



German-American Club of Tucson

Nachrichten



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President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,

Summer has arrived in Tucson with its scorching temperatures. Please stay indoors during these super-hot days and remember to drink plenty of water.

We had a fun filled spring at the GACT starting with our very popular "Fiesta Mexicana" dance.

We had a packed house. The hall was tastefully decorated in the southwest flair. The enchilada meal and desserts were delicious. The **Compañía de Danza Folklórica Arizona** dancers were a huge hit. The children danced in their colorful costumes with such enthusiasm and flair. The dancers stole the show. It was nice to see all the parents and families that came out to support these dancers. Even though we were not expecting such a crowd supporting the dancers, in true German form we found a way to seat the families and water was provided. Thank you, **Peter**, for getting the event started with the recorded Mexican music during the meal, followed by performing the live dance music.

A big THANK YOU to **Renate Ramirez** for putting this event together. It was a lot of work, and this lady and her crew were very tired at the end of the event. We, however, needed more volunteers to help with the tear down.

We will be reviewing our volunteer sign up list for future events. We hope several more of our members can give us an hour or two to help us continue our themed dances.

Lately, with the last 3 dances, our events have had several last-minute cancellations and no shows, often without prior notice given. We purchase food and drinks along with preparing and transporting the meals (often homemade) according to the number of people that sign up for our events. Members do not generally seem interested in purchasing such excess meals as "take-home" at a discount. Based on this trend and the recurring situation, our expenses are higher, our profits are affected, and volunteer work for meal preparation and event set-up is also affected.

The Board is considering having members and guests pre-pay for their meals for some or all future events. We will have further discussion at the next board meeting.

I am happy to report that our June 10, Stammtisch at the Trident Grill II was very well attended. We had a total of 37 members and guests. The manager of the Trident was very accommodating to our club and a pleasure to work with. We plan to go back again next year.

Please mark your calendars for the next 2 Stammtisch events on July 22 and August 14. The locations and RSVP details are in this newsletter. Also, the Western BBQ on September 9th see flyer attached.

Have a safe Summer see you all soon.

Sincerely, **Mariza Kron**, President GACT





From the Desk of
the Treasurer



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

As of **May 31**, our operating account balance was \$15,047.24.

Our annual internal audit was completed in April for the fiscal period ending on March 31, 2023. 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 7 new club members, **Pamela Lohman, Penny Distasio, David & Elaine Schmerbeck, Petra & Rick Willams, and Sibey Jalbert**. We enjoyed meeting the first 6 at our most recent events. Sibey is a past member of our Club. We look forward to getting re-acquainted soon as she prepares to relocate back to Tucson and rejoin our club.

Herzliche Willkommen!! Welcome to our Club.

As of this newsletter printing:

Total Club Members: 76 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.

Membership Anniversaries —

Wir Gratulieren unsere Mitglieder !!

July

None listed in our Roster

August

None listed in our Roster



Birthdays —

Happy Birthday to members celebrating their upcoming birthday.

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag !!

July

Hermann Kron	3
Elaine Schmerbeck	6
Marcella Eagan	10
Erika Campbell	13
Renate Ramirez	16
Larry McGarry	22

August

Rafael Ramirez	11	
Jean Brett	11	5
Ingrid Van Dorpe	21	

In Memoriam —



The family of our beloved member **Lilian Kling** wishes to extend a heart-felt thank you to our members who attended her May 6 celebration of life reception at the Sonoran Stables dance hall. Members and friends shared many wonderful stories of the good-times shared between Lilian and the German-American Club of Tucson.

Member Health Updates —

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



Club Calendar 2023 —

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” -- See published event flyer for details

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

OCT. 14 @ 1:00pm – Oktoberfest at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall, “Peter Kron Musik” -- Future event flyer for details

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

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

NOV. 4 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – Stammtisch at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall – Follows the Membership meeting – “Haus of Brats” Food Truck will be available for food & drink purchase – Booze will be BYOB -- Future event flyer for details

DEC. 9 @ 1:00pm – Club Christmas Party at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall, “Peter Kron Musik” -- Future event flyer for 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 & Luncheon

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

On... **September 9 @ 1:00 PM** - “Western BBQ” Luncheon & Dance at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall – 12:30 Doors Open, 1:00 meal, 2:00-5:00 music – Meal: BBQ Cuisine – Entertainment: Peter Kron Musik

Please RSVP by Sept 1 to:
Mariza Kron at 303-798-4172



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

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”!
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— This & That —

German Holidays & Common Observances: July & August

Regional Holidays:

- **8 August (Tuesday):** Peace Festival (*Friedenfest*) – Bavaria (Augsburg)
 - **15 August (Tuesday):** Assumption Day (*Maria Himmelfahrt*) – Saarland and some local authorities in Bavaria
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Arizona Trivia —

1. What is the Arizona state flower?

- ✓ *The Saguaro Cactus Blossom is a pure white waxy blossom of the giant saguaro cactus. It was designated the state flower of Arizona in 1931. The giant saguaro cactus (*Cereus giganteus*) is indigenous to Arizona; it grows to a height of forty to fifty feet and lives and age of 150 to 200 years.*



2. What is the date on which Arizona achieved statehood?

- ✓ *More than 100 years ago, Arizona became the last of the contiguous U.S. states to be signed into statehood, but it did not happen so easily. On Feb. 14, 1912, President William Howard Taft signed Arizona into the Union. Arizona was a territory for 49 years before it became a state.*

3. At ~12,600 ft, what is the highest natural point in Arizona?

- ✓ *Topping out at 12,633 feet, Humphreys Peak is the highest point in Arizona. It's one of the three peaks of San Francisco Mountain, an eroded stratovolcano north of Flagstaff.*

4. Which Road in Tucson was once labeled the ugliest street in America?

- ✓ *Tracing back to Tucson's 1962 mayor, East Speedway (approximately Tucson Boulevard to Wilmot Road) earned its nickname, in*

part, for its once endless row of unsightly neon signs, billboards, inadequate setbacks and unattractive buildings. His statement almost certainly was intended to draw attention to the problem on this busy thoroughfare to get something done about it.



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.

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German-American Club of Tucson

Presents...

Western BBQ 2023

(open to club members & invited guests)



Saturday, September 9, 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 1:30 – 2:30 PM (by reservation)

Music by Peter Kron, From 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Come Dressed in Western Attire

Admission Fee: \$5 per person, for Members
\$10 per person, for Guests
Cash or Check only for all Fees

Meal: FREE for Members
\$10 per person, for Guests
Children <12 are FREE
Coffee & Dessert only, \$3.00 for Guests

Meal Menu:

Burger, BBQ Beans, Corn-on-Cobb, Potato Salad,
plus Coffee & Apple Pie with Ice Cream dessert

Drinks: BYOB (Bring Your Own Booze)
Soda & Water, available for \$1.00



Meal reservation deadline is: September 1, 2023

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