



German - American Club of Tucson Nachrichten



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President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to thank all our members and guests that came out on February 22 to celebrate our Fasching / Karneval dance. We had a great turnout this year with 50 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Our chefs, **Renate Ramirez** and **Sonja Papoutsis** did a wonderful job with the meal. Thank you to the members that brought desserts. Also, thank you to all our volunteers that helped with this event. We could not do these events without your help.

Peter Kron did a good job of keeping the dance floor full with his variety of German and American music entertainment.

It was nice to see many people attending dressed in costumes! Congratulations to our best costume winners. First prize was **Karin Yohem**. Our second prize was **Irma De Rosia**. The third prize was **Cindy Tront** (Tom & Gina Crisp's daughter).

The 50/50 prize winner was **Carla Erk**, a guest that generously donated the money back to the Club.

Our annual elections were held on March 8th. **45% of our membership participated in the Election**. We added two new members to the Board, **Jutta Stengel** and **David Schmerbeck**. I look forward to working with you both. A special thank you to our Election Officers, **Hartmut Hausler**, **Elaine Schmerbeck**, and **Bob Jackson**, who managed the Election. Thank you to our two outgoing members,

Sonja Papoutsis and **Gerald Lachenschmid** for their many years of service and contributions to the club. We look forward to still having you as volunteers.

I am hoping to see many of our members at the next **Stammtisch on March 15 at 12:00 noon located at Barrio Brewery**, 800 E 16th Street, Tucson. Doors open at 11:30am for early seating. Guests are welcome.

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.

Wishing everyone a happy Lenten and Easter season.

Bleibt gesund und bis auf's wieder sehen !!

Mariza Kron, President GACT



Hoping that we don't
"spring" into Summer
too quickly 😊 ...



From the Desk of
the Treasurer



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

As of **February 28, 2025**, our operating account balance was \$16,366.17.

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.



— Membership News —

As of this newsletter printing:

2025 Club Members: 75 members

THANK YOU to the members who renewed their 2025 membership!!

A warm welcome to our newest members **Dianne Mancuso** and **Bruce Ward**.

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 of 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 —

We are grateful to have no information to report currently. We will pass along notification as we receive it from the family.

Member Health Updates —

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.



2025 Board of Directors Election Results —

Announcing the GACT Board of Directors election results from the **March 8 Annual Elections Membership meeting**.

President: **Mariza Kron**

Treasurer: **Renate Ramirez**

Corresponding Secretary: **Jutta Stengel**

Director-At-Large: **David Schmerbeck**

These positions have a 2-year term.

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

Thank you to our members who either attended or submitted your written absentee ballot for the Elections. 28 members attended and we received 9 absentee ballots; **45% of our membership participated in the Election**.

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



— Club Calendar 2025 —

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

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

MAR. 15 (Saturday) @ 12 noon – **Stammtisch at Barrio Brewery**, 800 E. 16th St., Tucson – Doors Open at 11:30 for early seating - members & guests are welcome – social gathering; not a Club sponsored function

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

APR. 26 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – **Annual Club Picnic** at Crisp Ranch –Brats & Booze, BYO Sides, Free to members -- See article for details

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

MAY 31 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – **Western BBQ Luncheon and Dance** – Menu by “Bar-BQ Ranch Catering”, Peter Kron Musik -- Future event flyer for details.

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

JUNE 28 (Saturday) @ 12 noon – **Stammtisch and Board Directors Recognition Luncheon at Trident Grill II**, 2910 N. Swan Rd., Tucson – members & guests are welcome – social gathering; not a Club sponsored function

JULY/AUGUST – “Summer Break”

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

OCT. 11 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – **Oktoberfest** – Brats & Booze, 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.

– Mark Your Calendar –

... to attend our next ...

Stammtisch (social meet up)



On... **March 15 @ 11:30 AM** – **Stammtisch at Barrio Brewery**, 800 E. 16th St., Tucson – all welcome – social gathering; not a Club sponsored function

Please RSVP by March 10 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, etc. 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”!

– Mark Your Calendar – April 26 - Club Annual Picnic

- Crisp Ranch @ Sonoran Stables; at 1:00 PM
- Doors open at 12:30 PM
- The menu will feature brats, rolls and nonalcoholic drinks at no charge to members. **Beer and wine will be available for a donation.**
- As in past years, asking for Members to please bring a side or dessert to share.
- Free Admission to Members; \$10 Guests
- **Peter** providing music with his Accordion.
- **RSVP your attendance to Mariza @ 303-798-4172 by April 19**

– Event RSVP Policy –

- ❖ **RSVP your attendance for all Club Activities ...**

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

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- ❖ Members and Invited Guests who need to cancel their RSVP attendance ... **MUST notify Mariza Kron of the cancellation!!**
- ❖ Members and Invited Guests may be asked to pay for any (RSVP) Meal cancellations of Club dances made within 72 hours of the event.
- ❖ We will make every reasonable effort to excuse unforeseen medical emergencies.

– Important message from Annual Membership Meeting ...

A special calling by the Board for the future 2026 & 2027 Board of Directors elections.

- **Following the March 8, 2025 Election**, we conducted an important Membership discussion on the following legal matter.
- We, as your Board, have alerted members at recent membership meetings about concerns about operating as a non-profit club without any new interest in serving on the leading Board of Director positions.
- Several officers on your 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 consecutive 2-term limits, as dictated by our Bylaws.
- Without any new Board member interest in serving beginning with the 2026 and 2027 Elections, we are facing the unfortunate reality of not having the necessary positions filled as required by the Arizona Statutes to operate as non-profit 501(c7) organization.
- A motion was made and passed by the majority vote of the membership that the Board would pursue the legal process for the dissolution of the GACT as a non-profit organization **if we have not received the nominations of Officers to serve for the upcoming open positions by end of 2025.**
- We are actively looking for volunteers interested to fill the future positions of **VP and Recording Sec'y for March 2026, and President for March 2027** to void the dissolution of the GACT to operate beyond 2026 and/or 2027 in compliance with the Arizona Statutes.



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.

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
- ✓ May 31 "Western BBQ" Dance
- ✓ Summer "Stammtisch" social gatherings



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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GACT Board of Directors

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

Term expires March 2027

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

Term expires March 2026

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

Term expires April 1, 2027

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

Term expires March 2026

Corresponding Secretary ----- Jutta Stengel,
520-548-5426, sjutta_2@aol.com

Term expires March 2027

Board-At-Large Members:

Patti Ann Jackson, Term expires March 2026

David Schmerbeck, Term expires March 2027

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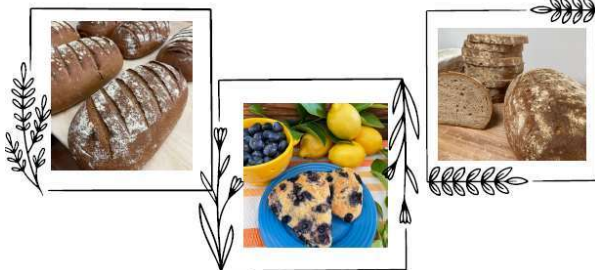
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(Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)

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- Our website opens for pre-ordering on Sundays at 3:00 pm.

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