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From the Editor:

Dear Friends and Members:

Although the thermometer still tells us that we need our winter garb, the last few days in the Washington DC area reminded us that Spring will come again. With that in mind, I'd like to urge all of you members to come out and support our events. We always need people to meet-and-greet at events, as well as contributors to the Newsletter. Thanks to all of you who E-mail us to let us know of events of interest from other sources.

This is a very important year for the Society. We are celebrating our **50th Anniversary**. That's right. The American-Austrian Society was founded 50 years ago. We will be celebrating all year long, with some very special events. We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you.

Warmly,

Martie Goebel

Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met on February 7, 2004 to confirm plans for events in 2004, as well as the disposition of funds. The results of the event planning will be presented in this newsletter. It was decided that due to the increased costs of postage, a small increase in membership dues will be necessary. Beginning with the next fiscal year (July 1) single members will contribute \$20 and family members \$25 annually. Our membership drive in the past year has been successful, and we are back above 300 voting members (following a period of attrition.) In addition, over 100 others have chosen to place themselves on our E-mail list to follow our activities.

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Austria's Finest Naturally

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. You will find them on the web at www.austrianpumpkinoil.com

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UPCOMING A-AS SPONSORED EVENTS
on the web at: www.americanaustriansociety.org

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Following the overwhelming turnout in December of 2002, we are delighted to once again bring



Elizabeth von Trapp for a solo concert at the Embassy of Austria. Some of you may have already seen the announcement on our website. If you have already received your invitation, we urge you not to wait! This will certainly be a sell-out, and we don't want any member to be disappointed. Renowned for

her "hauntingly clear ... tender and romantic" voice (to quote the New York Times) and her enveloping stage presence, she carries on the great tradition of her Austrian heritage. If you have not received your invitation, call Ika Joiner at 703-823-9334. Admission \$15 for member, \$20 non-members.

Saturday, March 27, 2004

There will be a **Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee of the A-AS and the Board of Directors**. At this time the Nominating Committee for next year's officers will be named. If you would like to be considered for an officer position for the coming year, please notify any one of the officers (see the sidebar for phone contacts.) We strongly encourage you to become an active leader in our association.

Sunday, April 18, 2004 3:00-5:00PM

If last year's is any indication, we expect another full house for the **Wiener Kaffeehaus Jause**. H.E. Ambassador Nowotny has given us permission to invite you once again to help recreate the atmosphere of a real Vienna Coffee House Afternoon, featuring all the delectables and music too. Those of you who called too late last year, call now to

reserve your space (as we promised, you have first dibs.) Invitations will go out next month. Admission \$15 for member, \$20 non-members. For early reservations call Gerda Merwald at 703-354-0796.

Sunday, May 16, 2004

A-AS President Johannes Willenpart invites the members to an English-style picnic at his home on the banks of the Tred Avon River (near Easton, Maryland). Andrea and Johannes have just completed a three year renovation to "Avondale", dating back to 1774. There will be live music and the Chesapeake Region Rolls Royce / Bentley Owners Club will be on hand with a few Vintage Cars. Bring your own picnic and blankets. Austrian wine / soft drinks and English and Austrian hors d'oeuvres will be served. Invitations will go out in April.

Saturday, May 22, 2004 the A-AS Annual Meeting (full membership) at Old Europe Restaurant, Wisconsin Ave., Washington, D.C. All voting members will receive their invitations to this meeting. Come out and have your say in the future of the A-AS. Notices will be sent in April.

Oesterreich Vor - Noch ein Tor!

Austrian International midfielder **Andreas Herzog**, who represented Austria in the 1990 and 1998 FIFA World Cups, has been signed by the L.A. Galaxy as 2004 Discovery Player. He's a veteran of the German and Austrian Bundesligas, known for his dangerous left foot. In 1996, he captured a UEFA Cup with Bayern-Muenchen, most recently playing with Rapid-Wien.

Now, here's the great news for A-AS members. Andreas Herzog and the Galaxy will be playing D.C. United in two exciting games here in Washington at RFK Stadium, the first on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:30 PM and the second on Saturday July 19th, 2004, again at 7:30 PM. We are delighted that DC United is offering all A-AS members a \$5.00 discount on Premium (sideline) seating, so that you will pay only \$17.00 per person. For more information and pictures of Andreas Herzog, check out the website www.LAGalaxy.com. For tickets (mention this A-AS newsletter announcement) call (703) 397-5476. See you at the games!

SOS - Children's Villages Your Sponsorship

As you know, each year in December, the A-AS donates the proceeds of the Children's Afternoon with St. Nikolaus and Krampus to SOS. This year we were able to donate \$555.00.

In December we received word from SOS International that our "Patenkind" Susanna Frankel, who lived at the Village in Wienerwald (Hinterbruehl) has successfully completed her optician's training and is employed with a well-known Austrian company for electronic equipment, spectacles, and optical devices. She has left the village, but remains in contact with her SOS family.

We continue to sponsor Daniel Grossmann, who has moved to the Wohngemeinschaft Anninger in Hinterbruehl where he will complete his schooling. In his leisure time he likes playing football and fishing.

We are delighted to introduce you to our new "Patenkind" Raphael Danner. This adorable little



towhead was admitted to SOS Children's Villages together with his sister Bianca and his brothers Dominik and Alexander. He is already very attached to his SOS mother. He loves his toys, especially fire engines - and says he's going to be a fireman when he grows up. Is he a cutiepie, or what?

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS

Currently through April 10, 2004 The Embassy of Austria in cooperation with the Embassy of Indonesia presents an exhibition of the bold canvasses of Indonesian painter **Yan Suryana**. These lush, brilliantly colored paintings celebrate the exotic culture, rituals and daily life of the Balinese people. He combines intimate themes and the powerful use of color in paintings that are both strong and gentle. Yan's work is deeply influenced by the two years he lived in Austria (and no doubt, by his Austrian wife). You will love his portrayals of Trachten-costumed maids in the Wachau. Admission is free during regular business hours at the Embassy of Austria. For further information, call (202) 895-6776.

February 27, 2004 a concert with **Ingrid Marsoner**, piano, playing works by Janacek, Schubert, and Schumann. 8:00 PM in the Austrian Embassy. Admission free. RSVP: 202-895-6776

February 29, 2004 **The Vienna Piano Trio** will perform works by Haydn, Schoenberg/Steuermann, and Schubert. 7:00 PM in the National Gallery of Art - West Garden Court, at 6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. Free admission, but you must have reservations. Call: 202-842-6941.

March 18 - 20, 2004 The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia proudly presents the **Salzburg Marionette Theater**, with 4 performances at the Perelman Theater. On March 18th and 19th, *The Magic Flute*, and on the 20th *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Founded in 1913, the Salzburger Marionettes have garnered rave reviews throughout the world. Tickets are \$28 and \$43. Call 215-893-1999. Mention that you received this information through A-AS for a 10% discount.

March 19, 20, and 21, 2004 Once again, the **Schubert, Schubert, and Schubert** concert series will be held at Gaston Hall, Georgetown University - each evening at 8:00 PM. For tickets and information call (301) 699-5440 or E-mail schubertschubert.schubert@verizon.net.

March 23, 2004 Sahara. The English Patient's Desert, a documentary film by **Michael Schlamberger**, Austria 2002 (in English.) Uncov-

ering the secret behind the sensational discovery made by Austrian adventurer Ladislaus Almasy in 1933 (now famed as *The English Patient*.) 8:00 PM in the Austrian Embassy. In cooperation with the DC Environmental Filmfestival. Admission free. RSVP: 202-895-6776

The Embassy Series will bring three exciting concert evenings to the Austrian Embassy this Spring, always followed by lovely receptions:

April 23, 2004 Brilliant young Austrian pianist **Till Fellner** will present a program of Bach, Cesar Franck, and Messiaen. 8:00 PM at the Embassy, Admission \$35 (discount for A-AS members)

May 21 and May 22, 2004 The **Annual Operetta Evenings** will feature extraordinary soprano **Alexandra Rieger**, and baritone **Ferdinand von Bottner**, accompanied by pianist George Peachey in two evenings of your favorite operetta arias. Regular admission is \$35. A-AS members receive a \$5 discount on the tickets. Call the Embassy Series at 202-625-2361 to reserve your tickets.

October 2004

It's still 8 months away, but we are excited about the A-AS 50th Anniversary Celebration. That's right, it's our Golden Anniversary. Mark your calendars: the date for the celebration is Saturday, October 16th, 2004, and we we know our members won't want to miss this one. We will be celebrating 50 years of events, information and education, and charitable works, keeping alive the Austrian culture and heritage in America, with a Grand Ball at the Embassy of Austria. Watch this spot for details!

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