



Deutsch Amerikanischer Club 1948 Stuttgart German American Club 1948 Stuttgart



GAC 1948 Stuttgart Newsletter, March 19, 2020

Dear Members and Guests,

Due to ongoing circumstances we must cancel our planned club program for 4 April, 2020, a visit to the Lindenmuseum to see the Aztec Exhibition. This is a very sad step for us, but unavoidable. The Cannstatter Spring Fest has also been cancelled, so that our next planned event is a visit to a Falconry in Weil im Schönbuch on Saturday, May 9, 2020. This is an open-air event with a special showing just for our club, so that risk has been minimized, but like everything else at the moment we cannot be certain that we will be able to do this program. We will monitor what is going on and let you know in a timely manner.

In the meantime, please be safe and sensible, maintain good hand hygiene and social distancing and follow the guidelines put out by the German government and the State of Baden-Württemberg, as well as your local authorities. Stay healthy and keep others healthy. We look forward to seeing you again when we are able to resume club activities!

We were able to hold our Annual Membership meeting on March 7, 2020. At this meeting the following members were elected to the Board of Directors of your club for 2020:

President: Scott Beard
Treasurer: Ralf Faustmann

Vice President: Dr. Wilhelm Frey
Secretary: Ann Kathy Reed

Members: Christel Baumann (Info Chair)
Dr. Günter Wilhelm

Ron Joslin (Past President)
Kurt Döhrbeck (Past Treasurer)

Matthias Gelinek stepped down as treasurer after 4 years of great work keeping our club finances straight. A great big Thank You! to Matthias for a job well done, and to his wife Brigitte for her support. Matthias has been ably replaced by Ralf Faustmann, who has hit the ground running. Thanks to Ralf for taking over this important position.

We paid our last respects to three club members who passed away in the past year: Lothar Hubner, Marcus Bissinger and Dieter Kaiser. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families, and we will carry their memories in our hearts with honor.

We also honored Klaus and Karin Wollny with Honorary Membership in our club. Klaus joined the club 62 years ago! The Wollnys have recently moved to the Bodensee (Lake Constance) and can no longer regularly attend programs, but they will remain in contact. They richly deserved the honor of being named honorary members!

During his last Treasurer's Report, Matthias let us know that our finances are stable. We ended the year slightly in the plus, and currently have a little more than € 9000 in reserves. We are thus able to maintain our yearly membership dues at € 60 per membership (this has not changed since 2002). Thank you all very much for your support!

At the end of 2019 we had 79 members (including honorary members), a reduction of 5 members from the year before. So far this year we have 4 new memberships: Ilona Sass, Tracy and Jörg Schernikau, Vicky Gilner and Jeanne Byrd, and Andy and Anne-Marie Schoenherr. Welcome to our club!

We all need to work together to gain more new members as the year goes along. Talk to your friends, and their friends. Once we can begin doing programs again, we have some nice events planned. Help us get the word out, and please participate. We do great programs and have a lot of fun, but bringing people from different nationalities together in friendship and understanding is what we are all about. We depend on you!

We wish each and every one of you all the best. Take care, and thanks again for your support.

Scott Beard
President, GAC 1948 Stuttgart

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