



Newsletter of the  
Austro-American  
Society Carinthia



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2018-2019 Stammtisch theme:

**Mixing old and finding new favorites**

We talked to our members and walked around town looking for new-to-us locations, and these were the standout Stammtisch locations. This year in 2018 and 2019 we will discover each location. Please join us!

Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Stammtisch at **Chinesischer Garten**,  
Villacher Str. 221, Klagenfurt, Tel. 0463-220139



**\*Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>\* More information on page 3\***

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Stammtisch at **Café del Sol**,  
Alte Stadtgrenze 2, Klagenfurt, Tel. 0463-381262

Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Stammtisch at **Magdas LOKAL**,  
Stauderplatz 1, Klagenfurt, Tel. 0463-265220

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Stammtisch at **Ouzeri Ilios**, Karfreitstrasse 6-8,  
Klagenfurt, Tel. 0463-503017

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Stammtisch at **Frankie's Restaurant Bar & Cafe**,  
Valentin-Leitgeb-Str. 2, Klagenfurt, 0463-915000

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Stammtisch at **Uni Pizzeria**,  
Universitätsstr. 33, Klagenfurt, Tel. 0462-25088

Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

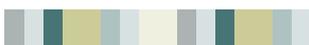
Stammtisch at **Schweizer Haus**,  
Kreuzberg! 11, Klagenfurt, Tel. 0463-56721  
Join us for our traditional summer kick off!



**\*Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>\* More information on page 3\***

EACH STAMMTISCH STARTS AT 6:30 pm. An RSVP is not required and we love surprise guests, but please try to let us know in advance if you are coming so that we can reserve enough space. Please also check our website for other events, lectures, and our special list of Needful Things.

All of your ideas and suggestions are very **WELCOME**.





## Happenings at the Austro-American Society

**TAX TALK, Graz.** In March the Austro-American Society of Carinthia cooperated with the Austro-American Society of Styria and the University of Graz to give a talk on U.S. taxation for U.S. citizens living abroad. This is a topic we all hate, but one that is of increasingly intense interest to our U.S. citizen members. The United States is one of only two countries whose tax laws apply on the basis of citizenship – meaning that U.S. citizens need to comply with the tax laws even if they live abroad, never travel to the United States and never intend to go back to live in the United States. The penalties for failure to comply can be very high and new laws such as FATCA have made it easier for the U.S. government to find out who is not in compliance. The talk was held in the American Studies department at the university and was well attended. A big thank you to Dr. Steve Rabitsch and Michael Fuchs for organizing this event!



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**TRUMP TALK, Graz.** In January, the Austro-American Society of Styria with the support of the University of Graz and the U.S. Embassy in Vienna invited the Austro-American Society of Carinthia to be part of round table discussion – to "talk about Trump". The guest of honor was Peter Rough (third from right) an international political expert at the Hudson Institute in Washington DC. The panel consisted (l. to r.) of Steve Rabitsch, Roberta Maierhofer and Markus Steppan of the University of Graz and Kurt Wagner of our Society. As you might imagine when the topic is President Trump there was a wide-ranging, sometimes emotional, discussion where both Trump critical and Trump supportive ideas were raised and excellent questions from the audience fielded. The Austro-American Society of Carinthia took on the somewhat less politically charged topic of taxes and the changes introduced by the 2018 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Huge thanks to Dr. Bernhard Kettemann, President of the AAS Styria, for organizing this event!



**BITCOIN TALK, Klagenfurt.** By now probably everyone has heard of Bitcoin, but did you know that crypto-currencies like Bitcoin are now much more than just a high-stakes gamble or way to avoid government scrutiny? The Austro-American Society of Carinthia in cooperation with the Department of Finance at the Alpen-Adria University of Klagenfurt organized a talk by legal experts from the Vienna Law Offices of Stadler Völkel to look more closely into current uses of crypto-currencies for business financing. Andreas Pfeil, LL.M. and Lorenz Marek, LL.M. spoke for over two hours and informed (and even entertained) the

audience about block chain technology, "Initial Coin Offering" financing possibilities, and the concept of "smart contracts". The audience included students and faculty of the University of Klagenfurt.

### One Independence Day – Two Events

**AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION, Vienna.** The U.S. Embassy invited the Austro-American Society to its traditional 4th of July reception at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Hietzing. This was an extra special occasion because we were able to meet the new U.S. Ambassador to Austria, Trevor D. Traina, and greet him on behalf of the Society. Ambassador Traina plans to visit Carinthia in the near future, and we will be working with the Embassy on parts of his program. The 4th of July reception included thousands of guests from the Austrian and international governments, businesses, cultural institutions, and universities. The U.S. Marines presented the colors and the Air Force band entertained everyone until late in the evening. As always, traditional American food like hamburgers, hot dogs and Ben & Jerry's ice cream was served.



**AAS BBQ, Klagenfurt.** The Austro-American Society of Klagenfurt held our traditional BBQ at one of our new favorite locations: the Lusthaus in Klagenfurt. Around forty members and friends showed up to celebrate and enjoyed the grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and salads that Bruno Lustig and his staff prepared. Four new members joined the Society at the BBQ (names withheld due to EU data protection rules – but we welcome you!). The guests enjoyed the video of the Embassy reception provided to us by Steve Rabitsch. Chris Muhr entertained us with American music and selections from Welcome Radio 105.5.



## Meet the new US Ambassador

On January 22, 2018, President Donald J. Trump nominated Trevor D. Traina of California to be United States Ambassador to the Republic of Austria. He arrived in Austria on May 18, 2018.

Ambassador Traina has a long history building innovative companies from the ground up. Prior to his appointment as America's representative to Austria, Ambassador Traina was a technology entrepreneur and philanthropist based in San Francisco. Ambassador Traina's first foray

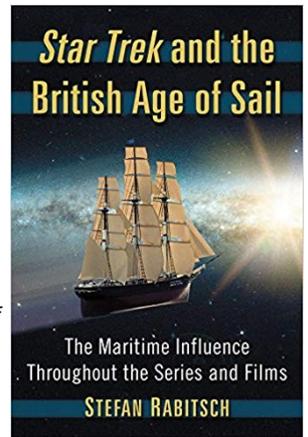


into tech entrepreneurship was as the founder of CompareNet, Inc., the original online product comparison platform, which was sold to Microsoft in 1999. After many further successful ventures, in 2011 he founded Traina Interactive, which operates the unique life experiences provider, IfOnly.com.

## Looking to add to your Library?

The Society wants to give a shout-out to long-time member and supporter of the Society, Dr. Stefan Rabitsch, on the upcoming publication of his book, *Star Trek and the British Age of Sail*. Read the excerpt of his work below:

Clear all moorings, one-half impulse power and set course for a mare incognitum. A popular culture artifact of the New Frontier/Space Race era, *Star Trek* is often mistakenly viewed as a Space Western. However, the Western format is not what governs the worldbuilding of *Star Trek*, which was, after all, also pitched as Hornblower in space. *Star Trek* is modeled on the world of the British Golden Age of Sail as it is commonly found in the genre of sea fiction. This book re-historicizes and remaps the origins of the franchise and subsequently the entirety of its fictional world the *Star Trek* continuum on an as yet uncharted transatlantic bearing.



### Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

Saturday, Nov. 24  
Doors open 17:00

Private rooms @ Villa Lido

**NEW** Starting time of 17:00 to allow plenty of time to socialize, eat turkey, and be entertained!

### Independence Day Celebration

and  
70th

Anniversary of

the Austro-American Society  
Carinthia



Sunday, July 7, 2019  
@ Lustgarten

## Austro-American Society for Styria A Celebration of 70 Years

On October 13 & 14, 2017, our neighbor society in Styria held a weekend celebration of their 70th Anniversary. I was happy to represent Carinthia and spend a beautiful weekend in Graz. The celebration began Friday evening with a warm welcome from Siegfried Nagl, mayor of Graz, Bernhard Kettemann, President of AAS Styria, and Eugene S. Young from the U.S. Embassy. Visiting Fulbright Professor Joseph Malherek presented a riveting talk on Victor Gruen, an Austrian immigrant to the United States post World War II, and his contributions to the creation of the shopping mall. Saturday morning a wonderful tour through the old town of Graz was enjoyed by many, and the welcoming and filling reception at Landhaus Ruckerlberg was not to be missed!

Thank you for a wonderful weekend and Happy Anniversary again!



Left- Joseph Malherek delivers his evening talk on Victor Gruen at the Rathaus Graz.



Right- The extraordinary view enjoyed at the lunch reception at Landhaus Ruckerlberg.



**Austro-American Society Carinthia**

Check  
out our  
courses!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
			<b>9:30–11:00</b> Round Table Conversation
<b>18:15–19:45</b> Talkers' Corner Fun with English!		<b>18:30–20:00</b> Wednesday Talkers Advanced Conversation	



### Course Information

Please contact us for further information about each course **before** you come, as sometimes courses may change!

Courses consist of 2 teaching units weekly for 90 minutes, 20 - 24 weeks in our club rooms at Radetzkystrasse 9, 9020 Klagenfurt. (at Learn Factory, formerly known as LearnUP)

Course costs are €225 for the semester, including your annual individual membership fee.

All teachers are native speakers.  
For more information, contact

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## Membership Information

Membership dues for the 2019 Calendar year:

Individual Membership €25

Family Membership €35

Donor Membership €50+

You can transfer your payment to our account at the BKS Bank, IBAN AT 4417-0000-0100-285282  
'Verwendungszweck' MEMBERSHIP 2019 with your name

Starting this October, annual memberships will follow the academic calendar year from October to September of the following year.

As always,



for your  
continued  
support!