

THE BERLIN—AMERICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Join us for a nice evening at our next

DINING OUT Thursday, February 20

19.30

at Macchiavelli's

italienische und alpenländische Küche
Clayallee 1, Roseneck, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem

Please make your reservations with Gisela Sefranek

Tel. 68 07 33 22 gisela@sefranek.info
by February 15

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DINNER at RMD HAUS

On Thursday, February 13, 2020, 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

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

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Dear Ladies,
This newsletter is about money. First there are thank-yous to groups for their generous donations. Secondly, there is a chart to show you where and how we spent your money last year on our Welfare projects. And thirdly, we ask you to please transfer your annual dues in a timely manner. Our treasurer will be most grateful. She doesn't really like sending out reminders. As you can see we can do a lot of good for many people. Every cent counts! Thank you for your cooperation!

Warmest wishes

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The dues for the new club year 2020 are due!
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.

The next **WELFARE/BOARD Meeting**

will take place on
Wednesday, February 19, at 10.30 hrs

at **Reinickes Hof**
Waldstr. 1, 13403 Berlin

The ladies of our charity project there would like to treat us to a delicious brunch.

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.

Thanks to your generous donations we were able to continue to support our ongoing Welfare projects. Here you can see where your money went. All of these organizations keep in touch and really show their gratitude. Everybody appreciates our continued support.

	Spenden 2019	
RMD	Patenschaft	2.000,00 €
	2x Dinner, Spende	924,61 €
KUB	Hygieneartikel, Möbel, Mädchenprojekt	2.570,00 €
Berliner Stadtmission	Kältehilfe	1.500,00 €
AMSOC	Reiten	450,00 €
	Freizeit	500,00 €
Cooperative Mensch	Freizeit Erwachsene Hohenschönhausen	1.000,00 €
	Hundetherapie	500,00 €
	Schaukel, Herd, etc	1.200,00 €
Giving Something Back		500,00 €
Citystation	Hygieneartikel, Wäsche	1.500,00 €
	Kuchen für Sommerfest, Weihnachtskarten	
Paul-Lincke-Schule	Musikinstrumente	900,00 €
Reinickes Hof	Bingo, Ausflüge	1.500,00 €
Kinderschutz	Prävention	1.800,00 €
Lemgo-Schule	Bücher für die Schulbibliothek	500,00 €
Angstfrei	Ausflug	500,00 €
		17.844,61 €

BIG THANK YOU

To **Farideh Ghasanfarian** who not only organized such a wonderful Persian Evening, but also donated **€ 140.00** from her Bridge Group.

To **Christin Carsten und Merle Werbke who** collected **€325.00** at a private Bridge Tournament for our charity projects.

Marlis Mohren and Frauke Maaß continue to lead the Bridge Group and keep collecting money so that they could now donate **€2500.00** to Welfare.

Reporting BAC(k)



Nicholas Tea 2019



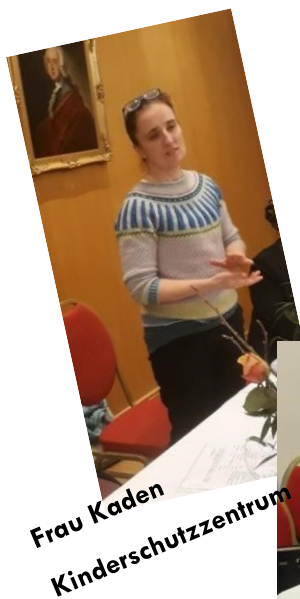
While we were enjoying coffee, cake and canapees the children of the **Paul-Lincke-Schule** gave us a little concert. Some of the instruments were purchased with the financial support of the BAC.



We were invited to attend their Christmas concert at the Advent-Kirche. The kids showed so much talent and enthusiasm that it was a joy to watch them. Our support is a good investment in the children's future.



Impressions from the 29th Annual General Membership



Frau Kaden
Kinderschutzzentrum



Herr Hall, KUB



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. 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.**



Jugendfördergruppe der Cooperative Mensch

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 7970 6523**

"HANDSON" Projects



Elly Mihm's knitted baby socks are hanging in the hall of the "Frühchen-Station" of the Charité in Wedding.



Dieter Puhl, the former manager of the Bahnhofsmisson, gave us an interesting tour and insight of the work with homeless people at the Stadtmisson center Lehrter Str where they can eat and sleep

INTEREST GROUPS

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

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, February 20 at 3 p.m. at the home of Christel Haubitz to discuss "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn. 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 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

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

This month Ping has invited our group for lunch on Tuesday, February 11 at 13.30. Please let Ping know until Thursday, February 6 if you plan to attend.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact: 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

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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 or contact us.

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

Please send Newsletter submissions for the **March 2020** Edition in writing (and in English)

by **February 20, 2020** to:

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

FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 10.00 Bridge	5 15.00 G-E Conv	6	7	8
10 15.00 Engl Conv	11 10.00 Bridge 13.30 Spanish Group	12	13 17.30 Dinner at RMD	14 11.00 French Conv.	15
17	18 10.00 Bridge	19 10.30 WELFARE/BOARD MEETING 15.00 G-E Conv	20 15.00 Literature Group 1930 DINING OUT	21	22
24 15.00 Engl Conv	25 10.00 Bridge	26	27	28	29
2	3 10.00 Bridge	4 15.00 G-E Conv	5	6	7 BINGO at Reinickes Hof

Mark
Your
Calendar

Thursday,
14 May
BENEFIZ-
CONCERT



One of our Welfare projects is **Reinickes Hof** —a neighborhood support group for the elderly organized by volunteers and financed by donations. Our contribution this year went towards the goodie bags for Christmas. They included a **NOTFALLDOSE**. A very useful little item which each of us should have at home. You can insert all the necessary information in case of an emergency for the ambulance or doctor.

It's available at every Apotheke.

We will play BINGO at Reinickes Hof on Saturday, March 7, at 15.00. Everybody is welcome to join the fun.