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**dining
out**

at the
Restaurant Louis Laurent
on Thursday, April 20,
at 19.30

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Führung im Käthe Kollwitz Museum, aus Anlaß des
150. Todesjahres der Künstlerin



am 27.04.2017
um 11.30 Uhr
im Käthe Kollwitz Museum

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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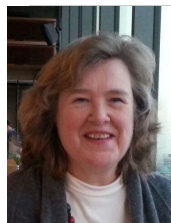
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Dear Ladies,
Frau Michalski gave us a very interesting talk on "Lasting powers of attorney" and "Guardianship directives".

(Betreuungsverfügungen und Vorsorgevollmachten) If you couldn't make it, but are interested in the subject, you can easily download the forms - even in English, Italian and other languages:

<http://www.bmjv.de/DE/Service/Formulare/betreuungsrecht.html>

Most of you had a letter in your mailbox recently about the upcoming elections of the "Seniorenparlament" in your district. These elections only take place every 5 years. So it is your chance to get a voice in matters that might concern you. Every resident of Berlin 60 years and older is eligible to vote regardless of nationality! Do your civil duty and vote!

Have a lovely spring, lots of Easter eggs and join us for a culinary experience at our Dining Out.

Warmest wishes



BOARD MEETING will be held on:

Thursday, April 20, 2017,

at 18.00

at the Restaurant Louis Laurent

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.

The next **WELFARE MEETING**
will take place on **Thursday, April 27, 2016** at
11.00 hrs at the Gutshaus Lichterfelde

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



at the
Restaurant Louis Laurent
 Giesebrechtstrasse 16, 10623 Berlin
 (Bus 101, 310, M19, M29, U-Bahn Adenauerplatz)
 on Thursday, April 20,
 at 19.30

Please make your reservations **by April 18**
 with Elke Mähliß 0172 306 4835 or elkecapri@googlemail.com



Frau Dr. Hofmann bietet eine Führung im Käthe Kollwitz Museum, aus Anlaß des 150. Todesjahres der Künstlerin an und zwar

am 27.04.2017 um 11.30
 Uhr

im Käthe Kollwitz Museum
 in der Fasanenstraße.

Anschließend könnten wir einen Tisch
 im Literatur Café reservieren.

Reservierungen bitte bis 20.4. bei

Reingard Renker Tel. 3 04 88 24
renker-berlin@arcor.de



„Ich wollte Wirken in meiner Zeit.“
 Die Kunst von Käthe Kollwitz

Käthe-Kollwitz Museum Berlin

Liebe Kunstfreundinnen und Kunstfreunde,

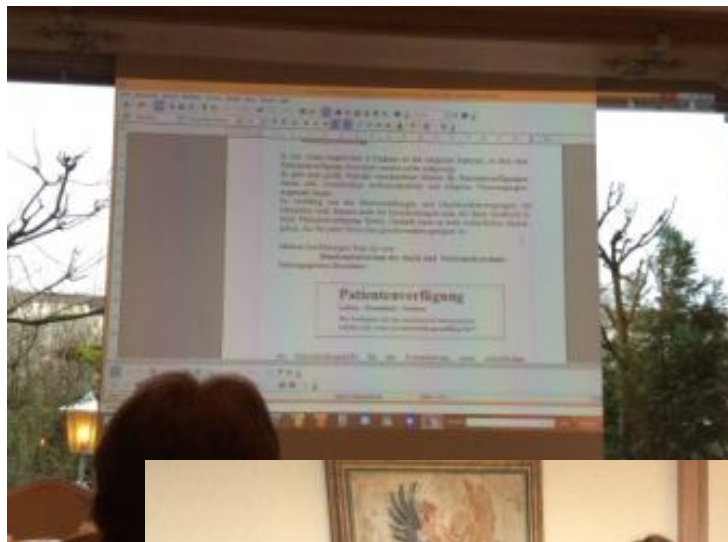
Die 1867 in Königsberg geborene Künstlerin Käthe Kollwitz gehört fraglos zu den einfühlsamsten und engagiertesten Künstlerinnen des 20. Jahrhunderts. Als Gattin eines Berliner Armenarztes hatte sie das Leid und die Not der ärmeren Menschen ihrer Zeit aus unmittelbarer Nähe kennen gelernt und ihm mit ihrer Kunst eine ebenso zarte wie ausdrucksstarke Sprache verliehen. Dennoch hat sich die Künstlerin nicht nur den Schattenseiten des Lebens zugewandt, wie sie in ihren großen Themen Not und Tod, Hunger, Krieg und Armut Ausdruck gewinnen. Auch die heiteren Bereiche des Lebens sind Teil ihres Schaffens, das bis heute weltweit Anerkennung und Beachtung findet.

Die aus Anlass des 150. Geburtstages der Künstlerin neu konzipierte Präsentation der Bestände des Käthe-Kollwitz Museums Berlin lädt dazu ein, an etwa 80 Werken die ganze Bandbreite des Werkes dieser außergewöhnlichen Künstlerin neu für sich zu entdecken. Als Termine für den Besuch der Ausstellung sind festgesetzt:

Reporting BAC(k)



**TOUR Group in February
MUSEUM BARBERINI - Potsdam**



Tea & Talk



Frau Michalski from Reinickes Hof informierte uns über Patientenverfügung und Vorsorgevollmacht

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 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 May 2017 Edition in writing (and in English)

by **April 20, 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

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, April 2016th at 3 p.m. at the home of Christel Haubitz to discuss **"My Husband's Wife"** by **Jane Corry**. 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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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.

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





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 15.00 Engl Conv	28 10.00 Bridge	29	30	31	1 <i>Mark Your Calendar</i>
3	4 10.00 Bridge	5 15.00 G-E Conv	6	7	8 Montag, 29.5. Lesung Litauische Märchen
10 15.00 Engl Conv	11 10.00 Bridge	12	13 French Conversation 2 14.30	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15 Monday, May 22 Breakfast at Benedikt's
17 EASTER MONDAY	18 10.00 Bridge	19 15.00 G-E Conv	20 15.00 Literature 18.00 Board Meeting 19.30 DINING OUT		Benefit Concert Mutter Fourage So June 25, 19.00
24 15.00 Engl Conv	25 10.00 Bridge	26	27 11.00 Welfare Meeting 11.30 Tour Käthe- Kollwitz Museum French Conversation 2	28 11.00 French Conv.	29



Unsere Spende und Einwickel-Aktion ist gut angekommen:

Weihnachten in der City Station

Rund einhundert Gäste waren in die City-Station der Berliner Stadtmission gekommen, um gemeinsam den Heiligen Abend zu begehen. Nach Kaffee und Kuchen hörten sie die Frohe Botschaft von der Menschwerdung

Christi.

Nach dem großen Weihnachtessen (Gänsekeule, Rotkraut, Klöße und als Dessert: Panna cotta) waren alle Teilnehmer hinreichend gestärkt für das Kulturprogramm. Auf der „Offenen Bühne“ trugen drei Gäste Gedichte vor. Ein weiterer Höhepunkt des Abends schloss sich an, die Bescherung: Für jeden Gast gab es ein von Frauen des Berlin Americans Club liebevoll verpacktes Geschenk mit 2 warmen Stricksachen, einer „City-Power-Station“ zum Aufladen von Handys etc. und Süßigkeiten. Auch die Gäste, die sonst kaum einmal fröhlich sind, waren von weihnachtlicher Freude erfüllt. Nach einem weihnachtlichen Ausklang ging die Veranstaltung gegen 20.30 Uhr zu Ende.

