



German-American Club of Tucson

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President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,

It was so nice to see so many of our members and guests at the annual Christmas party. The holiday decorations in the hall were wonderfully festive. We had many compliments on the Sauerbraten meal which was a huge favorite. The sweet table was beautifully decorated and delicious, thanks to the members who donated the goodies. The holiday music by **Peter** and visit by Santa **Bernie** rounded out the event. Thank you to our volunteers, **Renate, Sonja, Gerald, Erika, Ruth, Patti, Dorothee, Tina, John, Mariza and Elizabeth**. We greatly appreciate our wonderful hosts **Tom and Gina**. The hard-working volunteers and other valued members worked very hard this year to help make this event a success.

Our next event will be our Fasching (Mardi-Gras) dance on February 11th. Due a medical procedure and recovery, Peter will be unable to perform at this event. The board made the decision to hire the band "Two's Company" to perform at our event. They play a wide variety of American dance music and specialize in keeping the audience entertained. They are sure to have the dance floor hopping. The event will feature a Leberkäse meal and will include a special surprise performance in the tradition of Fasching/ Karneval entertainment.

It would be nice to see many of our members and guests in costume. We will have prizes for

the best costumes. So come on out and have some fun!!

A reminder that our annual membership dues are due January 1, 2023. We have a grace period until the end of January. Please send your check made out to German American Club of Tucson or GACT to our Treasurer **Renate Ramirez** at 3610 W Potvin Lane, Tucson AZ 85742.

The Board and I would like to wish all our members a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2023!!

Submitted by **Mariza Kron**, Corresponding Secretary, (on behalf of **Tom Crisp**, President GACT)

In Memoriam —



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our member **Meredith (Mert) Harshman**. Mert was born on July 21, 1935 in Bowling Green, Ohio. Mert passed away on December 15, 2022 in Tucson. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife **Rosa** and family.

We currently have no information of any funeral or service. We will pass along notification of any memorial service information as we receive it from the family.



From the Desk of
the Treasurer



A short correction to the last newsletter which erroneously read as the "May" financial balance, instead of "September."

Our Club's abbreviated **financial balances** ...

The **September** ending balance was \$13,998.81.

The **October** ending balance was \$13,825.25; includes the Oktoberfest income/expenses.

The **November** ending balance was \$13,245.63.

The **December** ending balance was \$12,511.59; includes the Christmas Party income/expenses.

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

Our 501c3 organization practices a functioning transparency with the availability of this newsletter on our website for disclosure of financial information with the public.

2023 Membership Dues —

A reminder that the payment deadline for our annual club membership is January 31, 2023.

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.

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual Dues

Membership Anniversaries — Wir Gratulieren unsere Mitglieder !!

January

Jean Brett	36 yrs.
Gina & Tom Crisp	34 yrs.
Trudy Dauernheim	24 yrs.
Ingeborg & Engelbert Hocheder	8 yrs.
Albert Hollingsworth	4 yrs.
Mariza & Peter Kron	6 yrs.
Arthur Lohman	1 yr.
Louie Stroud	4 yrs.*
*(Originally joined in 1983, then took a break)	
Brigitte & David Petersen	1 yr.



February

Hartmut & Waltraut Hausler	27 yrs.
Elizabeth Minarik	16 yrs.
Sonja & John Papoutsis	14 yrs.
Marianne & Mike Paris	6 yrs.
Rafael Ramirez	5 yrs.
Ilsa & Guillermo Teran	14 yrs.



Birthdays —



Happy Birthday to members celebrating their upcoming birthday.

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag !!

January

Ingrid Kron	2
Tom Crisp	20
Hartmut Hausler	25
Lorretta Rinderle	22
Beate Kreiner	26
Doug Van Dorpe	27



February

Ed Hochender	4
Dorothy Dietrich	6
Waltraut Hausler	12
Nelly Holbrath	15
Steven Peters	17
Peter Kron	20
Brigitte Petersen	23

2023 Membership "at a glance"

We welcome 3 new members to the Club, **Christa Stoots** and her friend **Miguel Chabolla** and **Rick Seaberg**. We hope to see you all at our Fasching dance.

As of this newsletter printing:
Total Club Members: **64 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. Renate's contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.



Member Announcements

Congratulations to **Louis Stroud** and **Gerda Taylor**, also to **Larry McGarry** and **Christina Encinas** on their engagements in December. May you be blessed with many happy years together!!



Member Health Updates —

Our well wishes go to **Tom Crisp** and **Peter Kron** with their upcoming medical procedures. We wish them both a speedy recovery!!

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



... News from the General Membership Meeting —

New GACT Bylaws



In October, the Board distributed to each Club member the summarized 2022 Bylaw changes for review. On November 6, 2022, the board presented the proposed Bylaw changes to our membership. Membership quorum was met with an attendance of 27 members. The Board would like to thank those that attended in-person and those that submitted their Absentee Proxys.

The challenges to operating the Club with our aging 1994 Bylaws were presented, along with the associated benefits, followed by taking member questions.

A majority membership vote approved the immediate adoption of the 2022 Bylaws.

A copy of our new Bylaws is available on the GACT website at:

<http://germanamericancluboftucson.com/>

Member "Give-Back" Program

On November 6, 2022, the board presented the program and its benefits to our membership. Leading up to the GACT's 60-year Anniversary in 2026, the program's intent is giving back to our members from our Club's income profit that is annually determined and is directed toward benefiting our members.

Over our fiscal year (ending March 31, 2023), we are on target of giving back about \$2,000 to our members who attend our events.

Annually, the Board will review the program's expenditures using a targeted budget worksheet to control having sufficient funds to operate the Club into the foreseeable future.

APPRECIATION



Members commented (and applauded) that the program is a good idea. With a constructive eye on the future as club memberships continue to dwindle, members receive an additional benefit from their often many contributions of their loyal membership.



Club Calendar 2023 —

JAN. 13 (Friday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

FEB. 1 (Wednesday) @ 10:00am – Board & Membership meeting

FEB. 1 (Wednesday) @ 11:30am – Special Presentation by Don Smith, Tucson author of “Steinstuecken”; Cold War story from West Berlin

FEB. 11 @ 1:00pm – Fasching/Mardi-Gras at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall, “Two’s Company” -- *See Flyer for details*

MAR. 11 (Saturday) @ 10:00am – Annual Board Elections Membership meeting at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall

MAR. 18 (Stammtisch at Risky Business Restaurant) -- *See “Mark Your Calendar” Article for details*

APR. 16 @ 1:00pm – Annual Picnic at Crisp Ranch -- *Future event flyer will provide details*

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 soon.



Mark Your Calendar – February 11 – Fasching / Mardi-Gras

- Sonoran Stables Dance Hall; at 1:00 PM
- Doors open at 12:30 PM
- Menu will feature Leberkäse meal
- Music by “Two’s Company”
- Special surprise performance in the tradition of Fasching / Karneval entertainment
- RSVP to Mariza @ 303-798-4172
- Meal Reservation deadline is: January 21 !!

Mark Your Calendar – to attend our next ... Stammtisch (social meet up)



On... **March 18 @ 11:30 AM – Stammtisch at Risky Business Restaurant** at 6866 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson

Please RSVP by March 10 to: **Mariza Kron at 303-798-4172**

- ❖ Stammtisch is a German word meaning “regulars table.” It refers to a friendly social gathering of “regulars” where there might be friendly conversation, joking, card games, and philosophical discussion.
- ❖ Our Club Stammtisch is a social group gathering open to anyone (member or non-member) who may wish to attend; this event is not directly sponsored by the GAC-Tucson.
- ❖ We meet up at a friendly local restaurant or pub where you are likely to find enjoyment socially catching up with fellow Club and non-club members, along with having a lunch and a drink.
- ❖ We hope to see you at Stammtisch and that you will become a “regular”!



Mark Your Calendar – Planning for March 11, 2023 Board of Directors Election & Membership Meeting

- All Board positions will be available for nominations and election
- Consisting of President, VP, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and 2 Directors-At-Large.
- Nominations will be accepted beginning in January 2023.
- To be nominated, an individual must be a member in good standing and an active member of the Club for at least one year.
- Anyone meeting membership requirements and interested in a particular office may nominate themselves by written notification to the Recording Secretary.
- **February 1** – Open nominations accepted from the “floor” at this member meeting.
- Nomination List to be announced to membership via written correspondence prior to the March Election.
- **March 11** – Elections membership meeting. We will follow our election procedures cited in our Bylaws for in-person elections or by secret mail-in ballot received prior to the March Election. Member attendance will be critical to the process!!



Friendly Reminder –
\$30pp Annual Club Membership,
due January 1, 2023 ...

Checks payable to:
“German-American Club of Tucson”
and mailed to:
Renate Ramirez, 3610 W. Potvin Lane, Tucson,
AZ 85742



– This & That –

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.





GACT Website

Please remember to check our website regularly to keep up on the most current Club information and our planned activities. The website 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 our new member application.

<http://germanamericancluboftucson.com/>

Member Photos on our Webpage

Do you remember getting to know one of our members, but forgot his/her name?

Click on the webpage tab towards the top named "Our Members" (Unsere Mitglieder).

Each member's photo and name with a caption is represented as an individual or couple photo taken at our recent events.

Please take a moment to check this out at ...

<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.

GACT Storage Shed Update -

A very special thanks to our volunteers who help our Board of Directors with organizing and maintaining our storage shed at the Sonoran Stables facility.

Can 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

- ✓ Club 2023 Calendar updates
- ✓ Announce upcoming Stammtisch location(s)
- ✓ Flyer for the Annual Picnic
- ✓ Reminder of Board of Director Elections
- ✓ Update on Club Membership renewals



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From the Desk of the Editor



Suggestions are welcome !! 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**. Thank You.

Your Board is looking forward to serving the GACT and looking forward to socializing with our members in support of our German heritage.



GACT Board of Directors

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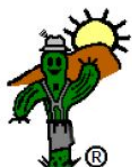
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German-American Club of Tucson



Presents...

Faschingstanz 2023

Mardi-Gras Dance

(Open to club members & invited guests)



Karneval Clown



Karneval Prinz



Karneval Princessin

Saturday, February 11, 2023

1:00 – 5:00 PM



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



Doors open at 12:30 PM

Meal served from 1:15 – 2:00 PM (by reservation)



Hofmarschall



Funkenmariechen

Music by "Two's Company"

From 2:00 to 5:00 PM



Door Prizes, Entertainment, 50/50 Raffle

Come in Costume – Prizes for the best Costumes

Event Admission: \$5 per person for Members
\$10 per person for Guests
Children <12 are Free



Meal Menu:

- ❖ Leberkäse (provided by "Haus of Brats"), 2 Salads, Roll, plus, Coffee & Cake for \$15.00
- ❖ Coffee & Cake only, available for \$5.00
- ❖ Soda & Water, available for \$1.00
- ❖ Beer & Wine available for **donation**
- ❖ Cash or Check only for all Fees



Meal reservation deadline is: January 21, 2023

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

