



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

To: The Members of the Club

23. March 2013

Dear Friends,

The annual **General Membership Meeting** was attended by 25 members and 3 guests. 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 our president Marco Frömter held a **minute's silence** for our late member **Karl Döring** and our late president and honorary member **Abbie Simon** who both died since the last membership meeting.

It was a great pleasure for Marco to appoint on behalf of the membership **Franz Zeilmann to a Honorary Member** of the GAMC. As Public Affairs Officer at Grafenwöhr he opened us many doors.



*Marco and Mr. Zeilmann*

Then Marco gave us a report about the many **events in 2012**.

Norbert Friemelt as treasurer submitted his **report on the figures of 2012**. Dietmar Lehmann confirmed the correctness of the balance. The report was accepted by the audience unanimously together with thanks for Norbert's efforts as treasurer.

Heinz Stahlschmidt reported on the club-statistics: For the first time since 2005 the **number of members** increased, per 31. December 2012 by 1 to 59 members. The list of members was distributed at the meeting and is, in an updated version, attached for the member distribution of this newsletter.

The following **Board Members** are in the middle of their two-year term and will continue to serve on the Board: Eva Flasche (Board Member), Helmut Humm (Board Member), Bernd Jesussek (Vice President), Heinz Stahlschmidt (Secretary), Peter Wahl (Board Member).

The following Board Members were **re-elected** unanimously: **Norbert Friemelt** (Treasurer), **Marco Frömter** (President). The following members were unanimously **elected as additional Board Members**: **Georg Barth** (Board Member), **Peter Baumann** (Board Member).

The Board's suggestion for the **2013 program of events** was accepted by the audience. Due to low attendance at our last Pleikershof Picnic the board was authorized to talk to the Kontakt Club about possibilities of a joint summer barbeque event. The total program for 2013 you will find further below under "Forthcoming events". Our new member Andrew D. Mc Phail offered to organize a trip to Berlin for the next suitable occasion.

Our board member Bernd Jesussek deserves a positive remark at the end: He did the organizing of the meeting at the cosy sideroom of the "Zur Hardhöhe" restaurant in Fürth with a delicious Franconian buffet.

We should also mention that we could achieve a publication at the Fürther Nachrichten about the honorary membership of Franz Zeilmann:

Der German-American Men's Club of Middle Franconia (GAMC) hat Franz Zeilmann, Pressesprecher der US-Army Garnison Grafenwöhr, zum Ehrenmitglied ernannt. Aus diesem Anlass überreichte ihm der traditionsreiche Fürther Verein bei seiner Jahreshauptversammlung eine Urkunde und einen Pokal für besondere Verdienste um die deutsch-amerikanische Freundschaftspflege.

Zeilmann habe stets ein offenes Ohr für den Wunsch nach Kontakten zu den Amerikanern gehabt, sagte GAMC-Präsident Marco Frömter. Obwohl die US-Army bereits seit 17 Jahren aus Fürth und der gesamten Metropolregion abgezogen ist, bestehe nach wie vor Interesse an den verbliebenen Einheiten in Bayern. Der seit mehr als 40 Jahren beste-

hende GAMC hält diese Verbindungen aufrecht und bietet nicht nur seinen Mitgliedern Fahrten zu US-Einrichtungen in Deutschland an.

Neben einem zweitägigen Besuch auf der US-Air Base Ramstein durften Interessierte in Baumholder hinter die Kulissen des Militärs blicken. Auch das amerikanische Hotel Edelweiss Lodge & Resort in Garmisch wurde besucht. „Dort kommt normalerweise keiner rein – absolutes Sperrgebiet“, berichtete Frömter. Daneben werden aber auch deutsche Einrich-

tungen in der Region, wie Museen oder Firmen, besucht. Weitere Informationen gibt es im Internet unter [www.gamc-nuernberg.de](http://www.gamc-nuernberg.de) *fn*

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Our next event will be a visit of the

## **US Army Garrison Stuttgart**

on **26 March 2013**.

In the meantime Marco Frömter received with 21 enough applications to fill the bus, and the registration was closed on 04 March 2013. All necessary details of the trip will be distributed by Marco directly to the participants.

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Considering the widespread interests of our membership we have designed again a “multi-task” event which will satisfy all kinds of expectations: We are happy to confirm a trip to the medieval city of

## Schwäbisch Hall.

on **20. April 2013,**

departure at **08:00**

from Fürth Stadeln,  
Festplatz corner Herboldshofer Straße  
and Bayernstraße

and at **8:30h**  
from Schwabach, Autohof SC West.



Our visit will start with a guided tour at the Flugplatzmuseum. During WWII the airport hosted the German jet planes ME 262, after the war it was used by the US Army as Dolan Barracks. In downtown Schwäbisch Hall we'll have lunch at "Brauereigaststätte Zum Löwen". The afternoon will be free for a shopping tour or a visit of the famous Kunsthalle Würth, the Johanniterkirche or the Hällisch-Fränkische Museum.

The Traveling Schedule will be as follows:

08:00h	Departure Fürth-Stadeln
08:30h	Departure Schwabach
ca. 10:00h	Arrival in Schwäbisch Hall
ca. 16:00h	Return at Schwabach
ca. 16:30h	Return at Fürth.

The price for the bus ride will be EUR 25,00 p. person, payable in the bus. Please return your **registration by phone or with registration sheet** (attached to this newsletter or downloadable from our homepage [www.gamc-nuernberg.de](http://www.gamc-nuernberg.de)) **no later than 10 April 2013** to the secretary. Up to now we received the following registrations: Barth, Baumann, Billesberger (2), Friemelt (2), Frömter (2), Hirschmann, Jesussek (2), Jurka, Lindgren, Stahlschmidt (2).

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We are pleased to inform you about two new members: We cordially welcome **Andrew Donald Mc Phail**, US citizen from Fürth, and **Uwe Hans Fruehwald**, German citizen from Baudenbach.

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Our board member **Georg Barth** had the opportunity of an interview with Oberfranken TV in his function as Chief of the Fürth Pirates baseball club at a baseball event in Grafenwöhr. One further example of the intensifying of contacts between GAMC and the American scene in the area. You can find the interview under

<http://www.otv.de/grafenwohr-major-league-baseball/>



*Georg Barth with pitcher Rollie Fingers*

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#### **Forthcoming events:**

Sunday	05. May 2013	<b>Fürth Pirates Baseball Season Opening</b> at Burgfarrnbach
Saturday	29. June 2013	<b>Family Picnic and BarBeque</b> (from 14:00h till evening) together with Kontakt Klub
	July 2013	<b>Fourth of July Party</b> of DAI Nürnberg
Wednesday	18. September 2013	<b>Munich US Consulate</b> (Bus Tour)
	October 2013	<b>Franconian Winetour</b>
Tuesday	10. December 2013	<b>Heizkraftwerk Sandreuth</b>

Sincerely

*Your Board of Governors*