- Helga Ortlinghaus 25



OKTOBERFEST 2019

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