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DINNER at the RMD Haus

on Thursday, October 13, 2016,
at Seestr. 28, 13353 Berlin-Wedding
at 17.30 hrs.

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BAC ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2016

Date: Monday, November 7, 2016

Time: 15.00 hrs

Location: Logenhaus , Heerstraße!!!!



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Elected Board

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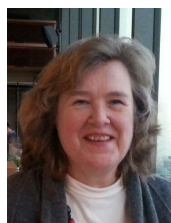
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Dear Ladies,
It's this time of year again: important events and holidays are approaching. Please note that we are going to hold our elections at the **Logenhaus**, Heerstr. this year. We are looking forward to a special presentation of the

KUB kids.

Please mark your calendars already for our delicious **Thanksgiving Dinner** at the Golf Club on Wednesday, November 16, and our traditional **Nicholas Tea** on Monday, December 5.

I am looking forward to spending these nice events with you!

Warmest wishes



BOARD MEETING will be held on:

Thursday, October 6, 2016,

at **12.00**
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.



DINNER at the RMD Haus

On Thursday, October 13, 2016, 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

Your help is greatly appreciated!

We will meet there at Seestr. 28, 13353 Berlin-Wedding at 17.30 hrs.

Four children from the Spastiker Home and their chaperones went on a 4-day trip to Rheinsberg where the kids could enjoy boatrides, bowling and the animal park. The outing was made possible because the costs were in part covered by a BAC donation.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Change of email address:

Isa Bruch isaundwolfgangbruch@arcor.de

Please inform our membership lady Gaby von Hagen if you have any changes of postal or email address or a new telephone number:

membership@berlin-american-club.de



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, October 17, 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

Heerstraße 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



There is no charge for the meeting ... but please let

Pamela Richter (tel.: 8 13 73 89 or email: 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 **Friday, 28 October, 2016** at **11.00 hrs** at
Reinickes Hof Selbsthilfe e.V. , Waldstraße 1, 13403 Berlin
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 November 2016 Edition in writing (and in English) by **October 15, 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, October 20, at 3 p.m. at the home of Barbara Bötting to discuss favourite books of the members.

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

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Rot-Weiß Tennis Club. 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
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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	Satur	
3 GERMAN RE-UNIFICATION	4 10.00 Bridge	5 10.00 Tennis 15.00 G-E Conv	6 12.00 Board Meeting	7	8	<i>Mark Your Calendar</i> Dinner at RMD Haus Th, Oct 13 Monday, Nov 7 <u>Election Tea</u> Wed., Nov 13 Thanksgiving Dinner Monday, Dec. 5 Nicholas Tea Saturday, Dec 17 Xmas Wrapping
10 12.00 French Conv. 15.00 Engl Conv	11 10.00 Bridge	12 10.00 Tennis .	13 French Conversation 2 14.30 18.00 RMD Dinner	14	15	
17	18 10.00 Bridge	19 10.00 Tennis 15.00 G-E Conv	20 15.00 Literature	21	22	
24 12.00 French Conv. 15.00 Engl Conv	25 10.00 Bridge	26 10.00 Tennis .	27 French Conversation 2 14.30	28 11.00 Welfare Meeting	29	
31 HALLOWEEN 15.00 Conv Gallery	1 10.00 Bridge	2 10.00 Tennis 15.00 G-E Conv	3	4	5	



Dining Out at Schuber's Restaurant on Hundekhelestr. With Austrian specialties and wine, nice company and conversation, but service could be improved.

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