



German-American Club of Tucson

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President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,

It was so nice to see so many of our members at the March 15th Stammtisch at Barrio Brewery. We had a good time and met three very nice people who were curious about our club. I invited them to check out our website and to come to one of our events.

Our annual club picnic this past weekend, April 26th was a lot of fun. We had excellent weather and enjoyed a Gemütliches afternoon at the Crisp Ranch backyard which many remarked as the "Oasis in the Desert". We had an attendance of 40 members, and 14 guests. Members and guests enjoyed playing corn hole, chair corn hole and bocce ball. It was nice to see some past members, the Burgess's and Tooheys with their guests from Germany. One of our guests, **Phillip Takacs**, that we first met at the Barrio Stammtisch, came from Phoenix and brought us German goodies. Thank you to the many that brought the delicious side dishes and desserts. The food variety was excellent and plentiful. **Bernie** provided us with the delicious bratwurst. **Peter** entertained us with his live music variety. **Tom** and **Gina** worked hard to prepare the property for us. **Patty** and **Sonja** did a great job setting up the food on the tables. A special thank you to **Gerald** who worked tirelessly cleaning, setting up tables, chairs, canopies and helping to cook the brats.

Our next event is the Western BBQ on May 31st. Come in your best Western attire and join us for some boot scootin' fun! Please remember to

RSVP by May 23 and review the event flyer in this newsletter.

I have an update regarding our club's 60th anniversary party planned for 2026. You may recall that at the March membership meeting, we voted to have the event at the Sonoran Stables dance hall. In the days following the meeting, I received a proposal from Arizona National Golf Club (9777 East Sabino Greens Drive) that is by far the most reasonable bid we have had.

At our April 7 meeting, the board voted to accept the Arizona National proposal. Our 60th anniversary party is planned for April 19, 2026. The Arizona National clubhouse has a lovely hall and a beautiful setting. This will also give our hard-working board and volunteers a break. I think they deserve it.

Wishing you all the best till we see each other again.

Bleibt gesund und bis aufs wiedersehen !!

Mariza Kron, President GACT





Club Calendar 2025 –

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, all meetings and events are held at the **Sonoran Stables Dance Hall**, 4231 S. Pauline Lane, Tucson 85730.

MAY 5 (Monday) @ 10:00am. Board meeting. All are welcome!

MAY 31 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – 5:00pm.
Western BBQ Luncheon and Dance – Menu by “Bar-BQ Ranch Catering”, Peter Kron Musik --
See article and flyer for details.

JUNE 9 (Monday) @ 10:00am. Board meeting. All are welcome!

JUNE 28 (Saturday) @ 12 noon – **Stammtisch** and **Board Directors Recognition Luncheon** at **Trident Grill II**, 2910 N. Swan Rd., Tucson. Members and guests are welcome.

JULY/AUGUST – Summer Break; stay cool!

SEP. 8 (Monday) @ 10:00am. Board meeting. All are welcome!

OCT. 11 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – 5:00pm.
Oktoberfest – Brats & Booze, Peter Kron Musik --
Future event flyer for details

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

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

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 – May 31 – Western BBQ Lunch & Dance

- Crisp Ranch @ Sonoran Stables; at 1:00 PM
- Doors open at 12:30 PM
- The catered menu will feature pulled pork, chicken breast, and sides. **Beer and wine will be available for a donation.**
- \$5 per Member (\$20 with meal)
- \$10 per Guest (\$25 with meal)
- **Peter** providing music with his Accordion.
- **Volunteers** for setup/take-down **are always appreciated!** Let Mariza know.
- **See attached Flyer for details.**

Please RSVP by Mon., May 23 to:
Mariza Kron at 303-798-4172

– Mark Your Calendar –

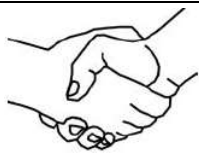
... to attend our next ...

Stammtisch (social meet up) with Board of Directors Luncheon

- On... **June 28 @ noon – Stammtisch** at **Trident Grill II**, 2910 N. Swan, Tucson – all welcome – social gathering; not a Club sponsored function.

Please RSVP by Mon., June 23 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 at a friendly local restaurant or pub where you are likely to find enjoyment socializing with fellow Club and non-club members, along with having a lunch /drink.
- ❖ We hope to see you at Stammtisch and that you will become a “regular”!



- Event RSVP Policy -

- ❖ RSVP your attendance for all Club Activities to: **Mariza Kron** at 303-798-4172 or mskron59@gmail.com
- ❖ Your timely RSVP helps us plan meal preparation and food vendor reservations.
- ❖ 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.



From the Desk of
the Treasurer



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

As of **March 31, 2025**, our operating account balance was **\$ 15,092.78**

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

Our organization 501(C)(7) 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: **79 members**

THANK YOU to everyone who renewed their **2025 membership!!**

A warm welcome to our newest members **Arthur Comeau, Sean Dibbern, Amy Parker, and Nancy Friz**. 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 —



Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Elizabeth "Betty" Minarik** on the passing of her sister-in-law **Mary Minarik**.

We respectfully pass along notification as we receive it from the family.

Member Health Updates —

Best wishes to **Jerry and Pat Jank** with our prayers, facing recent health challenges.

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



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

– Important message from our Membership Meeting ...

A special reminder from the Board for the next 2026 & 2027 election of Board Officers.

- We are actively **looking for volunteers interested to fill the future positions of VP and Recording Sec'ry for March 2026, AND President for March 2027** to solidify running the Club for the foreseeable future.
- Without sincere candidate interest in these positions, we are facing the non-compliance to operate as a non-profit 501(C)(7) organization beyond 2026 and 2027 in compliance with the Arizona Statutes.

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

Can I Attend a Board Meeting?

Of course! You're welcome to provide your input, either at the invitation of a Board member or during the Open Forum session towards the end of the meeting. You can also submit written feedback and comments to any Board member anytime for discussion at the next meeting. However, non-Board members cannot vote at Board meetings.

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 Sneak Peek

- ✓ We're taking a summer break – see you again in September!
- ✓ October 11 – **OKTOBERFEST!**
- ✓ Nov. 3 – Annual Member/Board Meeting



From the Desk of the Editor



Got something you'd like to share with our GACT members or a suggestion for our Newsletter? How about a German recipe, a corny joke, or an ad? Just let [Jutta](#) or [Peter](#) know and we'll spread the word!

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 March 2027

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Term expires March 2026

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Term expires March 2026

Corresponding Secretary ----- Jutta Stengel,
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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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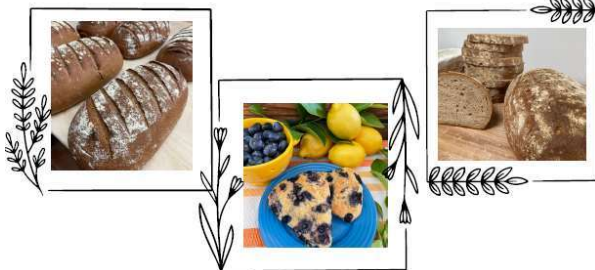
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(Kenny is Tom and Gina's Grandson)

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 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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Presents...

Western BBQ 2025

(open to club members & invited guests)

Saturday, May 31, 2025

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

Come Dressed in Western Attire

Admission Fee: \$5 per person, for Members
\$10 per person, for Guests
Children <12 are FREE

Meal Cost: \$15 per person
Coffee & Dessert only, \$5.00



Meal Menu:

- ❖ Meal provided by "Bar-BQ Ranch Catering" to offer: Pulled Pork, Shredded Chicken Breast, 3 sides, Rolls, BBQ Sauce
- ❖ Club is providing Coffee & Cake



Drinks: Beer & Wine available for **donation**
Soda & Water, available for \$1.00

Cash or Check only for all Fees

Meal reservation deadline: May 23, 2025

For information, meal and guest reservations, contact:

Mariza at 303-798-4172 || mskron59@gmail.com

