

The BeRLIN—AMERICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER



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NEW....NEW....NEW....NEW....NEW....NEW

FARIDEH'S BRIDGE GROUP

"wir spielen Bridge und denken laut"
-- once a month --

If you are a good bridge player and like to join this group
call Farideh: Tel. 883 5701
After the game we'll prepare and enjoy
a Persian Dinner
First meeting: September 22, 2017,
Giesebrechtstr. 1, 10629 Berlin
Time: 14.30 – 19.00 PM
Costs: Euro 15

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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, September 18,
from 15.00-17.00hrs.
For details, please call Catharine Nicely 86 39 04 29



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Elected Board

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Welfare

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The next **WELFARE MEETING**
will take place on **Thursday, October 5, 2017**
at **11.00 hrs at the Rot-Weiß-Tennisclub**

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

followed by the **BOARD MEETING**

at **13.00 hrs at the same venue**

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.



Dear Ladies,

The summer may not have been as we had expected it, but I hope you enjoyed the less hectic weeks in Berlin or in another nice place. Let's look at the bright side: we don't have major floods, landslides, earthquakes or riots and revolutions. What's a bit of rain and cooler temperatures?

Some decades ago, strong women fought for our right to vote. So, please, make use of this privilege and go to the elections on September 24. In our club you also have the right and duty to vote and run for office. Only active participation of the members makes our club possible, assures our goals of international friendship and community welfare.

Warmest wishes



IMPORTANT NOTICE

We urgently need candidates for our upcoming Elections in November—especially a **TREASURER**. If we cannot find one, the club cannot function and we will have to dissolve it. PLEASE consider running for office for the club year 2018. Contact any of the present Board members.

The candidates will be announced in the October newsletter. Elections will be held on **Monday, November 6**. Nominations can then also still come from the floor.



DINNER at RMD HAUS



On Thursday, September 28, 2017, 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 McLaren tel 79706523 or email: lillie56@aol.com We will meet there at Seestr. 28, 13353 Berlin-Wedding at

17.30 hrs. Your help is greatly appreciated!



*Liebe Mitglieder vom Berlin - American Club e.V.,
wir möchten uns auf diesem Wege noch einmal ganz herzlich für die überaus großzügige Unterstützung in diesem Jahr bedanken. Es freut uns ungemein, dass Sie unseren Familien mit schwer kranken Kindern so verlässlich zur Seite stehen und die Patenschaft für das Apartment 10 ein weiteres Jahr verlängert haben.*

In unserem Gästebuch hat erst kürzlich die Familie Kluck liebe Abschiedsgrüße hinterlassen, denn ihre Tochter wurde nach vielen Monaten endlich aus dem deutschen Herzzentrum entlassen. Das Dankeschön die Familie möchten wir gerne an Sie weitergeben, denn die Worte machen am besten deutlich, was es für sie bedeutet hat, in der Nähe ihrer Tochter sein zu können...

*„Unsere Tochter Lena ist am 24.04.2016 mit einem Gewicht von 1110 Gramm auf die Welt gekommen. Dazu noch mit einem schweren Herzfehler. Bisher waren ganze drei Operationen nötig. In dieser unsagbar schweren Zeit durften wir viele Monate im Ronald McDonald Haus bleiben, so dass wir immer in der Nähe unserer Tochter sein konnten. Wir sind allen Mitarbeitern, Ehrenamtlichen und Spendern soooooo dankbar für alles, was für uns getan wurde und auch für die Freundschaften, die wir mit anderen Eltern in der schweren Zeit geschlossen haben. Vielen lieben Dank!
Lena & Eltern“*

Ganz liebe Grüße vom gesamten Team des Ronald McDonald Hauses

Cindy Gill, Julia Neumann, Silvan Kalusky, Pamela Neefe

The caps the BAC sponsored added just the right touch to "Mitmachfest" for children on Friday, August 11. Over 100 refugee children participated.

the fun at the



Outside BAC



THE
BRITISH
DECORATIVE
AND
FINE ARTS
SOCIETY of
BERLIN e.V.
A Member Society of NADFAS

The British Decorative and Fine Arts Society Berlin e.V. (**BRIDFAS Berlin**) would gladly welcome you to their September Lecture in the English language

Monday, 25 September 2017

Rembrandt: Bohemian or Businessman, Romantic or Rebel? by Jane Choy-Thurlow

Rembrandt is considered by many to be Holland's greatest artist and the equal of Mozart, Shakespeare and Michelangelo. Unlike van Gogh, the other great Dutch artist, Rembrandt has not left much written material explaining his views on art, but what he has left is a unique visual autobiography in his self-portraits which he did from the age of 20 to 63, the year of his death. This lecture will use the self-portraits as a thread through his life and with his other masterpieces explore the man and what, why, and how he painted. Was he indeed a businessman or bohemian, rebel or romantic?

Monday, 25 September 2017, 20:00h,

we will meet at the newly restored Venue at the **Fritz-Haber-Villa, in 14195 Berlin-Dahlem, Faradayweg 8 (side entrance Hittorfstrasse)** (U3 Freie Universität/Thielplatz, Bus M11 Hittorstr.)

The non-member fee is € 10. The student fee is € 5. Doors open from 19.30h for sale of wine and soft drinks. **After the lecture we cordially invite you to stay for wine and refreshments.**

The AWC Berlin and Volkswagen DRIVE Forum,
in collaboration with ESMOD Berlin, present

Driving Sustainability

a fashion show
for charity

**Thursday
Oct. 12, 2017
1900-2100**
doors open at 1830

Volkswagen DRIVE Forum
Friedrichstraße 84, 10117 Berlin

Tickets through eventbrite.de
€15 / €25 VIP First Row

100% proceeds go to "Hope beyond Displacement"
a FAWCO Target Project for education of women and girls
Photo credit: Lisa Lankes / Fashion Design: Layla du Mue

ESMOD Berlin International Academy of Fashion
DRIVE Volkswagen Group Forum
The American Women's Club of Berlin e.V.

The **American Women's Club of Berlin (AWC)**, in collaboration with **ESMOD Berlin** and **DRIVE Volkswagen Group Forum**, celebrates sustainability in design through a dazzling evening of German/ American cultural exchange.

This Event is dedicated to raising awareness of responsible design, production, and consumption in fashion. We will showcase cutting-edge Berlin designers who are passionate in their dedication to environmentally responsible production of their fashion.

100% of proceeds will go to the FAWCO Target Project "**Hope Beyond Displacement**"

, building better futures through education, vocational and leadership training for refugee women and girls.

When: Thursday, October 12, 2017, **7:00pm-9:00pm**

Where: DRIVE Volkswagen Forum, Friedrichstraße 84, Berlin, 10117

Tickets: through EventBrite. 15 Euro, 25 Euro for VIP First Row.

Doors open at **6:30pm**, show begins **7:00pm**.
For inquiries, please contact
president@awcberlin.org

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: **Elke Mähliß** Tel: **0172 306 4835**

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**



"HANDSON" Projects

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, **especially Wednesday mornings from 10-12 or in the afternoon for help with homework.**

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**

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

by September 20, 2017 to:
Angelika McLarren e-mail:
newsletter@berlin-american-club.de

INTEREST GROUPS

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, September 21 at 3 p.m. at the home of Christel Haubitz to discuss "Conclave" by Robert Harris.

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

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 once 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
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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



September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 15.00 Engl Conv	29 10.00 Bridge	30	31	1	2
4	5 10.00 Bridge	6 15.00 G-E Conv	7		9
11	12 10.00 Bridge	13	14 French Conversation 2 14.30	15 8 11.00 French Conv.	16
18 15.00 Conv Gallery	19 10.00 Bridge	20 15.00 G-E Conv	21 15.00 Literature	22 14.30 Farideh's Bridge	23
25 15.00 Engl Conv	26 10.00 Bridge	27	28 French Conversation 2 14.30 17.30 RMD Dinner	29 11.00 French Conv.	30
			5.10. 11.00 Welfare 13.00 Board Meeting		

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Nov 6.
15.00
Election Coffee
Logenhaus

Thursday, Dec. 7,
15.00
Nicholas Tea
Seehotel



Benefit Concert with professional musicians that helped raise funds for our welfare projects

Reporting BAC(k) MUSIC!



Refugee children gave a lovely performance of their new musical skills—partially sponsored by the BAC!

