



German-American Club of Tucson Nachrichten



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President's Corner

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,

I am really impressed with the dedication and devotion we have seen with our current Board of Directors. It's not one person that makes this club great, it's a strong board and active club members.

I want to recognize our nominees listed on the next page of the newsletter that are stepping up to fill our 2022 Board positions. Most of them have again thrown their hat into the ring to stay on next year.

It is so important that we give our support to these candidates by attending the March 19 Elections. We will need a solid quorum of club members to elect the board members. If you are unable to attend, the club will provide a **proxy for your vote by mail or give it to a member who will attend.**

I'm really excited with the activities we have coming up. One week after the March 19 elections, we have another fun **Stammtisch planned for March 26 at Barrio Brewery.** This establishment is pretty centrally located for everyone's convenience. We had a nice time last November, so we decided to do it again. We will meet at 11:30am and generally be able to sit together at one long table. Mark this on your calendar.

Also mark your calendar for the **Club Picnic, April 9 at 2 pm.** Happening traditionally in the back yard of Sonoran Stables. And let's not forget to thank **Gerd Weber** for his contribution towards the brats.

See you at our next event.

Tom Crisp, President of the GACT

In Memoriam —



We are saddened by the passing of our long-time club member **Christa Schrubbe** who passed away on February 5, 2022. She will be dearly missed!!

We will pass along any memorial service information as we receive it from the family.

Our deepest condolences go to the family. Please keep Christa in your prayers.

Member Health Updates —

Our well wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Jean Brett. Maria Kristofl** notified us to extend her greetings; she is doing well and recovering from her recent accident. Our collective heartfelt sympathy for the passing of **Christa Schrubbe** is extended to **Olga and Leo Elbert and Larry McGarry.**

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 **January and February 2022 monthly financial report** of our Club is ...

The January beginning balance was \$13,932.14 and ending balance is \$15,279.92. The February beginning balance was \$15,279.92 and ending balance is \$15,229.92. Our expenses were minimal since the Club did not host any major events in February.

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

Bylaws Amendment Update -

Following up on the two (2) proposed amendment changes that were mailed to all members in December. The Board then presented the changes for membership discussion and approval at the January 22 member meeting. **Providing formal notification that the amendments have been formally adopted and are operational for the upcoming 2022 Board Officers Election.**

The amendment documents have been added to our Bylaws and are available for member viewing on our website.



Announcing Nominations for the 2022 Board of Director positions -

At the February 26 membership meeting, the following nominations list was accepted for the **nine (9) open 2022 Board of Director positions.**

President: Tom Crisp

Vice-President: Louie Stroud

Treasurer: Renate Ramirez

Recording Secretary: Peter Kron

Corresponding Secretary: Mariza Kron

Executive Council (4 positions available):

Sonja Papoutsis

Gerald Lachenschmid

Beate Kreiner

Erika Geyer

Thank you to all the nominees for volunteering to serve on the Board in the coming year.

Members Alert !! With consideration to the importance of finally completing these Elections with a duly elected Board, after the 2-year COVID delay to conduct an in-person Election, **member attendance will be critical to the process.**

Please plan to attend the March 19 Elections or cast your absentee proxy.

Nomination Committee for the 2022 Elections -

At the February 26 membership meeting, the following volunteers accepted assignments to form our Nomination Committee for the 2022 Elections.

Election Presiding Officer: Hartmut Hausler

Tellers:

Gerd Weber, Edita Tomory, Trudy Dauernheim

Thank you for volunteering to facilitate our 2022 Elections event this year. **Your participation is appreciated and critical to the process !!**

Mark Your Calendar -

March 19 - 2022 Board Officers Election & Membership Meeting

- **NOTE:** All Board Officer positions are available for the election.
- **March 19** - Elections membership meeting; in accordance with our election procedures cited in our Bylaws for in-person elections. Member attendance will be critical to the process!!

Proxy for the 2022 Election -

An absentee proxy form is being mailed to all current members during the first week in March. Members who are unable to attend the March 19th Election may designate a current GACT member as their proxy recipient for both quorum and Election voting purposes. Members who wish to file an absentee proxy may give the proxy to their authorized representative who will attend the Election OR mail it to our mailing address cited in this newsletter. All proxies shall be filed with the Recording Secretary at the March 19th Election.

Received Absentee Proxies will remain sealed and opened at the March 19 Election by the Election Presiding Officer.

Club Calendar 2022



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

MAR. 26 @ 11:30am – Stammtisch at Barrio Brewery, 800 E. 16th St, Tucson -- **Added Event**

APR. 9 @ 1:00pm – Annual Club Picnic at Crisp Ranch (outdoor event), Bratwurst menu -- **See Flyer for details**

APR. 16 @ 10:00am – Board meeting

MAY 7 @ 11:00am – Hawaiian Dance, Peter Kron Musik, “KaltePlatte” menu -- **See Flyer for details**

MAY 14 @ 10:00am – Board meeting

AUG. 7 – Stammtisch -- **Time & Location TBA**

SEP. 10 @ 1:00pm – Western BBQ at Crisp Ranch (outdoor event) -- **Added Event**

OCT. 8 @ 1:00pm – Oktoberfest, Peter Kron Musik,

NOV. 6 – Stammtisch -- **Time & Location TBA**

DEC. 3 @ 1:00pm – Christmas Party, Peter Kron

Be sure to check the club calendar at:

www.germanamericancluboftucson.com.

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

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

Sonoran Stables Dance Hall

Members Alert !! Tom Crisp has advised us of his updated policy for anyone attending an event at the Sonoran Stables Dance Hall, as a continuation of monitoring the pandemic. Vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear a mask. **For the safety of all**, it is strongly suggested that non-vaccinated individuals wear a mask, in consideration for others. Proof of vaccination is no longer required to be shown at the door; adhering to an honor-system.

We respectfully appreciate your cooperation.

Birthdays –



A Happy Birthday to members who are celebrating their birthdays in March and April.
Alles Gute zum Geburtstag !!

March

Adolph Fejfar	4
Gina Crisp	9
Darlene Rietz	19
Leo Elbert	20
Mariza Kron	20

April

Ronald Brauner	18
Sulfa Brauner	20
David Petersen	22
Elizabeth Minarik	26

2022 Membership “at a glance”

As of this newsletter printing:

Total renewals received: **59 members**

Welcoming our new members, **Loretta Rinderle, Art Lohman** AND welcoming back **David & Brigitte Petersen**. We are looking forward to having you join our events and spending some fun time together.

NOTE: For the benefit of contacting each other and remaining in touch socially outside of Club events, **the Board would like for our 2022 membership roster to be available, by request, for members.**

Please contact Renate Ramirez by March 20 if anyone does NOT want their specific contact information (i.e. phone#, address, Email) listed in the distribution to Club members.

Please notify Renate Ramirez, if members have any contact changes such as a new phone number, mailing or email address. This will help ensure that we can accurately communicate with our members throughout the year 2022. Renate’s contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

NOTE: Please be sure to pick up your 2022 membership cards at our next event.

— This & That —

Membership Anniversaries

March

Erika Geyer	5 yrs.
Gerald Lachenschmid	4 yrs.
Inge Tepper	43 yrs.
Doug & Ingrid Van Dorpe	18 yrs.
Gerd Weber	10 yrs.



April

Ronald & Sulfa Brauner	4 yrs.
Dorothee Dietrich	1 yr.
Steve Peters	1 yr.
Liane Gregg	17 yrs.
Karl & Christine Kirner	3 yrs.



Common German Holidays:



March & April

March 17: St Patrick's Day – A global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. It particularly remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century.

April 15: Good Friday (Karfreitag) – Christian holiday marking the crucifixion of Jesus by participating in church services and religious processions. For others in Germany, Good Friday is the start of a long weekend. Children boil and paint eggs on Good Friday. The decorated eggs are then placed in a basket for the Easter bunny, or Osterhase, to hide around the house on the night before Easter. During the egg hunt, the children may also find chocolate eggs and bunnies as well as small presents. It is common for friends to exchange Easter eggs as gifts.



April 17: Easter Sunday (Ostern),

April 18: Easter Monday (Ostermontag) – In addition to attending Christian church services celebrating Jesus Christ's resurrection, people share festive meals and engage in several non-religious traditions as well.



It is common for German homes to be decorated with painted eggs, clay bunnies and yellow daffodils as well as the Osterbaum, or Easter tree.

The Easter tree, a centuries-old tradition, is made from the branches of pussy willows or other flowering bushes as well as small living trees or shrubs. The Osterbaum is decorated with hand-painted wooden eggs and spring ornaments. Dating back centuries, many towns will sponsor an Ostermarkt, or Easter Market starts a few weeks before Easter. Vendors sell chocolate eggs and bunnies, decorated eggs and spring ornaments. The Osterbrunnen, or Easter fountain, is a tradition in the Franconia region of Germany. It celebrates the tradition of recognizing the life-giving value of water.

GACT 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/>

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.

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.

Next Newsletter Coming Attraction

- ✓ Announcement of Board of Director Elections
 - ✓ Update on Club membership roster
 - ✓ Flyer for Hawaiian Dance, "Kalte Platte" lunch
 - ✓ Flyer for the Western BBQ
 - ✓ Club 2022 Calendar updates
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Mark Your Calendar to Join Us at ...

... the next Stammtisch "Treffen" (meet-up) !!

On... **March. 26 @ 11:30 – Stammtisch at Barrio
Brewery** at 800 E 16th St., Tucson

... Arizona's Oldest Brewery

Please RSVP to Mariza Kron by: March 21
at 303-798-4172

(Our Stammtisch is a social group gathering open to everyone. This notice is provided for the convenience of anyone who may wish to attend and is not directly sponsored by the GACT.)

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(Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)



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 **Peter** or **Mariza**.

GACT Board of Directors

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German-American Club of Tucson

Presents...

2022 Club Picnic

(Open to club members & invited guests)

Saturday, April 9, 2022

1:00 – 5:00 PM

At the: **Crisp Ranch** (outdoor event)

4231 S. Pauline Lane, Tucson AZ

Doors open at 1:00 PM

Meal served from 1:30 – 2:30 PM (by reservation)

Event Admission & Meal price:

FREE for Members; \$10 per person for Guests, \$5 for children <12
Cash or Check only for all Fees

Meal Menu:

1 Brat, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Water, Soda, Coffee & Dessert



Beer & Wine available for donation

~~~~~ *Entertainment* ~~~~~

**Sing-Along with Peter Kron:** From 2:00 to 4:00 PM

**Join-in the fun with Outdoor Yard Games**

Tables will be provided; Bring your folding chairs for outdoor seating

For information and reservations,  
contact: Mariza Kron @ 303-798-4172

**Meal reservation deadline: March 31**





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Presents...



## Hawaiian Dance with Kalte Platte Luncheon

(Open to club members & invited guests)



**Saturday, May 7, 2022**



11:30 – 4:00 PM



At the: **Sonoran Stables Dance Hall**,  
4231 S. Pauline Lane, Tucson AZ

Doors open at 11:30 AM

Meal served from 12:00 – 1:00 PM (by reservation)



~~~~~ *Entertainment* ~~~~~

Music by Peter Kron: From 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Singing Performance by Inge Larsen

Door Prizes, Entertainment, 50/50 Raffle

Wear your Hawaiian shirt



Event Admission price: \$5 Members, \$8 for Guests

Luncheon Menu:

Kalte Platte, Potato Salad, Roll, plus Coffee & Cake \$10.00

Coffee & Cake only, available for \$3.00

Beer & Wine available for donation

Cash or Check only for all Fees



Meal reservation deadline is: April 30

For information, meal and guest reservations, contact: Renate @ 660-864-4091

NOTE: Sonoran Stables Dance Hall has updated its COVID safety practices. Vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear a mask. It is recommended that non-vaccinated individuals wear a mask in consideration for others. Proof of vaccination is no longer required.