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FARIDEH'S BRIDGE GROUP

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

If you like to join this group
call Farideh: Tel. 883 5701

After the game we'll prepare and enjoy a Persian Dinner
Next meeting: November 16, 2018,
Giesebrechtstr. 1, 10629 Berlin
Time: 14.30 – 20.00 PM
Cost: Euro 20

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Dear Ladies,

Last Monday the old Board was elected to be the new Board for the club year 2019. Thank you for your confidence in us. We will all do our best to meet your expectations. It would be helpful if we knew what kind of events and activities you would like to have. We are starting to welfare projects with schools because children and education are very important to us and for the future.

It is November and in good old American fashion many of us will celebrate Thanksgiving. There is so much to be grateful for. Take a moment and count your blessings!

Warmest wishes



Angelika McLarren

A **BIG THANK YOU** to

**Isa Bruch, Gabriele Leffers
und Dorothea Piper-Jülich**
for their generous donations
to our Welfare projects!

The next

WELFARE Meeting

will take place on **Wednesday, Nov 7, 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.



WANTED

- **Helpers at the Library of the H.-J.-von- MoltkeSchule in
Charlottenburg-Nord**

- **Helpful, caring hands to hold, cuddle and love
newborns and preemies at the Charité Klinikum Virchow.**

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

Tel: 91 54 40 12 ulli@brandi.de



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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We welcome our new members:

Britta Emmes

Jänickestr. 32, 14167 Berlin, brittaemmes@gmail.com
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Christina Möllenkamp

Düsseldorfer Str. 48, 10707 Berlin,
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Nicholas Tea 2018



**on Monday, December 3, 2018,
at 15.00 hrs at the Hotel Seehof
(Lietzenseeufer 11, 14057 Berlin)**

**Your € 20.00 include cake, canapés,
coffee/tea, welcome drink
and entertainment
by the
Bassoon quartett "Bassoonata"**



**Please make your reservations
no later than Nov. 28**

**with Pamela Richter
Tel: 8 13 73 89 lupaRichter@gmx.de**



Reporting BAC(k)

BAC ELECTIONS 2018

After the official part of the Elections, we had a very interesting and informative talk by Frau Jacobi, a retired police woman, about safety for seniors.

Of course, we think we know all this, but it is good to be reminded again.

- Don't let strangers into your building.
- Secure your door with metallic plates and horizontal and vertical bar locks
- Don't be polite, don't open the door if you are alone
- Don't accept packages for neighbors if you weren't asked to do so, and never pay for them
- Wear light or reflective colors especially in the dark season. Walk with confidence. Change to the other side of the street if you feel followed; carry your keys in your hands.
- Carry all your valuables on your body—Not in your handbag.
- Beware of people who accidentally bump into you or spill anything on you
- Protect your credit cards with a metallic container or wrap them in aluminium foil.
- Don't answer strange phone calls or emails. Hang up immediately. No, you didn't win a million. The more you talk the more information you give away.

- If you want to get a larger amount of cash at your bank, ask to be taken to a separate room
- The Police will never contact you and ask about your valuables
- Beware of the "Grandchild trick" phone call.

If you have any problems, suspicions or questions, call the **BÜRGERTELEFON DER POLIZEI**

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WELFARE PROJECT SUMMARY

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 McLaren 797 06523**

Reittherapie für B. H.

B. ist ein 6-jähriger Junge, der diesen Sommer mit dem Abenteuer Schule startete.

Er geht gern dorthin, aber noch viel lieber in den Hort. Mit anderen Kindern zusammen zu sein, sich viel zu bewegen, toben, rennen, spielen, all das genießt er sehr.

Mit seinen sechs Jahren hat er bereits einiges erlebt, so dass sein Selbstwertgefühl auf dem Rückzug war. Emotionale Instabilität, Ängste und Beziehungsabbrüche wurden erlebt. Dies ist sehr viel für einen freundlichen, kreativen, entdeckungsfreudigen Jungen, der all dies bewältigen möchte. Manchmal hilft auch die Wut dabei und viele zugewandte Menschen, die an ihn glauben und ihm zeigen, dass er „richtig“ ist, Fehler machen und lernen darf. Wir wünschen uns für B. eine Alltagswelt, in der er wieder Vertrauen zu den Erwachsenen fassen kann und vor allem zu sich selbst. B. möchte ganz schnell groß werden und ganz viel allein machen, was angesichts seiner Erfahrungen sehr verständlich ist. Auszeiten, in denen andere ihm wertschätzend und altersgemäß begegnen und er diesen Anspruch „alles selbst zu können“, in den Hintergrund stellen kann, sind wahre Tankstellen für ihn. Viel Spaß für B.

G. Kaiser



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, November 22nd at 3 p.m. at the home of Christel Haubitz to discuss "Ladder of Years" by Ann Tyler. Contacts: Pamela Richter, 813 7389 or Marta Wöste, 803 2812.



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.

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

by November 20, 2018 to:

Angelika McLarren e-mail: newsletter@berlin-american-club.de

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

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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

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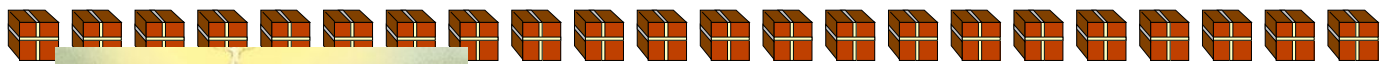


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 15.00 ELECTION TEA	30 10.00 Bridge	31 HALLOWEEN	1	2	3
5 15.00 Engl Conv	6 10.00 Bridge	7 11.00 Welfare Meeting 12.00 Board Meeting	8 French Convers. 2 14.30	9 11.00 French Conv.	10
12	13 10.00 Bridge	14 15.00 G-E Conv	15	16 Farideh's Bridge	17
19 15.00 Engl Conv	20 10.00 Bridge	21	22 THANKSGIVING French Convers. 2 14.30 15.00 Literature	23 11.00 French Conv.	24
26	27 10.00 Bridge	28 15.00 G-E Conv	29		

*Check
Your
Calendar*

Monday,
Dec. 3, 15.00
Nicholas Tea

Saturday,
Dec 15, 12.30
Gift Wrapping
City Station



Christmas Presents WRAPPING
at City Station
 Joachim-Friedrich Str. 46, near Kudamm,
on Saturday, December 15, at 12:30
 If you can come and help, please contact
Etsuko Mishima-Manz
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