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27th Annual General Membership Meeting

Monday, January 30, 2017, 15:00 a.m.

at the Logenhaus



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Benefit Concert

on

Sunday, February 19, 2017,
at 17:00 hours

with our member Marianne Dumas
and friends

Details see page 6 +7

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Elected Board

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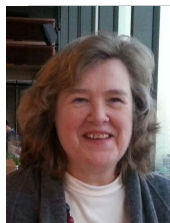
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Dear Ladies,
As you can see from the table on page 5, 2016 was a successful year for our Welfare projects. Your dues, private donations and collections made this possible. A lot of people helped to make others a little happier. As an example for all the others, Frau Nowotny from the Kinderschutzzentrum wrote " ... und Sie hätten die glücklichen Gesichter der Kinder und Eltern sehen sollen!"

We are very excited to start the year with a Benefit Concert to raise funds for our welfare activities. I hope to see you all then!

Warmest wishes



Angelika McLarren

BIG THANK YOU
to the Bridge group
for donating €2500
for the homeless!

BIG THANK YOU
to Ingrid v.d. Heyde for donating
€400 to the Stadtmission
and to
Isa Bruch for €400 for
Musik ohne Grenzen

BOARD MEETING will be held on:

Thursday, February 2, 2017,

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.

Tea & Talk

Thursday, March 2, 15.00 at the **Hotel Seehof**

Frau Michalski from Reinickes Hof will talk about durable power of attorney for health care, living will, advance directives (Patientenverfügung, Vorsorgevollmacht etc)

More details in the next newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The dues for the new club year 2017 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.



ACHTUNG! Es gibt eine Entlastung für unsere Schatzmeisterin. Seit Anfang des Jahres hat sich etwas im Steuergesetz über Spendenquittungen geändert:

Wer Spenden oder Mitgliedsbeiträge steuerlich geltend machen will, musste bisher dem Finanzamt einen Spendennachweis vorlegen. Bei Spenden bis 200 Euro und im Katastrophenfall reichte ein „vereinfachter Nachweis“, zum Beispiel ein PC-Ausdruck der Buchungsbestätigung. Künftig muss man diese Nachweise nur noch abgeben, wenn Sie das Finanzamt dazu auffordert. Das Finanzamt kann die Vorlage bis zum Jahresende verlangen, in dem der Bescheid verschickt wurde. Solange müssen Sie die Unterlagen aufbewahren.

Quelle: FOCUS online

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Change of email address:

Monika Wiesmann wiesmannmonika@web.de

Our Website has a a new design, have a look:

www.berlin-american-club.de

We are still working on details. Your feedback is most welcome:

newsletter@berlin-american-club.de

BAC Event

27th Annual General Membership Meeting

Monday, January 30, 2017, 15:00 a.m.

at the **Logenhaus**

Heerstraße 28, 14052 Berlin-Charlottenburg



AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Announcements
3. Presentation of Annual Report of Activities for 2016
4. Presentation of Annual Financial Report for 2016
by Treasurer Elke Mähliß
5. Election of a third Vice President: Candidate Reingard Renker
6. Vote on Approval of Membership on Activities and Disbursement for 2016
(Entlastung des Vorstands)
7. Presentation and Vote on Approval of Proposed Budget for 2017
8. Thank-you to Elected and Appointed Board Members
9. Presentation of current Welfare Groups by Welfare Chairpersons
10. Miscellaneous
11. Adjournment
SPECIAL TALK about AMSOC



Please register with Pam Richter **by Jan. 25!**
tel. 8 13 73 89 or mail: hospitality@berlin-american-club.de

We kindly ask you for a donation of €5.00 to help cover the cost of refreshments and tip

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, February 20,
from 15.00-17.00hrs.

For details, please call Catharine Nicely 86 39 04 29

Spenden 2016		
AMSOC	Reiten	1.200,00 €
Flüchtlingshilfe	Spielgeräte, Bücher, Musik,	3.982,24 €
Kinderschutz	Prävention	2.000,00 €
Lemgo-Schule	Bücherei	500,00 €
RMD	Patenschaft, Dinners	2.563,52 €
Reinickes Hof	Freizeit	700,00 €
Spastiker	Freizeit, Therapie	1.935,00 €
KUB	Foto-+Theaterprojekt	1.750,00 €
Citystation	Weihnachtsgeschenke	800,00 €
Berliner Stadtmission	Obdachlose	5.300,00 €
Ostbahnhof	Arbeit mit Wohnungslosen	1.000,00 €
Uganda	Privatspende	800,00 €
Gesamt		22.530,76 €

TOUR Group im Februar



Museum BARBERINI - Potsdam, Alter Markt, Humboldtstr. 5-6
am 23. Februar 2017, 14 Uhr mit Führung - Kosten Euro 15,-

Friedrich II. ließ 1771/72 das barocke Palais Barberini als bürgerliches Wohnhaus in direkter Nähe zum Stadtschloss errichten. Die Hasso Plattner Stiftung rekonstruierte das im zweiten Weltkrieg zerstörte Palais als Museumsbau, der traditionelles Handwerk und modernste Technik verbindet. Unter dem Titel

"Impressionismus" werden 90 Gemälde von Monet, Renoir usw. gezeigt. Es ist eine Ausstellung, die es in dieser Form noch nicht gegeben hat.

Treffpunkt - Carpool - : 13 Uhr Wannsee an der Königsstr. Richtung Potsdam, nachdem wir auf der rechten Seite die Seitenstraße Pfaueninselstr. passiert haben. Dort gibt es viele Parkplätze. Hinterher Café im Museum
 Anmeldung: wie üblich Marieta Tel: 8 26 41 03 ab Anfang Februar, Ingrid Tel: 8 01 81 71 ab 15.2.
 Wir freuen uns auf die Tour

The next **WELFARE MEETING**
 will take place at the Spastikerhilfe, Kurfürstenstr. 75, 10787 Berlin
 on **Friday, 24 February 2017 at 11.00 hrs**
 If you would like to attend, please contact
 our Welfare Chairlady Ulli Brandi: tel. 91 54 40 12

The BAC cordially invites all members, their families and friends to our

Benefit Concert

on

Sunday, February 19, 2017, at 17:00 hours

at the salon of Professor Annette Spitzlay

Anhaltinerstrasse 4a (please walk across the courtyard),
14163 Berlin (4 minutes from S-Bahn-Zehlendorf)

Our member, **Marianne Dumas** and her friends, all highly acclaimed artists will donate their time and talents for this year's Benefit Concert with works by Chopin and Rachmaninov.

The proceeds of this evening will be donated to our welfare projects here in Berlin.

For your donation of **€30.00** you will also be treated to mouth-watering finger foods. Drinks extra.

Please join us and help to make this evening a truly great success!

For more information and reservations, please contact:

Pamela Richter tel: 8 13 73 89
hospitality@berlin-american-club.de

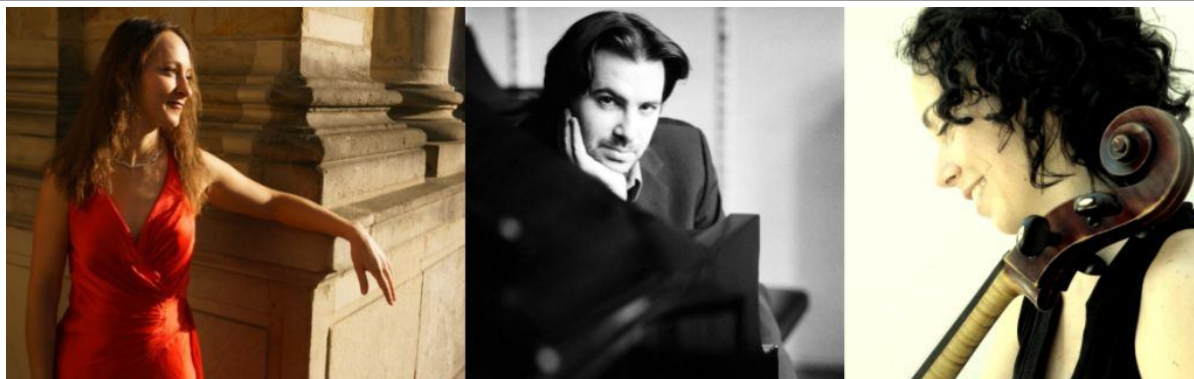
If you would like to contribute something to the buffet, please contact
Ilse Bley tel. 8 02 36 11, Ilse_bley@yahoo.de

Please note: A reservation made is a reservation paid.

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Marianne Dumas is one of the most expressive cellists of her generation. Her playing style is forged from rich musical experiences in France, USA, Spain and Germany.

After finishing her studies in France, Marianne moved to the USA where she graduated with a Masters Degree and a Performer Diploma from Carnegie Mellon University. She was a student of Roland Pidoux, Yvan Chiffolleau, Anne Williams, and also had the privilege of participating in masterclasses with Mstislav Rostropovitch, YoYo-Ma, Lynn Harrel, Georges Crumb, Yehuda Hanani, Alexander String Quartet, among other great musicians.

As a chamber musician, she had the pleasure of performing at the Severance Hall, the Kennedy Center, the Steinway hall of New York, the Carnegie Music Hall of Pittsburgh. Her two favorites ensembles are duo with piano, and string quartet. In 2009 she created the Duo Aparté with pianist Adrien Reigner with whom she completed the chamber music course at the Royal Academy of London, with the highest mark, described as an outstanding duo.

Marianne loves the symphonic and opera repertoire, she is regularly invited as a guest in orchestras in France and Spain. Between 2011 and 2014 she was principal cello and continuo for the Fundación Excelentia at the National Auditorium of Madrid. She also likes to push back the boundaries of classical music by performing in tango and flamenco groups, and recording regularly as a soloist for movie scoring. Teaching is as important as performance to Marianne. Through the years she has developed her own method based on the french cello school and inspired by Alexander tecnics, Feldenkrais, Sophrology and Yoga. In 2014 she created "The cello practice helper" in order to share her teaching with cellists around the world giving live and online masterclasses. Through constant exploration, going from one discovery to the next, her inexhaustible research took Marianne to Berlin last year where she started a Bach Journey to delve deeply into the cello suites and the sound of the baroque cello. Beginning of 2016, she recorded the Bach cello suites in Berlin (with a full baroque set up) and is about to release a publication as well as an edition of the suites based on an important discovery she made in October 2014. In June 2015 she had the pleasure of playing for Ton Koopman and received his "blessing" and encouragement on her Bach recording project and publication. In October 2016 Yo-Yo Ma gave her his support during a meeting they had in Boston where Marianne explained him her research and discovery. Everything should be released by the beginning of 2017.

Olga Monakh studierte bei Klaus Hellwig an der Universität der Künste Berlin. Mehrfache Preisträgerin bei internationalen Wettbewerben, wie beispielsweise Vianna da Motta in Portugal oder Vlado Perlemuter in Frankreich, bei dem ihr auch einstimmig der Publikumspreis zugesprochen wurde, erhielt Olga Monakh Auszeichnungen und Stipendien von den namhaften Stiftungen in Deutschland und Frankreich.

Konzertreisen führten die Künstlerin nach Frankreich, Portugal, Italien, Japan und in die Schweiz. Sie war bei Festivals wie dem Mosel Musikfestival und dem Europäischen Klassik Festival Ruhr zu hören. Als Solistin trat sie u.a. mit der Sinfonia Varsovia, dem Gulbenkian Orchestra und dem Orquestra Nacional do Porto auf. Eine enge Zusammenarbeit pflegt Olga Monakh mit dem Bariton Peter Schöne, mit dem sie u.a. Wolfgang Rihms Liedzyklus "Eins und Doppelt" zur Uraufführung brachte und derzeit an einer Gesamtaufnahme von Schuberts Liedschaffen arbeitet. Seit 2013 ist Olga Monakh künstlerische Mitarbeiterin an der Universität der Künste in Berlin.

Nicolas Bringuier beendete seine Klavierausbildung bei Bruno Rigutto am Pariser Conservatoire bereits im Alter von 16 Jahren. Nach weiterführenden Studien bei Klaus Hellwig an der Universität der Künste Berlin legte er 2009, begleitet von der Berliner Symphonikern, das Konzertexamen ab. Der Pianist gewann Preise bei mehreren internationalen Klavierwettbewerben, darunter den Zweiten Preis beim Robert Schumann Wettbewerb Zwickau 2004 - ein Erfolg, auf den zahlreiche Konzertengagements und Einladungen zu namhaften europäischen Festivals folgten. Mittlerweile ist Nicolas Bringuier u.a. in der Philharmonie und im Konzerthaus Berlin, in der Salle Gaveau in Paris, in der Philharmonie in Warschau, im Auditorio Nacional de Música in Madrid, sowie in Seoul Arts Center aufgetreten. Er konzertierte mit Klangkörpern wie dem Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse und den Symphonieorchestern von Cannes, Nizza und Avignon, dem Euro-Asian Philharmonic, dem Orquesta Sinfonica de Castilla & Leon, den Berliner Symphonikern und dem Philharmonischen Orchester von Prag. Der Pianist legte mehrfach ausgezeichnete Einspielungen mit Werken von Schumann und Bartók bei Audite vor. Er ist Stipendiat mehrerer französischer Stiftungen und Gesellschaften. 2011 riefen die beiden Künstler ihr eigenes Kammermusikfestival "Rencontres musicales du Negresco" in Nizza ins Leben, das inzwischen zu den wichtigsten Events auf der Côte d'Azur gehört und jährlich im Januar stattfindet und immer einem Thema gewidmet wird. Die Einnahmen werden an "Enfants et Santé" gespendet, eine Organisation die Krebs- und Leukämiekranken Kindern hilft.

Für ihr Engagement wurden die beiden Künstler mit der Goldmedaille der Stadt Nizza ausgezeichnet.

Im 2015 gründeten sie ihr eigenes Klavierstudio und musikalischen Salon *PianoInsel* in Berlin-Schöneberg, ein Ort wo Klavier auf höchstem Niveau unterrichtet wird, und wo Konzerte, Workshops, und Lesungen regelmässig stattfinden.

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

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 of 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.

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

"HANDS ON" Projects



DINNER at RMD HAUS

On Thursday, January 26, we'll cook a nice meal for the families at the RMD Haus. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We are going to meet there,

Seestr. 28, 13353 Berlin, at 17.00.

Please contact Angelika, if you can come and help. Tel. 030 79 70 65 23

Please send Newsletter submissions for the March 2017 Edition in writing (and in English) by February 15, 2017 to: **Angelika McLarren** e-mail: newsletter@berlin-american-club.de

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

NEW TIME!

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 or

LITERATURE

In February we will meet at Barbara's on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 3 p.m. to discuss "Great Small Things" by Jody Picoult. 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
Dr. Maria Mandok
m.m.mandok@gmail.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 !

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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	Satur
30 15.00 AGM Logenhaus	31 10.00 Bridge	1	2 11.00 Board Meeting 	3	4
6	7 10.00 Bridge	8 15.00 G-E Conv	9 French Conversation 2 14.30	10 11.00 French Conv.	11
13 15.00 Engl Conv	14 10.00 Bridge	15	16 15.00 Literature	17	18 So 19 BENEFIT CONCERT
20 15.00 Conv Gallery	21 10.00 Bridge	22 15.00 G-E Conv	23 French Conversation 2 14.30	24 11.00 Welfare 11.00 French Conv.	25
27 15.00 Engl Conv	28 10.00 Bridge	1	2	3	4

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, March 2
Tea & Talk

KUB Theater
March 7-9



Our 40th Traditional

"GEORGE WASHINGTON BALL"

Best Western Hotel Steglitz International

Albrechtstrasse 2, 12165 Berlin

Saturday, 25 February, 2017

Entrance: 1900 Hours

Beginn: 1945 Hours

Price: 75 € Incl: Buffett

Live Music With

Andreas Von Haselberg's Tanz and Showband

For Tickets Contact The Following

Raimund Adermann 434-5837 Astrid Eidt 466-05511 Dieter Piwonka 556-03206

Es Wilson 833-1508

Klaus Fiedler 741-3843