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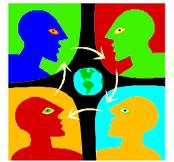
## PROGRAM for LATE JUNE and JULY 2010

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### REGULAR EVENTS

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Thursday at the Spitz: Many of our long-standing members meet informally at the Hotel Spitz in Urfahr (Fiedlerstrasse 6) on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (except Austrian holidays) to chat in English. Everyone is welcome. The meetings will continue throughout the summer. On July 8<sup>th</sup> a special guest, Melina Kapl, who is a junior at the BRG Enns, will talk about her ten-day class trip to Newton, New Jersey, and New York City in March, which the A\*A\*S helped to sponsor.



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### SPECIAL EVENTS

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Wednesday, June 30th, 6:30 p.m. **“The Obama Presidency and the Dangers of the 2010 Midterm Elections“**



The Society and the U.S. Embassy have the great pleasure to welcome to Linz Dr. Ronald J. Hrebenar, a political scientist, Professor and former Chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of Utah, where he was also the director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics. He is the author, editor and co-editor of a dozen books, over 50 articles and chapters on the topics of interest groups, lobbying, political parties and elections in the U.S. and Japan. He is currently a guest professor at Webster University in Vienna.

The 2010 American congressional elections pose an enormous threat to the success of the Obama presidency. If the Republicans are able to win control of either the House or the Senate in November, the Obama agenda of reform could be completely stopped. A wave of anger and fear has spread across the U.S.A. following the financial collapse, leading to a revival of right wing activism in the form of the Tea Party Movement. This could radicalize the Republican Party into a much more extreme, conservative party. This pattern appears to be quite similar to the extreme over-reaction of America in the post-9/11 era and has implications not only for the U.S.A. but for the rest of the world as well. If this wave of anger and fear lasts until 2012, it could very well threaten the re-election efforts of President Obama.



Dr. Hrebenar will give his talk at the Spitz Hotel in Urfahr, Fiedlerstrasse 6, after which drinks and snacks will be served.

Admission: Members free of charge – Students €3.00 – Non-Members €5.00

Please call or send an email by June 25th to make your reservation.

Sunday, July 4th

## Independence Day Celebration



This is one of the most special days of the year. We celebrate this day because it commemorates the formal adoption of The Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on this date in 1776. This document is one of America`s most treasured symbols, identifying the moment when the nation was born and describing the reasons for its birth. It declared the separation of the 13 colonies from England and listed the grievances that had led to the call for independence.



On this sunny Sunday we`ll get together with family and friends for a special roundtrip boat ride on the popular “MS Eduard“. The route will be from the Ruder Verein Wiking in the Winterhafen (The Vikings` Rowing Club in the Winter Harbor of Linz) to the Schloss and back. The skyline of the city from the deck of the boat will be a most beautiful sight!

Arriving back at the Winterhafen, we will be ready to party, and the barbecue will be just the right temperature for our Master Grillers Hans and Christian to grill your favorite steaks, veggie burgers, chicken, and hot dogs that you have brought with you for the picnic. Please also bring along a salad or dessert or a beverage to share with 6 – 8 other people. In America this is called “Pot Luck“ and it`s a very popular way to have a party.



Please send an email by Monday, June 28th, to let us know what you can bring with you to share! Even if we did our very best, we know 90 noodle salads would be really hard to eat.



We`ll start barbecueing at 12:00 noon. The first boat ride will leave at 1:30 p.m. Roasting marshmallows for yummy “Smores”, live music by musicians from the Musikschule Linz, a volleyball match and field games will all make for a day of fun for everyone! Bring your family and friends!

Price: € 10.00 for Members and Students -- €5.00 for kids up to 12 -- €16.00 for Non-Members

The picnic and the boat ride will only take place weather permitting. If the weather forecast is not so good for July 4th, call Linda Tuttle Weidinger (0699/12295810) or Christian Rois (0680/3028628) or Hans Mülleder ( 0664/73643566) on July 3rd to find out what will happen on Sunday. In case of rain, our Fourth of July party will take place in a reserved room at “Die Buschenschank” (8er Turm), Daffingerstraße 35, 4060 Leonding, starting at 12.00. Food and beverages will be a la carte.

### SAVE THIS DATE:

On Tuesday, September 14th, H.E. Ambassador William C. Eacho, III will be the guest of honor at a reception given by the Oberbank. A separate invitation will be sent to our members.

We wish all our members and friends



a fun and safe summer.

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