



German - American Club of Tucson Nachrichten



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President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. BEST WISHES for a HEALTHY and PROSPEROUS 2025 !!

Our year 2024 ended with a very successful Christmas party. We had a record number of members and guests attend the celebration with us this year. The highlight of our party was the arrival of Santa Claus and his elves' distributing gifts and holiday cheer.

We had a little bit of stress as our caterer ended up in the hospital a few days prior to our event and could not cater for our event. A very gracious THANK YOU goes to **Gina Crisp** and **Sonja Papoutsis** who helped me with providing a very delicious and German Schweinebraten meal. Update, our caterer Lido ended up having a medical procedure and expressed his sincere appreciation for our Club's support as he continues to recover. Thank you to all our wonderful members that brought such delicious cakes, cookies, and the Rum Topf for the always popular sweet table. Also, thank you to our set up, tear down volunteers, cooks, bartenders, servers, kitchen help, cashiers and musician. Our events are successful with the support of our members and volunteers.

Our next event is our Fasching / Karneval on February 22. I hope to see many festive "merrymakers" attend in costume. We will

again have a best costumes contest. Feel free to bring a friend as your invited guest. Volunteers should contact **Renate Ramirez, Sonja Papoutsis** or myself if you can help with decorating the hall or volunteering with the various event tasks.

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

Please **remember to submit your 2025 GACT Membership renewals due January 31.**

For 2025, your Board of Directors look forward in continuing our mission as a German social non-profit organization to host another year of fun-filled events for our membership.

- ✓ Be sure to **view our 2025 calendar of events** published in this newsletter.

Bleibt gesund und bis auf's wieder sehen !!

Mariza Kron, President GACT



It's Karneval Time ...



Karneval Clown



— *Membership News* —

A special reminder about the upcoming 2025 Elections for YOUR board of directors.

- ✓ We have 4 positions open: President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Board Member-At-Large.
- ✓ We are looking for a new nominee for the Corresponding Secretary position as Sonja Papoutsis has decided to step down after completing her 2-year term and having served many years on the previously named “Executive Council”.
- ✓ If you are interested in any of these positions, we will be accepting nominations in January and announcing the nominees at the February board meeting.
- ✓ A description of the Officers and their duties can be found in Article VII of our Bylaws published on our website.

Election ballots and Absentee Ballots will be mailed in February with instructions.

- ✓ For members who are NOT able to attend the March 8 Election Membership meeting, we encourage members to submit their Absentee Secret Written Ballot to vote.

Call for Officer Nominees ...

A special calling for new nominees for 2025 & future 2026 Board of Directors elections.

We, as your Board, have alerted members at membership meetings about operating as a non-profit club without new interest in serving the Board of Directors. Several officers on the current board have expressed their desire to no longer serve on the Board beyond the 2025 and 2026 Elections. Mariza Kron and Tom Crisp, serving respectively as President and Vice-President are reaching their term limits, dictated by our Bylaws. Without new Board

members serving, we are facing the unfortunate reality to operate with a smaller Board of Directors or to dissolve the non-profit Club if we do not have the necessary officers for the Club to operate beyond 2026 in compliance with the Arizona Statutes.

— *Mark Your Calendar* —

March 8, 2025 - 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.

- **Saturday, MARCH 8 at 11:00am**
- Secret written absentee ballots will be mailed out to those WHO REQUEST a ballot, with the return instructions.
- The return of written absentee ballots must be received by the recording secretary in a closed envelope no later than the March 8 election meeting to be counted.
- The candidates who are running for the 4 open 2025 board positions are:
 1. President: Mariza Kron
 2. Treasurer: Renate Ramirez
 3. Corresponding Sec'ry: OPEN
 4. Director-at-Large: OPEN
- The above positions are 2-year terms.
- **Following the Election**, we will be conducting a Special Membership Meeting to vote on initiating the process for the **dissolution of the Club**. Members are strongly encouraged to attend in this important decision.
- Sandwiches and water, provided at the meeting.



From the Desk of
the Treasurer



Presenting our Club's abbreviated **financial report** since our last newsletter publication...

Our monthly operating account balances:
November 30: \$13,683.78
December 31: \$13,171.64

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

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

Friendly Reminder –

\$30pp Annual Club Membership,
due January 1, 2025 ...

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 January 31, 2025 ...

– Membership News



An updated membership count will be published once we complete the 2025 annual renewals.

A warm welcome to our 6 newest members **Rolland Dibbern, Ginger Greenblatt, Irma Derosia, Jeremy Hall, and Wolfgang Berthold.** We look forward to getting acquainted with these new members at our upcoming events.

Welcome to the GACT und ein Herzliches Willkommen!!

Please notify Renate Ramirez for 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.

In Memoriam –

Our member **Rosa Harshman** lost her beloved son Bernd in January. We extend our condolences to Rosa and her family. We will pass along further information as we receive it from the family.

It was brought to our attention by **Doug Van Dorpe** that two of our past members have passed away. **Fritz Fauser:** born 5-25-1928; died 8-14-2022 and his wife **Ingeborg Fauser:** born 12-18-1926; died 11-01-2024. The Fausers joined our club in 2003 and left due to health reasons. Our sympathy goes out to their family.

Member Health Updates –

We wish our member **Steve Peters** a speedy recovery. Steve had knee replacement surgery and could not attend our Christmas party. We hope he is up and about for the Fasching dance. Get well soon.

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

Please notify Sonja Papoutsis if you know of any Club Member who should receive a greeting card: i.e., get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.



— Club Calendar 2025 —

JAN. 13 (Monday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

FEB. 10 (Monday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

FEB. 22 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – Fasching / Karneval Dance, “Kassler Riblets” Menu, Peter Kron Musik --See event flyer for details

MAR. 8 (Saturday) @ 9:30am – Board meeting

MAR. 8 (Saturday) @ 11:00am – Membership meeting with Annual Board Officer Elections

(Open Positions: President, Treasurer, Corresponding Sec’y, Director-At-Large)

MAR. 15 (Saturday) @ 12 noon – **Stammtisch** at Barrio Brewery, 800 E. 16th St., Tucson – all welcome – social gathering; not a Club sponsored function

APR. 7 (Monday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

APR. 26 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – Annual Picnic at Crisp Ranch -- Future event flyer for details

MAY 5 (Monday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

MAY 31 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – **Western BBQ Luncheon and Dance** -- Future event flyer for details.

JUNE 9 (Monday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

JUNE 28 (Saturday) @ 12 noon – **Stammtisch** at Trident Grill II, 2910 N. Swan Rd., Tucson – all welcome – social gathering; not a Club sponsored function

JUNE 28 (Saturday) @12 noon– Board Directors **Recognition Luncheon**, Trident Grill II

JULY/AUGUST – “Summer Break”

SEP. 8 (Monday) @ 10:00am – Board meeting

OCT. 11 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – **Oktoberfest**, Peter Kron Musik -- Future event flyer for details

NOV. 3 (Monday) @ 11:00am – **Board & Membership meeting**

DEC. 13 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – **Club Christmas Party**, Peter Kron Musik -- Future event flyer for 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 food vendor reservations !!



New Policy Notification ...

❖ Members and Invited Guests who need to cancel their RSVP attendance of Club dances ...

MUST notify Mariza Kron of the cancellation!!

❖ Members and Invited Guests may be asked to pay for any (RSVP) Meal cancellations made within 72 hours of the event.

❖ We will make every reasonable effort to excuse unforeseen medical emergencies.

Interested in joining our Board?

We are looking for a few new members to serve on the GACT board to solidify running the Club for the foreseeable future. A great place to serve without too much commitment would be as a "Member-At-Large" position.

Beginning in January for the March Elections, we will be **soliciting candidates to fill 4 open Board positions** (President, Treasurer, Corresponding Sec'y, Director-At-Large).

To learn more about any of our Board positions, please contact **Mariza**.

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, typically at the end of the meeting, OR able to provide input when given the authority to speak by one of the Directors. Members may also submit written feedback to any board member for review at the next board meeting.

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/>

Next Newsletter Coming Attraction

- ✓ Club Calendar updates
- ✓ Club Picnic Flyer
- ✓ Annual Board of Directors Election & Membership Meeting notification, agenda, and ballot instructions



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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President ----- Mariza Kron,
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Term expires in 2025

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

Term expires in 2025

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

Term expires in 2025

Recording Secretary ----- Peter Kron,
720-982-8602, pmkron@gmail.com

Term expires in 2026

Corresponding Secretary ----- Sonja Papoutsis,
520-918-3921, spapoutsis@yahoo.com

Term expires in 2025

Board-At-Large Members:

Patti Ann Jackson, Term expires in 2026

Gerald Lachenschmid, Term expires in 2025

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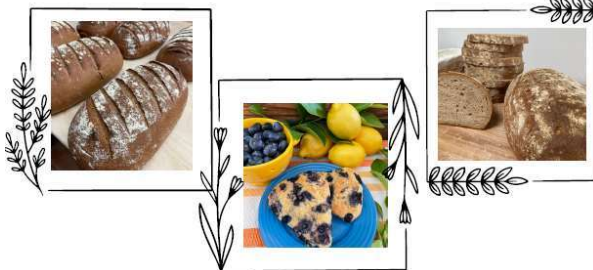
Give Kenny a Call at (520)449-0202

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(Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)

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- 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.

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