



German-American Club of Tucson

Nachrichten



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By: Ulli Malcolm

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President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends



I hope everyone had a Happy and safe New Year. It sure was different this year. I really missed not being able to be get together with friends and family to celebrate. We will have to make up for this lost time by having a nice party when this COVID virus is over.

Starting off with a few announcements. The Board discussed and voted to have the 2021 membership dues suspended until January 2022. An Email was sent out to members and phone calls made to those who do not receive our Emails. The Board thought it would not be fair to pay this year's dues with the lack of Club activities benefiting our members since March 2020. Your 2020 membership cards will also be valid until then. If you no longer wish to be a member, please send written notification to our board so that we may keep our records updated.

I would like to welcome new member, William (Bill) Christie, to our club. Bill, I look forward to meeting you when we are able to resume our activities.

The Board and I would like to announce that Tom Crisp has been voted in to fill the vacant Vice President position until next elections.

In the October newsletter, we last reported to our membership that the Board was working on revising our aging Bylaws prior to conducting our next election. One of the key drivers behind the timing of this effort was to address our club's reduced size with aging membership having created a situation whereby we have too many board positions supporting our current size and not enough people volunteering to fill them. On December 10, the Board distributed the proposed revised Bylaws asking our members to read them and decide if they are reasonable in preparation for a subsequent written mail-in balloting effort leading to a general membership voting process.

After reviewing member feedback and having a better understanding of the rather extensive Bylaw changes proposed to update our current Bylaws, in a December 19 special board meeting, the Board decided to table voting for the revised Bylaws until a future general membership meeting can be scheduled whereby the club can confidently proceed with efforts to update our Bylaws. At this

meeting, the Board approved limited action for the Bylaws Committee to meet with an attorney familiar with non-for-profit organizations specifically to discuss whether the Board has the power in good faith during an emergency situation where a quorum cannot be assembled, to carry out the 2021 Elections via secret written ballots. The Board requested that the meeting be limited to an hour and for the Committee to report back at the January Board meeting so that this matter can be further discussed with regards to proceeding with confidence.

Resulting from the December 29 meeting with legal counsel, the attorney advised that the provisions of Arizona Statutes 10-3303 (Emergency powers) in combination with AZ 10-3207 (Emergency bylaws), and AZ 10-3708 (Action by written ballot voting) would allow the Board, without any specific amendment to our Bylaws, the option to proceed with the 2021 Elections via written ballots as long as Arizona is operating under the Covid-19 Emergency Declaration issued by Governor Ducey.

After a rather robust process and much discussion, at the January 9, 2021 special board meeting, the Board made the decision to abandon current efforts to carry out the 2021 Elections via written ballots. Even though legally the Board would have had the ability to proceed, the Board felt that we will be likely functioning in a very limited capacity with an absence of Club activities for much of 2021 until we can safely resume our normal social activities.

Wishing you all stay healthy and safe.

Mariza Kron - President



Notes from the Board

Copies of current bylaws are available to any member. In order to request them let any of the board members know and we will be glad to distribute them to you. The fee is \$0.

The club mailing address has changed, see above on newsletter head. The PO Box will be closed as of Jan.31, 2021



Happy Birthday to members celebrating
their birthdays.

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

January

Ingrid Kron	02
Tom Crisp	20
Hartmut Hausler	25
Beate Kreiner	26
Doug Van Dorpe	27
Michael Aaron	31
Elfriede Aarts	31

February

Ed Hocheder	04
Karen Faust	10
Waltraut Hausler	12
Nelly Hobrath	15
Bill Christie	19
Peter Kron	20



STAY IN TOUCH

Due to the current
Emergency Pandemic
situation, the Board
would like to encourage
you to keep in touch
with fellow members.

Also, Jean Brett said to

say „Hello“ and she would be glad to hear from her
friends.

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.

In Memoriam



Cynthia Cooper

It was brought to our attention that one of the German
American Club of Tucson's founding members has
passed away.

Cynthia Kreszenz Cooper, also known as OMA,
passed away December 13 , 2020.

She was born April 2, 1928 in Hagen Germany. She
immigrated to the USA in 1952. She came to Tucson
in 1955. She met her husband Truman Cooper in
1960 .They married that same year. Truman Cooper
was also a founding member of our club . He passed
away in 2012. We send our deepest sympathy to the
family.

Funeral services are private.

If you would like to read the entire obituary on Oma
Cooper here is the link.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/tucson/name/kreszenz-cooper-obituary?pid=197457643>

Membership Anniversaries

January

Jean Brett	34 years
Gina & Tom Crisp	32 years
Trudy Dauernheim	22 years
Inge & Ed Hocheder	6 years
Mariza & Peter Kron	4 years
Michael Shannon	3 years
Monika Weyer	3 years
Albert Hollingsworth	2 years
Louie Stroud	2 years
Marianne Kron	1 year

February

Waltraut & Hartmut Hausler	25 years
Erna & Wendell Hecke	21 years
Elizabeth Minarik	14 years
Monika & Werner Hueppe	12 years
Sonja & John Papoutsis	12 years
Ilsa & Guillermo Teran	12 years
Marianne & Mike Paris	4 years
Rafael Ramirez	3 years
Ulrike Malcolm	2 years



From the Editor



German Holidays January-February

Due to the inactivity of the club it is getting harder to come up with reports to fill our newsletter. Therefore, until we all can get together again, the newsletter will cover a 2-month period.

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.

Ulli Malcolm

Some Notable German-Speaking People January Birthdays

Jan

- 4 | Grimm, Jacob (1785-1863) Noted for Grimms' Fairy Tales
- 5 | Adenauer, Konrad (1876-1967) First chancellor of West Germany, 1949
- 24 | Kinski, Nastassja (1961-) German film actress, model
- 25 | Black, Roy (1953-1991) German "Schlager" singer and film/TV actor

Feb

- 3 | Gutenberg, Johannes Gensfleisch zum (ca. 1397-1468) German inventor of movable type and printing
- 25 | May, Karl (1842-1912) German author of adventure and western stories.

(The German Way)

January 1: New Year's Day (Neujahrstag)

The first day of the modern Gregorian and Julian calendar is a public holiday in Germany. Schools and businesses are closed on this day.

January 6: Epiphany (Heilige Drei Könige)

Epiphany, also known as the 'Three Kings Day', is a major Christian celebration alongside Easter and Christmas. It marks the official end of Christmas, and according to Christian tradition, it is the day when the three wise men arrived in Bethlehem with gifts for baby Jesus, a few days after his birth. In Germany, it is a public holiday in the states of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, and Saxony-Anhalt, where many businesses, banks, and stores are closed.

February 24: Fasching (Fastnacht)

Fasching is called the carnival season in Germany, the celebrations' date of which changes every year depending on when Easter falls. Parties, celebrations, parades and dressed up people are the main characteristics of this event. Though celebrated by many it is not a Public Holiday



Did You Know?



MAYTAG: Character actor Jesse White (born Jesse Marc Wiedenfeld) portrayed the lonely Maytag washing machine repairman in television commercials for 22 years. Ostensibly, the repairman was lonely because nothing ever went wrong with Maytag washing machines, and the phone in his repair shop never rang. There was a grain of truth in this ad campaign, because the Maytag washers of the day (mid-1980's) were practically bullet-proof: Uncomplicated, sturdy, and "over-built," compared to what is on the market today. They were neither as water efficient nor as quiet as modern washers, but they win the endurance contest. The computerized, whiz-bang features on newer machines represent "more things to go wrong," and combined with the cheaper materials and foreign labor used at manufacture, a new machine typically lasts for only 5 or 6 years before an expensive repair is needed. The old Maytags last for decades.

The Maytag Company was founded by Frederick Louis Maytag, the son of German immigrants Amelia Tonebon and Daniel William Maytag (originally spelled "Maitag.") The company began in the 1890's building farm equipment, but branched into washing machines by the 1910's and became known then for their washing machines powered by small gasoline motors for rural customers without electricity. Maytag pioneered the agitator, metal tubs, the first stackable washer and dryer, and in 1997 the first domestically-produced high efficiency front-loading washer, the Maytag Neptune. Unfortunately, the Neptune had design faults that ruined the company's reputation, and in 2005 the Maytag Corporation was bought by competitor Whirlpool.

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Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes were swollen, nose red)...I can't see you anymore. I am not going to let you hurt me like this again!

Trainer: It was a sit up. You did one sit up!

Marriage Counselor: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?

Him: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.

During the middle ages they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and orgies. Does anyone know if there is anything planned when this one ends?

[submitted by Darlene Reitz]

Not so Famous German Castles

Marburg Schloss

Marburg Castle or Marburger Schloss not only impressively rises above the old town of Marburg but has also had an intriguing history. This Landgrave

castle sits in a strategic position and has changed a lot during centuries, since the first Medieval fortification. The chapel building, as



well as the great hall, remain as one of the most exceptional Gothic halls in Central European castle architecture. The castle altogether features Gothic and late-Gothic elements with Renaissance extensions.

Nowadays the Museum for Cultural History has found its home within the Marburg Castle.

Famously, Marburg Castle had a role to play in the discovery of the notorious Marburg Files, which contained important documents from the Nazi government. The discovered files were reviewed within Marburg Castle.

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(Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)