



# German-American Club of Tucson

## Nachrichten



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### *President's Corner*



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,  
Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas.  
Wishing our members a happy and (most of all) a healthy New Year !!

Our club had a successful 2023. Thanking all our volunteers who gave their time to help make our 2023 events such a success. We could not do these events without your help.

Our final event of the year, the Christmas party, was by far the best we have ever had. The party was very festive, with great attendance, good food and plenty of cheer. We had a great turnout of 62 members and 10 guests. We had a guest appearance by Santa Claus and his elves who handed out goodies to all members and guests. Our impromptu choir sang beloved Christmas songs with the help of our Kapellmeister, **Peter Kron**.

We welcome two new members, **Roger Swenson**, and his wife **Shirley (Jeannie) Lloyd**, to our club. Thank you, **Inge Larson**, for bringing these new members and many others as guests to the Club.

On a sad note, we lost one of our longtime members **Maria Kristofl** in early November 2023. She was born September 26, 1931 in Fischeing Kaernten, Austria and passed away on November, 6, 2023 in Costa Mesa, California. Her family held a mass and celebration of life on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Several of our members attended. She will be

buried in Tucson alongside her husband Ferdinand, also a past member.

Our next big event is our Fasching / Karneval on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will need volunteers to decorate the hall for the event on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00AM and for serving and event tear down on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact me if you can help with either date.

✓ The event flyer for the Fasching/Karneval Dance is attached to this newsletter.

An important reminder that you have until January 31 to pay your annual Club dues. We will accept your payment no later than the February 3 Fasching / Karneval Dance.

A special reminder about the upcoming 2024 Elections for the board of directors. We have 3 positions open: Vice President, Recording Secretary and Board Member-At-Large. If you are interested in any of these positions, we will be accepting nominations in January and announcing the nominees at the February 9 board meeting.

Election ballots will be mailed in February. For members who are not able to attend the March 8 Annual Membership with Election meeting, as we did last year, members will be able to submit their Absentee Secret Written Ballot to vote. Shortly, we will be sending notifications with further information to all members.

Best wishes,

Mariza Kron, President GACT



From the Desk of  
the Treasurer



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

As of **December 31**, our operating account balance was \$13,403.55. The Club started the 2023 calendar year with a January 1 balance of \$12,511.59.

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

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

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## Friendly Reminder –

**\$30pp Annual Club Membership,  
due January 1, 2024 ...**

Checks payable to:

“German-American Club of Tucson”  
and mailed to:

Renate Ramirez, 3610 W. Potvin Lane, Tucson,  
AZ 85742

**On-time Payment will be accepted  
no later than Feb 3, 2024 ...**

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**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL**  
*Annual Dues*

## *2023 Membership –*

A warm welcome to our 2 newest members **Roger Swenson**, and his wife **Shirley (Jeannie) Lloyd**. We look forward to getting acquainted at our upcoming events. Welcome to the GACT und Herzliches Willkommen!!

As of this newsletter printing:

Total Club Members: **84 members (subject to 2024 renewals)**

**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.

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## – This & That –



### 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/>

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## Member Photos on our Webpage

Do you remember getting to know one of our members, but forgot his/her name? Announcing this enhancement to our GACT website.

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

<http://germanamericancluboftucson.com/>

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.

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## 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.

# HAPPY Anniversary



## Membership Anniversaries —

Wir Gratulieren unsere Mitglieder !!

### January

Jean Brett	37 yrs.
Wilma Calder	1 yr.
Miguel Chabolla	1 yr.
Gina & Tom Crisp	35 yrs.
Trudy Dauernheim	25 yrs.
Harvey Hisgen	1 yr.
Ingeborg & Engelbert Hocheder	9 yrs.
Albert Hollingsworth	5 yrs.
Mariza & Peter Kron	7 yrs.
Arthur Lohman	2 yrs.
Rick Seaberg	1 yr.
Christa Stoots	1 yr.
Louie Stroud	5 yrs.*
*(Originally joined in 1983, then took a break)	
Brigitte & David Petersen	2 yrs.

### February

Tom & Marcy Eagan	1 yr.
Hartmut & Waltraut Hausler	28 yrs.
Elizabeth Minarik	17 yrs.
Sonja & John Papoutsis	15 yrs.
Marianne & Mike Paris	7 yrs.
Rafael Ramirez	6 yrs.
Ilsa & Guillermo Teran	15 yrs.



## Birthdays —



Happy Birthday to members celebrating their upcoming birthday.

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag !!

### January

Ingrid Kron	2
Tom Crisp	20
David Schmerbeck	23
Hartmut Hausler	25
Beate Kreiner	26
Doug Van Dorpe	27
Tom Starrs	28
Jerry Jank	29

### February

Ed Hocheder	4
Dorothee Dietrich	6
Tom Eagan	12
Waltraut Hausler	12
Nelly Holbrath	15
Steven Peters	17
Harvey Hisgen	18
Pat Jank	18
Peter Kron	20
Brigitte Petersen	23



## In Memoriam —

As mentioned with details in the "President's Corner" article, it is with sadness that we report the passing of our longtime member **Maria Kristofl** in early November 2023.

## 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 2024 —

**JAN. 9 (Tuesday) @ 9:00am** – Board meeting

**FEB. 3 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm** – **Fasching / Karneval Dance**, Leberkäse Menu, Peter Kron Musik -- **See event flyer for details**

**FEB. 9 (Friday) @ 10:00am** – Board meeting

**MAR. 2 (Saturday) @ 12 noon** – **Stammtisch** at Barrio Brewery, 800 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Tucson – all welcome – social gathering; not a Club sponsored function.

**MAR. 8 (Friday) @ 10:00am** – **Annual Membership meeting with Board Elections**

**APR. 7 (Sunday) @ 9:00am** – Board meeting

**APR. 7 (Sunday) @ 1:00pm** – **Club Picnic** at Crisp Ranch -- **Future event flyer to provide details**

**MAY 18 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm** – **“Margaritaville” Luncheon and Dance** -- **Future event flyer to provide details**

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

**JUNE 2 (Sunday) @ 12 noon** – Board Directors Recognition Luncheon, Location TBA

**JUNE 15 (Saturday) @ 12:00pm** – **Stammtisch** at Trident Grill II, 2910 N. Swan Rd., Tucson – all welcome – social gathering; not a Club sponsored function.

**JUN. 17 (Monday) @ 10:00am** – Board meeting

**JULY 28 (Sunday) @ 12:00pm** – **Stammtisch** at Bottega Michelangelo, 420 W. Magee Rd, Tucson – all welcome – social gathering; not a Club sponsored function.

**SEP. 7 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm** – **Western BBQ Luncheon and Dance** -- **Future event flyer to provide details**

**SEP. 23 (Monday) @ 10:00am** – Board meeting

**OCT. 12 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm** – **Oktoberfest**, Peter Kron Musik -- **Future event flyer to provide details**

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

**NOV. 2 (Saturday) @ 11:00am** – Board & Membership meeting

**DEC. 14 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm** – **Club Christmas Party**, Peter Kron -- **Future event flyer to provide details**

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

**Events and Dates are subject to change with timely notification to our membership.**

Be sure to check the club calendar at:

[www.germanamericancluboftucson.com](http://www.germanamericancluboftucson.com).

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## Friendly Reminder –

RSVP your attendance for all Club Activities ...

**RSVP to: Mariza Kron** at 303-798-4172  
or mskron59@gmail.com

Your timely RSVP helps us plan meal preparation and vendor reservations !!



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## Next Newsletter Coming Attraction

- ✓ Club calendar updates
  - ✓ March Elections update
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kennethluedke@gmail.com

**TucsonGeek.com**

(Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)

## blue finch BAKERY



- Blue Finch Bakery is a neighborhood bakery that produces a rotating menu of European style breads and pastries that are simple, but flavorful.
- Visit our website [www.thebluefinchbakery.com](http://www.thebluefinchbakery.com) to see a list of the items we offer on a rotating basis.
- Our website opens for pre-ordering on Sundays at 3:00 pm.



### From the Desk of the Editor



Interested in placing an Ad in our newsletter? Suggestions are constructively 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.

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

### GACT Board of Directors

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

**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

Gerald Lachenschmid



# German-American Club of Tucson

Presents...



## Faschingstanz 2024

### Mardi-Gras Dance

(Open to club members & invited guests)



**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

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)

**Music by Peter Kron,** 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, Potato Salad, Roll, (provided by “Haus of Brats”),  
Mixed Green Salad, plus, Coffee & Cake for \$20.00
- ❖ Coffee & Cake only, available for \$5.00
- ❖ Water, available for \$1.00
- ❖ Beer & Wine available for **donation**
- ❖ Cash or Check only for all Fees



Meal reservation deadline is: January 26, 2024

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

