

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



The newsletter of the
 Edelweiss am Rio Grande
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February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Don't drive at night anymore? Check out our "Early Bird Dance" on Feb 10th and see the note about it on page 2</i></p>					<p>1 Karaoke 4:30-6:30</p>	<p>2 Verrücktenball (Krazy Ball) See page 4</p>
<p>3 Kaffeeklatsch 3:00 pm See page 2</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Elferrat Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>6 Irish Dance 7pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Early Bird Dance 1-5pm See page 3</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Irish Dance 7pm Essen und- Sprechen pg 3</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Karaoke 4:30-6:30</p>	<p>16 Damenball (Sweetheart Ball) See Page 4</p>
<p>17 Jazz Sunday 2:00-5:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 GAC Board of Directors 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20 Irish Dance 7pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 New Associate Gp Duke City Creative 8pm-1am meeting & dance</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Irish Dance 7pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1 Mar Karaoke 4:30-6:30</p>	<p>2 Mar Maskenball (Masquerade Ball) See page 4</p>

See notice on page 2 for information on a special members' opportunity for waiver of rental fee for use the GAC facility

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

What a great time at GAMGA 2019! I highly recommend you consider going next year. Some pictures have been posted on Edelweiss Facebook page and on Facebook at #gamga2019. I'd like to revive the dance group for GAMGA 2020. If anyone would like to be the instructor or knows of anyone who would like to be please let me know.

Our first Karaoke Friday was a success with sales around a hundred dollars over our Friday average and well above the previous two weeks. I hope some of you will be coming out of the shower and doing your singing here at the club.

I'm pleased to announce we have a new associate club: Duke City Creative. They'll be filling up calendar with more musical and performance events. So the year is off to a good start.

Sincerely,

Lance Klafeta

NEWS AND NOTES

Kaffeeklatsch

Please join us at the GAC for the Kaffeeklatsch at 3pm **on Sunday, February 3rd**.
Please call Kathe Mirabal at 505-836-6182 for more information.

NEW "EARLY BIRD DANCE"

Some of our members asked that we consider having a dance on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon so our members who no longer drive at night will be able to attend and enjoy a dance.

We've listened!

We scheduled an afternoon dance on a trial basis. To try and determine whether Saturday or Sunday would work better, we've scheduled our February "Early Bird Dance" for 1-5pm on Sunday, February 10th and for March it's scheduled for 2-6pm on Saturday, March 30th.

This is on a trial basis, to see how much support it gets, so be sure to come out

And support our new dance offering.

KARAOKE IS BACK!

Our new GAC President, Lance Klafeta, is bringing back **Karaoke!**

Karaoke Joe will be here on Friday, February 1st and 15th, from 4:30-6:30.
Karaoke continues every 1st and 3rd Friday. Come out and enjoy the fun!

Club Rental Fee Waiver Special for Members

For six months (November 2018 through April 2019) your Club has extending an opportunity to those who have been members for over three years to reserve/rent the Club at no facility rental cost. You would still have to pay for any band or entertainment you will have and for any security, kitchen use, use of linen table cloths, and cleanup (janitorial), but the basic facility rental cost is being waived.

Scheduling of GAC functions, associate organization functions, and paid rentals will take priority, and the waived rental functions can be bumped by them up to the first of the month prior to the date the waived function is scheduled, but this waiver of rental costs is available for any dates for which there is nothing else scheduled. (See page 10 for further details on Club rentals)

Upcoming Activities

Events and Dates are Subject to Change

February

01-Karaoke 4:30-6:30pm
 02-Verrücktenball (Krazy Ball), See page 4
 03-Kaffeeklatsch, 3 pm, See page 2
 10-Early Bird Dance, 1-5 pm, See page 3
 15-Karaoke 4:30-6:30pm
 16-Damenball (Sweethearts Ball)-See page 4
 17-Jazz Sunday, 2-5:30 pm
 23-New Associate Group, Duke City Creative, meeting and dance, 8pm-1am

March

01-Karaoke 4:30-6:30pm
 02-Maskenball-(Masquerade Ball), See page 4
 03-Kaffeeklatsch, 3 pm
 05-Kehraus-Music by: Walter Kirsch
 10-Hungarian Club 1848 Revolution Remembrance
 15-Karaoke 4:30-6:30pm
 16-GAC St. Patrick's Dance, Music by: High Desert
 17-Jazz Sunday, 2-5:30 pm
 30-Early Bird Dance, 2-6 pm, Music by: DJ Mardie

April

05-Karaoke Joe 4:30-6:30pm
 06-Vienna Ball-Music by: Hit Squad
 07-Kaffeeklatsch, 3 pm
 19-Karaoke 4:30-6:30pm
 20-Roaring 20's Dance-Music by: High Desert Jazz
 21-Jazz Sunday, 2-5:30 pm

28-GAC Gen. Membership Mtng, 2pm

We've scheduled a talk by someone from the Albuquerque Genealogical Society at our General Membership meeting on how to do genealogical research. Be sure to come out and enjoy!

May

03-Karaoke at the GAC 4:30-6:30pm
 04-Maifest (May Fest)
 11-Private Dance
 17-Karaoke at the GAC 4:30-6:30pm
 18-Denim & Diamonds Dance
 19-Jazz Sunday, 2-5:30pm
 25- Early Bird Dance at the GAC, 2-6pm

Early Bird Dance

Sunday afternoon, Feb 10th, 1-5 pm

Door Fee: \$12.00

GAC, IAS, SASS, Jazz & Hungarian
 Members & Guests Welcome

Music: *Felix y Los Gatos*
 From 1 to 5 PM

NO MEAL

Attire: 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 February we will gather at **6:30pm** on the **2nd Wednesday**, February 13th, at the **Flamez Bistro, 9821 Montgomery Blvd NE** (North side of Montgomery, slightly east of Eubank) (East of Staples, across from Sonics).

Phone: (505) 275-0522

Website: <http://flamezabq.com/dinner-menu/>

We jointly decide at each month's dinner where to go the following month.

Please, PLEASE, reply by Tuesday, Feb 12th, by email to <JayVandersloot@yahoo.com> or by calling Jay in the afternoon or evening at 505-362-1733 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).

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@yahoogroups.com.

Or, email Jay Vandersloot at <JayVandersloot@yahoo.com>

and ask him to have an invite email sent to you (simply follow directions in the invite email)

Damenball (Sweethearts Ball)**Saturday, February 16th****Door Fee for Elferrat Events: \$10.00****GAC, IAS, SASS, Jazz & Hungarian
Members & Guests Welcome****Music by: *Swingshift*
From 6:30 'til 10:30****Meal Served from: 5:30PM to 6:30PM****Prepared by: Bruce & Cindy Miller
Menu****Kassler (pork chop)
mashed potatoes with gravy
mixed vegetables,
Salad, roll, and dessert****Please make meal reservations by Feb 14th
By calling 505-888-4833 between 4 and 8pm*****Dress Code: Formal******Maskenball
(Masquerade Ball)*****Saturday, Mar 2nd****Door Fee for Elferrat Events: \$10.00****GAC, IAS, SASS, Jazz & Hungarian
Members & Guests Welcome****Music by: *Hit Squad*
From 6:30 'til 10:30****Meal Served from: 5:30PM to 6:30PM****Prepared by: The Blemels****Menu****Königsberger Klopse
(German meatballs in wine sauce)
Spätzle
Veggie
Gerkensalat
Roll and Dessert****\$10.00 per person for the Meal
Make checks payable to GAC Elferrat****Please make meal reservations by Jan 31st
By calling 505-888-4833 between 4 and 8pm*****Dress Code: Costume, Formal
or Semi-Formal******Fasching Verrücktenball
(Krazy Ball)*****Saturday, February 2nd****Door Fee for Elferrat Events: \$10.00****GAC, IAS, SASS, Jazz & Hungarian
Members & Guests Welcome****Music by: *DJ Madie*
From 6:30 'til 10:30****Meal Served from: 5:30PM to 6:30PM****Prepared by: Carole & Fritz Eberhardt
Menu****Beef Brisket w/with Egg Noodles
Vegetable
Kraut Salad
Roll and Butter
Dessert****\$10.00 per person for the Meal
Make checks payable to GAC Elferrat****Please make meal reservations by Jan 31st
By calling 505-888-4833 between 4 and 8pm*****Dress Code: Krazy (Ragamuffin), casual,
or Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen, etc.)*****Call for Volunteers
To prepare meals
For GAC dances
Beginning in April****To volunteer
Contact either****GAC President, Lance Klafeta
At 505-480-2344****or****GAC Chairman, Jay Vandersloot
At 505-362-1733****(See page 3 for upcoming dances
scheduled for April and May)**

Culture of Germany, Part 1

(to be continued next month)

From excerpts from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

German culture has spanned the entire German-speaking world. From its roots, culture in Germany has been shaped by major intellectual and popular currents in Europe, both religious and secular. Historically, Germany has been called *Das Land der Dichter und Denker* (the country of poets and thinkers).

There are a number of public holidays in Germany. The country is particularly known for its traditional Oktoberfest celebrations in Munich, its carnival culture and globally influential Christmas customs known as Weihnachten. 3 October has been the national day of Germany since 1990, celebrated as the German Unity Day (*Tag der Deutschen Einheit*).

Germany was the world's second most respected nation among 50 countries in 2013. A global opinion poll for the BBC revealed that Germany is recognized for having the most positive influence in the world in 2011, 2013, and 2014.

Language

German is the official and predominant spoken language in Germany. It is one of 23 official languages in the European Union, and one of the three working languages of the European Commission, along with English and French. Recognized native minority languages in Germany are Danish, Sorbian, North Frisian and Saterland Frisian. They are officially protected by the ECRML. The most used immigrant languages are Turkish, Kurdish, Polish, the Balkan languages, and Russian.

Standard German is a West Germanic language and is closely related to and classified alongside English, Dutch, and the Frisian languages. To a lesser extent, it is also related to the East (extinct) and North Germanic languages. Most German vocabulary is derived from the Germanic branch of the Indo-European language family. Significant minorities of words are derived from Latin and Greek, with a smaller amount from French and most recently English (known as Denglisch). German is written using the Latin alphabet. In addition to the 26 standard letters, German has three vowels with Umlaut, namely ä, ö, and ü, as well as the Eszett or *scharfes S* (*sharp s*) which is written "ß". German orthography was changed in 1996.

German dialects are distinguished from varieties of standard German. German dialects are traditional local varieties and are traced back to the different German tribes. Many of them are not easily understandable to a speaker of standard German, since they often differ in lexicon, phonology, and syntax.

Around the world, German has approximately 100 million native speakers and also about 80 million non-native speakers. German is the main language of about 90 million people (18%) in the EU. 67% of German citizens claim to be able to communicate in at least one foreign language, 27% in at least two languages other than their first.

In the German diaspora, aspects of German culture are passed on to younger generations through naming customs and through the use of spoken and written German. The Goethe Institute seeks the spread the knowledge of German culture worldwide.

Literature

German literature can be traced back to the Middle Ages, with the most notable authors of the period being Walther von der Vogelweide and Wolfram von Eschenbach. The *Nibelungenlied*, whose author remains unknown, is also an important work of the epoch, as is the *Thidrekssaga*. The fairy tales collections collected and published by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm in the 19th century became famous throughout the world.

Theologian Luther, who translated the Bible into German, is widely credited for having set the basis for the modern "High German" language. Among the most admired German poets and authors are Lessing, Goethe, Schiller, Kleist, Hoffmann, Brecht, Heine and Schmidt. Nine Germans have won the Nobel Prize in literature: Theodor Mommsen, Paul von Heyse, Gerhart Hauptmann, Thomas Mann, Nelly Sachs, Hermann Hesse, Heinrich Böll, Günter Grass, and Herta Müller.

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Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Adam John Hamill
Larry Jones
Patrick Marron
Wallace Muenzenberger
Mel Perea

Geburtstage - Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Berta Parker
Rosalie Pfeiffer
Emily Plont-Hall
Kathy Wilds

Jubiläen (Anniversaries)

Al Armijo & Charlotte Rockett
Britt Peters
Rosalie Volz
John & Karin Waldrop
Lorraine Zahari

Our apology to Larry Compton for having inadvertently neglected to include his name on the list of January men's birthdays. A belated Happy Birthday to you, Larry!

Membership As Of December 27, 2018

Total	188
Males	83
Females	105
Couples	50
Singles	138
Life Members	8

NEW Club Hours

Sunday	12-6 pm
Mon—Wed	3-8 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. For Info call 505-888-4833 Monday thru Saturday between 4pm and 8pm

NOTE: The Club may close early when there is no one left in the Club

We are once again accepting ads from our members and sponsors (advertisers)

for publishing in our GAC newsletter. Our current ad rates are listed below. If you know of anyone you think might be interested in having their ads included in our newsletter please tell them about our newsletter and let us know who you think might be interested (send email to jayvandersloot@yahoo.com).

GAC Members and Sponsors Newsletter Ad Rates

We are looking to once again publish ads for our members and sponsors

Our advertisers are very important to us

Please mention seeing their ad in the GAC newsletter when you patronize them.

Current Advertising Pricing per month

Full Page \$80.00

Half Page \$50.00

Quarter Page \$30.00

Business Card \$20.00

Full Page Insert \$90.00 each, per edition

Half Page Insert \$60.00 each, per edition

GAC December 2018 P&L		Operations	Membership	Total
Ordinary Income and Expense				
Income Bar		7,716.16		
Other Income				
	Donations/Misc	37.00		
	Door Fees		1,057.93	
	Hall Rental	899.00		
	Kitchen Income	31.00		
	Membership Dues		45.00	
	Rental Income - Quincy	500.00		
	Special Event		2,235.00	
Total Income		9,183.16	3,337.93	12,521.09
Expenses				
	Cost of Goods Sold	2,878.92		
Other Expenses				
	Misc	1,020.92		
	Acct/Legal	280.48		
	Bands		1,350.00	
	Bar/Kitchen Supplies	271.50		
	Decorations		91.79	
	Dishwasher		50.00	
	Insurance	579.00		
	Janitorial (cleaning/linen/exterminating)	321.99		
	Member Expense			
	Newsletter		105.49	
	Office Supplies	6.31		
	Party Food		195.15	
	Payroll Expenses	1,712.05		
	Repair and Maintenance	57.18		
	Security	26.91		
	Telephone/Internet/TV/Radio	304.71		
	Tax and License			
	GRT	563.29		
	Bar Licenses			
	Property			
	Total Tax and Licenses	563.29		
	Utilities(electric, gas, water)	978.61		
Total Expense		9,565.16	1,792.43	11,357.59
Net Ordinary Income				<u>1,163.50</u>

Bank Balances	
Operations Acct	14,099.95
Investor Acct	1,423.27
CD	5.40
	<u>15,528.62</u>

The 2019 Officers and Board

Chairman	Jay Vandersloot	505-362-1733
Vice-Chairman	Kenneth Blemel	505-293-5620
President	Lance Klafeta	505-480-2344
Vice-President	Dieter Fox	505-293-1752
Executive Secretary	Carolyn Gonzales	505 249-4669
Financial Director	Ingrid Heinstejn	505-515-1806
Director-at-Large	Gloria Casale	505 286-8567
Director-at-Large	Carole Eberhardt	505-922-1550
Director-at-Large	Ester Griego	505-463-5343

Committee Chairs and Coordinators

Membership Chair	Ester Griego	505-463-5343
Membership Input:	<esterg15@gmail.com>	505-463-5343
German Culture Chair	Vacant	Vacant
Entertainment Contracts	Debbie Holt	505-280-6350
Functions/Events Coord	Vacant	Vacant
Media Coordinator	Vacant	Vacant
Webmaster	John Waldrop	505-298-5893
Newsletter Editor	Jay Vandersloot	505-362-1733
Newsletter Input:	<JayVandersloot@yahoo.com>	

NOTE: Deadline for Newsletter Input: 20th of each Month

Other Positions and Associate Groups

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

Volunteers STILL Needed (Some New Ones Added)!

It is thanks to our many volunteers that we are able to continue the many activities we have at the GAC (see the box on the left 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>](mailto:JayVandersloot@yahoo.com) or call him afternoons or evenings at 505-362-1733. We look forward to hearing from you.

Current Volunteer Needs:

- **LIBRARIAN** to organize our lending library and recommend what should be kept or disposed of
- **German Culture Chair** and Committee Member(s)
- **Functions/Events Coordinator** for planning and scheduling events and reservations for renting the GAC
- **Decorating Coordinator** and other volunteers to help decorate
- **Operations Committee Members** to assist the President
- **Newsletter Editor**
- **Dance Instructor** Volksdance, Waltz, Polka, etc., (any or all)
- **Youth Activities Coordinator** for teens activities
- **Media Coordinator** for Facebook, Alibi, etc.
- **Meal Preparation** for Dances beginning in 2019. This is a good short-term commitment, whether for just one meal, or for volunteering to prepare meals for a number of dances

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

Dues are: Single Membership -----\$45
Couples Membership----- \$80
Annual fee for Life Members---- \$5 each

New Membership
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 Lance Klafeta
at 505-480-2344
for more information
and to reserve the Club
facility for your parties**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ♦ Security | \$135 <u>extra per guard</u> |
| ♦ Use of Kitchen | \$100 <u>extra</u> |
| ♦ Use of Linen Table Cloths | \$100 <u>extra</u> |
| ♦ Cleaning | \$100 <u>extra</u> |

**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,
depending on availability for your functions at a slightly discounted price
(weddings excluded).

Business Address:
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