

# THE BERLIN—AMERICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER



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**Don't miss the KUB Theater-Event of the year**

Die ersten drei Aufführungen finden in einem spannenden und gut ausgestatteten und beheizten Zirkuszelt statt. Die Lage ist direkt an der Westseite der Spree an der Oberbaumbrücke in einem spannenden und quirligen Kreuzberger Kiez. Auch die 4. Aufführung hat den Flair der Bergmannstrasse.

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**Regie: Margareta Riefenthaler**

**29./30./31.03.2019 • 19:30**

**im Circus Schatzinsel**

May-Ayim-Ufer 4, Kreuzberg

*Nahe U-Bahnhof Schlesisches Tor*

**02.04.2019 • 19:30**

**Evangelisch-Freikirchliche  
Gemeinde Kreuzberg**

Bergmannstr. 22, Kreuzberg

*Nahe U-Bahnhof Gneisenaustraße*

**Eintritt: 12,-/6,- €**

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Dear Ladies,



One of our oldest project is KUB – the drop-in center for street kids. They have recently moved to a new location. Against great odds, they have managed again to bring a group of these kids on stage. Come join us for an exciting night at the theater in a circus tent! They need and deserve all the support they can get.

Hope to see you there!

By the way, only your membership fees and donations make all our charity projects possible. So please, transfer your dues.

Enjoy the first signs and smells of spring

Warmest wishes



WE ARE ALL WONDER WOMEN!



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**The dues for the new club year 2019 are due NOW!**

**Please transfer € 75.00 to our account:**

**Berlin American Club e.V. IBAN: DE46 1004 0000 0269 998100**

**BIC: COBADE FFXXX**

**If we don't receive your dues in timely manner,  
your name will be removed from the mailing list.**

## Membership Fee

Dear Ladies,

May I remind you that the membership fee for 2019 is due. If you have not paid the fee yet, may I kindly ask you to do so by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.

Furthermore, I would like to inform you, that the membership fee is tax deductible. When you transfer your dues, you can mark them as "Spende". That is good enough for the Finanzamt. If you would like to receive a donation receipt for tax purposes, please contact me via telephone: 0177 6463871 or e-mail: [gisela@sefranek.info](mailto:gisela@sefranek.info)

Best wishes, Gisela Sefranek

The next

## WELFARE Meeting

will take place on **Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 10.30 hrs**

**at the ICB followed by the BOARD MEETING**

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.



## 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: March 15, 2019,**  
**Giesebrechtstr. 1, 10629 Berlin**

Time: 14.30 – 20.00 PM

Cost: Euro 20

## VALENTINE'S DINNER

at  
**PETROGELI'S**





## Teppichwäscherei **Abasi**

Ihr kompetenter Ansprechpartner rund um  
**Ihr „Teppichproblem“**

bei Teppichreparatur und -wäsche. Wir beraten Sie gerne unverbindlich auch bei Ihnen zuhause!

- Bio-Handwäsche
- Einketteln
- Riss & Bruchstellenbeseitigen
- Kanten befestigen
- Fransen erneuern
- Löcher nachknüpfen
- Klopfen
- Trittfallen & Wellen entfernen
- und sonstige Reparaturen!



### Teppichwäsche und Meister Reparatur

Befreien Sie Ihren Teppich jetzt von Schmutz, Flecken und ungewollten Bewohnern, wie Motten und Milben.

Wir waschen mit Bio-Seifen in Handarbeit!

Durch Imprägnierung - Rückfettung des Gewebes - bleiben Glanz und Sauberkeit lange erhalten.



Bei der Teppichreinigung Vor- und Hauptwäschen mit diversen Spülgängen bis zur Schaumreinigung, bei der am Ende das Wasser klar abfließt. Lose Fasern, Milben und Teppichkäfer werden dabei entfernt.“

### Restaurierung & Reparatur

Um den Wert eines Orientteppichs zu erhalten ist es wichtig jeden Schaden unverzüglich von einem Fachmann beheben zu lassen. Aus einer kleinen Problemstelle wird schnell ein großer Schaden, der aufwändige Reparaturen nach sich zieht. Das muss nicht sein.



**Abasi**  
Ihr Teppichservice

Kostenloser  
Abhol-/Bringservice

Besuchen Sie unsere Teppich-Galerie in Abasi.  
Sie finden uns in der

**Blissestraße. 46, 10713 Berlin**

**030 / 473 848 38    0176 20 60 7326**

**Mo - Fr 10 - 18 Uhr • Sa 11 - 16 Uhr**

# 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**



## 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

## 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, March 14, 3 p.m. at the home of Angelika McLarren, to discuss "The Wife" by Meg Wolitzer.

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

If you interested in joining the group, please contact:  
Gudula Eisemann, 30 20 40 82  
or Marta Wöste, 803 2812.

Please send Newsletter submissions for the **March 2019** Edition in writing (and in English) by **March 20, 2019** to:  
**Angelika McLarren e-mail: newsletter@berlin-**

### 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



# MARCH



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 10.00 Bridge	30	31	1	2
4	5 10.00 Bridge	6 15.00 G-E Conv	7 French Conversation 2 14.30	8 11.00 French Conv.	9
11 15.00 Engl Conv	12 10.00 Bridge	13	14 15.00 Literature	15 14.30 Farideh's Bridge	16
18	19 10.00 Bridge	20 15.00 G-E Conv	21 French Conversation 2 14.30	22 11.00 French Conv.	23
25 15.00 Engl Conv	26 10.00 Bridge	27 11.00 Welfare + Board Meeting at the ICB	28	29 19.30 KUB	30 19.30 KUB
1	2 19.30 KUB	3	4	5	6

*Make  
Your  
Calendar*

Sa May 4

Excursion  
Baumkronen-  
pfad Beelitz

Wed May 8

Welfare/Board  
Meeting  
at City Station



**Saint Patrick's Day**, feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland.

Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green"—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists.