



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 enjoying this great Tucson winter.

I would like to thank all our members and guests that came out on February 3 to celebrate our Fasching / Karneval dance. We had a great turn out this year with 49 members and 14 guests in attendance.

It was nice to see so many attending dressed in costumes! Congratulations to our best costume winners. First prize went to the gypsy's: Louis Stroud and Gerda Taylor. Our second prize went to the cowgirl Lydia White who was a guest. The third prize went to the little witch, Amelia Adams; Granddaughter of Rafael and Renate Ramirez.

The 50/50 prize winners were Christina Encinas and Karin Yokem. Karin graciously donated her winnings back to the club!

In addition, I would like to thank our Club dancers Renate Ramirez, Sonja Papoutsis, Erika Geyer, Christina Encinas, and yours truly who performed a lively version of the Village People's "YMCA". It sure added to the merriment of our Fasching celebration.

A thank you to the following for their contributions: **Peter Kron** for his great music, The "Haus of Brats" (**Petra and Rick Williams**) that provided us with the Leberkäse meal. Thank you also for helping in the kitchen. Our bartenders **Rafael Ramirez** and **John Papoutsis** did a great job of making sure everyone was hydrated. The many servers and cleanup crew

were awesome. **Darlene Rietz** took some great pictures. We will be posting some of them on our website. Thank you also to the set-up crew that decorated the hall so beautifully. Without **all of our volunteers** we could not do these events. Vielen Dank !!

It is time again for our membership meeting and **annual elections on March 8th at 10:00AM** at Sonoran Stables Dance Hall. We will be providing sandwiches, potato salad, chips, and water, following the elections. Please come out and vote. It will count towards a quorum for conducting this election. We welcome your input in helping the Board run the club. Absentee Ballots have been sent out for those that requested them.

On April 7, we will have a board meeting at 9:00AM and our annual picnic will start at 1:00PM at the Sonoran Stables in Tom and Gina's back yard. The club will provide brats and drinks as usual. We ask that our members and guests bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also, please bring folding chairs. We will have the cornhole game up for your enjoyment.

I would like to welcome our new member **Barbara Bonner** to the club. She has already made several new friends at the club. We look forward to getting to know her better. I will introduce her at the next event she attends.

Looking forward to seeing many of our members at the **Stammtisch on March 2nd at 11:30 AM located at Bario Brewery, 800 E 16th Street, Tucson.** Guests are welcome.

Wishing everyone a happy Lenten season.

Best wishes, Mariza Kron, President GACT



From the Desk of
the Treasurer



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

As of **January 31**, our operating account balance was \$15,119.56.

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.



2024 Membership News—

A warm welcome to our newest member, **Barbara Bonner**. We look forward to getting acquainted at our upcoming events. Welcome to the GACT. Ein Herzliches Willkommen!!

As of this newsletter printing:
Total Club Members: 76 members renewed their 2024 membership - THANK YOU !!

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.



— 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/>

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.



In Memoriam —

A long-time member of over 20 years and our past President of 11 years, Wendell Heckeke has passed away.

Wendell was born May 24, 1942, in Mrzovic, Croatia and passed away February 14, 2024, in Tucson.

His contributions are remembered and appreciated by many of our Club members.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Erna, son Mark and daughter Brigitte, along with their families.

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 —

MAR. 2 (Saturday) @ 11:30AM – Stammtisch at Barrio Brewery, 800 E. 16th 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 – Club Brats & Booze, BYO Sides, Free to members -- See event flyer

MAY 18 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – “Margaritaville” Luncheon and Dance – Catered by “Opa’s Best”. Chicken & Beef Kabobs, Rice, Potato; Club providing Cucumber Salad, Desserts -- Future event flyer to be distributed

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.

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 !!



Mark Your Calendar –

March 8, 2024 – 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 that operate our Club for the coming year.

- **Friday, MARCH 8 at 10:00am**
- Secret written absentee ballots have been mailed out to those who requested a ballot, with the return instructions.
- The return of your absentee written ballot must be received in a closed envelope no

later than the March 8 election meeting to be counted.

- The candidates who are running for the 3 open board positions are:
 1. VP: Tom Crisp
 2. Recording Sec'ry: Peter Kron
 3. Director-at-Large: Patti Ann Jackson
- We will be providing sandwiches, potato salad, chips, and water, following the elections.



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
Penny Distasio	21
Miquel Chabolla	22
Pamela Lohman	23

April

Donna Brett	9
Jutta Stengel	9
Ronald Brauner	18
Sulfa Brauner	20
David Petersen	22
Petra Williams	24
Elizabeth Minarik	26
Barbara Bonner	27



HAPPY Anniversary

Membership Anniversaries —

Wir Gratulieren unsere Mitglieder !!

March

Erika Geyer	7 yrs.
Gerald Lachenschmid	6 yrs.
Inge Tepper	45 yrs.
Doug & Ingrid Van Dorpe	20 yrs.
Gerd Weber	12 yrs.

April

Ronald & Sulfa Brauner	19 yrs.
Dorothee Dietrich	3 yrs.
Steve Peters	3 yrs.
Samantha Frembgen	1 yr.
Liane Gregg	19 yrs.
Lori Herron	1 yr.
Robert & Patti Ann Jackson	2 yrs.
Inge Larsen	15 yrs.
Jutta Stengel	1 yr.



Next Newsletter Coming Attraction

- ✓ March Elections update
- ✓ Club Calendar update
- ✓ May 18 "Margaritaville" Luncheon and Dance



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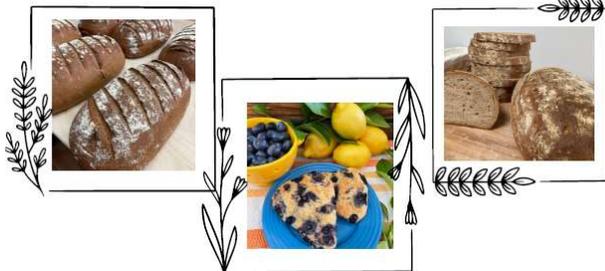
Give Kenny a Call at (520)449-0202

kennethluedke@gmail.com **TucsonGeek.com**

(Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)

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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 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.

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

GACT Board of Directors

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Board-At-Large Members:

Erika Geyer

Gerald Lachenschmid



German-American Club of Tucson

Presents...

2024 Club Picnic

(Open to club members & invited guests)



Sunday, April 7, 2024

1:00 – 5:00 PM

At the: **Crisp Ranch** (outdoor event)

4231 S. Pauline Lane, Tucson AZ

Doors open at 1:00 PM

Meal served from 1:30 – 2:30 PM (by reservation)

Event Admission & Meal price:

FREE for Members

\$10 per person for Guests, \$5 for children <12

Cash or Check only for all Fees



Meal Menu:

Club is Providing: 1or 2 Brats, Roll, Water, Soda, Coffee

Asking members to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Beer & Wine available for donation



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

**Musical favorites provided by Peter Kron**

**Join-in the fun with Outdoor Yard Games**

Tables will be provided; Bring your folding chairs for outdoor seating

For reservations & information on what side dish or dessert to bring, contact: Mariza Kron @ 303-798-4172