

# The BeRLIN—AMERICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## DINING OUT



*Come join us for a delightful evening with good food at  
the Georgian restaurant "Genzvale"*

*on Thursday, September 20,*

*at 19.00*



Hohenzollerndamm 33,  
10713 Berlin, Deutschland  
(U-Bahn Fehrbelliner Platz,  
plenty of parking spaces)

Please make your **reservation**  
by **Sep. 15**

with Andrea **Martsch-Eschweiler** Tel: 0175-2767990

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## DINNER at RMD HAUS



On Thursday, September 27, 2018, we would like to treat the families of severely sick children who are staying at the Ronald McDonald Haus to a special dinner cooked from the heart and served with a smile to bring some cheer into their lives. If you could contribute some time to cook, serve, clean or help in any other way, please contact

Angelika McLarren tel. 79706523 or email: [lilie56@aol.com](mailto:lilie56@aol.com)

We will meet there at Seestr. 28, 13353 Berlin-Wedding at 17.30 hrs.

**Your help is greatly appreciated!**

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## The Elected Board

### President

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## The Appointed Board

Secretary: vacant

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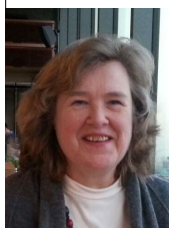
### Welfare

**Ulli Brandi (G)** Tel: 91 54 40 12  
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### Kultur

**Edda Wagner-Cavaliere (I)** Tel. 801 40 13  
dcawagner@aol.com

Dear Ladies,



What a summer of superlatives: the longest, the driest, the sunniest. But is that true? Germany has also experienced extreme droughts in previous years. In 1992, for example, when wheat withered away in the fields, wells dried up and priests prayed for rain at church services. Or in 1971, when forest fires flared up in many places across the country. Or in 1947, when even drinking water became scarce. During the 2006 World Cup, when the Germans were on a high as hosts of the event, their "summer fairy tale," July was 2 degrees Celsius warmer than it has been this year. And rather than complain about it, people celebrated.

The Roman historian Tacitus, who was very familiar with high temperatures, once wrote of the Germans: "Heat and thirst they cannot in the least endure."

Let's always make the best of things, look forward to a colorful autumn and spend some time with your BAC friends.

Warmest wishes



The next

## WELFARE Meeting

will take place on **Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, at  
11.00 hrs at the ICB**  
**followed by the BOARD MEETING at 12.00**

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

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.



## BAC T-SHIRTS

We still have these lovely 100% cotton BAC T-Shirts available. Size S as modelled here by Gisela and Sooki.

You can purchase them for €10.00 at our events or contact Elly Mihm: Tel 711 94 98



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are looking for **candidates** for our upcoming **Elections in October.**

PLEASE consider running for office for the club year 2019. If you have any suggestions, please contact any of the present Board members.

The candidates will be announced in the October newsletter. Elections will be held on

**Monday, October 29 at the Logenhaus, Heerstr. at 15.00hrs.**

Nominations can then also still come from the floor.

## 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: September 21, 2018,**  
**Giesebrechtstr. 1, 10629 Berlin**

Time: 14.30 – 20.00 PM

Cost: Euro 20

Reporting BAC(k)

## TOUR GROUP

Ingrid Hink and Marieta Frey arranged a great tour to the Ofen and Keramik Museum in Velten - the last event before the summer holidays . The ovens and works of Hedwig Bollhagen were extremely interesting, although at times we felt as though we were being baked



alive!!! The traditional picnic was a great success with everyone contributing delicious food and drink.



A big " thank you" to Ingrid and Marieta for all their hard work organising such interesting events throughout the year. Please continue!

Jackie Wekwerth

# Edda's Excursion

by bus to Plau am See. We enjoyed a walk through the old town, fresh fish and a boat ride on the lake. THANK YOU, EDDA, for organizing this trip!



## English Conversation trip to Bristol

The English Conversation Group went on their annual excursion with husbands. This year we went to the UK having fun with Wallace and Gromit in Bristol and lovely owls in Bath. We experienced tea time with Jane

Austen and fish 'n' chips and ale in typical English pubs. Menhirs in Stonehenge and picturesque villages in Wiltshire.

And, of course, lots of sunshine ...



# 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

## 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.

## Angstfrei e.V.

This organisation helps HIV-positive children from underprivileged homes by offering them outings, short holidays, gifts at Christmas and other special treats which they would not otherwise experience.

Contact: **Ulli Brandi** 91 54 40 12

## 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

"HANDS ON" Projects



## ENGLISH CONVERSATION BRIDGE

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, September 20th at 3 p.m. at the home of Marta Wöste to discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towels. Contacts: Pamela Richter, 813 7389 or Marta Wöste, 803 2812.



**Please send Newsletter submissions for the October 2018 Edition in writing (and in English)**

**by September 20, 2018 to: Angelika McLarren e-mail: newsletter@berlin-american-club.de**

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

Our group is open to all members who would like to practice their Spanish conversational skills. For the date and place of our next meeting, please contact one of the coordinators.

Contacts: Gudula Eisemann, 30 20 40 82 or Marta Wöste, 803 2812.

### 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!

**Berlin American Club e.V.: Commerzbank Berlin**

**IBAN: DE 46 1004 0000 0269 998100**

**BIC: COBADE FFXXX**

**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**

# SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 15.00 G-E Conv	6	7	8
10 15.00 Engl Conv	11 10.00 Bridge	12	13 French Convers. 2 14.30	14 11.00 French Conv.	15
17	18 10.00 Bridge	19 15.00 G-E Conv	20 15.00 Literature 19.00 DINING OUT	21 Farideh's Bridge	22
24 15.00 Engl Conv	25 10.00 Bridge	26	27 French Convers. 2 14.30 17.30 RMD DINNER	28 11.00 French Conv.	29
1	2 10.00 Bridge	3 GERMAN REU- NIFICATION DAY	4 11.00 Welfare Mee- ting 12.00 Board Meeting	5	6

*Mark  
Your  
Calendar*

Monday,  
Oct.29  
Election Coffee

Monday, Dec. 3  
Nicholas Tea



## WANTED

Helpful, caring hands to hold, cuddle and love newborns and premies at the Charité Virchow.

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

Tel: 91 54 40 12 [ulli@brandi.de](mailto:ulli@brandi.de)

