

# SCORE KEEPER

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**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GERMAN AMERICAN CLUB OF DALLAS,  
INC.**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

**The German American Club of Dallas, Inc. has the objective to promote good relations between persons of German descent and all other Americans.**

## *Mark Your Calendar*

*Upcoming GAC Events at a Glance!*



*Every Saturday morning from 10:30 to?????*

*Henk's Restaurant*

*5811 Blackwell Street Dallas, Texas*

*GAC members meet for breakfast/lunch and friendly conversation!*

*Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, birthdays for that month are celebrated with cake!*

*Come and join the fun!*

July 14th, 2024  
GAC Annual Meeting  
Don't WAIT! Make your reservations NOW!

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*Sunday 09-07-2025/Time TBA*

*Caecilia Wernau (Neckar) e.V. Männerchor  
will perform in the sanctuary of Saint Paul  
E&R UCC Dallas, Texas.*

*Dinner and Dancing to follow!*

*Mark your calendars NOW for this “not to  
be missed event”! You have more than a  
year to make plans.*

*Chorus Website: [caecilia-wernau.de](http://caecilia-wernau.de)*

*Instagram: [Maskengruppe GV Cäcilia  
Wernau \(Neckar\) e.V.](https://www.instagram.com/maskengruppe_gv_caecilia_wernau)*

*[@maskengruppe.caecilia.wernau](https://www.instagram.com/maskengruppe.caecilia.wernau) •  
[Instagram photos and videos](#)*

## *Upcoming Events/ Kommende Veranstaltungen*



GAC Annual General Meeting with Summer Brunch  
Brookhaven Country Club

3333 Golfing Green Dr, Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Sunday July 14th, 2024/12:30 PM–4:00 PM

No charge to members

\$25.00/guest payable at the door

Complimentary Wine and Beer

Entertainment: Helga Beckman

General Meeting immediately following Brunch.

Contact Elisabeth Williams to make your reservations for this  
important event!

Text Only (please no phone calls)/214-316-5185

Email/[ewilliams0516@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ewilliams0516@sbcglobal.net)

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## *Board Positions that are open this year: 2024: Even Year*

For electing board members to positions that were up for election in this cycle and the filling of positions that were currently vacant.

### **Vice President: Jo Ann Bresowar**

- In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall take over the duties and powers of the President.
- In charge of special functions to raise money.
- In charge of GAC interaction / school individual donations for qualifying students of German Classes.

### **Director of Entertainment: Open**

- Shall oversee the selection and planning and will execute all social functions of the club.
- A budget shall be prepared for each event, and it shall be voted on by the Board.
- Receipts to be handed to the Treasurer.
- An individual who likes to organize parties, is creative and has festive ideas about GAC Club trips and outings that are of interest to Members.
- Able to work with others to promote varied Club gatherings!

### **Director At Large: Jutta Hansen**

- Shall set up support committees, as directed by the Board, and coordinate such committees, as necessary.
- Helps with anything and everything we need to keep the Board and Club in action!

### **Director of Communications/ Director of Score Keeper: William Kanute**

- Shall issue the Scorekeeper as designated by the President.
- The Score Keeper shall be mailed to all members and those persons designated by the Board.
- Maintains the GAC Membership List in coordination with the Director of Membership.
- Creates the Scorekeeper – and finds and shows current local/Texas activities of interest to our members.
- Keeps us all up to date with essential information!
- Help with member information.

### **Director of Real Estate Portfolio: One half duplex at Meadow and Hillcrest**

- Liaison between property manager, Jim Smith of Caseyco, Inc and the GAC board.
- Make suggestions for repairs/improvements to the GAC board.
- Secure estimates for repairs/improvements and present them to the GAC board for approval.
- Supervise authorized repairs/improvements.
- Review lease to clarify tenant and landlord responsibilities.
- Update insurance coverage when necessary.



# WIR GRATULIEREN ZUM GEBURTSTAG!

If we overlooked your birthday, please accept our apology, and let us know.

July 02	Sibylle Schroeter Pfeiffer	August 02	Neal Henke
July 05	Linda Wolf	August 05	Jürgen Schröter
July 10	Margrit Fuhrer	August 06	Jimmy Honeycutt
July 13	Eric Knipp	August 08	Ursula Cieslak
July 15	Marianne Granier	August 12	Richard Keesecker
July 20	Odila Koehler	August 13	John Scheufele
July 25	Eduardo Aguayo	August 19	Judson Hasenbank
July 28	Veronika Mancuso- Davis	August 21	Christina Mancuso
July 29	Karen Zapata	August 22	Hannelore Berry
		August 22	Gerlinde Smith
		August 24	Karl Muth
		August 25	Susan Guthrie
		August 31	Esther Haigis



*Our best wishes to anyone that may be ill und gute Besserung!*



The board is very sorry to inform you that longtime member and friend of the GAC, Arie van Selm-pictured below with his good friend and GAC member Elisabeth Williams-passed away in his sleep in late March 2024. Arie and his wife Jutta were active members for many years. In fact, Arie was the goalkeeper for the soccer team. He was also, an internationally respected artist:

<https://dutchartgallery.net/product-category/artists/arie-van-selm/>

Please join the board in extending our sincere condolences to Jutta, his wife, his family and his many friends both in the GAC and around the world! Arie was cremated. No funeral or obituary per Arie's request.



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We also extend condolences to Dieter and Brigitte Krabel on the death of Dieter's brother Günter who passed away in April. Many GAC members who took part in the 2006 Moosbach trip will have met and remember Günter from the Weinfest in Heilbronn.

Finally, condolences to Elke Steinheimer who lost her favorite sister-in-law a few months ago.

You ALL are in our thoughts and prayers.

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### Keeping Up to Date with Our Members



Friends and Family gathered at Saint Paul E&R UCC Dallas, TX on Saturday 06-22-2024 at 2 PM to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lionel Schulz which took place the day before on Friday 06-21-2024. Good food, drink and shared memories of Lionel's many years involved in the Dallas German and Czech communities were celebrated. Lionel has been president and a longtime member of Dallas Frohsinn as well as a GAC member since 2016. We all wish Lionel a happy 2024 and many more to come!

**Sharing our Stories. Sharing our Wisdom.**  
**A Joyful and Fruitful Collaboration with The University**  
**of Texas at Arlington**  
**By Barbara Berthold**

*This past spring under the leadership and guidance of Kirsten Holzmeier, four members of our Club embarked on a new adventure. Margit Lamb, Veronika Obrecht, Gerlinde Smith, and Elke Steinheimer met with a group of college students to tell them about their lives. The purpose was to create written records of past immigration experiences and thus, preserve personal histories for generations to come. Together, we achieved our goal. And much more. One of the students, an engineering major, summarized his experience as follows: "Being invited to meet a group of incredibly unique individuals and hear their life stories is something I'll never forget." Another student, an art major, asked about the applicability of her learnings, said: "I believe that my experience with performing an interview, no matter how limited it is currently, will also come in handy if I ever need to gather information about what a client or boss might need from me." For what else can a teacher hope? Especially when taking a leap of faith herself by adding a new element to one of her favorite courses.*

*The joint project with the GAC was conducted in my undergraduate course, "Texas German Experiences." The course provides students with an opportunity to explore and reflect on Texas' German history, heritage, culture, and language. Texas has a rich history of German immigration and settlement. Besides a long history of German-speakers, German Texans left their mark on education, politics, the arts, and architecture. There is a plethora of materials available to explore and to better understand this part of Texas history and the immigrant experience more generally.*

*Most of the teaching and research, however, focuses on the German Belt and the 19th century. Adding our GAC project provided the students with access to another geographical area and time. They were able to learn why Germans came to DFW after WWII and how they made the Metroplex their home.*

*In addition, the students were able to see the era, with all its hardships and joys, through the eyes of those who have lived in and through it. A mix of lectures, discussions, and small inquiry-based projects made up the coursework. At the core, however, was our GAC project. The students learned about Oral History methods, researched the historical background, created interview questions, conducted, and recorded the interviews, transcribed the interviews with the help of Artificial Intelligence and produced narrative summaries.*



*Afterwards, they gave their summaries to the interviewees and incorporated the feedback received to ensure that the narrative summaries reflected the interviewees' perspectives. Four of the texts will soon be published in The German-Texan Heritage Society's Journal. This is an amazing accomplishment for the four undergraduate students that were selected. They have created a product that is not only read and graded by their teacher but is read and evaluated by a real-world audience. I wish you could have seen their smiles when they received the good news. All students benefited though, and they noticed it themselves as can be seen from their anonymous feedback surveys and their personal written reflections they needed to turn in at the end of the semester.*

*I am grateful for having had an opportunity to facilitate such an impactful learning-experience, which provided my students with plenty of opportunities for hands-on-learning and skills development. Leadership, research, teamwork, intercultural and intergenerational communication skills come to mind. I am grateful for the trust placed in the students and myself. My hope is that many more joint projects will follow. Together, we can make the German element in Texas better known and keep it alive.*



**More pictures can be found on the GAC Website:**  
**<https://gacofdallas.com/>**

## Leavenworth Washington State Trip

By all accounts, eleven GAC members led by the intrepid Werner Hermus had a BLAST! visiting Leavenworth, Seattle and the surrounding areas of Washington State in May 2024. Below are a few pictures. Many more can be found on the club website:

<https://gacofdallas.com/>



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### Lonestar Races

Our last-minute appeal for members to join the fun was successful beyond belief. Attendees reported a well-attended and fun-filled event. Prizes for best hat went to:

First prize: Elke Henke

Second prize: Jo Anna Howell

Here is a photo. Many more can be found on the club website:

<https://gacofdallas.com/>



Finally, my apologies to our member George Tischler. Back in April, George emailed me about Brian Standridge who used to play trumpet at the Edelweiss Restaurant. Turns out that Brian has formed his own 5-7-piece band, called the Edelweiss Band. They are available for events and parties. I brought this information to the board but never thought of including it here until now. In any event, you can contact Brian at:

817-888-6713

214-240-4516

If any of you hear about or experience life changes, accomplishments, awards, moves, illness, or anything else that would be of interest to members and have permission from all the parties involved and if you wish to share that news, please contact Will Kanute so I can print it in this section of our newsletter.

wkanute@gmail.com

860-614-7176 mobile



Please join your board in welcoming two new members to the GAC!

Ines Leroy is a native of Rockwall, Texas and still lives there. She celebrates her birthday on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Ines!

Sondra Zimmerman is a native of Muenster, TX and presently lives in Coppell. She celebrates her birthday on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Welcome Sondra!

## Getting to Know Our Partners:

*This month we feature Mark Seebeck. Mark is a member of the GAC and has agreed to help with our investments from the sale of our Summerhill real estate. Mark is also a respected financial advisor and works with several members of the GAC. He has also agreed to write a financial column in future Score Keepers with helpful advice for all of us and our finances. Thanks, and a warm GAC welcome to Mark Seebeck!*

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*Mark's career in financial services began in 1995, but his commitment to serving others began much earlier in life. Mark's mother, Mary, started the practice that he now owns with his sister, Ellen. Her influence on his life, and especially her dedication to serving women and families of any financial means, ultimately brought Mark to the decision to follow in her footsteps. As an advisor, Mark has enjoyed a long and accomplished career. He has been named to Equitable Advisors' Fast Start list, Third Year Challenge, Presidents' Council, Chairman's Cup, Top Club, National Leaders Forum, Hall of Fame, Sterling Member, Circle of Excellence and the Bronze Eagle. He has also served on the board of the Fort Worth Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.*

*Mark has achieved professional certifications of CFP®, ADPA®, CDFA®, and RICP®. He is also a Top of the Table member of the Million Dollar Round Table, which recognizes financial professionals for their successful careers as well as adherence to ethical standards.*

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