



German-American Club of Tucson Nachrichten



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President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you are all doing well and staying warm during this cooler Tucson winter.

After a 2-year absence on our schedule, we had a very successful Fasching/Mardi-Gras dance. Thank you, **members**, for the nice turn out and bringing along the many guests enjoying our festive event. The Mardi-Gras costumes were great, the hall beautifully decorated, and the food was outstanding. The band *Two's Company* did a great job keeping the dance floor full and lively.

A special thank you goes to **Petra Williams** from "*The Haus of Brats*" for providing and cooking the Leberkäse for our Fasching/Mardi-Gras dance. It was delicious!

Thank You to the hard-working **volunteers** for your time and efforts in making this event such a success.

It was not our usual Fasching event this year without our Kapellmeister, Peter Kron, who's repertoire plays the traditional German Fasching songs for us. He is still recovering from his surgery and should be back with his music later this year.

Congratulations to our costume contest winners. First place went to "The Masked, Caped, Blue Man" - **Tom Eagan**. Second place to "The Hippies" - **Steven Peters and Dorothee Dietrich**. Third place to the "Bud Light Bottles" - **Mike and Marianne Paris**.

We had an anonymous donor donate a lovely home-made birdhouse for auction. A silent auction was held, and the winner of the birdhouse was **Art Lohman**. The money from the auction went to the GACT. Thank you to our anonymous donor!!

Hope to see many of you on March 4th at the Stammtisch at the Risky Business Restaurant at 6866 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson.

Don't forget about our Annual Elections and Membership meeting on March 14th at 10:00AM. We will be serving coffee and desserts. Please plan to attend since we will need a membership quorum to conduct the election of officers that is critical to operating our Club for the coming year.

Our club's annual picnic is April 16th at 1:00PM. The club will provide brats, rolls and Nonalcoholic drinks at no charge to members. Beer and wine will be available for a donation. For this year's Picnic, we will go back to the way things were prior to the Pandemic, asking for the members to please bring a side or dessert to share.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.

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





In Memoriam —

It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Louie Stroud's son Ray Tatge**. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Louie and family.

In case our members did not get the recent Email, the funeral will be on March 11th at 1:00PM. The location is Dignity East Lawn Cemetery 5801 E Grant Rd, Tucson. The service will be gravesite. Our members are invited to a reception that follows at 2:20PM. Location will be at the American Legion Hall #36, 5845 E 22nd St, Tucson.



Member Health Updates —

We have an update on our member **Nellie Hobrath**. Nellie has moved to a new assisted living facility. She is now residing at Azure Care Nursing Home, 1955 N. Oneida Drive, Tucson. Her phone is 520-989-3901.

Her daughter Eleanor has asked that all mail for Nelly be sent to her address. Please refer to the mailing address information that was recently distributed to our members. For questions, please contact Mariza Kron.

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



From the Desk of
the Treasurer



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

The **January** beginning balance was \$12,511.59 and ending balance \$13,965.42; includes the Fasching/Mardi-Gras dance 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 "at a glance"

We welcome 4 new members to the Club.

Wilma Calder and Harvey Hisgen joined in January. **Tom and Marcy Eagan** joined in February. Herzliches Willkommen! Welcome to the GACT!

As of this newsletter printing:

Total Club Members: 64 members



A recent Email was sent to our members publishing our membership list. Please contact **Renate Ramirez** or **Mariza Kron** if you did not receive it or wish us to mail you a paper copy.

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.



Membership Anniversaries —

Wir Gratulieren unsere Mitglieder !!

March

Erika Geyer	6 yrs.
Gerald Lachenschmid	5 yrs.
Inge Tepper	44 yrs.
Doug & Ingrid Van Dorpe	19 yrs.
Gerd Weber	11 yrs.



April

Ronald & Sulfa Brauner	18 yrs.
Dorothee Dietrich	2 yrs.
Steve Peters	2 yrs.
Liane Gregg	18 yrs.
Robert & Patti Ann Jackson	1 yr.
Karl & Christine Kirner	4 yrs.
Inge Larsen	14 yrs.

Birthdays —



Happy Birthday to members celebrating their upcoming birthday.

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag !!

March

Adolph Fejfar	4
Christina Encinas	5
Gina Crisp	9
Patti Ann Jackson	16
Darlene Rietz	19
Leo Elbert	20
Mariza Kron	20
Miquel Chabolla	22

April

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



Mark Your Calendar —



March 14, 2023 - Board of Directors Election & Membership Meeting

Please mark your calendar **to attend - OR - submit your absentee Ballot to participate in the elections process.** Membership attendance with a quorum is critical to conducting the election of officers to operate our Club for the coming year.

- **Tuesday MARCH 14, 2023, at 10:00am**
- For members unable to attend the March 14 election meeting, however, wish to receive a written ballot for you to personally cast your absentee vote, please contact Mariza or Peter Kron at your earliest opportunity to request a mailed secret ballot.
- A written ballot with the candidates who are running for the board of directors will be mailed to you (upon request) with return instructions-
- The return of your secret written ballot must be received in a closed envelope no later than the March 14 election meeting to be counted-

Here is the list of candidates who are running for the 6 open board positions.

1. President: Mariza Kron
2. VP: Tom Crisp
3. Treasurer: Renate Ramirez
4. Recording Sec'ry: Peter Kron
5. Corresponding Sec'ry: Sonja Papoutsis
6. Director-at-Large (1 Position is Open): Gerald Lachenschmid AND Louie Stroud
7. NOTE -> Members will cast their vote between Gerald and Louie for the 1 open Director-at-Large position. The 2nd Director-at-Large position is currently being served by Erika Geyer in her 2nd term in the position.





Club Calendar 2023 —

MAR. 4 (Saturday) @11:30am – Stammtisch at Risky Business Restaurant) -- See "Mark Your Calendar" Article for details

MAR. 14 (Wednesday) @ 10:00am – Membership meeting with Board Officer Elections at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall

APR. 16 (Sunday) @ 9:00am – Board meeting

APR. 16 (Sunday) @ 1:00pm – Annual Club Picnic at Crisp Ranch (outdoor event), Bratwurst menu -- See "Mark Your Calendar" for details

MAY 13 @ 1:00pm – Mexicana Fiesta (Luncheon and Dance) at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall -- See "Mark Your Calendar" for details

MAY 20 (Saturday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

JUNE 4 @ 1:00pm – Board Directors Recognition Luncheon -- See "Mark Your Calendar" for details

JUNE 10 @ 12:00pm – Stammtisch at Trident Grill II, 2910 N. Swan Rd., Tucson -- **Added Event**

JULY 22 @ 12:00pm – Stammtisch at Barrio Brewery, 800 E. 16th St, Tucson -- **Added Event**

AUG. 5 (Saturday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

AUG. 12 @ 12:00pm – Stammtisch at Bottega Michelangelo -- **Added Event**

SEP. 9 @ 1:00pm – Western BBQ at Crisp Ranch (outdoor event) -- **Future event flyer will provide details**

SEP. 16 (Saturday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

OCT. 14 @ 1:00pm – Oktoberfest, Peter Kron Musik -- **Future event flyer will provide details**

OCT. 21 (Saturday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

NOV. 4 (Saturday) @ 11:00am – Board & Membership meeting

DEC. 9 @ 1:00pm – Christmas Party, Peter Kron -- **Future event flyer will provide details**

DEC. 16 (Saturday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

Be sure to check our 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 - April 16 – Club Annual Picnic

- Sonoran Stables Dance Hall; at **1:00 PM**
- Doors open at 12:30 PM
- Menu will feature brats, rolls and nonalcoholic drinks at no charge to members. Beer and wine will be available for a donation.
- For this year’s Picnic, we will go back to the way things were prior to the Pandemic, asking for the members to please bring a side or dessert to share.
- Free Admission to members
- **RSVP to Mariza @ 303-798-4172**
- **Meal Reservation deadline is: April 8 !!**



Mark Your Calendar - May 13 – Mexican Fiesta (Luncheon & Dance)

- Sonoran Stables Dance Hall; at **1:00 PM**
- Doors open at 12:30 PM
- Menu is Mexican cuisine
- **RSVP to Mariza @ 303-798-4172**
- **Meal Reservation deadline is: May 6 !!**



- This & That -

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 7: 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 9: Easter Sunday (Ostern),

April 10: 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

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
- ✓ Upcoming Stammtisch location(s) held during the Summer months
- ✓ Flyer for May 13 Mexicana Fiesta Luncheon
- ✓ Flyer for the Fall dances

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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.

NOTE: The board officers below are subject to change at the upcoming March 2023 Elections.



GACT Board of Directors

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