

# The BeRLIN—AMERICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## VALENTINE DAY DINNER

Come join us with your significant other or alone for a Dining-Out at the restaurant (Motzstrasse 34, 10777 Berlin) and enjoy a delicious meal and good company



on Wednesday, 14 February, 2018, at 19.00.

Please make your reservations by contacting

**Andrea Martsch-Eschweiler:**

0175-2767990 [andrea.martsch@design40.de](mailto:andrea.martsch@design40.de)

**by Monday, 12 February.**

We are looking forward to a lovely evening with you!

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## DINNER at RMD HAUS

On Thursday, February 15, 2017, 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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**Edda Wagner-Cavaliere (I)** Tel. 801 40 13  
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Dear Ladies,  
At our AGM, Sooki Koepfel was unanimously elected to Vice-President. Welcome on Board! We are looking forward to her creativity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Elke Mähliß** for her many years as BAC Treasurer. She never got tired of handling all financial affairs diligently and having fun giving to the needy and collecting dues and donations from our members. Her constructive ideas and initiatives brought us new projects and a lot of joy to the less fortunate. I really enjoyed working with you, Elke. **THANK YOU!**

*Angelika Mähliß*



The next  
**WELFARE + BOARD Meeting**  
will take place on **Thursday, February 22  
2018, at 10.30 hrs at Reinickes Hof,  
Ollenhauer Straße 84 /Eingang Ecke Waldstraße  
13403 Berlin- Reinickendorf**

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.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The dues for the new club year 2018 are due by the end of January!

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

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

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

### Membership News:

#### Change of E-Mail address:

Gisela Poreike: [gisela.poreike@outlook.de](mailto:gisela.poreike@outlook.de)

Ingrid Hink: [janingridhink@posteo.de](mailto:janingridhink@posteo.de)

Reporting BAC(k)

## 28th Annual General Membership Meeting

The Board of 2017 got a flower for their work during the club year: From left: Maria Teresa Börner, Elke Mähliß, Angelika McLarren, Ulli Brandi, Pamela Richter



Uschi Hoffmann was our guest speaker and told us about the work with the refugees of Marburger Str. The difficulties, challenges, but also success with teaching young ones and old ones not just German, but in many cases even reading and writing.

## gesehen - gemalt – gebunkert SOOKI

-Ölgemälde-Aquarell-Tuschmalerei-

**09. März um 19°° Uhr: Vernissage der Ausstellung von SOOKI**

Grüßwort: Prof. Dr. Dominik Bartmann (Abteilungsleiter Ausstellungen im Märkischen Museum)

Prof. Matthias Koepfel

**23. März um 19°° Uhr** : Konzert von Duo Neonissimo (Mathilde Koepfel, Valeriy Berkov)

Klassik & eigenen Kompositionen

Eintritt frei, Spende erbeten

**im Artist Homes , Hohenzollerndamm 120, 14199 Berlin**

# KuB

Kontakt- und Beratungsstelle



Hilfen für junge Menschen in Not

## KuB Theater Projekt

**Aufführungen am 22., 23., 24. und 27. März 2018 im Coupé Theater in Berlin-Wilmersdorf,  
Hohenzollerndamm 177.**



## 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: February 16, 2017,  
Giesebrechtstr. 1, 10629 Berlin**

Time: 14.30 – 20.00 PM

Costs: Euro 20



# WELFARE

## Good bye Marburger Strasse

As many of you already know at the end of October DRK Notunterkunft in Marburger Str. was closed.

Frau Rehberg, the head of the refugees home and Ciaran Wrons-Passmann, the "Ehrenamtskoordinator" thanked all of us for our engagement. They invited us for a last meeting. There they informed us that all inhabitants – as far as they did not find a home for themselves – are now in Freudstraße 8, 13589 Spandau, MUF, Betreiber AWO. There they now finally have their own kitchen und more rooms.



Also this "Unterkunft" needs help with homework for the kids and German lessons for the adults. So if anybody of our members lives in this surrounding – please contact me and I will arrange a meeting.

Besides Wrons-Passmann, who was also busy in the **DRK Notunterkunft in Lietzenburger Str. 78**, is very interested that we continue our work there. Uli Brandi and Farideh have already been there. If you are interested please contact us.

Together with another lady from Marburger I went with this childrens to the "Generalprobe" of Alice in Wonderland on Nicolaus Day. They had a lot of fun and we too. See Pictures.

I think nevertheless there is a lot to do for and with the refugees. I myself am engaged with a Syrian family – 8 persons. I think they are on the best way to be integrated in Germany.

So if you have the opportunity to help with integration work – don't worry and help - I am sure it makes you happy and it is a work worth doing..

Thanks

Renate Micus



# 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 McLaren** **797 06523**

## 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](mailto:ulli@brandi.de)



## 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-Zeinart  
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

We will meet on Thursday, February 22nd at 3 p.m. at the home of Christel Haubitz to discuss "The Seven Sisters" by Lucinda Riley. 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. This month we will meet for lunch on Thursday, February 15th at 13.00 at the "Brasserie Le Paris", Kurfürstendamm 211. Please let Ping know if you are able to attend until Monday, February 12 so that she can make the necessary reservations. Contacts: Gudula Eisemann, 30 20 40 82 or Marta Wöste, 803 28 12.

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

**by February 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**



# February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 15.00 Engl Conv	30 10.00 Bridge	31	1	2	3
5	6 10.00 Bridge	7 15.00 G-E Conv	8 French Conversation 2 14.30	9 11.00 French Conv.	10
12 15.00 Engl Conv	13 10.00 Bridge	14 19.00 Valentine's Dining Out	15	16 Farideh's Bridge	17
19	20 10.00 Bridge	21 15.00 G-E Conv	22 10.30 Welfare+ Board Meeting French Convers. 2 14.30 15.00 Literature	23 11.00 French Conv.	24
26 15.00 Engl Conv	27 10.00 Bridge	28	1	2	3

*Mark your Calendar*

March 9:  
Sooki's  
Vernissage

March 22, 23,  
24+27  
KUB Theater

March 23  
Concert



Outside BAC

## FEBRUARY



*Valentine's Day*



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