

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande German American Club Newsletter

September 2018

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16 Jazz Sunday 2:00-5:30 pm featuring <i>Westside Sound</i>	17	18	19 Irish Dance 7pm	20 GAC Board of Directors 6:30 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26 Irish Dance 7pm	27	28 Cigar Evening 4-7pm	29 Oktoberfest Dance Page 4
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NOTICES

Kaffeeklatsch

Please join us at the GAC for the Kaffeeklatsch at 3pm on Sunday, September 2nd.
Please call Kathe Mirabal at 505-836-6182 for more information.

Accordion for Sale

Associate member Monya Kmetz' father's family was from Poland, and he had a beautiful accordion as a child that has ivory keys. She wants to sell it to someone who will play it. She had looked into putting it into the accordion museum in Phoenix but her family thinks it should be played.

If interested, her contact info is:

Monya Kmetz

Ph: 505-404-8337

Email: <mkmetz12@comcast.net>

Want to learn how to play Traditional Jazz?

The Rio Grande Jazz Society holds a workshop at the GAC,
starting at 5:00, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month

Volunteers Needed !

It is thanks to our many volunteers that we are able to continue the many activities we have at the GAC (see page 8 for a list of some of our many volunteers). We do, however, still need a few more volunteers. Whether you're looking for a long-term or a short-term commitment, please take a look at the below list of needs and consider volunteering for any that fit your talents. If you think of anything you are interested in that is not on the list, please let us know. We always appreciate everyone who helps out.

If you would like to volunteer, or just have questions about any of the positions, please contact GAC Board Chair Jay Vandersloot, either at email <JayVandersloot@yahoo.com> or call him afternoons or evenings at 505-362-1733. We look forward to hearing from you.

Current Volunteer Needs:

- Newsletter Editor
- Volksdance Instructor
- Waltz, Polka, etc., Dance Instructor
- Decorating Coordinator
- Youth Activities (for teens) Coordinator
- Meal Preparation for Dances (a good short-term commitment, whether for just one meal, or for volunteering to prepare meals for a number of dances)
- Election Committee—either for mailing ballots or as “tellers” (ballot counters) at elections, or both

Events for September 2018

Event	Day	Time
Irish Ceili Dance Lessons	Each Wednesday	7 pm
Kaffeeklatsch	Sunday, September 2	3 pm
IAS Board of Directors	Tuesday, September 4	Not at GAC
Weinfest Dance	Saturday, September 8	See Page 4
Elferrat Meeting	Tuesday, September 11	6:30 pm
Essen und Sprechen	Wednesday, September 12	See Page 4
IAS General Membership	Friday, September 14	Not at GAC
Jazz Sunday	Sunday, September 16	2:00-5:30 pm
GAC Board of Directors	Thursday, September 20	6:30 pm
Cigar Evening	Friday, September 28	4-7pm
Oktoberfest Dance	Saturday, September 29	See Page 4

Upcoming Activities

Events and Dates are Subject to change

October

13-Private Party
 21-Hungarian-1956 Revolution Celebration
 27-Halloween Party-Music: DJ Madie (Stepping Out Prod)

November

10-Opening of Fasching (Potluck)-Music: Walter Kirsch
 17-Fasching Opening Ball-Music by: Swingshift

December

01-Fasching Royal Ball-Music by: Hit Squad
 02-IAS Christmas Party
 09-Hungarian Christmas Party
 15-GAC Christmas Dance-Music by: Hit Squad

29-Private Party
 31-New Year's Eve

January

18-19 GAMGA in Las Vegas, Nevada (see pg 5)

February

02-Verrücktenball (Crazy Ball)-Music by: Roger Burns
 16-Damenball (Sweethearts Ball)-Music by: Swingshift

March

02-Maskenball-Music by: Hit Squad
 05-Kehraus-Music by: Walter Kirsch

Please join the GAC web group

so you can get automatic notifications and reminders of upcoming events, and be provided last minute notifications, such as updates or cancellations and notifications of the death of members and when and where services for them will be held

To join, send an email to:
 GAC-ABQ-subscribe@yahoo.com.

Or, email Jay Vandersloot at [<JayVandersloot@yahoo.com>](mailto:JayVandersloot@yahoo.com)
 and ask him to have an invite email sent to you.

Weinfest
Dance
Saturday September 8th

Door Fee \$12 / Meal \$12

Music by **Hit Squad**
From 6:30 to 10:30 pm

Meal prepared by
Kathy Mueller & Britt Peters

Menu (5:30 to 6:45)
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Potatoes Au Gratin
Vegetable
Salad and Roll
Dessert / Coffee

Please make your meal reservation no later than
Thursday, September 6th

By calling 505-888-4833 between 4 and 9pm

Attire: Dirndl / Lederhosen
Or Smart Casual

Oktoberfest
Dance
Saturday September 29th

Door Fee \$12 / Meal \$12

Music by **Swingshift**
from 6:30 to 10:30 pm

8pm: Crowning of Münchner Kindl and
Presentation of former Münchner Kindls

Meal prepared by
Kathy Mueller & Britt Peters

Menu (5:30 to 6:45)
Gulasch (Goulash)
Spätzle
Vegetable
Salad and Roll
Dessert / Coffee

Please make reservations no later than
Thursday, September 27th

By calling 505-888-4833 between 4 and 9pm

Attire: Dirndl / Lederhosen
Or Smart Casual

Essen und Sprechen

Come join us at the monthly *Essen und Sprechen Treffen* (gathering) to **practice your German** and socialize over dinner in German (with some English). For August we will gather at **6:30pm** on the **second Wednesday**, September 12th for our monthly **Essen und Sprechen Treffen** (gathering) at **Fuddruckers**, 4855 Pan American West Fwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 (southward from Jefferson, just past the former Chama River Brewery and Cheddar's), Phone number (505) 344-7449 . We jointly decide at each month's dinner where to go the following month.

Please, PLEASE, reply by Tuesday, September 11th, to Jay either by calling afternoon or evening at 505-362-1733 or by email to JayVandersloot@yahoo.com to let us know whether you will be there, so we will know how large of a table to get. The Essen und Sprechen dinner is quite popular—attendance usually ranges 10-16 people with 28 being our all-time high.

(The Essen und Sprechen monthly dinner group is not affiliated with the GAC; rather it is a separate, autonomous group. The Essen und Sprechen Dinner is open to everyone and this notice is provided for the convenience of anyone who may wish to attend).

GAMGA — January 18-19, 2019

will be at the

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

3700 W. Glamingo Rd.

Las Vegas, NV 89103

Reservation Phone 888-746-6955

Reservation Code: GIVE#GAMGA2019

For more info contact Jim Payne at [<jimandjohanna@aol.com>](mailto:jimandjohanna@aol.com)

What is the GAMGA Gala?

(From the GAMGA Website — <http://www.gamga.org/gamga-gala/>)

The GAMGA Gala is the main (or better – only) event of the German American Mardi Gras Association – the assembly of (German) American Karneval Groups in North America. We celebrate it in the tradition of Karneval/ Fasching/ Fastnacht/ Mardi Gras, keeping traditions alive and passing them on to future generations. It gives especially young performers an outstanding opportunity to perform in front of the biggest audience – in Las Vegas.

The Gala traditionally takes place during the beginning of January in Las Vegas and is attended by about 1000 people. The event is open to anyone interested in German American Karneval, although GAMGA member clubs receive a small discount on entry prices.

The event takes place at a hotel in Las Vegas in a ball room. The hotel traditionally accommodates the majority of attendees which gives a great opportunity not only to attend the event, but also to mingle with like-minded people from all over the country (and world) and enjoy Las Vegas.

The GAMGA board of Directors (all volunteers), with the help of many other volunteers, organize and run the event. The Gala takes place on 2 days – Friday and Saturday.

Both German and American food and beer is served at the event (but it is not a sit down dinner!). The event is a mixture of performances and (ball room) dancing to music provided by a live band and a DJ.

Friday event

The Friday event is the traditional “goofing off” day. Although there is a formal part in the program (e.g. when the GAMGA Prinzenpaar for the year is crowned), the audience is dressing up in “Karneval attire” (some which will get a prize later at night!). The performances during the night are “skits”, where (all amateur) performers show off their humorous side or in show dances. The official program starts usually just before 7pm.

Saturday event

The Saturday event is the more formal event. The audience is dressing more formal (dinner dress) and the attending Karneval groups dress in their official uniforms, wearing their medals. Many Karneval Groups bring their Prinzenpaar to GAMGA and they will show in their beautiful costumes.

The event starts usually before 7pm with a march in of the GAMGA Karneval Groups and their Prinzenpaar. After 8pm the Groups present their Garde Dances in the traditional Garde uniforms.

P&L Statement for July 2018		Operations	Membership	Totals
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
	Income-Bar	6,409.73		
	Other Monthly Income			
	Donations	13.50		
	Door Fees		1200.00	
	Hall Rental Income	387.20		
	Interest Income	0.06		
	Kitchen Income		957.00	
	Membership Incom/Dues		2890.00	
	Miscellaneous Income	107.00		
	Rental Income-Quincy	500.00		
	Total Income	7,417.49	5,047.00	12,464.49
Cost of Goods Sold				
	Cost of Goods-Bar and Kitchen	3,225.97		
	Total COGS	3,225.97		3,225.97
Gross Profit				
		4,191.52	5047.00	9,238.52
Expense				
	Bands		900.00	
	Bar Supplies	19.98		
	Dishwasher		80.00	
	Dues and Subscriptions		14.12	
	Exterminator	91.69		
	Insurance	684.00		
	Janitorial Supplies	54.75		
	Linen Expense	57.38		
	Member Expense		91.18	
	Office Supplies	6.31		
	Payroll Expenses	1,816.15		
	Repairs and Maintenance	158.61		
	Security	26.91		
	Taxes and Licences			
	Property Taxes	500.00		
	Bar License	350.00		
	Total Taxes and Licences	850.00		
	Telephone and Internet	174.90		
	Utilities	1,102.37		
	Total Expense	5,043.05	1085.30	6128.35
Net Ordinary Income				
		(851.53)	3961.70	3110.17

Bank Balances as of July 31, 2018	
Operating Account	\$ 16,036.59
Maintenance Account	\$ 1,422.87
Fidelity CD	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 17,464.46

Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Robert Balthaser
Allen Erwin
Gil Gallegos
Kenneth Luckie
Miguel Mata
Terry Meadows

Geburtstage-Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Lucille Cardella
Mary Compton
Mary Cleo Fernandez
Carolyn Gonzales
Sheri Kraemer
Heidi Martinez
Roberta Ponto
Yolanda Schindwolf
Peggy Schmidt
Bonnie Yorston

Anniversaries

Kenneth & Virginia Cable
Fritz & Carole Eberhardt
Allen & Pat Erwin
Serjio & Elizabeth Herrera
Frank P. Jiron
Rod & Ruby Walter
Kurt & Linda Nielsen Weber

Membership : Updated as of July 2018

Total	231
Males	102
Females	129
Couples	65
Singles	101
Life Members	12

Normal Club Hours

Sunday	12-5 pm
Mon—Wed	4-10 pm
Thurs—Fri	Noon-10 pm
Sat	Noon-11 pm

Happy Hour 4-7 pm
On Thurs-Friday-Saturday

The club may be closed on
some holidays.
Call 505-888-4833

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you for attending my birthday party. I was very happy that you spent time with me for my 80th Birthday Celebration. I also want to thank all the ladies who wore their Dirndls. And, a special thanks for everyone's overwhelming generosity — for all the gifts and flowers. I hope we will see all of you for my 85th!

Thank you again,
Kathe Mirabal

The 2018 Officers and Board

Jay Vandersloot	Chairman	505-362-1733
Steve Borbas	Vice Chairman	505-265-7088
Miguel Mata	President	505-620-3666
Mark Meadows	Vice-President	505-238-2289
Rosalie Pfeiffer	Executive Secretary	505-304-1668
Rose Marie Keating	Financial Director (Acting)	505-463-8097
John Waldrop	Director-at-Large	505-298-5893
Carole Eberhardt	Director-at-Large	505-922-1550
Walter Kirsch	Director-at-Large	505-293-0154

The 2018 Committee Chairs and Coordinators

Ester Lizcano-Greigo	Membership	505-463-5343
Membership Input:	esterg15@gmail.com	505-463-5343
Kathy Mueller	German Culture	505-856-6359
Britt Peters	German Culture	505-867-5969
Debbie Holt	Entertainment Contracts	505-280-6350
Sheri Kraemer	Functions Coordinator	505-271-2634
John Waldrop	Webmaster	505-298-5893
Jay Vandersloot	Newsletter Editor	505-362-1733
Newsletter Input:	< JayVandersloot@yahoo.com >	

NOTE: Deadline for Newsletter Input: 15th of each Month

Other Positions and Associate Groups

Miguel Mata	Past President	505-620-3666
Jim Payne	Elferrat Chair	505-553-8715
Rosalie Pfeiffer	Greeting Cards	505-299-3951
Open Position	Volksdance Teacher	
Open Position	Decorating Coordinator	
Kathe Mirabal	Kaffeeklatsch	505-836-6182
Ellen Dowling	Irish American Society Pres.	505-307-1700
Kathe Mirabal	Front Door Coordinator	505-836-6182
Steve Borbas	Hungarian Club Rep	505-265-7088
Bruce Green	St. Andrew Scottish Society	505-270-6507
Norita Callahan	Dinner Ticket Sales-GAC	505-298-2708
Casey Den Hollander	Rio Grand Jazz Society	505-266-3148

We Send Cards!

Please notify **Rosalie Pfeiffer**, at **505-299-3951**
if you know of any Club Member who should receive a
greeting card, i.e., get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande German American Club New Membership or Renewal Form

Dues are: Single Membership -----\$45

New Membership

Couples Membership----- \$80

Annual fee for Life Members---- \$5 each

Renewal

Please complete this form and return it with your check for dues to the German American Club, 2609 Quincy St., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 Attn: Membership. If you pay your dues with cash at the bar, please keep your receipt. **(PLEASE PRINT)**

Name _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Would you like your e-mail address added to the GAC Group Web Site for automatic notifications and reminders of upcoming events and last minute schedule changes?
_____ Yes _____ No

Your birth month _____ Spouse/Partner _____ Anniversary _____

Your GAC depends on your participation to keep the club running smoothly. Please mark the task or tasks where you would be willing to help:

Recruiting____ **Decorating**____ **Door Greeter**____ **Kitchen**____
Clean Up____ **Event Planner**____ **Contacting Members**____

For new members only:

Referred by _____

Referral must be made by a GAC member in good standing.

For Office Use Only:		
Cash _____	Check _____	Date _____
Receipt # _____		
Check# _____	Amount _____	Initial _____



Having a Party? Rent the Club!



Mon. thru Thur. Night	\$450
Friday Day	\$450
Friday Night	\$500
Saturday Day	\$500
Saturday Night.	\$600
Sunday Day Only	\$500

**Call Miguel Mata at
620-3666 or
Mark Meadows
at 238-2289**

- ◆ Security \$135 extra per guard
- ◆ Use of Kitchen \$100 extra
- ◆ Use of Linen Table Cloths \$100 extra
- ◆ Cleaning \$100 extra

Please note that you must be a dues paying GAC member to rent the club.

If you have been a member for more than 3 years, you may rent the club on availability for your family functions at a slightly discounted price (weddings excluded).

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