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Tea & Talk

“Patientenverfügung, Vollmacht, Betreuung“

Thursday, March 2, 15.00

at the Hotel Seehof

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Der Kunstkreis

lädt ein zu einer Führung im Neuen Museum
am Freitag, d.17.03.17 um 15.00 Uhr

*Zurück! Steinzeit. Bronzezeit. Eisenzeit
Die Sammlung Ur- und Frühgeschichte*

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WOMEN'S DAY



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Elected Board

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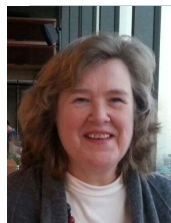
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Dear Ladies,

Are you prepared in the case you have an accident or a serious illness or won't be able to voice your wishes about medical treatment and care anymore? Have you talked with your loved ones about these important issues?

Recent studies in the US show that only about 50% of those 60 and older have completed an advance directive (eine Patientenverfügung).

65-76% of doctors whose patients had an advance directive didn't know it existed.

66% of family disputes about aging or end-of-life issues that end in court could have been avoided if a family had clearly discussed and documented wishes in advance.

60% don't want to burden their families with tough decision making, but 56% have not communicated their end-of-life wishes.

70% of people say they prefer to die at home, but 70% die in a hospital, nursing home or long-term care facility.

We will get the latest information and updates about "Patientenverfügung, Vollmachten etc" at our Tea&Talk on Thursday, March 2.

Hope to see you then. Stay healthy and enjoy life!

Warmest wishes



BOARD MEETING will be held on:

Thursday, March 2, 2017,

at 13.00

at the Hotel Seehof

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.

We will play **BINGO** with our friends at **Reinickes Hof** on **Saturday, March 4,** at **15.00.**

If you are interested in joining us, please, contact

Pam Richter tel 8 13 73 89

hospitality@berlin-american-club.de



Proposed Budget Berlin American Club in 2017

zahlende Mitglieder zZ	165 x €75	12.375,00 €
davon in 2016 gezahlt		1.350,00 €
DUES in 2017		11.025,00 €
Festgeld 16		2.008,50 €
Saldo per 31.12.16		2.148,05 €
		15.181,55 €
General Welfare		1.000,00 €
Projekt.bez. Spenden		7.000,00 €
Aktivitäten /Bridge/Golf /		1.200,00 €
		24.381,55 €

Kosten:

Administr.		
Versicherung	500,00 €	
Notar	1.500,00 €	
Internet/Büro	400,00 €	
Sitzungen	1.000,00 €	
Sonst.	100,00 €	
	3.500,00 €	

Welfare:

RMcDon.	2.000,00 € Patenschaft
"	600,00 € BBQ
Amsoc	900,00 € Reiten
Spastiker	1.000,00 € Reisen etc
"	300,00 € Hundetherapie
Kinderschutz	1.500,00 € allgm.Hilfe
KUB	1.000,00 € Theaterprojekte
City Station	800,00 € Weihnachten allgem.
Reinikes Hof	500,00 € Hilfe
Bahnhofsmision	2.000,00 € Kälte/Obdachlos
Lemgoschule	500,00 € Bücherei
Angstfrei	500,00 € Freizeit
Flüchtlinge	2.000,00 € Deutsch-u.Musikunterricht
	13.600,00 €
Gen.Welfare	10.781,55 € Spontanhilfe etc.
	24.381,55 €

Berlin, Januar 2017 Elke Mähliß, Treasurer

Here is our proposed budget for this club year. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our treasurer,

Elke Mähliß

treasurer@berlin-american-club.de

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The dues for the new club year 2017 were due by the end of January!

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

Berlin American Club e.V. IBAN: DE46

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

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

Tea & Talk

Thursday, March 2, 15.00 hrs

at the Hotel Seehof

(Lietzenseeufer 11, 14057 Berlin)

€20.00 to be paid at the door

include cake, canapés, coffee/tea, welcome drink

For more information and reservations, please contact:

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

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

Fünf Wünsche:

- Wer für mich medizinische Entscheidungen treffen soll, wenn ich nicht mehr in der Lage dazu bin
- Welche medizinische Behandlung ich haben möchte und welche nicht
- Wie ich betreut werden möchte
- Wie mein Umfeld mit mir umgehen soll
- Was ich meinen Lieben mitteilen möchte

Five Wishes:

- The person I want to make care decisions for me when I can't anymore
- The kind of medical treatment I want or don't want
- The care I would like to receive
- How I want people to treat me
- What I want my loved ones to know

Fragen zum Testament, Tips für Planung und

Organisation für den Notfall, welche Dokumente man braucht und vieles mehr

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, March 20,
from 15.00-17.00hrs.

For details, please call Catharine Nicely 86 39 04 29

Welfare

Project: Street Children CRO M Bale / Uganda

I am often asked: What about our street children *Grace* and *Pamela* from CRO for whom the BAC had paid the school fees for the secondary school until their final exam which qualified them to go to university?

Today I have the pleasure to introduce to you two beautiful, proud and happy young women. They have reached their aim to study at university. Now they hope to pass their exams and to find a fulfilling job, which will give them enough to live on and support their families (sick parents and brothers and sisters). The BAC has truly changed their lives!

On behalf of "Flowers & Ribbons", I would like to thank many BAC members for their ongoing support, despite the fact that the *CRO Streetchildren Project* in MBale / Uganda is unfortunately no longer sponsored by the BAC. However, as long as we at "Flowers & Ribbons" are healthy and have time, we will further work on this project to help these children for a better life in future.

"Flowers & Ribbons" is happy to donate 2400€ (Flohmarkt und Weihnachtsmarkt) to CRO for school fees for children who have passed the rehabilitation class. Our money goes directly where it is needed. Our contact person, Frau *Uta Hollweg*, esteemed teacher at an international school in Berlin, travels every year to CRO / Uganda in her summer holidays to work and help there. The Ugandan children love her! Uta's suitcase is always full of beautiful things for them to learn and play with. Frau Hollweg knows the people of the CRO organization and the volunteers well. Unfortunately, there remains more work to be done: the children in M Bale have no bed for the nights. They have to sleep outside on the streets; they link together to protect each other when they do. Nowadays there is also only one meal per day for these children. There is not enough money and food. There are just too many children to take care of. CRO is completely overrun! The children come from everywhere to seek help and protection, which they do find there! So, dear ladies, any help from **you personally** is deeply appreciated, whether monetary or by helping "Flowers & Ribbons" in crafting beautiful things to be sold at markets across Berlin for the purpose of continuing our support (*Flowers & Ribbons Goodwill*) for these girls in need.

I certainly wish that you, **dear BAC members**, always have a secure and protected place to live and sleep!

Thank you, Heidemarie Stein



Pamela Akitui

Pamela is 23 years old. She is now studying at Uganda Christian University, Mbale Campus.

She is studying a Bachelors' Degree in Business Administration. Her dream is to become an Accountant. The study will last for three years. At the moment she is studying in the second year and will complete the study in August

2018. Pamela lives at the extreme end of Namatala slum community.

She rents a single room which she pays a monthly rate of Ush. 70, 000. (Euros 20). Pamela's father passed on in 2007, leaving her mother with eight children. Four of the girls died of measles in their infancy. The other four are living. Her younger sister eloped with a man when she was in primary six, while another boy dropped out of school and he is a drug addict on the streets. Pamela lives with her young brother, whom she supports to attend school in senior 3. Her mother lives with other step children but she takes a lot of alcohol and sniffs tobacco. Pamela has to take care of her mother sometimes from the little pocket money she gets.

Pamela lives an average life. She has to buy food for herself and her brother from the funds she is sponsored for her studies. She is happy that her university studies are sponsored by Child Restoration Support Organization (CROSO). She hopes to complete university and be able to support her mother and siblings.

Pamela is grateful to BAC for sponsoring her secondary school studies. She will always be grateful for moral and emotional support that the ladies provided for her during her difficult times in life. Pamela says, "The BAC ladies gave me support when I needed it most. I was able to learn a lot, and I determined to change my life. Without this help I would never have joined the university, I now see my future bright. Thank you ladies. I love you and I will never forget about you. "

Grace Natule

Grace is 23 years old. She is studying a Bachelor's degree in Social Worker and Social Administration at Uganda Christian University, Mbale Campus. The study takes three years and she is now studying the second semester of the first year. She will complete her studies in April 2019 and graduate in August. Grace's dream is to work as Social Worker so that she can help other people with needs and to be able to change the mindset of the community members.



Grace lives in Bugema suburb. She is renting a room at Ushs, 80,000 (Euros 23) per month. She lives alone. She has to cater for her food and clothing. Grace is the only child of her divorced parents. Her mother separated from her father when she was a baby and she did not get to know him. Her mother has been sickly for long and Grace has always been there for her. She was able to transport her sick mother back to the village so that she can be assisted by the sisters, so that Grace can concentrate on her studies.

Grace says, her life has greatly improved. She is happy because she is at last pursuing her degree in Social Work, a dream she has always had. After high school Grace studied for a Diploma in Social Work, where she passed very well. She then applied for a degree course and she was successful. She is lucky that she has electricity and water in her room. So she is able to do her private studies. She wants to pass her exams well so that she can get better opportunities in life.

Grace says, "I thank the BAC ladies for the financial support they rendered to me while I was in high school. Throughout my life, life has been a struggle. Many times I would ask myself the question, why me? Your support opened doors for me to enter the higher institutes of learning. Now I look forward to a brighter future. Supporting the girl child in school was the best decision you made. Long live BAC."

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



Next date: **Thursday, May 25!**

Please send Newsletter submissions for the April 2017 Edition in writing (and in English)

by **March 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-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, March 16th at 3 p.m. at the home of Marta Wöste to discuss "A Street Cat Named Bob" by James Bowen. Contacts: Pamela Richter, 813 7389 or Marta Wöste, 803 2812.



BRIDGE

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

March

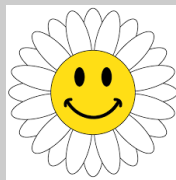
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 15.00 Engl Conv	28 10.00 Bridge	1	2 13.00 Board Meeting 15.00 Tea & Talk	3	4 BINGO 15.00
6 15.00 Engl Conv	7 10.00 Bridge KUB	8 15.00 G-E Conv KUB	9 French Conversation 2 14.30 KUB	10 11.00 French Conv.	11 KUB
13 15.00 Engl Conv	14 10.00 Bridge	15	16 15.00 Literature	17 15.00 Kunstkreis	18
20 15.00 Conv Gallery	21 10.00 Bridge	22 15.00 G-E Conv	23 French Conversation 2 14.30	24 11.00 French Conv.	25
27 15.00 Engl Conv	28 10.00 Bridge	29	30	31	1

Mark Your Calendar

KUB Theater
March 7-9
+
March 11+12

Dining Out
Th April 20

Mutter Fourage
So June 25



Benefit Concert

with Marianne Dumas
and Nicolas Bringuier at
Prof. Spitzlay's

A wonderful
afternoon with
music by Bach,
Chopin and
Fauré raised
€720.00 for our
children's pro-
jects

