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BAC ELECTIONS 2018

Date: Monday, October 29, 2018

Time: 15.00 hrs

Location: Logenhaus
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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: October 19, 2018,
Giesebrechtstr. 1, 10629 Berlin

Time: 14.30 – 20.00 PM

Cost: Euro 20

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Elected Board

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Dear Ladies,

In the last years we have helped to build up the library of the Lemgo-Schule in Kreuzberg. We can proudly say that it has become a big success.

Now we are looking for other similar projects and will keep you posted. In any case, the schools are always looking for "Lesepaten" and/or helpers in the library. Maybe you have some hours to spare?

For our Election Tea we are expecting an expert from the Berliner Polizei who will talk to us about safety and security especially for seniors. I am sure we can all learn something.

Hope to see you there. Please remember it is your right and your duty as a member to attend a general club meeting.

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.



WANTED

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

- **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**



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



The Spanish Conversation Group met for the opening of an art exhibition at the Representative Office of Taipei / Taiwan, Gendarmenmarkt, who staged that event for the Embassy of Honduras at their location . Four Honduran artists, who were also present, showed their colourful and imaginative art and were introduced to us by the ambassador of Honduras and the Representative of Taiwan. Moreover, we were treated to some lovely Chinese snacks. A great outing! Thank you Marta Woeste for your excellent idea!



BAC ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2018

Date: Monday, October 29, 2018

Time: 15.00 hrs

Location: Logenhaus

Heerstraße 28, 14052 Berlin-Charlottenburg

1. Welcome
2. Announcements
3. Election of the Board of Governors 2019
4. Announcements of Election Results
5. Miscellaneous
6. Adjournment
7. Presentation by the Berliner Polizei giving us tips on safety and security for senior citizens



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



There is no charge for the meeting ... but donations to our Welfare projects are welcome.

Please make your reservation with **Pamela Richter**
(tel.: 8 13 73 89 or email: hospitality@berlin-american-club.de)
by October 25,

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.
Please try and come!

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 Forschungstipendium 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.

Sooki Koepfel:



was born in South Korea, but has lived in Berlin since 1984. After her dentistry studies she went to the UdK Berlin to get a degree in Arts. She has become not only a renowned painter, but also a recognized poet. She has won many awards and prizes for her works. She is a member of several art associations and has been with the BAC for many years. She is married to Prof. Matthias Koepfel, they have a daughter, Mathilde.

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 weiterhin in dieser Funktion zur Verfügung zu stehen.

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, October 18, at 3 p.m. at the home of Barbara Bötting to discuss "Solar Storms" by Linda Hogan. 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 November 2018 Edition in writing (and in English)

**by October 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!

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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

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 10.00 Bridge	3 GERMAN REUNIFICATION DAY	4 11.00 Welfare Meeting 12.00 Board Meeting	5	6
8 15.00 Engl Conv	9 10.00 Bridge	10	11 French Convers. 2 14.30	12 11.00 French Conv.	14
15	16 10.00 Bridge	17 15.00 G-E Conv	18 15.00 Literature	19 Farideh's Bridge	20
22 15.00 Engl Conv	23 10.00 Bridge	24	25 French Convers. 2 14.30	26 11.00 French Conv.	27
29 15.00 ELECTION TEA	30 10.00 Bridge	31 HALLOWEEN 15.00 G-E Conv	1	2	3

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Oct.29
Election Coffee

Monday, Dec. 3, 15.00
Nicholas Tea

Sat 15 Dec
12.30
Gift Wrapping
City Station

Reporting BACK!



DINING OUT



GENAZVALE
Georgisches Restaurant