



Ambassadors' Ball

GERMANY

2009

Program



Consulate General of the  
Federal Republic of Germany  
Los Angeles

October 29, 2009

The Honorable Bernard O. Otreмба-Blanc  
Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany

Dear Colleague and Guests of the Ambassador's Ball:

As German Consul General in the US Southwest, I wish to congratulate the Consular Corps of Arizona on its 27<sup>th</sup> Ambassador's Ball on November 7, 2009.

We are honored that Germany, under the motto "Freedom Without Walls," is the host of the 2009 ball, as this year we have particular reason to celebrate – 60 years of the Federal Republic of Germany and the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

We thank our American friends, who were so instrumental in bringing this about, and commend the Consular Corps of Arizona in celebrating with Germany on this occasion.

My best wishes for a successful event.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wolfgang Drautz".

Wolfgang Drautz  
Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany



Welcome to

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Ambassadors' Ball**

Featuring

**Bundesrepublik Deutschland**

Celebrating

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
The Creation of  
The Federal Republic of Germany  
and

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
The Fall of the Berlin Wall

November 7, 2009

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort

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**AMBASSADORS' BALL 2009**

Presenting

**GERMANY**

**PROGRAM OUTLINE**

**RECEPTION**

Music by the Fours Seasons

Silent Auction

**WELCOME**

International Parade of Flags

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**The Honorable Wolfgang Drautz**  
Consul General of Germany in Los Angeles

**DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY**

with

Die Musik Vagabunden

Master of Ceremonies

Tim King

## The Historical Perspective of Consuls

The word Consul derives from the Latin "Consulere," which means to advise, or to attend. The consulate is an institution that even claims its own Roman god: "Consus," God of the counselors, is said to bestow his protective divinity on the consulates. Originally, among the Romans, the word "Consul" applied to high-ranking judges whose authority came to replace that of the kings when the Republic of Rome was inaugurated. In the provinces such judges received the designation of "Pro-consul." During the first two centuries of the Roman Empire, consuls presided over the Senate with substantial powers. Over time, however, the consulate became a more honorary or ceremonial title. Roman Emperors used to distinguish their favorites by appointing them consuls, which soon came to be the denomination of a high social class.

From the time of Caesar, the term Consul fell into disuse. And it is from the epoch of Justinian that the Consul comes to be more of an ambassador. In France, when Napoleon Bonaparte dissolved the Parliament, the Consul reappeared as an administrative and political institution.

The consular function has been in existence for a long time. Some institutions of the past, such as the Pretor Wandering, the Talonarii, Echevines, Prebostes, Bailios, and Aldermen, among others, were analogous in their functions to consulates, including those performed by honorary consuls. But, no historic linkage exists among them.

Recently, the consular institution has evolved. The general intensification of international diplomacy has once again made the consul an essential figure, and at the same time has caused the role of the consulate to become more regulated and standardized. This evolution has led to the inclusion of consular clauses in treaties of trade, commerce, navigation, peace and cooperation, and travel, among others. Many international agreements today include bilateral consular covenants.

The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, though it remains controversial today, recognized that honorary consuls, which had been extensively utilized in the past, constituted an efficient instrument in the maintenance of international relations. Therefore, honorary consuls exist in almost every country in the world, including the United States.

For a large number of nations, it is of great benefit to appoint either nationals or foreign persons as honorary consuls. Those appointed are usually known for their honor and prestige, in many cases occupying a distinguished position in commerce, industry, or financial services in the local community where they are appointed. Such honorary consuls are known for their ability to maintain good relations with the authorities of the region in which they serve, because those qualities guarantee the performance of the charge with dignity and capacity.

The Vienna Convention gives a facultative character to the honorary consular institution. The Vienna Convention states in article 68 that "every State will be able to freely decide if it should name or receive honorary consular officials." The Convention does not define the honorary consul. It is assumed that the character of a honorary consul should be interpreted according to tradition, and that being under the service of a diplomatic mission or general consulate, their action is of limited character, because their functions are delegated by the diplomatic officials or career consuls. Such functions can be expanded or reduced according to the needs of service.



November 2009

## GREETINGS

**The Consular Corps of Arizona would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending tonight's Ambassadors' Ball.**

**Each year, this Gala event focuses attention on a different country or important international event and it is an integral part of Arizona's multi-cultural landscape whether it be about residents, commercial trade, education or tourism.**

**This year, the Consular Corps celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Creation of the Federal Republic of Germany and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall. Both occasions reflect the deep commitment to freedom and partnership between our countries.**

**Please join us in congratulating the Federal Republic of Germany and its Consulate on this significant occasion.**

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## AMBASSADORS BALL 2009

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### *Ambassadors' Ball History of Host Countries*

1983 – France  
1984 – Switzerland  
1985 – Consular Corps  
1986 – Finland  
1987 – Consular Corps  
1988 – France / Norway  
1989 – Germany  
1990 – Switzerland  
1991 – Switzerland  
1992 – Italy  
1993 – The Netherlands  
1994 – Belgium  
1995 – El Salvador  
1996 – Switzerland  
1997 – Norway  
1998 – Great Britain  
1999 – Germany  
2000 – Italy  
2001 – Brazil  
2002 – Iceland  
2003 – Finland  
2004 – Switzerland  
2005 – Mexico  
2006 – Austria  
2007 – China  
2008 – Brazil  
2009 – Germany

## Consular Corps of Arizona A Brief History

Honorary Consuls are appointed by their respective countries and approved by the U.S. Department of State. The first Honorary Consul appointed in Arizona was Joseph E. Refsnes, in 1949, representing Norway. This happened at a time when NATO was training air cadets at Williams and Luke Air Fields. Paul Coze was appointed Honorary Vice Consul of France in 1951; Rudy Zepada was the first Honorary Consul of Belgium in 1952; Foster Mori was appointed Honorary Consular Agent of Italy in 1957, and Robert C. Kelso was appointed Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1961.

The preceding five consuls formed the Consular Corps of Arizona in 1961, electing Rudy Zepada as Chairman, Foster Mori as Vice-Chairman, and Robert Kelso as Secretary-Treasurer. Robert P. LeMarr, representing Ecuador, joined the Consular Corps in 1963, while Dr. Ingel Anderson, representing Sweden, joined the Corps in 1967. Both Consul Anderson and Consul LeMarr subsequently served as Chairman.

Currently 28 countries are represented in the Consular Corps of Arizona with the Honorable Brad Brados, representing Brazil, serving as Chairman. Honorary Consuls serve as the liaison between their country, the various Government agencies and the citizens of Arizona. Additional duties include promotion of business and cultural exchanges and assisting citizens of their respective countries while living or traveling in Arizona. Many Honorary Consuls have similar duties as career diplomats. Most importantly, the Consular Corps members work together in a supportive manner to assist each other in this increasingly integrated world. There are 5 Consulates General in Arizona: Canada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and El Salvador.

The Premier International Social Event of the year is the Ambassadors' Ball, benefiting the Consular Corps of Arizona Foundation, which provides scholarships for students of international business and organizations that serve the needs of children such as Lufthansa Help-Alliance and SOS Children's Villages International, worldwide organizations helping abused, abandoned and orphaned children.

## CONSULAR CORPS OF ARIZONA Chairpersons

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The Honorable Dr. Ingel L. Anderson,	Sweden -	1967 - 1970
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The Honorable Claude Prosnier,	France -	1982 - 1983
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The Honorable Brad Brados,	Brazil -	2007 - Current



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Ambassadors' Ball 2009**

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The Honorable Barry Wong

HH Sheikh Sultan Alibraheem Alshaie,

**Germany**

**Menu**

**Reception**

Assortment of Petites Croquettes  
Black Forest Ham with Horse Radish  
“Obatzter” with Bell Peppers  
Nürnberger Würstl

**Served with:**

Schloß Biebrich Sparkling Wine  
2006 Müller-Thurgau White Wine  
Weingarter Spätburgunder Red Wine  
Berliner „Weiße“

**Gala Dinner**

Green Salad with Smoked Trout  
garnished with Nuts and Exotic Dressing  
Lentil Consommé  
Sauerbraten with Spätzle and Red Cabbage

**Dessert**

Vanilla Ice Cream with Assorted Berries

**Menu created by**

Axel Tiebel, Chef de cuisine  
Kempinski Gravenbruch – Frankfurt