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Mini-Newsletter of the Austro-American Association of Boston

October 2004

Dear Members and Friends!

We just had the first event of our 2004-2005 season, the Heurigen combined with the Austrian-American Day celebration. A follow-up on this event is enclosed. The A-AA election in June resulted in no changes of our Officers and Board Members; a list of the names can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Please find below some of our next events and the flyers for our National Holiday and the "Salute to Vienna" concert. Looking forward to seeing you.

Traude Acker

NEXT EVENTS:



Saturday, October 23, 2004, at 4:00 pm

Staatsfeiertag - Austrian National Holiday

Special presentation by Prof. Thomas Hansen. - Flyer enclosed.

Friday, November 5, 2004, at 6:30 pm

Stammtisch

at the Ackers', 265 Otis Street, West Newton. Please call for your reservation 617-527-7335.

For food contribution please call Renate Yasigian 617-527-4927.

Friday, December 3, 2005, at 6:30 pm

Stammtisch

at the Ackers', see above.



Saturday, December 18, 2004

Weihnachtsfest - Christmas Celebration

Flyer will follow.

Sunday, January 2, 2005, at 2:30 pm

Salute to Vienna

We will again take part in the "Salute to Vienna" production performed at Boston Symphony Hall. Please be aware that you have to get your tickets now - the flyer is enclosed and **HAS** to be replied to by **October 26, 2004**.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Thursday, November 4, 2004, at 2:00 pm

Soprano Ruth Harcovitz Performance

Viennese Operetta selections from "Der Opernball", "Die Dubarry", "Boccaccio", "Der Obersteiger", etc. at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Rabb Auditorium, open to the public, free of charge.

Sunday, December 5, 2005, at 3:00 pm

Vienna Choir Boys

A Celebrity Series event at Jordan Hall. 617-482-6661, or www.celebrityseries.org.



Thursday, December 16, at 8:00 pm and Sunday, December 19, at 3:00 pm

Stille Nacht: A German Christmas.

A Handel and Haydn production. Information at 617-266-4048, or www.handelandhaydn.org.



Some reflections on our last event:

Our last event, the Heurige combined with the Austrian-American Day was, in spite of a cool and rainy evening, a great success. We thank our Vice Consul Dr. Heinz Grohs and his wife Dawn for arranging and donating the fee for the pavilion in Manchester-by-the-Sea, which was so fitting for a "echten Heurigen".

Dawn was especially helpful in setting up the tables with the red-white-red theme, just perfect to enjoy the wonderful food Renate and her committee treated us to. And the cakes from Andreas - beautiful and delicious as usual!! Of course, the Austrian wine from Rosmarie Scully and Helmut Colbath, who also donated a case of Zierfandler, gave the event the perfect touch. All flowers were provided by Dawn's mother, Mrs. Henderson, who generously let us take them home. Didi, as the organizer for this event, did an excellent job providing all necessary details and introducing us to Hermine Horner, who delighted us with her Austrian poems.

A musical feast was Susanne Friedrich's Vienna Waltz Ensemble, playing to perfection our most favorite and cherished Austrian songs. Thanks to everyone who helped us make it a great evening!



SAD NEWS

Our member Joseph Demers passed away last spring after a short illness. Our hearts go out to his family, his wife Anna and daughters Veronika and Cornelia. We will miss him very much!

Grandparents!

Ursula and Perry Smoot announce the adoption of their granddaughter Veronica Ursula Smoot, born October 14, 2003, in Vladivostok, Russia, by their daughter Stephanie, joining the family on June 4, 2004. Our congratulations!!!



Dr. Thomas Klestil

Austria's President Dr. Thomas Klestil died on July 6, 2004 at age 71 having served two consecutive six-year terms as president. Following the Waldheim presidency he skillfully reopened channels of communications and gained respect for Austria worldwide.

His successor is Dr. Heinz Fischer, who was sworn in on July 8, 2004. For more info on Dr. Fischer please go to www.hofburg.at. For more info on Dr. Klestil please go on the internet under "Thomas Klestil".



Dr. Heinz Fischer

**Austro-American Association of Boston
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