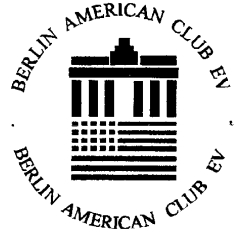


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## BAC ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2016

Date: Monday, November 7, 2016

Time: 15.00 hrs

Location: Logenhaus , Heerstraße!!!!



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It's time for our traditional

**THANKSGIVING  
FEAST**

on Wednesday,  
November 16, 2016

at the Wannsee Golf Club

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## The Elected Board

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### Welfare

**Ulli Brandi (G)** Tel: 91 54 40 12  
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Dear Ladies,

Our last welfare meeting took place at Reinickes Hof. The nice ladies of this senior self-help organization wanted to say thank you for our continued support. During the next months we want to try to meet at our other welfare projects. It is important to keep a close relationship with them, to overcome any reservations (Berührungsängste) and at the same time see where our money goes.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Remember, please, the Elections will take place at the Logenhaus on Heerstr.

Warmest wishes



**This month's  
BIG THANK YOU goes to  
the BRIDGE GROUP for €1000 and  
Gabriele Leffers for €400 to the  
Bahnhofsmission  
and Christiane Graf for €400  
for KUB**

**BOARD MEETING** will be held on:

**Thursday, November 3, 2016,**

**at 11.00  
at the ICB**

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.



# Join us for dinner!

It's time for our traditional

## THANKSGIVING FEAST

on Wednesday,  
November 16, 2016

at 17.30

at the **Golf- und Land-Club Berlin-Wannsee**

(Golfweg 22, 14109 Berlin)

The German-American Club Berlin and the Berlin American Club are celebrating this important American holiday together this year again

**€ 39.00** (to be paid at the door)

will include a welcome drink,  
a traditional three-course meal  
with soup, turkey and the trimmings, dessert,  
and musical entertainment

Come join us for this festive affair. Bring your husband and friends.

Please make your reservations with Pam Richter

(tel.: 8 13 73 89 or email: [hospitality@berlin-american-club.de](mailto:hospitality@berlin-american-club.de))

**by Friday, November 11.**

**"A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID."**



## Our Candidates

### For President:



**Angelika McLaren:** 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., Studium, 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.



**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**

**TREASURER**



If you want to brush up your English, discuss interesting subjects and meet nice members of our club, come join the **Conversation in the Gallery**.  
 Our next meeting is on Monday, November 28, from 15.00-17.00hrs.  
 For details, please call Catharine Nicely 86 39 04 29



# BAC ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2016

Date: Monday, November 7, 2016

Time: 15.00 hrs

Location: Logenhaus !!!!

HeerstraÙe 28, 14052 Berlin-Charlottenburg

1. Welcome
2. Announcements
3. Election of the Board of Governors 2017
4. Announcements of Election Results
5. Miscellaneous
6. Adjournment
7. Presentation by KUB



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

There is no charge for the meeting ... but please let **Pamela Richter**  
(tel.: 8 13 73 89 or email: [hospitality@berlin-american-club.de](mailto:hospitality@berlin-american-club.de))  
know if you are coming **by October 31**,  
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!

The next **WELFARE MEETING**  
will take place on **Thursday, 24 November, 2016**  
at **11.00 hrs** (place to be announced)

If you would like to attend, please contact  
our Welfare Chairlady,  
Ulli Brandi: tel. 91 54 40 12

# 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: **Reingard Renker** 3 04 88 24

## 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

## REINICKES HOF Selbsthilfe

Neighborhood support for the elderly organized by volunteers and based on donations.

Contact: **Pam Richter** Tel 813 7389

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

by **November 20, 2016** to:  
**Angelika McLarren** e-mail:  
**newsletter@berlin-american-club.de**

## 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.

## 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. We are still looking for German books - please help! 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 McLarren** 797 06523

## City Station Homeless

Volunteers are needed from time to time to help - for example with the Christmas wrapping. Contact:

**Etsuko Mishima-Manz** 89 72 69 29

"HANDS ON" Projects





## 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

## 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 Monday from **12 a.m. - 2 p.m.** in members' homes. Contacts:

Evelyn Bürk-Zeinar, 8252199 or  
Ingrid Freytag, 894 08 447

## GERMAN - ENGLISH - CONVERSATION GROUP

meets on alternate **Wednesdays** from **3 to 5 p.m.** Contacts: Heidemarie Stein, 8410 97 37 or

## LITERATURE

Our group will meet on Thursday, November 17, at 3 p.m. at the home of Pam Richter to discuss "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty  
Contacts:

Pamela Richter, 813 7389 or  
Marta Wöste, 803 2812.



## BRIDGE NEW VENUE !!!

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

## TENNIS

**Is taking a winter break and will start again in the spring.** We are still looking for new players! For information call:

Barbara Bötting Tel. 305 5432



## 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

The Spanish Conversation group meets 1x a month either privately at a member's home or in a restaurant for lunch .

Contact: Carola Bein-Furrer  
c.bein-furrer@t-online.de  
Gudula Eisemann  
gudula@btsgoa.com



### 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**

# November



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur
31 HALLOWEEN 15.00 Conv Gallery	1 10.00 Bridge	2 15.00 G-E Conv	3 11.00 Board Meeting	4	5
7 15.00 ELECTIONS LOGENHAUS	8 10.00 Bridge	9	10 French Conversation 2 14.30	11	12
14 12.00 French Conv.	15 10.00 Bridge	16 15.00 G-E Conv 17.30 THANKSGIVING DINNER	17 15.00 Literature	18	19
21 12.00 French Conv. 15.00 Engl Conv	22 10.00 Bridge	23 	24 11.00 Welfare Meeting French Conversation 2 14.30	25	26
28 15.00 Conv Gallery	29 10.00 Bridge	30 15.00 G-E Conv	1	2	3

*Mark Your Calendar*

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Monday, Nov 7  
Election Tea

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Wed., Nov 13  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner

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Monday, Dec. 5  
Nicholas Tea

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Saturday, Dec 17  
Xmas Wrapping

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Wed., Dec. 7  
Kunstkreis

*Mark Your Calendar*



## Nicholas Tea 2016

on Monday, December 5, 2016,  
 at 15.00 hrs at the Hotel Seehof (Lietzenseeufer 11, 14057 Berlin)  
 €20.00 include cake, canapés, coffee/tea, welcome drink  
 more in the next newsletter



**KUNSTKREIS** im DEZEMBER wird eine themenbezogene Führung über das Schenken werden.

**Mittwoch, d. 7.12.2016 - 15.00 Uhr Gemäldegalerie**

Von der Freude des Schenkens. Anregungen für Weihnachten mit Hilfe der Bildenden Künste.

Der Wunsch, anderen durch ein Geschenk eine Freude zu bereiten, ist ohne Frage einer der liebenswertesten Züge des zwischenmenschlichen Miteinanders. Schon aus diesem Grund gehört das Übereignen von mehr oder weniger umfangreichen Gaben in allen Kulturen der Welt zum Bestandteil religiöser Riten oder gesellschaftlicher Normen. Die Führung lädt dazu ein, eine Antwort auf die Frage der Philosophie des Schenkens zu finden.