

Past Events 2016

4. Dec 2016 - Christmas Function, Restaurant Sorrento, One Tree Hill

After a long absence we returned back to the city vicinity for this year's Christmas function and observed an increase in the attendance to 79 members, 7 guests and 9 children. Right after the welcome our master of ceremonies Barbara Steinijans guided us through the programme. The brass players "No strings attached" entertained us again with several Christmas carols followed by the Christmas story, communal singing accompanied by Saraya and a children's poem also presented by Saraya. The man in the red suit came with presents for the children and Geneva thanked him. Donovin and Nathan each played a piece on the guitar and likewise did their sister on the piano and more communal singing prior to the buffet meal. This year we had a basket of goodies to be raffled and we congratulated the lucky winner, Olga Klaasen. The function ended at 8:30 pm and it was again a successful event

12. Nov 2016 - Spring Festival in the Botanical Garden, Manurewa

We met at 12 noon for our spring festival in the Logan Campbell Bldg and 35 members and 3 guests came together. The date fell on the 27th anniversary of the opening of the Berlin Wall which is an important occasion for us. We raised our glasses of sparkling wine and canapés were served with the drinks. The weather was not quite spring-like and only a limited number of us went for a walk through the gardens. In the afternoon we had coffee and cake (torte and plum cake from our bakers) making this another successful event.

2. Oct 2016 - Day of German Unity, Restaurant Sorrento, One Tree Hill

This event is one of the highlights in our calendar with 62 club members attending. Right after the opening Dieter Dyck gave a talk with the topic: Germans in the south Pacific. A historical account starting with the first Germans visiting Tonga, being Georg and Johann Forster from Danzig, a father and son duo of botanists who travelled with James Cook up to recent times with Dieter's own experiences in the kingdom. We raised our glasses of sparkling wine to the good fortune of Germany and New Zealand and sang the German national anthem. Two students gave a musical performance with a Schubert lied and arias from the opera. By then the excellent buffet was ready and much appreciated. An important and festive event ended around 3pm.

18. Sept 2016 - Coffee Afternoon

Quite unexpectedly we had the opportunity to arrange a coffee and cake afternoon. With three cakes baked by our committee members plus a gateau and the ever important coffee 24 members and guests spent an informal and pleasant Sunday afternoon chatting with friends in the Athol Syms Hall in Epsom.

10. Sept 2016 - Bavarian Sausage Festival

Our committee member Bärbel Claerkin was the hostess and opened her home in Clarks Beach for our event. The view over the Manukau Harbour was stunning and the beautiful weather gave one the feeling of being on holiday. The sausages were served with pretzels, bread and salad and beer as refreshment. 27 Club members enjoyed the food and the company.

13. August 2016 - Film Afternoon in Danish House, Penrose

Our film afternoon started with coffee and a range of home-made German cookies with time for mix and mingle. The film which followed was a comedy of the year 1944 'Die Feuerzangenbowle' with Heinz Rühmann - a rather unlikely story of pranks by high school students in the year around 1900. An amusing afternoon with 24 members and 4 guests.

19. March 2016 - Federweißer with Onion Cake at Coopers Vineyard, Huapai

Already an annual event enjoying continued popularity and was again a success. Federweißer is grape juice just before it turns to wine. The onion cake was tasty and was washed down with plenty of Federweißer. The afternoon was finished off with coffee and apple-cream-cake, again from our baker Diehl. The general opinion was: we do it again. We were 43 members and guests.

21. February 2016 - Picnic and BBQ at Long Bay

Luck was again on our side and our picnic took place at fabulous summer weather as in the previous years. The menu consisted of grilled sausages, fried potatoe cakes and sauerkraut. The kitchen was operated by competent cooks and supported by many helpers. The warm weather was inviting to go for a swim but most found the garden chair too comfortable. We had 80 members and guests.