



# German-American Club of Tucson Nachrichten



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## President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde  
Dear Members and Friends



The holidays are upon us and things are starting to get busy. Several members of our club have been extra busy building our new shed. The building team of: Tom Crisp, Peter Kron, Thomas Kron, Rafael Ramirez, Gerald Lachenschmid and Renaldo (Tom's ranch hand) are doing a fantastic job. Thank you for all your hard work. We were able to move all of our belongings out of A Family storage and into the new shed on November 22. A big thank you to all of our movers: Renate Ramirez, Gisela Aaron, Gina Crisp, Greg and Ulrike Malcolm and Hartmut Hausler. A special thank you to Louie Stroud, for his help with the shopping of the materials needed to build the shed. One last big Thank You to our donors for their generous donations. The shed could not have been possible without each and every one of these special members.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and Frohe Weihnachten. Bitte bleibt alle gesund bis wir uns wieder sehen.

Grüsse an euch alle  
Mariza Kron – Interim President

### Upcoming club activities:

The club will suspend all activities until further notice. We look forward to returning to our normal operations when it is deemed safe to do so and hope for your continued support in the future. In the meantime we encourage everyone to follow the recommended restrictions in place across both the state and nation as we navigate these uncertain times.



## From the Editor



Should you have any suggestions of what I could add to the newsletter or come across a good story or joke you would like to share with everybody in the newsletter, please feel free to e-mail me.



Happy Birthday to members celebrating their birthday in **December**.  
**Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!**

Bill Faust	11
Jack Burgess	19
Gerda Taylor	19
Barbara Linn	24
Lilian Kling	27

### Membership Anniversaries

Loretta Unger	30 years
Bill & Karen Faust	17 years
Beate Kreiner	1 year

### Some Notable German-Speaking People December Birthdays

- 4 | Buchholz, Horst (1933-2003)  
German film actor (One, Two, Three)
- 11 | Porsche, Ferdinand Alexander (1935-2012)  
German auto designer (Porsche 911)
- 13 | Jürgens, Curd (1915-1982)  
Austrian stage and film actor whose Hollywood films include The Enemy Below (1957), The Longest Day (1962), and The Spy Who Loved Me (1977)

(The German Way)



Differentiate between Christmas alphabet and ordinary alphabet: The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped "Didn't you get my e-mail?"

On Christmas Eve, a long time ago, Santa Claus was getting ready for his annual journey. But this year there were many problems. Four of the elder elves became ill and the younger more in-experienced elves did not produce the toys as quickly, so Santa started to worry that he would not be ready in time. Then Mrs. Claus tells him that her mother is visiting. This makes Santa Claus stressed even more so. When he begins to gather the reindeer for his sleigh, he discovers that three of them are ready to give birth and two have jumped over the fence. The elves begin loading the sleigh and one of the boards of the sled breaks off and the bag of toys falls to the ground dispersing the toys all around. It goes without saying that Santa was not exactly in his best state of mind and slightly triggered. Then the doorbell rings and Santa goes to the door and expects another problem. He opens the door and there is a little angel with a big Christmas tree brought to cheer up Santa. The angel says in a loving tone: "Merry Christmas Santa, is it not a beautiful day today? I have a big beautiful tree for you, is it not a beautiful tree, where do you want me to put it?" And so began the tradition of the angel on top of the Christmas tree.



## Almond Crescent Cookies



I have been baking these since our first Christmas away from home and I look forward to doing so every year. For me it brings back nice memories baking with my Grandmother in Germany on Christmas Eve and this still is her recipe. Over the years it got translated into English, because so many friends asked for it, and a bit modernized. They still taste great.

2 cups sliced Almonds  
1 1/4 all-purpose flour  
1/4 cups sugar  
1 cup butter, still cool but not hard  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup powdered sugar, optional

Measure 1 2/3 cups almonds. Whirl in food processor and grind fine. Finely chop the other 1/3 cups by hand and set aside. Add flour, sugar, butter and vanilla to food processor and pulse till dough comes together. Wrap in plastic and chill in fridge for about 1 hour. Roll dough into balls and form into crescents. Press top into chopped almonds and bake on parchment-lined cookie sheet on 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes until just lightly browned. Cool on sheet for 10 minutes and still warm roll in powdered sugar. Makes about 25 to 30 crescents.  
ENJOY!!!!!!!



# Merry Little Christmas



ANGEL  
BELLS  
BLESSED  
CAROLS  
CHILDREN  
COMFORT  
DING DONG  
FAMILY

FESTIVE  
GLAD  
GREETINGS  
HOPE  
JINGLE  
JOLLY  
JOYFUL  
LIGHTS

MIRACLE  
MUSIC  
PEACE  
REJOICE  
SHINING  
SINGING  
THANKFUL





Photos to the Left

### Club Storage Shed Construction

The new storage shed at the Crisp ranch is almost complete. We are still not totally done. The door needs to be correctly aligned, remainder of edging needs to be put on and it needs painting. We will put a completed picture of the shed in the January newsletter. Again, a big Thank You to the fantastic construction crew!



## German Holidays - December

### December 25: Christmas Day (Weihnachtstag)

Christmas Day is a public holiday in Germany and is celebrated on December 25. The German traditions of this day are similar to those around the globe. The colorful German Christmas market is among these traditions together with Santa, the decorated tree, and special dishes.

### December 26: Boxing Day/St. Stephen's Day (Stephanstag)

Boxing Day in Germany is celebrated on December 26, just a day after Christmas. It is also called St. Stephen's day who was the first Christian martyr, convicted of blasphemy against Moses and God.

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(Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)

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- Schwarzwälder Kirsch
- Eiskaffee Sahne (gluten free)
- Cheesecake (Käsesahne) with fruit:  
Strawberry, Lemon, Raspberry,  
Pear or Peach.

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