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Those who attended the Heurigen were able to sample from the array of products offered by Christa and John-Paul Cook of Helco, Ltd. All natural Austrian grown imports include pure Pumpkin-seed oil, and a breathtaking variety of fruit and balsamic wine vinegars, juices, jellies and honey. Find them at www.austrianpumpkinoil.com

From the Editor:

Dear Friends and Members:

Autumn is here and we couldn't wish for a more glorious one. After a very soggy summer, the Washington, DC area is experiencing clear, sunny weather to make the heart glad. Such luck - this was the weather we were given for the summer Heurigen, which was a huge success - sorry you missed it if you were not in town. We welcome all of you back and hope you had lovely vacations, wherever you were. The Fall and Winter lineup of events is very exciting and we hope to see all of you soon.

Warmly,
Martie Goebel

Summer Heurigen 2003

This year again at the Piedmont Wineries near Middleburg, Virginia, a crowd of nearly 150 enjoyed a splendid summer afternoon in surroundings reminiscent of Stift Goettweig. Applause, applause to our member Helga Bonney, who so perfectly coordinated this event. The feast was provided by our member Heinrich Hofmann of Alibi Catering, and Zoltan provided the rousing Heurigen music. A tip of the hat to our lovely "barmaids", member Pam Leonowich and our Vice-President Ika Joiner. We want to thank all of you who attended and helped make this event such a success. 'Til next year!

Welcome to our new Members

We can't say for sure to what we owe this (it may have been the wine at the Heurigen) but we are pleased to report that we have many new members to greet. Please, new members, get involved. We need a Volunteer Coordinator (any volunteers?) and help with all the exciting events coming up this winter. This is your club, and you determine what we offer and what we support. If you are one of nearly half the members who elected to receive this Newsletter via e-mail, thank you, thank you, thank you! You are helping us support events rather than the US Postal Service.

Our Website

Webmaster Carol Traxler posts the newsletter and all invitations, notices, and other A-AS information as well as pictures of past events. You can find us at www.americanaustriansociety.org.

Friday, October 3, 2003 at 7:00 PM

A concert with acclaimed violinist **Karen Murray** in the Austrian Embassy. Ms. Murray will be playing Johann Strauss' Amati violin in a program including Johann Strauss, Richard Strauss, Mozart, and Kreisler. Preceded by a lecture by Prof. Edwin Vanacek on "Strauss in the United States". \$30 for members, \$20 for students. 20% of your ticket price will be a tax-deductible contribution to SOS Children's Villages. Visit the website for details. For reservations call 703-354-2044.

Sunday, December 7, 2003 at 3:00 PM

You are cordially invited to A-AS's annual **Children's Afternoon with St. Nikolaus and Krampus**. As always, we will be at the Austrian Embassy and we are delighted that the children of the Trinity Choristers from the Upperville Episcopal Church will ring their bells and sing for the event this year. For reserv. call 703-354-2044.

Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 7:30 PM

Beloved Austrian actress **Kammerschauspielerin Johanna Matz** will appear at the Embassy of Austria for an Advent reading (in German) sponsored by the A-AS. She will be accompanied by harpist Daniel Jones. This will be preceded by the showing of two of Ms. Matz's best known films in the weeks before the event. Watch the website for details. Announcements will be forthcoming.

Thursday, December 18, 2003, 7:30 PM

Wiener Saengerknaben (Vienna Boys' Choir)

The Society will cosponsor a concert at the Schlesinger Center in Alexandria, VA. This exciting event is sure to be a sellout, so watch for the announcement in the mail, or check the website.

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September 15, 2003 at 8:00 PM The Haydn Trio Eisenstadt (piano, violin, cello) performing works by Hayden, Nemeth, and Schubert at the Embassy of Austria. Free admission.

September 18, 2003 The Austrian Embassy opens an exhibition of the photography of **Sabine Seisenbacher: Illusions and dreams in wood**, with a reception at 7:30 PM, accompanied by the music of John Abbracciamento, trumpet. The exhibit will run through November 10, 2003.

September 30, 2003 Blue Moon, a feature film by **Andrea Maria Dusl**, Austria 2002 (in German with English subtitles.) A tale of love and secrets in post-communist Eastern Europe 8:00 PM in the Austrian Embassy. Admission free.

October 16, 2003 Promoting Research and Innovation in Austria, a lecture by **Simone Mesner**, Austrian Council for Research and Technology Dev. 7:30 at the Embassy. Free admission. Refreshments will be served.

October 17, 2003 at 8:00 PM Jazz Concert with Austrian trio **Koglmann-Aichinger-Reisinger**. Free admission. Cash bar opens at 7:00 PM.

October 20, 2003 at 7:30 PM Three Thousand Coffees in Vienna a presentation at the Austrian Embassy by **Colleen DiFranco**. Free admission.

October 30, 2003 at 8:00 PM Another Jazz Concert, this time with Austrian trio **KELOMAT**, winner of the Austrian Young Jazz Lions award for 2003. Free admission. Cash bar with Austrian wine opens at 7:00 PM.

For all Embassy events, RSVP: 202-895-6776 Information on events at the Austrian Embassy is available on-line: <http://www.austria.org/calendar/index.shtml>

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2003, a 4-lesson Viennese Waltz series with Carol and Herbert Traxler at Meridian House. This will culminate in a **Christmas Ball at Meridian House on Dec. 14th**, sponsored by The Hospitality and Information Service. For details visit www.viennesewaltz.org/meridian.html or call Mrs. Bocek at 703-528-0487.