



German-American Club of Tucson Nachrichten



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By: Ulli Malcolm

March-April 2021

President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde
Dear Members and Friends



Happy March and April to all.

Winter is coming to an end and Spring is just around the corner. Winters here in Tucson are definitely bearable. Watching the news and seeing all the cold, ice and snow around the country we are truly blessed to live here.

I hope you are all doing well and are able to get your Covid shots.

A bit of sad news. Our long time Recording Secretary Trudy Dauernheim has retired from her Board position as of February 4, 2021. Thank you Trudy for all your years of service to the Club. The Board will miss you. Happy retirement, you deserve it.

The Board has voted in Peter Kron to take over as Recording Secretary until the elections. Thank you, Peter for accepting this position.

Darlene Rietz gave us quite the health scare in January. She is one tough lady. I am happy to report she is doing well.

I wish you all happiness and good health until we can meet again.

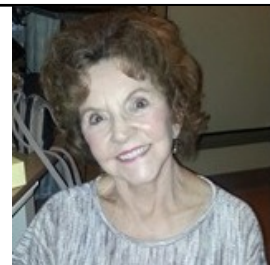
Mariza Kron - President

Upcoming club activities:

The club will suspend all activities until further notice. The Board is operating in a very limited capacity in accordance with the Arizona "Stay Healthy, Return Smarter" executive order. 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 Memoriam

Elfriede Amsden



It is with sadness that the board informs the members of the passing of our dear member Elfriede Amsden. She was a member of our club for 42 years. Elfriede was born in Kelheim, Germany in 1932 and passed away on Jan. 20, 2021. Her deceased husband Donald was also a member of our club. May they now be together for eternity. We send our deepest sympathy to the family. There will be no memorial service.



Notes from the Board

Thanks to Tom Crisp and his grandson Kenny we updated our website with new pictures and the latest newsletters. You can find it under germanamericancluboftucson.com or go to the Facebook page and click on the website link.

The Club Bylaws are now available on the website.

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

From the Desk of the Treasurer



April - December 2020 Report

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 16,161.54 |
| Income | \$ 861.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 2,985.60 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 14,036.94 |



Happy Birthday to members celebrating their birthdays.

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!.

March

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| Vernon Gorter | 02 |
| Adolph Fejfar | 04 |
| Gina Crisp | 09 |
| Monika Hueppe | 12 |
| Darlene Rietz | 19 |
| Leo Elbert | 20 |
| Mariza Kron | 20 |

April

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|-------------------|----|
| Erna Hecke | 09 |
| Ronald Brauner | 18 |
| Sulfa Brauner | 20 |
| Elizabeth Minarik | 26 |

Membership Anniversaries

March

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Inge Tepper | 42 years |
| Ingrid & Doug Van Dorpe | 17 years |
| Gerd Weber | 9 years |
| Erika Geyer | 4 years |
| Gerald Lachenschmid | 3 years |
| Barbara & Raymond Linn | 1 year |
| Helga Marsh | 1 year |

April

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Sulfa & Ronald Brauner | 16 years |
| Inge Larsen | 12 years |
| Elfriede Aarts | 10 years |
| Gisela Tassler | 7 years |
| Dianne & Jack Burgess | 3 years |
| Christine & Karl Kirner | 2 years |



STAY IN TOUCH

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



Lent and Easter

The Christian holiday of penance and fasting marks the final countdown to Easter. In 2021 lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 17 - also known as Ash Wednesday, and ends three days before Easter Sunday on Thursday, April 1 - also known as Maundy Thursday, which commemorates the Last Supper.

The dates for Easter are different every year because they are based on the moon. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox, which according to the Christian Church calendar always falls on March 21. In 2021, the first full moon takes place on March 28 so Easter falls on April 4. Subtract 46 days from that and the first day of lent is Feb. 17. And this is why we also celebrate Fasching [Mardi Gras] on different dates every year.

Source: Good Housekeeping



Some Notable German-Speaking People March - April Birthdays

Mar

- 2 | Schurz, Carl (1829-1906) German-born Union general in the Civil War, US Senator, and Secretary of the Interior in the Rutherford B. Hayes administration
- 14 | Einstein, Albert (1879-1955) German-born physicist famous for his theory of relativity
- 23 | Braun, Wernher von (1912-1969) German-born rocket scientist who helped the USA put men on the moon
- 31 | Bach, Johann Sebastian (1685-1750) German composer

Apr

- 1 | Bismarck, Otto von (1815-1898) Prussian statesman, the "Iron Chancellor"
- 3 | Day, Doris (1924-) German-American actress and singer, born Doris Kappelhoff
- 3 | Kohl, Helmut (1930-2017) German Kanzler/chancellor from 1982 to 1998
- 10 | Pulitzer, Joseph (1847-1911) American newspaper publisher born in Austria-Hungary
- 30 | Skladanowsky, Max (1863-1939) Groundbreaking German filmmaker and inventor of the first motion-picture projector, the Bioskop, in 1895

(The German Way)

German Holidays March - April

April 2: Good Friday (Karfreitag)

Good Friday is a public holiday in every German state, which marks the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated just two days before Easter Sunday. Aside of special religious traditions of this day, people also engage in non-religious traditions.

April 5: Easter Monday (Ostermontag)

Easter Monday is an annual public holiday. It follows the Good Friday and Easter Monday, thus marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It falls on different dates every year and many businesses and services are closed on this day. In Germany, it is celebrated with various local customs as the candle-lit parade and egg races.

Not So Famous German Castles

Frankenstein Castle

The castle was first mentioned in 1252, however, the wording of the deed gave the imagination that the castle was inhabited for quite some time.

With the wedding of Konrad II. Reiz von Breuberg and Elisabeth von Weiterstadt the noble dynasty of the Frankensteins came into existence. Since the 14th century two family lines of Frankensteins lived in the castle until it was sold to the landgraves of Hessen-Darmstadt in 1662.

Over the centuries the castle fell into disrepair, it was even used as a quarry, and there was not much left.

Grand Duke Ludwig II. of Hesse and by Rhine finally decided to rebuild Burg Frankenstein castle in the 19th century, however, he did not follow exactly the old models. So the castle you see today might look slightly different than the original castle.

Johann Conrad Dippel was born at Frankenstein castle in 1673. He was a theologian, alchemist and physician who led a controversial and adventurous life which triggered lots of rumors. Fact is that he experimented with dead animals.

In his dissertation "Maladies and Remedies of the Life of the Flesh", Dippel claims to have discovered both the Elixir of Life and the means to exorcize demons through potions he concocted from boiled animal bones and flesh. (Source: Wikipedia)

The controversial theory that Dippel was a model for Mary Shelley's novel Frankenstein has never been proven, although Shelley travelled in the Rhine area and might have heard about Dippel's activities.

In the 1970's U.S. soldiers founded an annual Halloween festival at Burg Frankenstein, which is now the biggest of its kind in Germany. Since then the castle is haunted by monsters and zombies at Halloween.



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 e-mail me.

Never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are.

Day 121 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? That is why I chew the furniture!"

Did You Know?

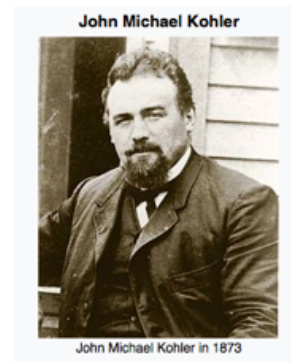


THE BOLD LOOK OF KOHLER.

Anyone who knows kitchen and bathroom fixtures recognizes the name, "Kohler." The Kohler Company in Kohler, Wisconsin produces a huge variety of designer porcelain (tubs, toilets, sinks), as well as faucets and even industrial products such as generators. How did this all start? John \ Michael Kohler emigrated to America from

Schnepfau, Austria in the 1860's. He established a dairy farm business, then worked in iron and steel, and then had the seminal idea of attaching decorative feet to a cast iron watering trough and selling it as a bathtub. By 1888, he had established the Kohler Company in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, which specialized in plumbing products and enamelware. While in Sheboygan, Kohler served as mayor, and he made several generous contributions to the arts and culture of the city, including what is now the John Michael Kohler Arts Center that occupies a square block there. Subsequently, in 1899, he moved the company to a plot of farmland west of Sheboygan, which has become known as Kohler, Wisconsin. John Kohler died in 1900, but the business remained in the Kohler family and has thrived to this day.

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TORTEN und KUCHEN für alle Festlichkeiten



- Schwarzwälder Kirsch
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(Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)