

November 2022

Dear friends of Austria and members of the American-Austrian Cultural Society, Season's Greetings!

As all of us are painfully aware, the restrictions imposed by the pandemic have hampered efforts to conduct business as usual for more than two years. Therefore, we needed not only to suspend all our traditional events but also had to hold off on membership drives and elections.

Due to this unprecedented situation, it was agreed that the current AACCS Board members should continue serving in their respective roles on an interim basis and that free membership renewals would be granted until further notice.

Sadly, we also lost two of our long-serving and outstanding Board members and friends of the Society. Both Professor Dr. Peter Evans and Dr. Herbert Traxler passed away during the last two years. They are greatly missed, and we are deeply grateful for their invaluable contributions to our work

Finally, however, it seems that we now may be able to return to some form of normalcy. I am therefore pleased to announce that we will hold an Austrian-style Advent celebration at a new venue – the Arts Club of Washington, a lovely historic building in downtown Washington DC, on Friday afternoon, December 9th, 2022, between 4.30 and 7.00 pm

As a token of our gratitude for your loyalty attendance at this event, which will feature seasonal music performed by our Alpine Singers under the leadership of Carol Traxler, will be offered free of charge to you, our members. You will have received separate emailed invitations with a link to register your attendance via Eventbrite.

I greatly look forward to seeing many of you on December 9th.

Warmly,

Ulli Wiesner, on behalf of the entire AACCS team