



# Narrenblatt

60. Session 2024-2025

Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft im Phoenix Club

***Froh und heiter  
60 Jahre  
immer weiter***

**Das Prinzenpaar  
der Anaheim KG  
2024-2025**

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## 60. Kampagne

Did you know the Rosenmontag parade in Cologne has been held since 1823 and in Düsseldorf since 1825, making it a 200-year-old tradition of floats, marching groups, dance groups, and music bands, all rooted in ancient Karneval? More than 300 tons of sweets thrown by the participants, and approximately 300,000 "Strüßjer" (flowers) tossed as tokens of affection. We appreciate all this and the parade's highlight and conclusion which is marked by the moment when "D'r Prinz kütt" ("The Prince arrives"). But we still love our little home-grown version of German Karneval in Orange County. So break out the cold duck! We're celebrating our anniversary too. It's not 200 years, but 60 years still a remarkable achievement.

In the 1960s, Karneval experienced a revival of sorts in Germany. The military occupation of West Germany had ended in 1955, and the country had shifted its focus from post-World War II economic recovery to prosperity. Karneval events were now televised and more citizens participated than ever before. This new-found prosperity allowed for the expansion and rejuvenation of old Karneval traditions. Except for those centuries-old organizations, many karneval societies in Germany were established in the 1960s. During this period, renewed traditions also hit just as a new wave of German immigrants, seeking opportunity, arrived in the United States. These immigrants brought with them their familiar Karneval traditions. For over three generations, our group has upheld these over 200-year-old cultural traditions, passed down from those who sought to preserve their heritage in a new land. For that we cheer **"Froh und heiter - 60 Jahre - immer weiter"** and **"3X Phoenix Helau!"**



## German-American Mardi Gras Association



Wie die Zeit vergeht...

The Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft turns 60 and it is my pleasure to congratulate!

What a reason to celebrate!

Karneval is all about celebrations. We celebrate the opening of Karneval season, we celebrate our new Prinzenpaar, we celebrate on the Reeperbahn, and we celebrate when the season is over. And this year we also celebrate a finally finished Club house and a new home for the AKG in Brea.

Karneval has been part of the Phoenix Club from the beginning. As one of the biggest groups of the club, many Karneval members have contributed over the years to the growth (and survival), but especially to the fun and to keeping German traditions in Southern California alive. But while traditions are important, adopting to the times and change has always been part of Karneval. Significant changes in the AKG over the last years have led to new leadership, new group dynamics, new friendships and especially new members and friends. What stays, is the desire to have and create fun for a broad audience, dress up, dance, hear jokes or just meet friends in relaxed atmosphere – and have a drink - together. Karneval is also one of the few places where young and old come together, leaving politics at home and just having a good time.

The Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft was one of the founding clubs of the German-American Mardi Grass Association (GAMGA). It has been and always will be a core Club to German American Karneval in America. 60 years of Karneval events at the Phoenix Club have set examples and standards how German Karneval is being celebrated in America. It's exciting performances at the GAMGA Galas have always been one of the highlights of the night. Countless members of the AKG have and do serve on the GAMGA board of directors and are, or were, presidents of GAMGA for decades. I would like to thank the AKG for all that and hope you will continue in those traditions for many, many years.

I wish the Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft a very fun filled, successful 60. Season. I will see you there often. And, I hope to see all of you at the 39. GAMGA Gala in Las Vegas.

Phoenix Helau!

Holger Claus, GAMGA President

## Elferratspräsident der Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft

Welcome to the Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft's 2024-2025 season!

I'm thrilled to share that we're celebrating our wonderful 60th season and our very first full season in our new home in Brea! Just imagine all the skits, songs, dances, jokes, candies, costumes, and good times that have been enjoyed over these remarkable seasons that start on 11/11 and go through Ash Wednesday.

This season promises to be truly special. We're coming together to support our amazing Prinzenpaar, and our talented members have been hard at work planning and practicing all year to bring you unforgettable events.

We can't wait to see your smiling faces in the audience—believe me, you won't want to miss this! If you're passionate about Karneval and eager to dive in even deeper, we warmly invite you to join the AKG. We're a lively group with over 50 members, and we're thrilled to keep expanding!

Phoenix Helau!

Patrick Gagné

Elferratspräsident /Gruppenleiter Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft







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Liebe Närrinnen und Narren, liebe Freunde

Nach einer sehr erfolgreichen Kampagne 2024 unter dem Motto „Applaus, Applaus Vollgas voraus“ und unter dem strahlenden Kreuz des Südens im fernen Namibia durfte die Windhoeker Narrenschar zu ihrem 70-jährigen Jubiläum zahlreiche internationale Unterhaltungskünstler und Künstlerinnen begrüßen und das Bestehen des Karneval in Windhoek gebührend feiern. Nun seid ihr in diesem Jahr im Phoenix Klub dran, euer 60. Jubiläum zu feiern und dazu möchten wir euch herzlich gratulieren.



Die Verbindung unserer beiden Vereine besteht nun schon seit über 30 Jahren und somit beweist der Karneval, dass über alle Grenzen und sogar Kontinente hinweg Karnevalisten für dieselbe Sache und dieselben Werte einstehen und gesellschaftliche und freundschaftliche Brücken bauen.



Für diese kontinuierliche und geschätzte Freundschaft danken wir den Karnevalisten aus Kalifornien und wünschen euch eine unbeschwerte, stimmungsvolle und bunte Karnevalszeit. Möge eure Jubiläumssession 2025 ebenso erfolgreich verlaufen wie es 2024 bei uns der Fall war.

WIKÄ-Senator Heinz Krumrey





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# Prinzessin Vicki

You are deeply loved by your family and friends. You are the link that keeps us all gathering together. You surprise us with your energy, moxie and passion for adventure in life.

Now we have watched you step gracefully into this role Heinz invited you to share, that carries a weight of responsibility as well as a spirit for fun.... you got this!! Being a Prinzessin looks amazing on you, so enjoy every moment!

*Your loving Family*





## Proklamation

Hartlich Willkomen ji all to denn Anfang von us narische fuvte Johrestiet. All Karnevalisten freit sik mit en neckischet Lachen vun Brea bet nah Bremen.

*Welcome all to our Narrische fifth Season. All Karnevalisten are very happy with a BIG SMILE & LAUGHTER from Brea to Bremen.*

Bi us tohuus shnackt wi platt und secht Moin den ganzen Dag. Dat mookt allens lichter, wenn wi mahl en beten to dep in den Buddel keken hebbt is dat egaal wat de Tied is, Moin passt immer. Moin an jo aal!

*At our Hometown we talk in Platt and say Moin the whole day. That makes everything easier when we have looked a little too deep into the bottle, it doesn't matter what time it is. Moin always fits. Moin to all of you!*

In us Bremerland fiert wi nich den Karneval so as in Koln oder Mainz, ober wi hebbt Karnevalsamtugge, Buttenobende, sind verkleed un hebbt veel Spaass mit Schluck, Beer und Jager

*In the Bremer Land we don't celebrate as in Koln or Mainz, but have our Karneval Parades, Prunksitzung and Costumes with lots of Fun and plenty of Schnapps, Beer and Jäger!*

As the newly crowned Prinzenpaar we are honored to represent the World renown AKG and greatest German Club in the Land and we promise to uphold the Karneval Culture and Traditions. Most important I am very thankful to have this very supportive and beautiful Prinzessin on my side.

*Thank you, my Sweet Prinz! As your newly crowned Prinzessin, I must confess, I have no Royal Blood but can guarantee my handsome Prinz is really quite a Stud!*  
Phoenix Helau, Phoenix Helau, Phoenix Helau

Rules to follow!!

1. When the Prinzenpaar says Prost, have something to drink. Kiss the person beside you, if you don't have a glass to clink!

2. A Beer or two may suffice her, but to be the Prinz's favorite, it must be a few Jägermeister!

3. It is more fun and lively to sit with a crowd. Make some new friends. Sitting alone is not allowed.

4. Share Karneval stories and memories with new Club Members and Guests. This is how we carry on tradition, as 60 years attests.

5. Come in costume, no one will judge. A silly hat can provide just the nudge.

6. Put your differences, arguments, and problems in hindsight. It's time to celebrate this wonderful Karneval Season with Happiness and Gemütlichkeit.

7. To dance, drink, schunkel, kiss, sing, and join the Polonaise you will avow.  
Now let's seal these simple rules with

Phoenix Helau, Phoenix Helau, Phoenix Helau

SO raise your Stein, Glass or Schnaps to Prost

To our AKG 60 years Celebration,

To our new Phoenix Club in Brea,

To all Karnevalisten in Bremen and beyond,

To my Hometown Gross Ippener

To all the fun and laughter filling this room tonight and throughout the season.

Und jetzt ist endlich Zeit für die Lustigkeit "PROST"

Phoenix Helau, Phoenix Helau, Phoenix Helau



Given on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2024  
At the Phoenix Club in Brea





# froh und heiter 60 JAHRE immer weiter

## Prunksitzung

Saturday, January 11, 2025  
German Comedy and Satire



## Karneval auf der Reeperbahn

Saturday, February 15, 2025  
Red Light District themed Costume Party

## Kinderkarneval

Sunday, February 16, 2025  
Children's Mardi Gras Party



## Piratenball

Saturday, March 1, 2025  
Pirate themed Costume Party



## Aschermittwoch Fischessen

Wednesday, March 5, 2025  
Fish dinner in the Bierstube

## Lumpenball

Saturday, March 8, 2025  
Rag Ball Farewell to Prinz Karneval



## Carried on the shoulders of 60 years of tradition.

Interview with the designated royal couple of the Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft

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*Tell us how you came to the Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft and the Phoenix Club.*

Being German and moving to Southern CA 11 years ago, I instantly found my second home at The Phoenix Club. Being involved in some of the cultural groups at the club, including the AKG, reminds me of home.

*And Princess?*

It started many years ago with an invitation to Oktoberfest by the Weismuller family (specifically Karl and Carla). Jumping to the present day, I am proud to be a member of the club & love dancing with the AKG Damen Revue Dance Group now for 3 years! Christine Schwab-Thompson was my reason for joining the AKG!

*What do you do when you are not engaged in royal duties?*

*Prinz?*

Baking Technology is my profession and often takes me away from home on business trips. Just for fun, when I am home, I am active in "a few" groups. I am the Group Leader of the Phoenix Club Schuetzen (air rifle shooting). I hike with the Club Wander Gruppe. I love visiting the Club Stammtisch. I also follow and watch German Soccer, US Football and occasionally I like to play a round of Golf.

*Prinzessin?*

I enjoy my time with the Damen, and spending time with my family and friends! I have a passion for live music and volunteering. I also have a love of beer and visit many local craft breweries!

*How does it feel to be the Prinzenpaar for the 60th anniversary season?*

Very honored to have been selected for this special royal duty. Anniversaries are great milestones and give people a glimpse of the group's history. I love that I will have an official part in that history.

This Prinzessin still feels like it's all a dream! I am honored and excited to represent the AKG as Prinzessin for this momentous year! My Sweet Prinz and I promise lots of fun for everyone!

*How have the preparations for your reign gone?*

Very well and surprisingly stress free! Everything we've done to prepare has been smooth with lots of help and guidance from our wonderful AKG court.



We have been planning for a while now and put a lot of our heart and soul into the preparations. We hope our affection for Karneval shows.

I've especially enjoyed sneaking away with my Prinz to figure out our plans and keeping everyone guessing who the royal couple will be!

*What insignia have you chosen to represent your reign?*

The Bremer Stadtmusikanten, The Ippener Wappenm, the crest of the Dorf (village) where I grew up, and my favorite Schnaps Jägermeister "Prost"!

I have chosen the TREE OF LIFE. This symbol is my motto and has special meaning to me. No one is promised tomorrow, so you should live each day as if it were your last.

*And will you be wearing tights?*

They wouldn't be seen under my beautiful dress, but, fingers crossed, my handsome Prinz will show off his legs sporting the tights.

Yes, absolutely. I could not see going half-way with this. The tights, the shoes, the feathers, the scepter. Nothing will be missing. I love how the tights show off my awesome shoes!

*Any plans to travel/visit other clubs as Prinzenpaar?*

Yes! We are excited to attend GAMGA in Las Vegas in January, The Germania Society Cincinnati Maskenball in February, and Karneval in El Cajon with our friends the at the San Diego German American Societies. They are celebrating a 60th anniversary this year as well.

We are open to visit any other Karnevalsvereine (groups) who would like us to come by, as time permits, to celebrate with them.

*What do you look forward to most as Prinzenpaar?*

The total experience of being the cheerleaders for the 5th Season Narrenzeit and our 60th Anniversary. Living in the moment of it all!

Celebrating and enjoying the season with everyone! As a German song states, "Lets go beer drinking- beer drinking. All night beer drinking-beer drinking. We'll have lots of fun drinking beer with everyone!"

And.....FINALLY being able to wear my gorgeous dress and tiara!

We invite everyone to join in on the 60<sup>th</sup> Karneval season at the Phoenix Club in Brea. Phoenix Helau!

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*The Prinzenpaar's identity is revealed at the official opening of the Karneval on Saturday, November 16, at 7:00pm in the Ballroom*





## Elferrat und Vorstand



Patrick Gagne  
Elferratspräsident



Gary Bonie



Mark Davis



Rob Gunnemann



Alfred Hauptmann



Kurt Hauptmann



Richard Herber



Marc Machin



Walter Lübke



Paul Smith



Erik Schwarze



Bruce Van Patten



Vivian Stevens Ringen  
Hofmarschall

## Der Vorstand



Patrick Gagne  
Gruppenleiter



Loraine Klotz  
Stellvertretende  
Gruppenleiterin



Richard Herber  
Schatzmeister



Marilyn Orlich  
Schriftführerin





The combination of the figures of the “Hero Carnival” and his pairing with Princess Venetia, officially united the “Nordic” Fastelovend with the southern European-Italian tradition of Carnival.

The colors of our group echo those of Mainz; red yellow blue and white. Our Elferrat (council of eleven men) follow old tradition as the governing decision makers for the season. They represent 11, one beside one. ELF stands for Egalité, Liberté, Fraternité - (equality, liberty, fraternity) Symbolic for equality among the people and inclusion for all.

Our Prinzengarde, and Funkenmariechen complete the elements of nostalgia, representing the parody of Prussian military, designed for the festivities along romantic lines in 1823.

After 60 seasons our emphasis has remained on the modern concept of Rhenish Karneval, instituting our own identity and saving the old traditions by contemporary means.

## Anaheim KG Tradition and Nostalgia

Rhenish Karneval is what the Anaheim KG was founded in. Our organizers wished to carry on the cheerful spontaneity they had experienced in the easily adapted and popular “Saalkarneval” Karneval of the lower and Middle Rhine – where participants are not fully masked, and people can approach each other openly. The distance between participants and spectators (who are also in costume) is smaller, emotions are encouraged, and people laugh, cry and kiss.

The origins of our Prinzenpaar are historic and are rooted in the first organized Karneval procession in Cologne.







## Narren außer Rand und Band

### Der Orden der Anaheim KG 2024-2025

The Sessions Orden is given to all AKG members and to friends as a reward for service, excellence, or in this case is made to celebrate an anniversary.

The design of a Karneval Orden (medal) can be humorous or satirical, it can mark group history or even be the subject of controversy. That is what makes the Orden of the Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft such a highly sought-after party favor.

Orden of Session 2024/25. This season's motto is:

"FROH UND HEITER – 60 JAHRE – IMMER WEITER"  
(Happy and cheerful - 60 years - Always onward.)

This year's design features a large 60 at the center, crowned by our group's Narrenkappe. The Orden commemorates a milestone the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft. For nearly three generations the Group has been celebrating traditional German Mardi Gras in Anaheim and now in Brea. This is quite an accomplishment and aligns with many clubs in Germany who also got their start in the post-war years.



### Der Prinzenorden 2024-2025

The Prinzenpaar bestows their own Orden as an emblem of gratitude. This season's motto is:

"OB BREA ODER BREMEN, ALLE FEIERN DIE NARRISCHE ZEIT MIT ALBERNHEIT UND GEMÜTLICHKEIT"  
(Whether in Brea or Bremen, everyone celebrates the ridiculous time with folly and coziness.)

The Orden design shows the Bremerstadtmusikanten (a fairy tale and symbol of Bremen the Prinz's hometown) In the story, a donkey, a dog, a cat, and a rooster, all past their prime years in life and usefulness on their respective farms, were mistreated by their masters. One by one, they leave their homes and set out together. They decide to go to Bremen, known for its freedom, to become musicians. Along the way, they succeed in tricking and scaring off a band of robbers, capturing their spoils, and living out their days happily.

The tree of Life (significant to our Prinzessin) is also depicted. It represents her Christian beliefs and family upbringing along with a personal health diagnosis that almost shortened her life. No one is promised tomorrow, so you should live each day as if it were your last. Dance like no one is watching. Love with all your heart. Life is not easy, so when it gets tough remember God is with you to get you to the brighter side!





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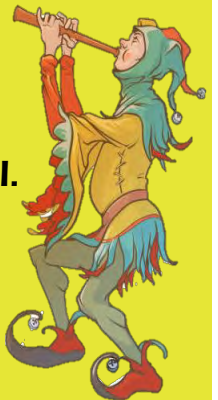
*Congratulations*

*to*

**Prinz Heinz Wilhelm I. and  
Prinzessin Viktoria Elizabeth I.**

*May your reign be full of laughter...  
and fond memories ever after!*

*Jay and Mary Campbell*



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Hans I & Ursula I 67/68  
Hans Klein & Ursula Wassner



Clemens I & Inge I 68/69  
Clemens Schmidt & Inge Meister



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Josef Herget & Sigrid Kunkel



Willi I & Gusti I 70/71  
Willi Alders & Gusti Herget



Roland I & Irmgard I 71/72  
Roland Kern & Irmgard Kahl



Albert I & Anni I 72/73  
Albert Schardt & Anni Schanz



Ernst I & Anni II 73/74  
Ernst Rieder & Anni Hemm



Paul I & Gisela I 74/75  
Paul Gunemann & Gisela Portmann



Heinz I & Sieglinde I 75/76  
Heinz Kahl & Sieglinde Anderson



Paul II & Susi I 76/77  
Paul Jager & Susi Mattegitt



Karl I & Lisa I 77/78  
Karl Fries & Lisa Sarabyn



Georg I & Susie II 78/79  
Georg Schanz & Susie Dodson



Manfred I & Margie I 79/80  
Manfred & Margie Baurmann



Willi II & Lucy I 80/81  
Willi Maul & Lucy Hill



Hans II & Sheila I 81/82  
Hans Steiner & Sheila Schleiermacher



Gerhard I & Kim I 82/83  
Gerhard Moos & Kim Ploschek



Willi III & Ingeborg I 83/84  
Willi & Ingeborg Gerstner



Alex I & Diana I 84/85  
Alex Hertfelder & Diana Theer



Siegfried I & Gisela II 85/86  
Siegfried Schuster & Gisela Simons



Albert II & Margarete I 86/87  
Albert & Margarete Helmbrecht



Helmut I & Kate I 87/88  
Helmut Klopsch & Kate Trammel



Erwin I & Evi I 88/89  
Erwin Simons & Evi Rose



Karl Manfred I & Margo I 89/90  
Manfred Walter & Margo Hagen



Günter I & Jutta I 90/91  
Günter Kunkel & Jutta Cronin



Paul Casper I & Doris I 91/92  
Paul Greven & Doris Schleiermacher



Jürgen I & Cynthia I 92/93  
Jürgen Maerz & Cynthia Wallace



Walter I & Marlies I 93/94  
Walter Lübke & Marlies Garmon



Werner I & Heide I 94/95  
Werner Kurkowski & Heide Fischer



Werner II & Olga I 95/96  
Werner Kurkowski & Olga Donaldson



# Ehrentafel der Prinzenpaare der Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft



Frank I & Inga III 96/97  
Frank & Inge Wittmann



Ken I & Marlies II 1997/98  
Ken & Marlies Garmon



Rob I & Sharon I 1998/99  
Rob Gunemann & Sharon Dietz



Hans III & Margitta I 1999/00  
Hans & Margitta Lietz



Joseph I & Kristen I 2000/01  
Joseph Rheinisch & Kristen Sorenson



Alfred I & Roberta I 2001/02  
Alfred & Roberta Hauptmann



Günter II & Ursula II 2002/03  
Günter Sommer & Ursula Ryder



William I & Ingrid I 2003/04  
Bill Jarosz & Ingrid Simmons



Hans Eric I & Stefanie I 2004/05  
Hans & Stefanie Reisch



Oskar Willi I & Renate I 2005/06  
Willi Gerstner & Renate Halstead



Mark I & Heidi I 2006/07  
Mark & Heidi Davis



Harold I & Kerstin I 2007/08  
Harold & Kerstin Wurmnest



Richard I & Virginia I 2008/09  
Richard & Virginia Lund



Gary I. & Caroline I. 2009/10  
Gary Bonie & Caroline Shackelford



Erik I. & Jillian I. 2010/11  
Erik & Jillian Schwarze



Peter I. & Loraine I. 2011/12  
Peter & Loraine Klotz



Richard II. & Mona I. 2012/13  
Richard Herber & Mona Luebke



Das Dreigestirn 2013/14  
Jungfrau Marieka, Prinz Kurt I. Bauer Erik Mark Davis, Kurt Hauptmann, Erik Schwarze



Joseph II. & Diana II. 2014/15  
Joseph & Diana Spaziano



Holger I & Kerstin II 2015/16  
Holger & Kerstin Claus



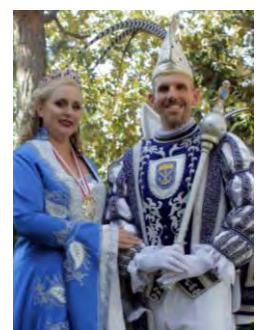
Alan I & Susan I 2016/17  
Alan & Susan Navarro



Daniel I & Nicole I 2017/18  
Daniel Friedl & Nicole Hauptmann



Patrick I & Letty I 2018/19  
Patrick Gagne & Letty Lenoir



Manfred II & Kirsten I 2019/20  
Freddy Bauermann & Kirsten Walter



Matthias I. & Jocelyn I. 2020/22  
Matthew Hale & Jocelyn Gillanders



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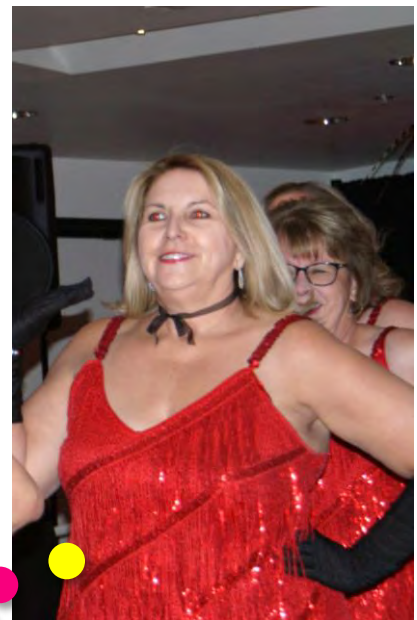


Heinz Wilhelm I & Viktoria Elizabeth I 2023/24  
Heinz Wiechmann & Vicki Sodman





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# 60 JAHRE

## Unsere Gesellschaft



Ultimately, Karneval is about linking arms with friends and family, with young and old, with men and women across all classes all in costume and forgetting the seriousness of life. In Karneval you cannot avoid interacting with others. The Karneval tradition has the power to bring people together.



# immer weiter

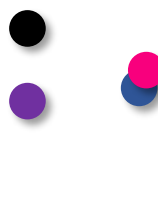




Picture left to right; back: Harold Wurmnest, Erik Schwarze, Heidi Davis, Prinzessin Vicki I, Prinz Heinz I, Alfred Hauptmann, Bruce Van Patton, Mona Lubke, Kerstin Wurmnest, front: Jillian Schwarze, Valerie Gutierrez, Gerda Wisser, Vivian Ringen. These long active members have shaped the life and camaraderie of our Gesellschaft (society) in their particular roles and enriched the events and performances.

## Court of Prinz Heinz Wilhelm I. & Prinzessin Viktoria Elizabeth I.

Hofmarschall:	Vivian Stevens Ringen	Musikmeister:	Kerstin Wurmnest, Daniel Stiller
Prinzenadjutant:	Alfred Hauptmann	International Ambassador:	Walter Lübke
Hofdamen:	Heidi Davis Jill Schwarze	Mundschenk: Marketenderin	Bruce Van Patten Jocelyn Gillanders
Banner:	Valerie Gutierrez Gerda Wisser	Video:	DeeAnne Gunnemann
Standarte:	Harold Wurmnest	Hof-Fotograf:	Paul Smith
Dame de Fleur:	Mona Lübke	Website:	Marc Machin
Kellermeister:	Mona Lübke	Facebook/Narrenblatt:	Heidi Davis
Mutter der Gruppe:	Marilyn Orlich	Decorating & Balloon Art:	Volunteers
Hoppeditz:	Erik Schwarze Adam Herrick		





## Unsere Ehrenmitglieder *Our honorary members*

Erich Boehrer	Margie Baumann
Rolf Pechmann	Paul Morello
Patsy Miele	Egon Kummetz
Willi Gerstner	Rosi Kummetz

## Unsere Ehrensenatoren *Our honorary Senators*

Konsul Erhard Loeser
Michael Meinardus
Hans Klein

## Unsere Senatoren *Our Senators*

Richard Berger
Rudi Graef

### “HELAU”

Our Karnevals Schlachtruf (rally cry) originated in Düsseldorf. Folklore researchers see the foolish "Helau" as a corruption of the church "Halleluja" and refers to the still existing foolish "Ajuja". Other's say is a shepard's call, or that "Helau" comes from "hello" or "he du da" and is associated with the call for the ferryman. Still others argue that it translates from "Halbblau" vernacular for (half inebriated).

In fact, modern Karneval was created as a mockery of all kinds of authorities and is particularly used as a salute or cheer of recognition for a performance or as a greeting.

The salutation of "Helau" is a Karneval institution known throughout Germany and is popular on the Lower and Middle Rhine, thus along with "Alaaf", is one of the most famous among the call of fools.



## Verdienstorden *Order of merit*

2004	Margie Baumann Margret Graef Rob Gunnemann	2019	Richard Lund
2005	Bertha Berger Richard Berger Walter Lübke Juergen Picard	2020	Gary Bonie
2006	Rudi Graef Frank Wittmann Paul Morello Hans Lietz	2021	Sandy Hernandez
2007	Manfred Walter	2023	Dee Ann Gunnemann Cynthia Wallace
2008	Joyce Gunnemann	2024	Wilma Wilson
2009	Gretl Hirschl		
2010	Joe Spaziano		
2011	Mona Lubke		
2012	Jutta Cronin Kirsten Walter		
2013	Heidi Davis		
2014	Kerstin Claus Rich Herber		
2015	Gisela Simmons Mark Davis		
2016	Vivian Ringen		
2017	Gerda Wissner		
2018	Paul Smith		

Karneval could not happen without the hard work and dedication of our AKG members. Desiring to visibly express recognition and gratitude to deserving men and women of the Anaheim KG, the Verdienst Orden (Order of Merit), is awarded. Modeled after the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. It is awarded to all those whose work contributes to the furthering of German Karneval and for achievements that serve the continuance of the Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft. This and the award of Ehrenmitglied (honorary membership) is the group's highest awards. We salute these individuals who are most deserving with: **3 X HELAU!**







# Nostalgia







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## Die Prinzengarde

We are the Prinzengarde, the "Royal Guard" to the Prince and Princess of the Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft, we pride ourselves on creating high-energy dance routines each year, to entertain audiences at Karneval and German cultural events throughout the year. We have a co-ed group, which allows us to do cheerleading and "swing" type stunts in addition to our traditional kick lines, and show dance moves. We have been energetically working on our dance routines and are excited to showcase them this Karneval season. We have a blast dancing together and performing for our audiences.

We particularly enjoy creating fun "theme" dances in addition to our traditional main dance.



## Die Damen Revué

Karneval Greetings from the Damen Revué:

The Damen are excited for Karneval 2024/2025, and we look forward to entertaining you with our new dances. Our group began 8 years ago, with 7 members, and we have grown and are going strong!

Phoenix Helau!

Roberta Hauptmann  
Gruppenleiterin der Damen Revué



Prinzengarde from left to right,  
Kurt Hauptman,  
Lisa Hauptman,  
Katy Stitz, Funkenmariechen  
Vanessa Darling  
Freddy Bauermann  
Sandy Hernandez, not shown  
Amanda Hernandez, not shown



Our dancers range in age from teens to 50s, consisting mainly of students, teachers, office workers, and even some military members. Previous dance experience is not necessary to join, but lots of enthusiasm and the willingness to learn is a must.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact our Dance Captain, Sandy Hernandez, at 714-913-5614 or email us at [phoenixclub.akgprinzengarde@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixclub.akgprinzengarde@gmail.com).

The Damen Revue from left to right:

Crissy Irani  
Rosa Dorn  
Debbie King  
Roberta Hauptmann  
Loraine Klotz  
Vicki Sodman (our Karneval Princess!)  
Patrice Skinner (our newest member)  
Karen Stragey  
Nicole Hauptmann-Kavtichnik  
Diane Kenny  
Christine Schwab-Thompson  
Letty Lenoir (not shown)  
Stephanie Schwab-Hudson (not shown)







## Anaheim KG Tradition & Nostalgia contin.

The *Hoppeditz* is traditionally one of the most important figures in the Düsseldorf Karneval. Year after year with a foolish war of words he heralds the Karneval season. From this moment on, people can laugh, dance and sway again in Düsseldorf – in other words: "Düsseldorf Helau!" Likewise our Hoppeditz takes inspiration from Düsseldorf and opens our season with silliness.

On *Altweiberfastnacht*, (Women's Karneval) the city belongs to women: Every year on Karneval Thursday, Karneval revellers storm the town hall. This event starts the street Karneval off. Countless disguised ladies "ambush" the men at work and cut off their ties – whether they like it or not! Word to the snappy dressers, neckties are always fair game at Karneval events.

And on Karneval Friday, Saturday and Sunday, where things get wild in the Karneval *Hofburgen* (main cities). Crowds of people in fancy costumes come together in the old towns and markets to celebrate the popular festival together!

Mainzer Karneval also has a place in our hearts. We are proud to call some of their Karneval traditions our own. On 11 November, the foolish Basic Law is proclaimed on *Schillerplatz* in Mainz as the starting signal for the beloved and fun time. The Karneval season was ushered into the beat of the famous *Narrhalla March*.

Like in Mainz our *Jecken* (fools) have established "meetings" every weekend in the season known as the famous Karneval *Sitzungen*. You may recognize them as our events or Balls. Tradition has it that each *Sitzung* must begin exactly 11 minutes past the hour. Only then does the *Elferrat* enter the festively decorated hall in pomp and glory.

In Mainz, as in Düsseldorf and Cologne again, the highlight of this crazy festival is the *Rosenmontagszug* (Shrove Monday procession), which transforms the cities into seas of color. For more than 170 years, the Shrove Monday procession has been the highlight of Mainz's Karneval. We love a parade and anyone active in Karneval will know we march in procession at every event.



On Veilchen Dienstag (Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras as it is also known), the foolish hustle and bustle is finally completed by a "Kappen" crawl. In numerous pubs, the people are saying goodbye to the campaign until next year. The symbol of the season is simply buried in a mock funeral and its end is mourned by all.



### No "Helau" in Cologne!

The vocabulary plays a major role: When women in Cologne give a "Jeck" or two a "Bützje" at the "Wieverfastelovend" and then cut off his tie, there is nothing criminal about it, but is based on Rhenish tradition. The old women, "Wiever or weiber", celebrate their own women's celebration on the Thursday before Shrove Tuesday, which is also called "Old Women's Karneval". While on the Rhine it is the *Jecken* (fools) who set the tone, in Mainz it is the *Narren*. In Cologne, you should definitely not enter the pub with a "Triple , Helau" the *Jecken* won't understand it. *Helau* doesn't belong in Cologne any more than a freshly tapped "Kölsch" belongs in Düsseldorf. Even if the Rhenish Basic Law says "Every Jeck is different" and they call for tolerance and forbearance, there are fixed basic rules at Karneval, which are set in stone for every Rhinelanders. *Alaaf* is the name of the game along the Rhine, in Cologne districts, and *Helau* is considered the linguistic norm of fools for the more southern Rhine regions and the rest of the republic.



### Die Bütt

Have you ever heard a really funny comedy routine? Now take that and do it in rhyming verse and you have a *Bütt*. The word *Bütt* refers to a large round or oval vessel without lid; a Pulpit for speakers at ceremonial sessions in the Rhineland carnival. Hence a barrel-shaped podium is often used.

In the past there was a *Bütt* at almost every carnival club. Today we are one of the few clubs to come up with this kind of carnival monologue presented in traditional rhyme form. In the early years of our existence, the *Büttenrede* was performed by several performers as part of our *Prunksitzung* program. In more recent years it has been presented by a few traditionalists who took up the challenge to write a comedic piece in English. Sadly the rhymes have all but faded away except in the *Prinzen Proklamation*.

The topics: politics, men and women, spiced up with a pinch of local headlines or a roast of a well-known individual. No topics are really off-limits. The speeches are original verses with witty contributions tailored to the audience, which take considerable skill and time to script.

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# Kinderkarneval in Outer Space

The Phoenix Club Youth Dance Group and Junior Prinzengarde cordially invites all the children and those "young at heart" to join us for our 55th season "Kinderkarneval in Outer Space!"

The official coronation and proclamation of Kinderkarneval Prinz Henry Manfred I. and his Prinzessin Madeline Jody I. on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 1:00pm in the Phoenix Club Ballroom.

The Youth Dance group would like to send our gratitude to the Phoenix Club and its members who have supported us. We thank the GAMGA organization for its continued generosity and The German-American Societies of San Diego for their participation at our events! With our joint efforts we can continue to pass along wonderful German customs, like the celebration of Karneval, to the next generation.

We hope to see you here, in costume, ready to join the festivities including music, dancing, games, a costume contest with prizes, and a traditional Karneval performance by The Phoenix Club Youth Dance Group.

Kinderprinzengarde:  
Kurt Ethan Hauptmann  
Elizabeth Hauptmann  
Logan Stitz  
Amelia Molitor  
Carter Schwarze  
Jaxson Schwarze

**Choreographer/  
Dance Instructor:**  
**Freddy Bauermann**

**Group leader:**  
**Lisa Molitor**

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Member/Groups for more info.







## Fasnacht

In contrast to the Rhenish Karneval, the Swabian-Alemannic Karneval is predominantly characterized by unique regional and local traditions in Baden-Württemberg. The fools, masks, and customs of the Karneval are very different from place to place. It's a one-of-a-kind spectacle when thousands of ugly mask wearers play their mischief with the visitors. The *Bühlertal* encompasses almost the entirety of the valleys on the Western slope of the Northern Black Forest, at the ridge to the Upper Rhine Valley. The fools of the mountain regions arose from the references to the Bühlertal's chestnut forests, that can still be found abundantly today, and from fairytales about gnomes, witches and trolls that live in the area.

*Narri-Narro!* we learned, is the battle cry in the Bühlertal. The AKG Spargel Hexen were inspired by the lively music, colorful parades, gruesome hand carved masks known as Larva (usually worn by men) and hilarious customs of tossing confetti and marking faces with grease paint. Epiphany is the start of the *Häsabstauben*. (dusting off the fool's costumes).



The actual Karneval always begins on *Schmotzige Dunnschtig* (Dirty Thursday) the fools finally take over the reigns and drive out the winter with their cheerful and noisy processions. The *Häser* (costumed mask wearers) make noise with bells so large and so loud, you are sure that every person has come out to see what is going on.



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**The Damen  
Revue**



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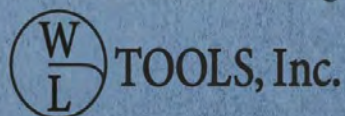
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