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BAC ELECTIONS 2017

Date: Monday, November 6, 2017

Time: 15.00 hrs

Location: Logenhaus
details see page 4 + 5

Kunstkreis Conversation
See more inside
Bridge & Cooking



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Dear Ladies,
Since it is the month of Thanksgiving I would like to share some thoughts with you about giving and gratitude.

Wishing you a peaceful, thankful time this season.

Warmest wishes

Angelika McLarren

"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for."

Epicurus

"A noble person is thankful and mindful of the favors he receives from others."

Buddha

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives."

John F. Kennedy

"Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us; and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips and shows itself in deeds."

Theodore Roosevelt

"Joy is prayer—Joy is strength—Joy is love—Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. She gives most who gives with joy."

Mother Teresa

The next **WELFARE MEETING**
will take place on **Thursday, November 2,**
2017 at 11.00 hrs at the Gutshaus Lichterfelde

If you would like to attend, please contact
our Welfare Chairlady,
Ulli Brandi: tel. 91 54 40 12

The next **BOARD MEETING**
will take place on **Thursday, November 9,**
at 13.00 hrs at the ICB

Everyone is welcome at our meetings but please notify the President if you have a particular issue you wish to discuss, so that it can be put on the agenda.

A BIG THANK YOU

for the donations
Renate Kroll €400 for the
Spastiker-Wohngruppe
Gabriele Leffers €200
for the Homeless

KUNSTKREIS

LeeAnn has kindly volunteered to continue with these guided tours with Frau Dr. Hoffmann.

"Frauen des 20.Jahrhunderts"

Place: Berlinische Galerie, Alte Jakobstr. 124-128, 10969 Berlin

Date: November 17, 2017

Exhibition : Jeanne Mammen, Die Beobachterin Retrospektive 1910-1975, women during the roaring twenties.



Ms. Dr. Hofmann would begin with the guided tour at **10:30** and we should meet at **10:15** to distribute the tickets.

Admission: 15€ when 15 persons participate. The fee for Dr. Hofmann is 120€ for 90 minutes and for groups of 10 or more persons 7€ for the tickets.

Registration: dead-line Nov. 10th (If there are fewer than 10 persons we have to cancel the group, otherwise the price would be too high.)

Contact: Lee Ann Mertens, Tel. 805 59 06 or via email lee-ann.mertens@t-online.de
Please remember: **A reservation made is a reservation paid.**



Traurig nehmen wir Abschied von
CHRISTIANE GRAF

Sie ist nach schwerer Krankheit
am 6.10. 2017 von uns gegangen.
Sie war viele Jahre aktives Mitglied im BAC.

BAC Event

BAC ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2017

Date: Monday, November 6, 2017

Time: 15.00 hrs

Location: Logenhaus !!!!

Heerstraße 28, 14052 Berlin-Charlottenburg

1. Welcome
2. Announcements
3. Election of the Board of Governors 2018
4. Announcements of Election Results
5. Miscellaneous
6. Adjournment
7. Presentation about BROTZEIT and the Lemgo-Library



We will have a book table. You can bring some and buy some.

There is no charge for the meeting ... but please let **Pamela Richter** (tel.: 8 13 73 89 or email: hospitality@berlin-american-club.de) know if you are coming **by October 31**,

so that we can cater for enough coffee/tea and cake.



This is the one of the two meetings in the year where your presence is not only very important, but also your right and duty as a Club member.

If you want to brush up your English, discuss interesting subjects and meet nice members of our club, come join the

Conversation in the Gallery

Our next meeting is on Monday, November 27,
from 15.00-17.00hrs.

For details, please call Catharine Nicely 86 39 04 29

BAC Event

Our Candidates

For President:



Angelika McLarren: She is a real Berliner, married to an American and has two children. She has been involved with the German-American community for several decades. As a founding member of the BAC she has held several board positions over the years, recently as president, in charge of the newsletter and welfare project coordinator for the RMD Haus. The English Conversation and Literature groups are her favourite groups. In her professional life she has worked as teacher, trainer, translator. In her free time she enjoys reading, travelling and Scottish dancing.

For Vice Presidents:



Andrea Martsch-Eschweiler: Love brought Andrea and her two daughters, aged 17 and 19 to Berlin in February 2011. She married business man, Walter Eschweiler in September 2012 and is now firmly entrenched in Berlin. She has managed successfully to migrate her profession as an interior designer also to Berlin, already 9 years ago she created the shop design for Maharani Jewels - do visit the flagship store in Leibnizstrasse 60. When time allows, Andrea is a keen golfer and bridge player. As a friend of the Nationalgalerie, she is able to actively pursue her passion for the Arts. Charitable work has always played an important role for Andrea: already in Bielefeld she initiated her own project "Startgalerie" an Arts project for children while actively supporting the "Deutscher

Kinderschutzbund" charity. Her reasons for joining BAC were primarily the wide range of charitable work. As a "new Berliner", she appreciated the warm welcome into the fold.



Dr. Maria Teresa Börner: ich komme aus der Nähe von München, nach dem Studium der Geschichte Forschungsstipendium in Rom, anschließend Promotion zum Dr. Phil., 2008 Studium der Oenologie und Eintritt in das elterliche Weingut Omina Romana in Rom (Italien), 2013 Umzug nach Berlin. My reasons for joining BAC were the wide range of charitable work. Ich bin selbst ehrenamtlich als Lesepate und in der Sprachförderung (Deutsch) für syrische Flüchtlinge tätig.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT



For Treasurer:

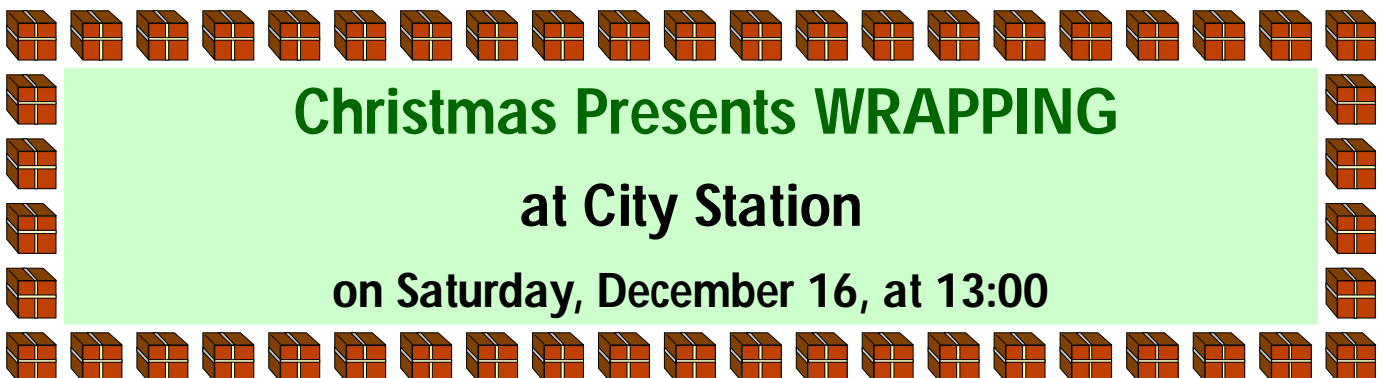


Gisela Sefranek

Seit 2001 leben mein Mann und ich in Berlin. Diesen Entschluss fassten wir, als unsere jüngste Tochter (26 Jahre) das Haus in Köln verlassen hatte. Glücklicherweise lebt unsere ältere Tochter (30 Jahre) auch in Berlin. Nicht nur aus diesem Grunde, fühlen wir uns hier sehr wohl und angekommen.

Ich arbeite als Business Coach und als Trainerin für den Bereich Stress- und Gesundheitsmanagement. Ausgebildet zur Philologin war ich am Anfang meiner Berufstätigkeit als Lehrerin tätig.

Die Aufgabe als Schatzmeisterin in einem Frauenverein hatte ich bereits in jungen Jahren inne. Ich freue mich, dem BAC nun in dieser Funktion zur Verfügung zu stehen.



Christmas Presents WRAPPING

at City Station

on Saturday, December 16, at 13:00

6 BAC Event

FARIDEH'S BRIDGE GROUP

"wir spielen Bridge und denken laut"
-- on the third Friday of the month --



If you are a good bridge player and like to join this group
call Farideh: Tel. 883 5701

After the game we'll prepare and enjoy a
Persian Dinner

**Next meeting: November 24, 2017,
Giesebrechtstr. 1, 10629 Berlin**

Time: 14.30 – 19.00 PM

Costs: Euro 15



Mark
Your
Calendar

Nicholas Tea 2017

on Thursday, December 7, 2017,
at 15.00 hrs at the Hotel Seehof

(Lietzenseeufer 11, 14057 Berlin)

€20.00 include cake, canapés, coffee/tea, welcome drink
more in the next newsletter



WELFARE PROJECT SUMMARY

Projects funded through DONATIONS

Clinics for the Homeless in Lichtenberg and at Ostbahnhof

Both clinics always need toilet articles used clothes as well as monetary donations.

Contact: **Monika Wiesmann** 815 55 06

AMSOC e.V (ambulante Sozialpädagogik Charlottenburg e.V.) Kultur für arme Familien

They work with children of psychologically ill parents. This illness leads to poverty in many cases and the children have to bear the consequences.

Contact: **Gabriele Lewitscharoff** 8929394

KINDERSCHUTZ-ZENTRUM BERLIN e.V:

The BAC supports the Refuge Center for abused and traumatized children and the Early Prevention of Violence in the Family Groups for parents of babies and young children.

Contact: **Elke Mähliß** Tel: **0172 306 4835**

REINICKES HOF Selbsthilfe

Neighborhood support for the elderly organized by volunteers and based on donations.

Contact: **Pam Richter** Tel **813 7389**

City Station Homeless

We support this organization financially and volunteers are needed from time to time to help - for example with the Christmas wrapping.

Contact:

Etsuko Mishima-Manz **89 72 69 29**

KuB-Young People's Advice Service

The Club supports an annual theater performance as well as assisting the project to meet arising needs in various shelters. Contact

Christina Bausch **7716806**



"HANDSON" Projects

Virchow Clinic - Baby Care

Volunteers visit the clinic regularly to hold, cuddle and love newborns and preemies whose parents are often unable to care for them adequately.

Contact **Regine Simon** **771 6567**.

Spastics Home

The spastics' home houses severely handicapped, loving, affectionate people of all ages. They respond lovingly to regular visits. Contact:

Renate Kroll 805 4740

Chantal Behncke 824 14 55

Elly Mihm 711 94 98.

Hands-On Project in Refugee Home Marburger Str.

Volunteers with a good working knowledge of German or Arabic, Farsi, are urgently needed as teachers for the refugees, **especially Wednesday mornings from 10-12 or in the afternoon for help with homework.**

Contact **Renate Micus** **323 83 38**

Ronald McDonald House

Help is needed to give the relatives of severely ill children a home away from home during their hard times of suffering.

Contact **Angelika McLarren** **797 06523**

Please send Newsletter submissions for the December 2017 Edition in writing (and in English)

by November 20, 2017 to:
Angelika McLarren e-mail:
newsletter@berlin-american-club.de

INTEREST GROUPS

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Our Group helps members who are not native speakers to improve their English. We meet every other **Monday** at **3 p.m.** at members' homes. Contacts:

Pamela Richter, 813 73 89 or
Angelika McLarren, 797 06523

English Conversation II

Our group also helps members who are not native speakers and would like to improve their English.

Please call the contact persons about the next meetings.

Catharine Nicely 86390429

FRENCH CONVERSATION

We meet every 2nd and 4th **Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** at members homes. Contacts:

Evelyn Bürk-Zeinar
Tel: 030- 825 2199
Ingrid Freytag
Tel: 030- 894 08 447

GERMAN - ENGLISH - CONVERSATION GROUP

meets on alternate **Wednesdays** from **3 to 5 p.m.** Contacts: Heidemarie Stein, 8410 97 37

LITERATURE

Our group will meet on Thursday, November 23 at 3 p.m. at the home of Angelika McLarren to discuss "The Dubliners" by James Joyce.

Contacts: Pamela Richter, 813 7389 or Marta Wöste 803 2812.



BRIDGE

We meet every **Tuesday** morning at **10.00 a.m. at the Logenhaus, Heerstr. 28.** If you have any questions, please contact:
Frauke Maaß - 304 89 35,
Stephanie Kruse - 8921362,
or Elke Mähliß - 473 62 775

FLOWERS & RIBBONS

Our group's activities include everything connected with flowers (plants, herbs, gardening, wreath-binding) and ribbons (arts and craftwork, interior decoration, etc.). For a program or an event update, please contact:
Heidemarie Stein 841 09 737
Ursula Bernt 823 62 67



FRENCH CONVERSATION II

meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 14.30 at the home of Mme Berthier. Please contact her for confirmation: Anne-Marie Berthier tel. 30 20 75 55

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

The Spanish Conversation group meets once a month either privately at a member's home or in a restaurant for lunch .
Contact: Carola Bein-Furrer
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Gudula Eisemann
gudula@btsgoa.com
Dr. Maria Mandok
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IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Members participating in Club events do so at their own risk.

The Club assumes no responsibility for personal injury.

BAC RESERVATION POLICY

For all events requiring a fee or requesting a donation, including luncheons, theatre trips and tours, the Berlin-American Club policy is **"A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID."**

Accordingly, if you make a reservation, you are obligated to pay, even if you are unable to attend, unless you cancel your reservation within the time given and as described for the specific event. This policy is necessary to enable us to plan accurately for events, to avoid unnecessary costs and to protect individuals who are willing to purchase tickets in advance on your behalf.

Please note: The BAC e.V. Postfach 33 02 45, 14172 Berlin, is a non-profit, charitable organization under German federal tax law, with an **annual fee of €75.00.** We also welcome contributions !

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CLUB RESIGNATIONS If you choose to terminate your membership with the BAC, the Constitution requires that you do so in a timely manner and in writing. Please consult your copy of the Constitution for details.

Advertisement fees:

Full page:

1 month: €45.00
9 months: €360.00

1/2 page:

1 month: €35.00
9 months: €280.00

1/4 page:

1 month: €25.00
9 months: €200.00

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 REFORMATIONS-TAG	1	2 11.00 Welfare Meeting	3	4
6 15.00 ELECTION TEA	7 10.00 Bridge	8	9 12.00 Board Meeting French Conversation 2 14.30	10 11.00 French Conv.	11
13	14 10.00 Bridge	15 15.00 G-E Conv	16	17 10.15 KUNSTKREIS	18
20 15.00 Engl Conv	21 10.00 Bridge	22 	23 French Conversation 2 14.30 15.00 Literature	24 11.00 French Conv. 14.30 Farideh's Bridge	25
27 15.00 Conv Gallery	28 10.00 Bridge	29 15.00 G-E Conv	30	1	2
4 15.00 Engl Conv	5 10.00 Bridge	6	7 15.00 NICHOLAS TEA	8 11.00 French Conv.	9

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15.00

Nicholas Tea
Hotel Seehof

Saturday, Dec. 16
13.00

Gift Wrapping
City Station

WANTED

Helpful, caring hands to hold, cuddle and love newborns and preemies.

If you can commit regularly for this hands-on charity work, please contact Ulli Brandi

Tel: 91 54 40 12 ulli@brandi.de

