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Newsletter of the Austro-American Association of Boston

Dear Members and Friends,

After taking off a few weeks, I am pleased to send you our **Servus** newsletter with our upcoming events for this fall - wow, we're talking about fall already!

I want to express my thanks to our Officers and Board members for their support and contributions to the A-AA.

I'm certain their combined efforts will continue the very much appreciated inputs for the coming year 2008-2009.

If you have any suggestions for programs, please let us know, we will try to include them into our events.

Let's all enter the 65th year of the A-AA with enthusiasm and with appreciation for the bond between Austria and America, which is the foundation of our organization.

With best regards to all of you,

Traude Acker, President

Next A-AA Events:



Saturday, September 27, 2008, at 4:00 pm

Annual Heurige (Traditional Austrian Fall Festival)

At the home of Traude and David Acker. See enclosed flyer.



Friday, October 10, 2008, 6:30 pm

Stammtisch

At the home of Traude and David Acker. Call Traude for your reservation.

For food contributions please call Renate at 617-527-4927.

Saturday, October 25, 2008, at 4:00 pm

Austrian National Holiday

Flyer with program details to follow.



November Event

Further information to be announced



Saturday, December 20, 2008, at 4:00 pm

Christmas Celebration

At the home of Traude and David Acker. Further information to follow.



Other News

Scholarship Award

We would like to introduce Anna Souchuk, our scholarship recipient 2008. She studied Languages and Literature at Yale University and has her first teaching job as Assistant Professor at DePaul University in Chicago.

Her remarks to the A-AA will focus on a subject of her dissertation: The concept of *Gemütlichkeit*. What happens when a city like Vienna represents itself by a quality that inevitably looks to the past, which is the case with this concept. Several important writers have taken issue with this very Austrian self-definition. Modern Viennese authors such as Josef Haslinger, Robert Menasse, and Elfriede Jelinek are critical of Viennese definitions that include *Gemütlichkeit*. Instead of accepting the concept, they unmask it as potentially artificial or inauthentic, seeing the Viennese instead as performers on a city-stage of their own construction. As a result, this concept of *Gemütlichkeit* is at the center of a cultural controversy.

Each author examines problems of Viennese identity and *Gemütlichkeit* differently. For Haslinger, generational conflicts stand in the center of the critique, while Menasse examines *Gemütlichkeit* as it relates to tourism.

Jelinek views the term in relation to the internet, a point made even more striking by her own use of this electronic medium to publish her writings. --- --- ---

We will ask Ms. Souchuk to give her presentation at a date agreeable to both parties.

A-AA Information

Election Results

We would like to inform you of our elected Board of Directors and Officers, listed below, from the Election at our Annual Dinner June 7, 2008. Our Fiscal Year runs from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Austro-American Association 2008-2009	
<u>Officers:</u>	<u>Committees:</u>
President - Traude Schieber-Acker Vice President - Martha Stasa Treasurer - Hana Sittler Secretary - Judy Zohn	Scholarship Thomas Hansen - Committee Chair Kaja Autler, Christian Donner, George Hauser, Martha Stasa
Board of Directors: Chairman of the Board - Jan Herrmann David E. Acker Kaja Autler Christian Donner Thomas Hansen George Hauser Lilo Suskind Renate Yasigian	Media Christian Donner - Media Chair David E. Acker
	Hospitality Renate Yasigian - Committee Chair Diethild Harrington, Martha Stasa
	Membership Traude Schieber-Acker - Committee Chair Kaja Autler, Hana Sittler
<i>Congratulations to our elected members and thank you for serving the A-AA.</i>	
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Austrian Nationalratswahlen

Information regarding the upcoming Nationalratswahlen 2008 (Elections to the Austrian Legislature)
on September 28, 2008

1. Only Austrian citizen can vote, and you need to have an Austrian passport.
2. As an Austrian living abroad, you need to be registered as a voter at your last Austrian residence (Eintragung in die Waehlerevidence). Previous registrations are valid for ten years.
3. You need to have an absentee ballot (Wahlkarte).

You can find both application forms (Antraege) at: www.wahlinfo.aussenministerium.at, or www.wahlen.wien.at. For further information or questions you might have on this subject, please call Diethild Harrington at 508-366-0433 by August 24th, or call the Austrian Consulate General New York at 1-212-737-6400, or e-mail: info@austria-ny.org.

Karin and Heinrich Fischer

relocated to Portland, Oregon. We wish Karin, Heinrich, and little Victoria all the best, and we hope to see them again soon at a Stammtisch to exchange all the news on both sides.

Don't forget to go to our web site: www.Austria-Boston.org
*for information on events, newsletters, membership, on-line shopping, and our
new category: Dining Out in Austrian restaurants!!*

President: R. Traudwig Schieber-Acker,
Vice President: Martha Stasa
Treasurer: Hana Sittler, Secretary: Judy Zohn
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Board Members: David Acker, Kaja Autler,
Christian Donner, Thomas Hansen, George Hauser,
Lilo Suskind, Renate Yasigian

