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AUSTRO-AMERICAN SOCIETY - UPPER AUSTRIA

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PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2009

The founder of our Upper Austrian branch of the Society, Diplomkauffrau Hilde Höferer, would have been proud and moved by our 60th Anniversary Celebration, which took place in the Redoutensäle in Linz on October 15th. We are very grateful to our sponsors for helping to make the event such a success: The Embassy of the United States of America in Vienna; the Province of Upper Austria; the City of Linz; the Industrial Association of Upper Austria; the Oberbank.

REGULAR EVENTS

Thursday Conversation: The English Conversation Group meets every Thursday (except Austrian holidays) from 10 to 12 noon at the **Hotel Spitz**, Fiedlerstraße 6, opposite the Neues Rathaus. Just drop in for a chat and a drink.

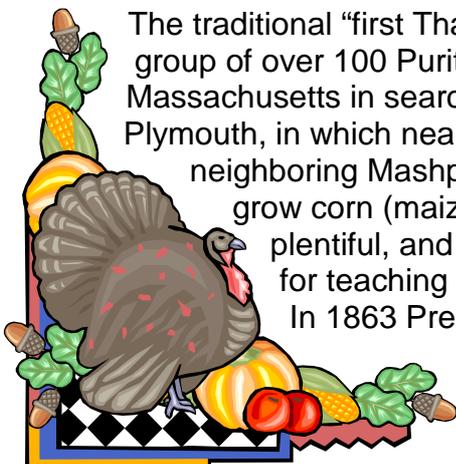
Conversation for 9-to-5ers: This is a conversation circle for our members who work during the day! A Fulbright Teaching Assistant from the U.S. leads and guides the participants through conversation topics of their choice. It began on October 13th. For more information, feel free to contact us.

“Let`s Talk About It“: A conversation class for juniors and seniors (7- and 8-Klassler), this course is expected to start at the **BORG** at Honauerstrasse 24 on October 28 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. A Fulbright Teaching Assistant from the U.S. will teach the students and help them to become more relaxed and confident in English. It will take place 10 times. Please make a contribution towards expenses.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, November 26th – 6.00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner



The traditional “first Thanksgiving“ dates back to 1621. The year before, a group of over 100 Puritans had sailed to what is now the state of Massachusetts in search of religious freedom. After that brutal first winter in Plymouth, in which nearly half of them died, they asked for help from the neighboring Mashpee Wampanoag Indians, who showed them how to grow corn (maize) and other crops. The next harvest in autumn was plentiful, and the grateful Pilgrims held a feast to thank the Indians for teaching them how to plant and prepare new foods.

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of November as the holiday.



So let's come together to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, at the Arcotel Nike, continuing a wonderful tradition and enjoying a delicious meal prepared by their expert chef. The turkey will be transformed into a culinary delight, glazed in bourbon and honey to go along with mashed potatoes, dumplings, corn pudding, vegetables and sweet chestnuts. Good news also for those with a sweet tooth: baked apples with custard and pumpkin-apple cake will round off the feast. Vegetarians will be delighted as well.

Where: Nike Arcotel, Untere Donaulände 9, 4020 Linz
When: Thursday, Nov. 26th
Time: Cocktail hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Admission: € 30.00; One Welcome Drink included; No charge for children under 12.

We are looking forward to welcoming you, your family and your friends for an enjoyable evening. **Please make your reservation for this special occasion by Friday, November 20.**
Phone: 0699-12295810

Friday, December 4th



“Animal Therapy“

Ms. Christine Hawranek, MA, a Certified Animal Therapist since 2000, will give a talk with the help of her twin sister, Regina, about using animals for therapy in hospitals, nursing homes and schools. Her dogs, Alysha and Jolly, will of course take part in the presentation, too. Followed by drinks and snacks. At the **Spitz Hotel**, Fiedlerstraße 6, at 6:00 p.m.
Admission: € 5.00



CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Thursday, December 17th, we will have our Christmas Party at the **Spitz Hotel** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please bring a small gift (valued at about €5.00) to exchange – like every year.

We hope you will join us and enjoy sharing the happiness of the Christmas Season. Punch and cookies will be served.



*We wish all our members, their families and friends
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



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