

Past Events 2017

3. Dec 2017 - Christmas Function, Restaurant Sorrento, One Tree Hill

The traditional Christmas party was once again the highlight in the club year. The beautiful, festively decorated hall and tables and the German Christmas music in the background awakened many memories in our members but also anticipation of the programme. After the welcome by our president, Barbara Steinijans as master of ceremonies led the festive programme. The string quartet "Yid-Ee Goh" played Christmas melodies and afterwards we all sang some carols together. Following the Christmas story and a Christmas poem, the children were handed presents by the fireplace. As already tradition, Edelgard's grandchildren had again organized a small musical programme, which was very well received and we all sang 'Silent Night'. After the excellent Christmas dinner from the buffet the prizes of our Christmas raffle were drawn. We were able to win some sponsors this year and gave away a total of 14 prizes. The main prize, a gift basket filled with all sorts of goodies, was won by Hanni Peters. Congratulations to Hanni and a big thank you to all sponsors.

5. Nov 2017 - Spring Festival, Auckland Botanical Gardens, Manurewa

In glorious sunshine and at almost summery temperatures, 24 members and one guest met for our spring festival in Auckland Botanical Gardens, Manurewa. Already a tradition at this festival is a toast with a glass of sparkling wine to the opening of the Berlin Wall, now 28 years ago. Time went quickly with coffee and home-baked cake made by some of the hardworking women from our club. Many thanks again for very tasty cake donations.

1. Oct 2017 - Day of German Unity, Restaurant Sorrento, One Tree Hill

To our celebration of the Day of German Unity, we especially welcomed the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in New Zealand, Dr Gerhard Thiedemann and his wife, as well as the Honorary Consul Mr Erich Bachmann. Our invitation was also followed by representatives of the Goethe Society Auckland. After the welcome and a brief introduction by our President Holm Schwiesselmann, Ambassador Thiedemann gave a very interesting presentation of the reunification of the two German states. Afterwards, as always, we sang the German National Anthem and proposed toasts to the welfare of the Federal Republic of Germany and New Zealand. Our longstanding and now academic duo, Ben and Theresa delighted us with some pieces of music by Franz Schubert. After the excellent lunch buffet, there were many possibilities for interesting discussions with our guests. A German cake buffet with Bienenstich and Black Forest Gateau rounded the event.

16. September 2017 - Berlin Afternoon at Bärbel Claerkin

We greeted our members to the Berlin afternoon at Bärbel's in Waiau Pa to the sound of a small barrel organ playing traditional German fair ground music. Each guest received a table card with his/her name and a typical Berlin saying. With specialties from the German capital, such as currywurst, Hackepeter and Buletten as well as other treats, the buffet was richly stocked. There was much laughter and chatting.

26. August 2017 - German dining at "Der Metz", Kohimarama

After a long interval 26 members and 2 guests met up again for a typical German meal of "Schweinshaxe" in the German restaurant "Der Metz" in Kohimarama. The meals were huge, and everyone had difficulty finishing it. As is traditional the „Haxen“ were served with „Sauerkraut“ and mashed potatoes. It was a cheerful gathering and everyone enjoyed it. A successful evening!

6. August 2017 - Ten Pin Bowling, Westgate

A combined event with Austrian Club. We were a group of 21 and four teams were formed. The composition of the teams was mixed and couples were separated to increase competition. A most enjoyable event and everyone had a great deal of fun. The winning team was awarded a cup and some chocolates for everyone.

18. June 2017 - Frühschoppen in "Belgian Restaurant De Fontain", Mission Bay

To our annual Frühschoppen we met again at De Fontain. Despite them being very busy our group of 27 members was in no hurry and had plenty of time to socialise and enjoy each others company.

8. April 2017 - Walk through and around Howick Historical Village

14 Members met in sunny weather at the Howick Historical Village. Some visited the village right away which gave an insight into an early settlement of immigrants while others went first for a gentle walk in the surrounding park. We met-up again at 2pm at the Heritage Café for refreshments and chats.

18. March 2017 - Federweißer with Onion Cake at Coopers Vineyard, Huapai

It was our seventh event at Coopers Creek and this year we had a record attendance of 52. The Federweiße was as ever a good lubricant but the onion cake did not quite meet the demand. Still, we had an enjoyable day and in the afternoon had coffee and apple cream cake.

26. February 2017 - Concert in the Danish House, Penrose

Under the title "Melodies from home" the two Viennese musicians Susanne Reichl, piano and Bernhard Weis, violin gave a concert in the Danish House. The programme consisted of classical pieces by Mozart, Schubert, Strauss and others and was very well received. Prior to the start of the concert a drink and nibbles were served and during the break coffee and cookies. The event was arranged between the Austrian Club, Danish Society and German Society and resulted in a successful evening both for the club trio and the 69 concert goers.

12. February 2017 - Picnic and BBQ in Long Bay

Our annual picnic was held on Sunday in Long Bay and again it was a great success. The weather was not too hot and the very short rain shower did not dampen the mood. We were 53 members and 8 guests and enjoyed each others company and the tasty food.