



GERMAN-AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB OF MIDDLE FRANCONIA

To: The Members of the Club

17. February 2012

Dear Friends,

The annual **General Membership Meeting** was attended by 27 members. This is almost half of all our members. The Board thinks our membership deserves a big hug for such vivid participation in the club's activities. It is also a great encouragement for the Board to continue their activities in organizing this year's events.

After opening remarks of Abbie Simon (President) a short **review of the 2011 events** was given by the respective coordinating Board members. The review was accomplished by Marco Frömter with a short homage to our former member John Shalikashvili who died in 2011.

Norbert Friemelt as treasurer gave his **report on the figures of 2011**. Dietmar Lehmann confirmed the correctness of the balance. The report was accepted by the audience unanimously.

Heinz Stahlschmidt reported on the club-statistics: The **number of members** decreased per 31. December 2011 from 63 to 58. The updated list is attached for the member distribution. Unfortunately we lost two Americans due to their return to the USA. Fortunately the decrease was in total reduced by three new members. The new members were cordially welcomed by the audience.

The Board's suggestion for the **2012 program of events** was accepted by the audience. Two events were added:

- 2nd half of April Baseball-season opening event of the Fürth Pirates
(proposed by Georg Barth)

- End of May Albrecht-Dürer-Exhibition, guided tour
(proposed by Eva Flasche)

The total program for 2012 you will find further below under "Forthcoming events".

At the end of the meeting **Abbie Simon was honored** by board and membership for his enthusiastic engagement for the German-American Men's Club. Marco Frömter presented him in recognition of his 10th anniversary as President a Certificate of Appreciation.

Our thanks go to Norbert Friemelt who made the arrangements at the traditional restaurant "Zum Tannenbaum" who prepared a fine buffet with the real franconian stuff.

Our next event will lead us on a one-day bus tour to the city of

FULDA

on Saturday, March 24th 2012,

departure at 08:00h

from Fürth Stadeln, Festplatz

(corner Bayernstr./Herboldshofer Str.)



We will visit the Black Horse Museum at Fulda. The Blackhorse Museum was founded in 1994. Since 2007 it is located on the former Sickels Army Airfield in the building that was used by the 5/11th MI. With its modern exhibit presentation about the US-Army in Germany, the museum is considered to be one of the leading ones in the country. Through its exhibition of the Americans' history in Fulda, the museum keeps its friendship to the Americans alive. Not only the military site is shown, but also the integration in to society in general and the many activities. We will be able to see a video and enjoy a guided tour through the museum.

After the museum the bus will bring us to the Brauhaus Wiesenmühle for a lunch which is located behind the Dom of Fulda. From there we will have the chance to see the "Barockstadt Fulda" with a guided tour of approx. 1 hour. At 4.00 p.m. the bus will start for Zeil am Main where we will have a franconian dinner with wine and beer at the Brauhaus Göller.

The schedule will be in detail:

- 8.00 Departure at Fürth Stadeln
- 10.30 arrival at the Black Horse Museum
- 12.00 10 Min. bus trip to Brauhaus Wiesenmühle downtown Fulda.
- 14.00 Guided tour "Barockstadt Fulda" (1 hr) and chances for shopping or a coffee
- 16.00 Returning home
- 18.30 Arrival at Fürth Stadeln

The price will be EUR 20,00 for members of the Club and the Kontakt-Club. Guests pay EUR 25,00, payable in the bus. It includes the bus trip and all fees. In order to properly prepare the trip, please make **reservation no later than Saturday, 17 March 2012** with the secretary via e-mail, phone or fax (09131-991505).

The Board has decided to conduct the **Trip to Garmisch on 6./7.May 2012** as planned in spite of the low number of up to now 18 participants. We have still 23 vacancies. Further reservations are possible until 1. March 2012.



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Final call on the trip to Garmisch!

If you would like to be part of this unique possibility to visit USAG Garmisch and the Edelweiss Resort, please contact Marco Froemter as soon as possible / until the end of February by the latest.



You can find all information here:

http://www.gamc-nuernberg.de/Material/GAMC_GARMISCH_20111106.pdf

We have to inform you that **Abbie Simon** suffered a severe brain stroke . This will make him unable to continue his function as President of the GAMC. The Board deeply regrets his illness and transmitted via Karin Schildt to him all the best wishes for recovery also in behalf of the membership.

In view of this situation the Board has decided to appoint Abbie as **Honorary President** of the Club.

The Board also decided to appoint Board member **Marco Frömter** as **new President of the Club**.

Para 5 of our constitution concerning a vacancy in the Board says: "*Applications from the General Membership to fill a vacancy on the Board must be mailed to the Secretary within 1 month of the date of publication of the vacancy to the membership.*" If no such application will be filed, the Board decided to leave the vacancy open and to **reduce the Board from 8 to 7 members** until the next General Membership Meeting.

Forthcoming events:

	2 nd Half of Apr 2012	Baseball-season opening Fürth Pirates
Sun/Monday	06./07. May 2012	Garmisch Partenkirchen and US-post (2-day bus tour)
	End of May 2012	Albrecht Dürer exhibition
Sunday	01. July 2012	Family Picnic
Sun/Monday	16./17. Sep 2012	Mosel tour , Wine tasting and Spangdalen Barracks
Thursday,	25. Oct 2012	Fürth Stadtmuseum
Sunday,	25. Nov 2012	Fürth Mercure Thanksgiving Dinner

Sincerely

Your Board of Governors