

# German-American Club of Tucson

## Nachrichten

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### President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,  
Dear Members and Friends,

Hey, we're off to a new start for the year 2022. The club is strong and has a great future for the new year. We've got a great Board and some refreshing ideas for the future of this club. Just look at the great Christmas party we recently had with the decorations, the food, the music, the hall, the Gemütlichkeit!! I heard people say it was the best Christmas party ever. **Thanking all our volunteers that helped make it happen.** Also thanking 'Opa's Best' restaurant for donating the salad with dressing and our wonderful Santa with his Elves. We could not have had such a great success without all those efforts.

We have some great things in the works moving forward, but we need everyone's support. **On Saturday, January 22 at 10 am**, we have an important membership meeting at the Sonoran Stables Dance Hall. Please take a moment to read the article about the meeting in this newsletter. Our meetings aren't all business. It's also a time to get together with friends and socialize.

Make sure you are paid up for **your 2022 membership**. Fun things coming up in the club, so don't miss out.

In closing I want to thank our board members for the support they have given me. The President is nothing without a strong board and our willing members ready to help out when needed.

And last, but not least, let's again welcome our new members, **Loretta Rinderle, Art Lohman** and the **David & Brigitte Petersen**.

See you at the next meeting.

Tom Crisp, President of the German-American Club of Tucson

### In Memoriam —



We are saddened by the passing of our club member **Marianne Kron** who passed away on December 22, 2021.

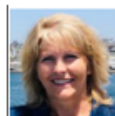
The funeral service will be held on March 2, 2022 at 12 noon at East Lawns Palms Cemetery, 5801 E. Grant Rd, Tucson AZ 85712, and our members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Marianne's family wishes to thank the thoughtful cards and well wishes received. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Marianne's name to: <https://projectbiketech.org/>

### Member Health Updates —

Our well wishes for a speedy recovery go to the following members: **Marcelina Gorter, Karl Kirner, Darlene Rietz**.

To these and any of our members, friends facing health challenges, we are sending you our warmest wishes for a speedy recovery.



From the Desk of  
the Treasurer



The abbreviated December 2021 monthly financial report of our Club is ...

The beginning balance was \$13,789.77. Our ending balance is \$13,932.14, accounting for the income and expenses from our November Club Rummage Sale and the December Christmas Party.

Our full financial reports are available for member viewing at any of our club meetings.

## *2022 Membership Dues –*

A reminder that the payment deadline for our annual club membership is January 31, 2022. Your \$30 (per person) checks are payable to the “German-American Club of Tucson” and mailed to: Renate Ramirez (Treasurer), 3610 W. Potvin Lane, Tucson, AZ 85742.

Our grandfathered \$1 club members are reminded that non-renewals after the January 31 deadline will forfeit the eligibility of their \$1 membership dues. The Board is in process of reminding those grandfathered \$1 club members who have not renewed their membership.

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## *January 22 Important Membership Meeting –*

In December, the Board mailed two (2) proposed amendment changes to all members. **The details of what is being proposed and why the Board is proposing these changes for a successful 2022 Board Officers Election will be presented in-person at the January 22, 2022 membership meeting.** Following up on the mailed information, members are encouraged AND invited to attend the January 22 membership meeting to provide input and participate in a discussion for action.

An absentee proxy form was included with the mailed member packet with return mailing instructions. Members who are unable to attend may designate a GACT member as their proxy recipient for this meeting for both quorum and voting purposes.

**This written consent Proxy must be received via mail prior to the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and mailed to Peter Kron, GACT Recording Secretary to the address included in the member mailed packet.** Received Absentee Proxies will remain sealed and opened at the January 22 meeting. For questions, Peter’s contact info can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

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**Members Alert !!** With consideration of the current Covid Omicron breakout and the safety of our members, we respectfully appreciate your cooperation with the following policy. **Anyone attending an event at the Sonoran Stables Dance Hall must be fully vaccinated. Additionally, members will be required to wear masks indoors during the January 22 meeting.**

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## *Mark Your Calendar –* Planning the 2022 Board Officers Election & Membership Meeting

- **NOTE:** All Board Officer positions are available for nomination and election. The positions can be found on the last page of this newsletter.
- **January 7** – Announcement of Board Officer nominations to be accepted between Jan 8 and Feb 26 via written submission to the Recording Secretary, or by being present at the Feb 26 membership meeting. The Nominating Committee will be formally assigned after the Feb 26 close of nominations.
- **February 26** – Membership meeting to formally accept the nominations for open Board Officer positions.
- **March 4** – Nominating Committee to communicate open Board Officer nomination list to membership.
- **March 19** – Elections membership meeting, following current election procedures cited in our Bylaws for in-person elections. Member attendance will be critical to the process!!



# Club Calendar 2022



**JAN. 22 @ 10:00am** – Membership meeting  
NOTE: Coffee & cake will be served; we need to be out of the hall by Noon.

**FEB. 12 @ 1:00 to 5:00pm** – Fasching; 12:30pm Doors Open, 1:00pm Meal, 2:00pm to 5:00pm Dance  
**-- Cancelled, due to COVID outbreak and action taken in the interest of member safety**

**FEB. 26 @ 9:00am** – Membership & Board combined meeting (deadline for members to submit their nominations for 2022 Board Officers Election)  
NOTE: Pizza will be served; we need to be out of the hall by Noon.

**MAR. 19 @ 10:00am** – Membership meeting with Board Officer Elections **-- Date & Time Change**

**MAR. 19 @ Stammtisch TBD -- Cancelled**

**APR. 9 @ 1:00pm** – Annual Club Picnic **-- Time Change**

**APR. 16 @ 10:00am** – Board meeting

**MAY 7 @ 11:00am** – Hawaiian Dance, Peter Kron Musik, “KaltePlatte” menu **-- Time Change**

**MAY 14 @ 10:00am** – Board meeting

NOTE: All meetings and dances will be held at the Sonoran Stables Dance Hall located at 4231 S. Pauline Lane, Tucson 85730. Please see the COVID restrictions alert.

NOTE: Events and Dates are subject to change with timely notification to our membership. Additional events to be scheduled in the near future.

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## Sonoran Stables Dance Hall

**Members Alert !!** Tom Crisp has advised us that anyone attending an event at the Sonoran Stables Dance Hall must be fully vaccinated.

**For the safety of all**, we will be asking for proof of vaccination at the door.

We respectfully appreciate your cooperation.

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# Birthdays –



A Happy Birthday to members who are celebrating their birthdays in January and February. **Alles Gute zum Geburtstag !!**

## January

Ingrid Kron	2
Tom Crisp	20
Hartmut Hausler	25
Beate Kreiner	26
Doug Van Dorpe	27
Michael Aaron	31
Elfriede Aarts	31

## February

Adolph Fejfar	4
Ed Hochender	4
Dorothy Dietrich	6
Karen Faust	10
Waltraut Hausler	12
Nelly Holbrath	15
Steven Peters	17
Bill Christie	19
Peter Kron	20

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## 2022 Membership “at a glance”

As of this newsletter printing:  
Total renewals received ~50 (to date)



**Please notify Renate Ramirez**, if members have any contact changes such as a new phone number, mailing or email address. We will be updating our membership roster and would like to ensure that we can accurately communicate with our members in 2022. Renate’s contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

NOTE: The 2022 membership cards will be distributed beginning at our next event.

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## — This & That —

### Membership Anniversaries

#### January

Jean Brett	35 yrs.
Bill Christie	1 yrs.
Gina & Tom Crisp	33 yrs.
Trudy Dauernheim	23 yrs.
Ingeborg & Engelbert Hocheder	7 yrs.
Albert Hollingsworth	3 yrs.
Mariza & Peter Kron	5 yrs.
Michael Shannon	4 yrs.
Louie Stroud	3 yrs.
Monika Weyer	4 yrs.



#### February

Hartmut & Waltraut Hausler	26 yrs.
Erna & Wendell Hecke	22 yrs.
Monika Hueppe	13 yrs.
Sonja & John Papoutsis	13 yrs.
Marianne & Mike Paris	5 yrs.
Rafael Ramirez	4 yrs.
Ilsa & Guillermo Teran	13 yrs.

### German Holidays:

#### January & February

**January 1: New Year's Day (Neujahrstag)** – The first day of the modern Gregorian calendar is a public holiday in Germany.

**January 6: Epiphany (Heilige Drei Koenige)** – 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 regional holiday in the states of Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, and Saxony-Anhalt.

**February 28: Fasching (Karneval)** – In some cities in Germany, large carnivals take place on the Thursday (Fat Thursday), Monday (Rose Monday), and Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) before Ash Wednesday. This period is known in southwest Germany as Fastnacht, as Fasching in Bavaria

and Austria, and as Karneval in the Rhineland. Although not an official public holiday in Germany, normal work may be affected by the festivities in cities with large carnivals, such as Cologne, Frankfurt, and Munich.

**March 8: International Women's Day (Tag der Frau)** – In 2019, Berlin became the first federal state in Germany to observe the day as a regional holiday.

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### GACTION Website

Our webpage is actively being managed to show our upcoming events, past newsletters and photos from our events, as well as a copy of our Bylaws and new member application.

<http://GermanAmericanClubOfTucson.com/>

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### We Send Cards !!

**Please notify Sonja Papoutsis, at 520-918-3921, if you know of any Club Member who should receive a greeting card: i.e., get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.**

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### Members Attend a Board Meeting?

Yes, our general membership can attend our Board meetings, however cannot vote. Members are invited to speak during the Open Forum session at the end of the meeting, or able to provide input when given the authority to speak by one of the Directors. The last agenda item is typically where we open the meeting for membership feedback.

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### Next Newsletter Coming Attraction

- ✓ Reminder of Board of Director Elections
  - ✓ Update on Club membership roster
  - ✓ Flyer for Club Picnic
  - ✓ Flyer for the Hawaiian
  - ✓ Calendar updates for remainder of 2022
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## From the Desk of the Editor



Should a member have a suggestion to add to the newsletter or something you would like to share with our members in the newsletter, please feel free to Email me.

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### **GACT Board of Directors**

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