



GERMAN-AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB OF MIDDLE FRANCONIA

To: The Members of the Club

24. February 2010

Dear Friends,

The annual General Membership Meeting was attended by 32 members. This means almost half of our membership showed up. Abbie Simon appreciated in his opening remarks this relatively high attendance as sign of continuous interest of our membership in the **club, 40 years** after its founding in 1970.

Helmut Humm gave a short report on the **2009 events**. The board's proposal for the 2010 program is listed under "Forthcoming Events". The members agreed to the program.

Norbert Friemelt as treasurer gave his **annual report** for 2009. Dietmar Lehmann confirmed the correctness of the balance. The annual balance was accepted and Norbert's efforts were highly appreciated by the audience.

The board members Helmut Humm (Vice-President), Heinz Stahlschmidt (Secretary), Eva Flasche, Bernd Jesussek, Peter Wahl and Brian Wrede (Board-Members) were **reelected** unanimously for their next two-years term. The other board members are in the middle of their two-years term.

The **number of members** decreased per 31. December 2009 from 74 to 71 according to our files. The realistic figure may be even lower at 68. Abbie Simon urged the audience to **intensify the search for new members**. We had 11 foreign members: 8 US-Americans, 1 Canadian, 1 Danish and 1 French.

Due to the lower membership the problem of sufficient attendance at the events is increasing. Therefore the board proposed for 2010 a reduction of events to 6. This goes along with a **reduction of yearly dues** from

EUR 75,00 to **EUR 45,00** for **single membership**
and
EUR 90,00 to **EUR 55,00** for **couple membership**.

The audience accepted the proposal.

Several minor **changes in the constitution** (version issued on our homepage) were agreed upon:

- Article V, 1: changed from "a monthly activity" to "at least 6 events per year".
- Article VI, 2: added "maximum " 5 additional members.
- By-laws, sect.I, Club Activities: changed from "a monthly activity" to "at least 6 events per year".
- By-laws, sect.II, The Members of the Board of Governors, 4a: deleted.
- By-laws, sect.II, The Members of the Board of Governors, 4b: deleted.
- By-laws, sect.II, The Members of the Board of Governors, last para, line 1: "male" deleted.

Several suggestions were made from the audience for **future events**:

Visit of the "Schlossfestspiele Röttingen",

Tour of Zirndorf Castle

Tour of the "Meerrettich Museum" in Baiersdorf,

The board will take them into consideration at the appropriate time.

Our **thanks** go to Helmut Humm, who made the arrangements with the Hotel Mercure management for the room and the excellent Franconian style buffet.

Our next event will be a tour of

Cadolzburg Castle

on Friday, **26. March** 2010,

we will meet from **15:00 h**



at the **Riegelein Chocolate Factory Outlet**
Cadolzburg, Tiembacher Str. 11-13

After the opportunity to buy some chocolate at the Riegelein factory outlet we will leave at 15:45h to the castle to have

at **16:00 h** a guided tour at the **Cadolzburg Castle**.

The pittoresc castle was used by the Hohenzollern and has a long history with strong interties to the city of Nürnberg. It was completely renovated only some years ago.

Shortly after **17:00 h** we will walk over to the
Gasthaus Weinländer,
Cadolzburg, Marktplatz 13

to have a Franconian style evening meal and to have time for a chat.

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We are sad to inform you that our member **Dr. Hellmuth Alter** died on 07. February 2010 at the age of 80 years. Hellmuth was member of the club since 1989. The funeral was on 13. February 2010. Abbie Simon sent a letter of condolence to his wife Elisabeth.

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Forthcoming events:

- 12. June 2010 Bus tour Franconian Winetasting
- 04. July 2010 Pleikershof – Family Picnic
- 07. Sept 2010 Garden Party at Friemelt´s Home
- 21. Nov 2010 Thanksgiving Dinner at the Mercure Hotel
- 10. Dec 2010 Hut-Museum Nürnberg (Repetition of last year´s event)

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Sincerely

Your Board of Governors