



German-American Club of Tucson

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President's Corner



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,
Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to thank all of you that came out and helped us celebrate the club's annual Oktoberfest. Our attendance was 52 members; we also had 10 guests join the festivities.

Congratulations go out to **Art Lohman** who won the beer hoisting contest. Our grill meister **Bernie Schulz** has perfected the art of grilling our brats for over 40 years. Thank you, Bernie, for your many years of service.

A big thank you to members who volunteered and made this event special: **Rafael Ramirez** our grill assistant; **Larry McGarry** and **Louie Stroud**, bartenders; food preparers and servers **Gina Crisp**, **Renate Ramirez**, **Sonja Papoutsis**, **Patty Jackson** and **Gerda Taylor**; our cashiers **Erika Geyer** and **Jutta Stengel** and **David Schmerbeck** who helped me with setting up.

Our "musik" maestro **Peter Kron** put together a spirited repertoire of music for our dance.

We received feedback from several folks that this may have been one of our best Oktoberfest yet. We try hard to do a good job so that our members and guests have a good time.

We held our Board/Membership meeting followed by a Stammtisch on November 3rd. Thank you to the members that attended (6 Board and 20 members).

Here is a recap of the key items discussed. We once again asked for candidates for the 2026 open Board positions. One member came forward for Director-at-Large. We received no

additional volunteers for Vice President or Recording Secretary. This meeting was to collect member feedback and to discuss the club's 2026 operations. Our Bylaws dictate that we require 5 Officers and 2 Directors-at-Large to operate as a 501(c7) non-profit corporation. With insufficient candidates interested in operating the club, the Board recommended pursuing GACT dissolution in 2026. **Peter** presented a first draft spreadsheet illustrating the anticipated key expenses and possible legal fees in 2026 with an early projection of the leftover money that we will have after the 60th anniversary party in April. We discussed possibilities for still getting together but no longer as a 501(c7) non-profit. There was much interest in organizing a meet-up group to socialize locally at public places.

We conducted both a formal board vote and a membership vote, as this meeting met our 10% quorum requirements. A motion was made and seconded (Peter/Jutta) and approved unanimously by the Board to pursue GACT dissolution beginning January 1, 2026. We received a unanimous vote (by the show of hands) from the members in attendance to support the board's motion and approval.

PLEASE NOTE that 2026 membership dues will not be collected at this time AND new member applications will not be accepted. Please look at the 2026 calendar in this newsletter. **We will keep our members updated in our December newsletter.**

I wish you all a **Happy Thanksgiving** and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas party.

Mariza Kron, President GACT



Club Calendar 2025 —

DEC. 13 (Saturday) @ 10:00am. Board "Special" meeting. Closed to members.

DEC. 13 (Saturday) @ 1:00pm – 5:00pm – Club Christmas Party, Peter Kron Musik
-- See event flyer for details

Please RSVP by Dec 5 to:
Mariza Kron at 303-798-4172

Club Calendar 2026 —

JAN. 13 (Tuesday) at 10:00am. Board meeting. All are welcome!

FEB. 10 (Tuesday) at 10:00am. Board meeting. All are welcome!

MAR. 10 (Tuesday) at 10:00am. Board meeting. All are welcome!

MARCH (Date TBA) – Annual Membership meeting with Board Elections

APR. 19 (Sunday) at 12 noon to 4:00pm – GACT 60th Anniversary Party, Arizona National Golf Club, 9777 E Sabino Greens Dr, Tucson, Peter Kron Musik -- Future event flyer

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



From the Desk of
the Treasurer



As of **October 31, 2025**, our operating account balance was \$ **13,933.13**.

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: **82 members**

MEMBERS → Please notify Renate Ramirez of YOUR 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.

MEMBERS → 2026 membership dues will not be collected at this time AND new member applications will not be accepted at this time.

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 Articles of Incorporation.

<http://GermanAmericanClubOfTucson.com/>

December Newsletter Sneak Peek

- ✓ Update, 2026 Club Operations
- ✓ Update, 2026 Membership





From the Desk of the Editor



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

Vice President ----- Tom Crisp,
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Term expires March 2026

Treasurer ----- Renate Ramirez,
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Term expires April 1, 2027

Recording Secretary ----- Peter Kron,
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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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Presents...

Christmas Party 2025

(Open to club members & invited guests)



Saturday, December 13, 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)



~~~~ *Christmas Program and Entertainment* ~~~~

**Music by Peter Kron, From 2:00 to 5:00 PM**

**Cost:** Members \$5 /person (Admission, Meal, Dessert & Coffee)

Guests \$25 /person (Admission, Meal, Dessert & Coffee)

Guests \$15 /person (Admission, Dessert, Coffee, No Meal)

Guests \$10 /person (Admission only)

Children <12 are FREE



### **Meal Menu:**

Meal catered by "Olive Garden" to offer: a variety of pasta & sauces, grilled chicken, meatballs, Italian sausage, along with the usual breadsticks, salad, Coffee, Dessert, Water, Soda

### **Dessert:**

*We're planning to have a German-style dessert "sweet table".  
Asking our members to bring homemade cookies or a cake to share.*

**Beer & Wine & Glühwein Available for Donation**

Cash or Check only, please for all Fees



~~~~ **Meal reservation deadline: December 5** ~~~~

RSVP Your Meal & Guest Reservations with: Mariza @ 303-798-4172