SACEUR stops by GK

By Staff Sgt. R. Michael Longoria

The Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) stopped by the E-3A Component March 6 on NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany.

U.S. Navy Admiral James G. Stavridis met with Component personnel during a short base tour.

“You are one of the greatest AWACS teams in the world,” Admiral Stavridis said. “I’ve been watching this Component for more than three years and I’m always impressed with your accomplishments.”

After being welcomed by Brig. Gen. Burkhard Potozky, the Component commander, the SACEUR received three short briefings: an introduction to operations, operational impact on the training wing and operational challenges for the logistics wing.

“You’ve been doing a terrific job, especially in Libya and Afghanistan,” the admiral said. “You’ve been flying dangerous but effective combat missions in support of NATO operations. The whole alliance appreciates the work you do.”

The majority of the visit was focused on those who get the mission done.

The SACEUR recognized and coined 12 individuals who went above and beyond while contributing to the continued success of NATO and the E-3A Component.

“It’s just extraordinary to see the list of things you all did in Libya and what you continue to do in Afghanistan while in support of the International Security Assistance Force,” he said. “My biggest reason for coming here today was just to tell you thanks. I wanted to personally thank you for what you do.”

Admiral Stavridis, the first Navy admiral to become SACEUR, was appointed to his position July 2009.

As the SACEUR, the admiral is one of NATO’s two strategic commanders and is the head of Allied Command Operations (ACO). He is responsible to NATO’s highest military authority, the Military Committee, and for the conduct of all NATO military operations.

His NATO command is exercised from the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) at Casteau, near Mons, Belgium.

The SACEUR, traditionally a United States Flag or General officer, is dual-hatted as Commander of the US European Command.

The Supreme Allied Commander Europe, U.S. Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis, applauds members of the E-3A Component March 6 on NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen.

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Awareness arises from tragedy

By Staff Sgt. R. Michael Longoria

Stories about tragic events are printed on paper or posted online almost every day. It isn’t until those scenarios hit close to home that most people start to take notice. It isn’t until it happens to you or someone you know that the severity of the situation can be fully grasped.

Senior Master Sgt. Manfred Scholl from the E-3A Component Training Wing had to deal with tragedy head on when he received the extremely sad news that his niece lost three of her six children in a home fire.

On Jan. 18, a fire started on the second floor of a home near the Belgian border in Aachen at about noon while three boys, ages 2, 4 and 5, were playing. The parents were downstairs with their youngest child, a 1 year old boy, and the two eldest children, a girl and a boy, were at school.

While the mother and baby were able to escape to safety, the father valiantly tried to rescue his sons. Armed with a fire extinguisher, he was unable to reach the second floor.

The fire was so severe even the fire brigade had difficulties controlling it when they arrived on scene.

Once the flames where extinguished, the three boys were found dead in the completely burnt down house.

After the tragedy, many people from the Aachen region donated money and items to support the family. However, the parents and baby are still living in a friend’s house and the two eldest children are staying with a relative.

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“The best thing to do before a fire starts is to make sure your family is as prepared as possible,” said Hermann-Josef Kanters, fire prevention officer. “You should make sure your family knows how to prevent a fire but also is aware of what to do the moment a fire starts, including simple things like what number to call and how to get out of the house.”

Fire trainers and specialists from the Medical Squadron will also cover other topics including the importance of smoke detectors; what to do in case of a fire; how to fight a fire; what medical equipment to keep on hand and how to use it; and how to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

“I want everybody to take as much as possible from the Component’s Fire Safety Day,” Scholl said. “While this incident has brought forth a very difficult time for me and my family, I encourage you all to take this opportunity to learn and raise your awareness about fire safety in hopes you can avoid a similar tragedy.”

Component completes 400th OAA flight

The crew members, including maintainers, operators and support staff, of the E-3A Component’s 400th Operation Afghan Assist (OAA) flight pose for a photo March 5 in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan. The Component has been flying OAA in support of the International Security Assistance Force since January 2011.

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There are many examples of this. When someone dies in a fire, what do you do? What do you say? What do you feel? What do you think? This is why it is so important for children to understand the dangers of fire.

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IMF ensures communication success from the ground up

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. R. Michael Longoria

Military and civilian personnel assigned to the E-3A Component recognize the importance of clear, understandable communication.

With advances in technology and the emergence of internet and social media, how we communicate varies and has evolved over time. Keeping up with these changes is extremely important to ensure continued success in NATO operations.

The Integrated Multilink Facility (IMF), a unit mainly sponsored by SHAPE and located at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, is instrumental in transitioning NATO ground sites from JTIDS Class-1 equipment to the newer Multi-functional Information Distribution System or MIDS.

“The new system, required to meet NATO link standards, enhances interoperability between ground and air while providing secure communication,” said Maurizio De Odorico, IMF supervisor.

Several ground site locations have already been updated, but De Odorico and his team of technicians, under SHAPE’s direction, are striving to get the remaining sites upgraded. The IMF team has already traveled to four ground site locations to do the initial set-up of the new equipment and have plans to visit roughly 10 more locations in the near future.

“From Norway to Turkey, SHAPE OSD Air C2 is working to ensure all ground sites are ready to go in the shortest time possible, without impacting interoperability between air and ground elements of the NATO Air Defence,” De Odorico explained.

With the new system in place, adequate training became a must and the IMF personnel were also willing to fulfill this need.

“The main thing for the operators and maintainers of the new system is to understand how the hardware and software work,” said Rick Ojeda, IMF instructor. “With modern Communication Systems, there is a very thin line separating software from hardware.”

In 2012, the IMF will conduct six 2-week courses to train nationally selected ground site technicians and operators on the new system. In addition, courses specifically tailored to meet national requirements are on the schedule. Instruction methodology encompasses a combination of theory and hands-on work, with comprehensive exercises held as a capstone to the course.

“Our primary goal is to provide training for all ground site technicians that are switching from the obsolete data-link system to the newer modern equipment,” Ojeda said. “We teach down to the lowest common denominator. We don’t want to send anyone home unless they are proficient and comfortable with the new equipment.”

To guarantee everyone receives adequate training during the transition to MIDS, IMF personnel, directed by SHAPE and with support from NAMSA-LE, updated the facility to mirror the actual setup of a ground site. The course syllabus has been completely re-written and tailored to suit the new equipment and the new training facility.

Ojeda explained, “We now have an integrated facility with five work stations for training and testing. It is also capable of performing live-link testing of a major NATO tactical data link.”

De Odorico stated that setting up this newly configured training facility in less than a year has been an extraordinary achievement.

“This has been possible thanks to SHAPE and NAMSA-LE believing in the capabilities and potentials of the IMF personnel,” De Odorico said. “Not to be forgotten is the support provided by BLB Aachen, through our Infrastructure Division and the local BwDLZ, who were pestered with all sorts of last minute requirements for the new set-up.”

“The first scheduled course was only possible thanks to the dedication and support of the IW/NW branch personnel that ensured telephone lines and networks were installed in time.”

De Odorico also wanted to thank Ojeda and Niels Jensen, an IMF technician and instructor, for playing key roles in the successful completion of the upgraded facility. “The dedication and enthusiasm with which they confronted the new challenge deserve special mention,” he said.

“National delegates attending the ACCS Hardware Sub-Committee meeting hosted by the Logistics Wing at the E-3A Component in November 2011 were also impressed by the new set-up and positively commented on the high level of professionalism of IMF personnel,” De Odorico added.

The ERCS-IMF (ECM Resistant Communications System-IMF) was created in 1987, sponsored mainly by SHAPE OSD Air C2 and located at Geilenkirchen by specific request of the Nations to reduce the in-service costs of the ground terminals by filtering their units prior to sending them to industry. It was later decided the IMF technicians would also perform repairs of the units and provide technical support/training to site personnel.

At the time of creation, the IMF acronym stood for Intermediate Maintenance Facility. Although repair of MIDS is being limited to industry, this will not change the important filtering role of the IMF now as the Integrated Multilink Facility.

Home Sweet Home: AWACS Village nears completion

From E-3A Component Public Affairs

It was a rainy day at Camp Marmal in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan, and the camp was flooded after heavy rainfall.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, the first accommodation container was handed over from the German Office for Construction to the NATO AEW&C Force Element with minimal delay.

After a thorough check of the rooms and the supplied equipment, the “symbolic key” was handed over by German Army Capt. Kranig to Italian Air Force Lt. Col. Francesco Candian, the Force Element commander in Mazar-e Sharif.

“Now we have a new place to call home,” Candian said.

The first milestone has been finally achieved in a lengthy process initiated in May 2011. Completion of the 1.8 million euro project was planned for December 2011, but had to be postponed due to some unforeseeable delays in the production of the necessary 20-foot containers.

The first crew moved into the new accommodation on Feb. 26, after having helped with installing the equipment and cleaning the rooms. A little before the first batch of accommodation containers was handed over, the second and final batch was assembled in only one day. It will be handed over, after completion of the interior installation, in March 2012.

In the upcoming weeks a satellite dish will be connected to the containers and the final outer cement work will be completed. The protective “concrete T-walls” will be stood up, and gravel will be laid out to suppress mud and dirt.

Finally, after completion of that work, the Force Element will be allowed the build-up of the recreational tents in the newly named “AWACS VILLAGE” of Camp Marmal.
500th anniversary of Gerardus Mercator, pioneer of navigation and famous cartographer

By Lt. Col. Antje Kalka

What do the Global Positioning System (GPS), the town of Gangelt near our air base and a world map made in 1569 have in common? Well, they all are linked to one name: Gerardus Mercator, whose 500th anniversary was celebrated March 5.

Five centuries ago, a poor couple named Kremer (or Cremer) was living in the nearby small town of Gangelt. Hubert was a cobbler and, together with his wife Emerentia, he worked a small piece of land. But the family’s income could not provide more than the very basic needs of life — a situation suffered by many people of lowly status at that time.

Hubert Kremer’s brother Gisbert, however, had escaped the poverty. He had become a priest in the village of Rupelmonde, close to Antwerp in Flanders (nowadays part of Belgium). During a family visit to Gisbert, Emerentia gave birth to her seventh child in the early morning hours of March 5, 1532. They named the little boy Gerhard (or Geerd).

A few weeks later, the couple returned to Gangelt with their little son, back into poverty and the daily struggle to raise a family. In the hope of starting a better life, the Kremer family moved from Gangelt to Rupelmonde some years later.

Gisbert, the priest, took care of Gerhard. He sent his six-year-old nephew to schools where the boy could study Latin (the language of Europe’s educated elite), religion and arithmetic. This education promised a career in the Church and therefore a better life for him.

In the 16th century it was a common practice that young scholars Latinized their names. So did Gerhard Kremer. When he enrolled in 1530 at the University of Leuven, he called himself Gerardus Mercator Rupelmundanus (Gerard Mercator of Rupelmonde). ‘Mercur’ is the translation of the German name Kremer into Latin, as they both mean ‘merchant’.

The University of Leuven was (and still is) a world-famous Catholic university in Flanders, one of the oldest in Europe. Gerardus Mercator took courses in humanities and philosophy but very soon became aware of contradictions between the biblical accounts of creation and the ideas of Aristotle and other philosophers. Such thoughts were dangerous in an epoch when even expressing doubt was close to heresy. In 1532, Mercator left the university with a Master’s degree and traveled a lot in Flanders. The prominent geographer Monachus became one of his friends — and this friendship fanned Mercator’s enthusiasm for geography.

In 1534, he returned to his alma mater to study mathematics. At the beginning, Gerardus was a lousy mathematician. His background knowledge from school was insufficient to cope with the subject. But Mercator was thinking big. He wanted to become cosmographer, a scientist producing maps to describe the cosmos, both heaven and earth. And he soon overcame the gaps in his mathematical knowledge.

His academic teacher Gemma Frisius well understood Mercator’s desire and deep wish to apply science to geography and astronomy in order to understand the universe. Frisius was convinced that the precise description of phenomena had to be the first step for a deeper understanding of universal principles. He had, for example, invented a new triangulation technique. This method allowed the location of a geographic point to be determined by measuring angles to it from known points. In other words, Frisius had applied a scientific method to solve a practical problem and to achieve a better understanding of the world.

Gerardus Mercator was fascinated by the practical application of science. He became an engraver and instrument maker whilst also tutoring students at Leuven. In 1541, Mercator constructed his own terrestrial globe. It was the first one with compass lines across the oceans, and had been commissioned by the Emperor Charles V. And now Gerardus Mercator had found his ultimate mission: description and illustration of the world. For the rest of his life, he condensed the available scientific knowledge about the universe into maps, globes and scientific instruments. He mapped the world in order to understand not only the world but the whole of creation.

Mercator’s excellent skills in engraving and calligraphy, both of which were essential for the production of globes and maps, soon made him a specialist who was in great demand. His works are famous for their exactitude and their precise details. This was firstly the result of Mercator’s comprehensive scientific approach and his meticulous search for information. In addition, as an excellent craftsman, Mercator used copper instead of wood to produce printing plates. The slimmer lines of letters engraved in copper allowed him to place much more information on his globes and maps than by using wooden printing plates.

Mercator produced his first map in 1537. It was one of Palestine. No, he had never been there. But he had grown up with the Bible and reproduced the locations of the cities and villages mentioned there on his maps.

Mercator had a master plan in mind: He wanted to publish a book which should be in fact a compilation of the world’s knowledge about the universe. The man who made the Mercator projection eased the workload of navigators worldwide by eliminating the need to try to pinpoint exact locations on curved reference lines; instead we are able to use the UTM grid which by design allows us to find any location using LAT/LONG or the UTM grid (UTM – Universal Transversal Mercator Projection), and the two systems are easily interchangeable.

His contribution to the world of navigation would later become one of the founding theories for the modern GPS (Global Positioning System).

I think Mercator would be impressed if I had the chance to sit him down in the cockpit of the E-3A. After the initial shock of all the gauges, dials, buttons, switches and the two pilots trying frantically to find their flight meals, we’d lay our charts on the navigator’s table to review our mission’s flight path for the day. As the GPS receivers roared into life he’d notice the ease of use as we find our own position on his chart and see the relationship between GPS and his UTM system. Most of the flight would be GPS point to GPS point, but as we entered the mission area we would switch to a mix of GPS and UTM systems to enable us to get the best radar picture for our location.

This past week I had the opportunity to plan a few long-range flights for the E-3A, and thanks to Mercator I am able to plan a flight to any part of the world using one chart laid flat on a table.

If you think this sounds minor, try mission planning on a globe. My NCOs gained a new found respect for Mercator while holding that globe as I tried.

By Capt. Nick Edwards

Universal Transverse Mercator uses a two-dimensional Cartesian coordinate system to give locations on the surface of the Earth. It is only used for horizontal positions meaning that it does not take elevation into account. It is not a single projection but rather divides the earth into sixty zones, each being a six-degree band of longitude.

This method dates back to around 1569, when a Flemish geographer and cartographer by the name of Gerardus Mercator introduced the world to the Mercator projection. This quickly became the standard for nautical navigation because of its ability to represent lines of constant course, which today we call rhumb lines and still use in our mission planning process. His projection eased the
The man who mapped the world

Gangelt celebrates Mercator

Story and photo by Lt. Col. Antje Kalka

Our neighboring town of Gangelt, Mercator’s birthplace, is also celebrating his 500th anniversary in 2012.

On March 5, the bells of churches in both Gangelt and Rupelmonde were rung to honor the famous cartographer.

Gangelt has renamed a square “Rupelmonder Platz” (at the end of the Lindenstrasse) to commemorate Mercator’s birthplace. Here, also on March 5, a plaque was unveiled which provides information about Mercator’s life.

On “Rupelmonder Platz” you will also find another monument, the “Geographical Point” (see photo). And on the wall of the Historical Town Hall of Gangelt is a portrait of the town’s most famous son.

On www.gangelt.de you can find more information and the flyer “Mercatorjahr 2012” (only in German) with the schedule of activities such as lectures and concerts.

Following Mercator’s tracks in Europe

Only three copies of Mercator’s original world maps “ad usum navigantium” (for the use of navigators) published in 1569 have been preserved. One can be found at Basel University, Switzerland, the second at the National Library in Paris, France, and a third one at the Maritime Museum “Prins Hendrik” in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

The town of Sint-Niklaas in Eastern Flanders (Belgium) is planning many activities in 2012 to celebrate Mercator. Concerts, lectures and guided tours are scheduled. For more information (in Dutch language only), go to www.mercator2012.be.
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Communication: Changing knowledge, attitude and behavior

By Capt. Wilko ter Horst

Changing knowledge, attitude and behavior is not as simple as it seems. For many years communication experts and psychologists studied the complexity of changing people’s attitude and behavior and many books were written. When checking the internet, you will find the most complex studies and models on how to change a person or a group’s knowledge, attitude and behavior.

To make it a little easier, all the studies have the same outcome. Changing knowledge, attitude or behavior is the base of all information campaigns. You have to assess and reassess the short- and long-term effectiveness of your campaign. Simply stated, did you obtain your communication goals, and did the campaign really change the knowledge, attitude or behavior within your designated target groups.

Let’s simplify. Knowledge, attitude and behavior are the main targets in any communication you want to achieve. Whether you work on a strategic communication plan, an advertisement campaign, explaining something to a colleague or discussing with friends, you do not communicate without a reason. You want to bring a message across and with your message you want to inform them, achieve a change in thinking or people taking action.

What do you want to accomplish with your message and even more important, how? Do you want to just change the person’s knowledge or their attitude toward a subject or even their behavior? Can you accomplish a change e.g. the knowledge of the target group with a simple message or do you need to use a different approach or methodology?

Understanding these principles makes it somewhat easier to achieve your communication goals. The three targets explained:

**Knowledge:**
Knowledge is simply informing your target group. It is nothing more than sharing information. You want to inform your target group and give them knowledge about a certain subject. We do this on daily bases by telling stories to colleagues, writing articles, having interviews and sharing information on SharePoint. Your primary aim is informing.

**Attitude:**
With your information you want to change the attitude of your target groups. You want to influence their way of thinking about e.g. the E-3A Component or noise. The attitude consists of only three basic understandings toward a subject. It is positive, negative or neutral.

For example, the media campaign on Operation Unified Protector (OUP) changed the way of thinking about AWACS. By using the media intensively thru articles, interviews and news items we not only changed the knowledge, but more important the attitude positively toward NATO AWACS. The community started to realize that without AWACS no OUP and the necessity of us being stationed at Geilenkirchen. People changed their opinion from negative to neutral and even toward positive.

**Behavior:**
Changing behavior means we want the target group to actively react on a message. Actually, we want them to do something differently than what they did before. But before changing the behavior, we first have to change the attitude towards the subject. Attitude and behavior are closely related. It is ‘mission impossible’ to change the behavior of your target group when they are negative towards a subject.

For example, newspapers stated the quality of a certain product is becoming worse. Even if it is true or false, people reading the article will immediately react and change their attitude and behavior towards the mentioned product. In the worst case they stop buying the product.

The campaign for the company has to start by changing the attitude of the target groups positively towards the product by showing the public that the product remained the same.

As soon as they establish the trust again in the product, they are able to change the behavior of the customer again. Buying the product again.

**How do you make your choices?**
Target group information is essential for the right choice. Which of the three targets are important at what moment in your campaign?

Keep in mind what you want to accomplish with your message.

Do you want a change in attitude – the way you want people to think about a certain subject – you will need more medium and a well-substantiated story.

Do you want people to change their behavior, e.g. filling in new forms or implementing new procedures, you first want to change their attitude positively by explaining why it is better to have new forms or procedures.

As soon as you have accomplished a change in the attitude, you can change their behavior and they will fill in the new form or work with the new procedures.

The PAO office is always available for communication advice. We are specialized in internal and external communication, communication strategy and ready to support you.

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IGA on course for upcoming golf season

By Capt. Wilko ter Horst

The 2012 golfing season is just around the dogleg. Weather is improving, grass is getting greener, and maintenance crews are already preparing the Openbare golf Brunssummerheide course for another season.

Golfers wanting to enjoy the 27 hole complex at a terrific price can join the NATO E-3A Component International Golfing Association (IGA) of Geilenkirchen.

The IGA is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and membership sign-up March 29 in the former Sentry Club. IGA membership entitles golfers to enjoy everyday play at Brunssummerheide, tournaments at more than a dozen courses within about an hour’s drive and club competitions. Membership fees this year are €250 if paid by March 31 and €280 if paid on or after April 1.

Brunssummerheide Golf Course, which is located in the Netherlands, just minutes from the back gate, includes three 9-hole championship courses offering a variety of challenging holes, a driving range and a par-3 course.

The AGM starts at 3:30 p.m. but registration begins at 2 p.m. Golfers can bring their completed applicatons and proof of payment to the meeting.

Membership sign-up is done by bank transfer only this year.

Those that register may collect their Members Guide 2012-2013, season sticker and, for new members, a Bag Tag. IGA members are also encouraged to be members of MWA.

More information and membership applications can be found on the IGA Web site at www.igagolf.de.

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E-3A Component conducts first operational flight in 1982

The first operational NATO E-3A, call sign NATO 01, took off from NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen at 9 a.m. local time on March 22, 1982. U.S. Air Force Maj. James E. Barry was the pilot on this historic mission and the first crew consisted of 36 personnel. The sortie lasted 10 hours and flew on an orbit between Gütersloh and Bremen.

The PAO office is always available for communication advice. We are specialized in internal and external communication, communication strategy and ready to support you.
International Club hosts Charity Night

The International Club Charity Committee will host its annual Charity Night March 23 on JFC Brunssum.

Festivities will commence at 7 p.m. and are open to all NATO ID Card holders and guests who are 16 years and older.

The party features dancing, music provided by a live band and one of the best DJs in the area, casino games, an assortment of raffle prizes, as well as sale of food and drinks from various country booths.

This event, considered by many to be the biggest on the JFC Brunssum social calendar, is organized by volunteers from the International Club charity committee. Visitors are expected to come in fancy dress related to fairy tales, as the theme is “Once upon a time…”, but this is not mandatory.

Entrance tickets are €10 and raffle tickets are €1 for a stack of five. All proceeds go to the 11 different charities selected by the committee. For more information or tickets, contact Bibi Thomsen at ext. 3962.

For more information on the latest programs and upcoming events, visit the Services Branch WSS Web page.

MWA Information

March

E-3A Club:
The E-3A Club is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The Red Lion Bar is open on Wednesdays from 4 to 10 p.m.

Special Events
(See Food Services Web Page for details):
March 23: Steak Night
April 8: Easter Brunch

Coffee and Cake (€ 3.55), Toasties and “Bockwurst with Salad” are served every day starting at 11 a.m. Coffee-to-go is also available. Additionally, a small warm dish with bread is available from 11 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. The price for MWA members is 2.50 Euros and 3.50 Euros for non-MWA members.

Sports Department
Sports Department facilities are open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the weekends.

No sports staff is available at the New Gym Monday through Thursday after 5 p.m., Fridays after 2:30 p.m. and on weekends.

Patrons wishing to check out equipment need to do so before the above-mentioned times. Management apologizes for this inconvenience.

Fitness Classes
Everyone is invited to try out one of the many fitness classes offered at the Sports Department. To see the schedule, visit the Sports Department WSS page.

International Youth Activities
For more information or to register for one on the activities below, contact the IYA Office in Bldg 95 at ext. 4954/4955. For more upcoming activities, visit the IYA WSS page.

Mixed Martial Arts
Christian Ecklé, an experienced and certified instructor, holds Mixed Martial Arts classes at the Old Gym (HAWC) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 15 and 6:30 to 8 p.m. for ages 16 and up. The cost for the 3-months course, which runs from Feb. 29 to May 30, is €75. A 5 Euro discount is offered for the second and each additional family member that signs up. The first class is free.

Swimming Courses
On March 6, the IYA is starting beginner and advanced swimming classes for children ages 4 and older at the Indoor Swimming Pool (“Hallenbad”) in Gelenkirchen on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. The certified instructors speak English and German. The cost for less courses is €78.50, but it’s only €55 with a valid MWA Card.

Easter Egg Hunt
An Easter egg hunt, and other games, will be available for children up to the age of 12 at the IYA Playground behind Building 95 on April 2 at 2:30 p.m. Children can meet the Easter bunny, hunt for eggs and enjoy seasonal games and attractions. There is no fee. In case of a rain delay, the event will be held April 3.
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