



German-American Club of Tucson

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President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,

Our club has had a busy March and April.

We started out the month of March with our Stammtisch at "Risky Business." We had 29 members in attendance. The food and comradery were great. Even though the establishment gave us a private room, it became a bit noisy with the lively conversation. I hope everyone still had a fun time. Mark your calendars for the next Stammtisch on June 10th at Trident II Grill.

Our annual elections and membership meeting were held on March 14th. I appreciate all the members that attended and the many that sent us their absentee ballots. 53% of our members voted in this year's election. It is wonderful to have such active participation. It is through the strength of our members' support that our Board Officers continue to work hard for the Club.

We are planning a fun event for May 13th, themed "Fiesta Mexicana." See the flyer attached. Come dressed in your favorite southwestern flair and have a wonderful time!!

Our annual picnic was held April 16th with 34 members attending and 5 guests. We had 4 guests from Germany. We had a new member join our Club and enjoyed getting to know several of the other recent new members.

Thank you to Tom and Gina for generously providing us with the use of their beautiful property and helping set up the event.

Members commented on how lovely the Sonoran Stables Ranch setting is with the nice shady trees and beautiful flowers. We enjoyed great Spring weather which made for an enjoyable day. Last but not least, **thank you to all the members and guests that contributed with their delicious salads and desserts.** Bratwurst **Bernie** and his grillers **Gerald** and **Rafael** did an excellent job with the brats as usual. **Peter**, our DJ for the day, played a nice variety of music for all to enjoy. Our Picnic kicks off another enjoyable year of fun!

Just a reminder that on May 6th there will be a celebration of life for our dear member Lilian Kling. It will be held at 2:00PM at the Sonoran Stables dance hall. The event is being hosted by Lilian's sons Juergen and Thomas. Our members are invited to attend. For those that have not RSVP'd and still wish to attend, please contact me as I offered to help Juergen with RSVP attendance.

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

Sincerely, **Mariza Kron**, President GACT



In Memoriam —



It is with sadness that we report the passing of our member **Karl Kirner** (08/02/1938 - 03/27/2023). Karl and his wife Christine joined our club in 2019. Karl was from Nürnberg and had a traditional Fränkischer accent. He enjoyed our Club as “snowbirds” from Chicago and will be dearly missed. Our condolences go out to his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Our member **Raphael Ramirez** lost his father Arnulfo Ramirez (05/27/1927 - 03/19/2023) in California. Our condolences go out to Raphael and his family.

A reminder of the celebration of life reception for our dear member **Lilian Kling** on May 6 at 2:00PM and held at the Sonoran Stables dance hall. Our members are invited to attend. The event is being hosted by Lilian’s sons **Juergen and Thomas**. Food and refreshments will be provided. For those that have not RSVP’d and still wish to attend, please contact **Mariza Kron** who offered to help Juergen with RSVP attendance.



Get well soon

Member Health Updates —

Since the last newsletter printing, the Club has sent get-well wishes to the following members: **Inge Larsen, Ingeborg Hocheder, Trudy Dauernheim, Ronald Brauner, Tom Crisp and Peter 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 **March** beginning balance was \$14,005.99 and ending balance \$13,976.37; includes the expenses of our annual membership meeting. This represents our fiscal year ending balance.

We will be conducting our annual audit in April. 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”

A warm welcome to our 3 new club members, **Jutta Stengel, Samantha Frembgen and Lori Herron**. All 3 ladies attended our annual picnic and got to meet many of our club members.

Herzliche Willkommen!! Welcome to our Club.

As of this newsletter printing:
Total Club Members: 66 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.



APPRECIATION

Membership Anniversaries —

Wir Gratulieren unsere Mitglieder !!

May

Hermann & Ingrid Kron	44 yrs.
Gerda Taylor	37 yrs.
Olga Elbert	37 yrs.

June

None listed in our Roster

Birthdays —

Happy Birthday to members celebrating their upcoming birthday.

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag !!

May

Gerald Lachenschmid	6
Inge Larsen	20

June

John Papoutsis	2
Trudy Dauernheim	20
Louie Stroud	23
Guillermo (Memo) Teran	25
Ilsa Teran	25
Sonja Papoutsis	27
Wilma Calder	5



... News from the General

Membership Meeting —

Member “Give-Back” Program

In 2022, your Board adopted a program to give back to our members an annually determined amount from our Club’s income profit that is directed toward benefiting our members. The Board’s intent is to continue the program leading up to the GACT’s 60-year Anniversary in 2026 in recognition of the many

contributions of so many long-time members and their loyal membership.

During our fiscal year (ending March 31, 2023), we gave back \$1,852 to our members who attended our events. Selected dances provided our members with free admission, reduced meal fees, full payout of the 50/50 raffle, and covering the cost of added entertainment.

Your Board is currently planning the 2023 program’s “give-back” benefits. It should be noted that the program will not affect operating the Club into the foreseeable future.

2023 Board of Directors Election Results —

Announcing the election results of the GACT Board of Directors from the March 14 annual membership elections meeting.

President: Mariza Kron

Vice-President: Tom Crisp

Treasurer: Renate Ramirez

Recording Secretary: Peter Kron

Corresponding Secretary: Sonja Papoutsis

Directors-At-Large: Gerald Lachenschmid
Erika Geyer

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

Thank you to our members who either attended or submitted your absentee written ballot.

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

Club Calendar 2023 —



MAY 13 @ 1:00pm – “Fiesta Mexicana” Luncheon & Dance at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall, Peter Kron Musik -- 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 -- See “Mark Your Calendar” for details

JULY 22 @ 12:00pm – Stammtisch at Barrio Brewery, 800 E. 16th St, Tucson -- See “Mark Your Calendar” for details

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

AUG. 12 @ 12:00pm – Stammtisch at Bottega Michelangelo -- See “Mark Your Calendar” for details

SEP. 9 @ 1:00pm – Western BBQ Luncheon & Dance at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall, Peter Kron Musik -- Future event flyer will provide details

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

OCT. 14 @ 1:00pm – Oktoberfest at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall, 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 – Club Christmas Party at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall, Peter Kron Musik -- 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 – to attend our next ... Club Dance

❖ *Our dances feature a themed cultural presentation of thoughtfully prepared meals, entertainment, and social “Gemütlichkeit” among our members and invited guests.*

On... **May 13 @ 1:00 PM** -- “Fiesta Mexicana” Luncheon & Dance at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall – 12:30 Doors Open, 1:00 meal, 2:00-5:00 music – Meal: Mexican Cuisine – Entertainment: Peter Kron Musik AND special dance group performance by Compañía de Danza Mexican Folklórica Arizona

Please RSVP by May 6 to:
Mariza Kron at 303-798-4172

Tell me a bit about our special performers at our “Fiesta Mexicana” Dance

Compañía de Danza Folklórica Arizona (CDFA) is a non-profit dance organization based out of Tucson, Arizona, founded in 2013.

CDFa is composed of six different levels (ranging from the age of four years old to college age students) and close to 150 dancers. Though young, CDFa has already had many great opportunities such as touring and performing with Grammy Award winning Mariachi Los Camperos and performing throughout the states of Arizona, California, and New Mexico.

CDFA takes pride in participating in and performing at multiple conferences and festivals including the Tucson International Mariachi Conference, ANGF, and the Bisbee Mariachi Festival. CDFA has also had the opportunity to perform in different styles of concerts including performing with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, Carlos Sabien, and others.



Mark Your Calendar -

June 4 - 2022+23 Board Officers Recognition Luncheon

- On... **June 4 @ 1:00 PM**
- **Location... LongHorn Steakhouse** at 5725 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson
- **NOTE:** All 2022 and 2023 Board Officer positions will be the paid meal guests of the Club. These officers are responsible to pay for their spouses and for alcoholic drinks.



Mark Your Calendar -

to attend our next ...

Stammtisch (social meet up)

On... **June 10 @ 12:00 PM** - **Stammtisch** at **Trident Grill II** at 2910 N. Swan Rd., Tucson, at Plaza Palomino

Please RSVP by June 2 to:

Mariza Kron at 303-798-4172

On... **July 22 @ 12:00 PM** - **Stammtisch** at **Barrio Brewery** at 800 E. 16th St, Tucson

Please RSVP by July 14 to:

Mariza Kron at 303-798-4172

On... **August 12 @ 12:00 PM** - **Stammtisch** at **Bottega Michelangelo** at 420 W. Magee Rd., Tucson

Please RSVP by August 4 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"!

– This & That –

German Holidays & Common Observances: May & June

May 1: Tag der Arbeit (Labor Day) – The first day in May is a national holiday in Germany, Austria, and most of Europe. Oddly, the widespread custom of celebrating Labor Day on the first of May (**am ersten Mai**) was inspired by events in the United States, one of the few countries that do not observe Labor Day in May! Unlike the U.S. observance, which cuts across all classes, Germany's *Tag der Arbeit* and most European Labor Day observances are primarily a working-class holiday.

May 1: Der Maibaum (May Day) – In Austria and many parts of Germany, especially in Bavaria, the tradition of raising a Maypole (**Maibaum**) on May 1 still serves to welcome spring – as it has since ancient times. Similar Maypole festivities also can be found in England, Finland, Sweden, and the Czech Republic. Other German customs in May celebrate the arrival of spring. Walpurgis Night (*Walpurgisnacht*), the night before May Day, is similar to Halloween in that it has to do with supernatural spirits and has pagan roots. It's marked with bonfires to drive away the last of winter and welcome the planting season.

May 14: Muttertag (Mother's Day) – Mother's Day is not celebrated at the same time around the world, but Germans and Austrians observe *Muttertag* on the second Sunday in May, just as in the U.S.

May 8: End of World War II – This is not a public holiday, rather an observance of the end of World War II.

May 18: Vatertag (Father's Day) – Father's Day in Germany began in the Middle Ages as a religious procession honoring God the father, on Ascension Day, which is after Easter. In modern-day Germany, Vatertag is closer to a boys' day out, with a pub tour than the more family-friendly American version of the 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

Have you seen the photos from our recent 2023 events? Click on the webpage tab towards the top named "Gallery."

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
- ✓ Flyer for the Western BBQ Dance
- ✓ Flyer for the Oktoberfest Dance

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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

Mailing Address: 3610 W. Potvin Lane,
Tucson, AZ 85742

Officers:

President ----- Mariza Kron,
303-798-4172, mskron59@gmail.com

Vice President ----- Tom Crisp,
520-419-6090, tom@crisptours.com

Treasurer ----- Renate Ramirez,
660-864-4091, renatekramirez@gmail.com

Recording Sec'ry ----- Peter Kron,
720-982-8602, pmkron@gmail.com

Corresponding Sec'ry ----- Sonja Papoutsis,
520-918-3921, spapoutsis@yahoo.com

Board-At-Large Members:

Erika Geyer ----- 1 yr.
520-577-7223, egeyer577@q.com

Gerald Lachenschmid ----- 2 yrs.
310-567-4605,
gerald.lachenschmid@gmail.com



German-American Club of Tucson

Presents...



Fiesta Mexicana Luncheon & Dance

(Open to club members & invited guests)



Saturday, May 13, 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 at 1:15 to 2:00 (by reservation)

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

**Music by "Peter Kron Musik":** From 2:00 to 5:00 PM

**Special dance group performance by**

**"Compañía de Danza Mexican Folklórica Arizona"**

*Door Prizes, Entertainment, 50/50 Raffle*



**Come with your festive Southwest flair !!**

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



Peter Kron  
Musik

*Playing your favorite tunes & live musical variety entertainment...*

### Mexican Cuisine Menu:

Chicken Enchilada made with Corn Tortillas, Salsa & Chips,  
Mexican Rice, Pinto Beans, Salad, plus Coffee & Cake -- \$15.00

Coffee & Cake only, available for \$3.00

Beer & Wine available for **donation**

Cash or Check only for all Fees



Meal reservation deadline is: May 6

For information, meal & guest reservations,

**contact: Mariza @ 303-798-4172**