



## GERMAN-AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB OF MIDDLE FRANCONIA

To: The Members of the Club

25. October 2014

Dear Friends,

This was a busy start after the summer break:

From 26 to 29 September 2014 a group of 18 members made a bus trip to **Berlin** with several extraordinary events: We started with a visit to the **American embassy** right in the city center at the Pariser Platz. The 2-hour tour contained a briefing on the tasks of the embassy and on the recent history of the embassy building. Considering the halt of construction works after 9/11 and the subsequent complete redesign due to security reasons, we were surprised by the reasonable and normal access formalities, not stricter than before an EU flight from Nürnberg Airport. After the briefing we had the opportunity to see the inner court of the embassy, a true architectural marvel, containing a part of the Berlin Wall and a debris piece of the World Trade Center. In the surrounding corridors we could admire art of Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and and and. We were impressed by the friendliness and caretaking of the embassy people involved, and our special thanks go to the ambassador in Berlin, John B. Emerson, to the counsel general in Munich, William E. Moeller and his public relations officer Nina Gartz who made this visit possible. In the evening we relaxed at the historic suburb of **Köpenick** and had a rustic dinner with the "Hauptmann von Köpenick" at the Rathauskeller. Overnight we stayed in a good Turkish run hotel at Kreuzberg, a part of Berlin which is a not describable experience by itself.

The next morning we had a moving tour of the "**Alliierten-Museum**" at Berlin Dahlem. The exhibition pieces brought us back to the times of Blockade, Cold War and Berlin Wall. History we should not forget in times of NSA and Chlor-Hähnchen

Lunch we enjoyed at the **Bayerische Landesvertretung** with a good meal at the Bierkeller with a Seidla of Andechser Beer. The afternoon we attended that week's final **Bundestagssitzung** on the subject of Foreign Development Aid. About 50 members of Bundestag discussed vividly and disciplined And they stayed until 15:15h on a Friday afternoon. Not so bad in view of their common reputation. All this was well organized for us by MdB Stefan Müller and Gisela Wiesner, who heads his office in Berlin. We say thank you!

After 2 days of politics and capital city stress, we left early the last morning and had an enjoyable phase-out of the trip at the Garten **Paradies at Wörlitz** near Dessau. The organizing of this unique trip was done by Board members Peter Baumann and Heinz Stahlschmidt who had an easy job with this wonderful team of participants.

The second highlight after the summer break was our annual **Franconian winetour**. 15 members and friends took the bus on Saturday, 11. October 2014 to our first stop at **Weikersheim**. The historical residential town developed its charm even at this day with covered and partly rainy skies. So we relaxed at the market cafe, the tour through the palace and a walk in the autumnal palace garden.

As highlight of the trip followed a Häckerbrotzeit in the town of **Auernhofen** in Tauberfranken. We were cordially received at their Gewölbekeller by the Kraemer family. Simone Kraemer explained passionately their job of öko- wine growing: The use of yeast which is naturally existing on the grapes leads to non standard wines with very individual features. Same thinking dominates the food which we had: As far as possible regional and homemade dishes. She answered question after question and served glass after glass. An most enjoyable and at the same time informative evening.

Board member Norbert Friemelt has developed over the years a special concept of our Franconian Wine tour in selecting small and individual wine growers which shows us the immense variety of our Franconian wine scene. Thank you Norbert, and the members are looking forward to next year's wine tour discoveries.

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The next event will be the traditional



## Thanksgiving Dinner

on **Sunday**,

**23 November 2014,**

**12:00 h**

at the **Huckleberry Finn's  
American Food Restaurant**  
(former "Zum Wilden Mann")

in **Fürth, Königstraße 34**

We will have the following menu:

Pumpkin Cream Soup with Herbs

Turkey with Cornbread Stuffing,  
Peas and Carrots,  
Purée of Sweet Potatoes  
Cranberry Gelée and Jus

Applepie with Vanilla Ice Cream

The price will be EUR 34,00 per adult person, payable after the dinner at the restaurant. Drinks are not included.

The number of participants will be limited to 30 persons due to the size of the restaurant. First come first serve. Therefore please make **reservations no later than Monday, 09. November 2014** with the Secretary via phone, fax (09131-991505) or e-mail. Please let us also know if you desire to be seated in a specific group. We will then try our very best to adapt seating arrangements accordingly.

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The **GAMC** will be represented on this year's **Consumenta Fair** in Nürnberg from Saturday 25. to Wednesday 29. October 2014. You will find us in the international section in **booth no. A70 at hall 4.**

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We are sad to inform you that our member **Barbara Halbritter** died unexpectedly on 5 September 2014. Barbara was a longtime and engaged member of the club. She died at the age of 69. Two board members attended the funeral service.

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**Forthcoming events:**

Wednesday	10 Dec. 2014 (tentative)	<b>Gerhard-Richter-Exhibition</b> at Neues Museum Nürnberg
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Sincerely

*Your Board of Governors*