

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



The newsletter of the
 Edelweiss am Rio Grande
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February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Monika Fuchs Fox Memorial (potluck) at 2pm
2 Kaffeeklatsch at 3:00pm See page 2	3	4	5 Irish Dance 7pm	6	7 5:30 Karaoke	8
9	10	11 Elferrat Mtng at 6:30	12 Irish Dance 7pm Essen und Sprechen pg 3	13	14	15 Damenball (Sweethearts Ball) See page 4
16 Jazz Sunday 2:00-5:30 pm	17	18	19 Irish Dance 7pm	20	21 5:30 Karaoke	22 Maskenball (Masquerade Ball) See page 4
23 German Movie Day, 2pm See page 3	24	25 Kehraus See page 4	26 GAC BoD mtng at 6:30 pm Irish Dance 7pm	27	28	29

Join us for our Bloody Mary Sunday Specials
 fixings include (optionally) shrimp, horse radish, bacon, peperoni,
 olive, celery, cheese , and possibly more

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We had a good showing at GAMGA and Prinzess Kari and Prinz Steven did a great job representing. Unfortunately, our enjoyment was dampened with the news that our good friend Monika Fuchs Fox who grew up in the club, daughter of Dieter Fox our Vice President, and who was just elected to the Board passed away age 43. Our thoughts go out to her family and especially her daughters Allison and Jordan. I invite everyone to join us for a memorial pot-luck Saturday February 1, starting at 2:00pm.

We are adding a new event. After Friday Karaoke, at 8:30pm, we're going to have a comedy club with Joe Aranda moving to the kitchen to be a short order cook. The Monte Christo Sandwich is one specialty! We've also started a silent auction that will be ongoing with new donated items each month. We currently have signed prints, steins, and antique porcelain. Your donations are needed. Bottom line we need to try new things and generate more revenue in order to keep going. Coming once a month and maybe having a drink isn't going to keep us going. We need you to participate! When you get this make plans to join us.

—Lance

NEWS AND NOTES

Kaffeeklatsch

Please join us in February at the GAC for the Kaffeeklatsch

at 3pm on Sunday, February 2nd,

For more information, please call Alexandra Mirabal at 505-480-0623
or Kathe Mirabal at 505-836-6182.

NOTES & REMINDERS:

ACCORDION DOOR WALL SCREEN: The accordion door wall screen will normally be closed, or at least partially closed during dances and other events, especially private parties

New Board Members: Jeffrey Hagemann is our new Financial Director and Rosalie Pfeiffer returns to the Board as a Director-at-Large. We already know Rosalie Pfeiffer, but many of you may not know Jeffrey Hagemann. Qualifications the Board used in making its selection and confirming him are that he used to do the bank deposits and cash register sales, and prepared cash drawers for the zoo and is a retired bank examiner.

Fundraisers: We're looking at ideas for fundraisers. These include possible doing a fundraiser at the Chello Grill, having Friday bar food availability, arranging for Goodwill donations collections, doing silent auctions, and placing a Donation Jar at the Bar to collect for Building Fund to get roof repaired. If you have any other ideas, please get them to either Lance <klafeta22@gmail.com> or Jay <JayVandersloot@yahoo.com>

New General Membership Meeting Policy: Beginning with the April 26, 2020 meeting the bar will NOT serve alcohol during the General Membership Meetings and members attending the meeting will be in the ballroom, not in the bar, in order to participate and vote.

Upcoming Activities

Events in the GAC and of Interest to GAC Members Events and Dates are Subject to Change

Sun, Mar 1st, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch
 Fri, Mar 6th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sun, Mar 8th, 1pm, Hungarian 1848 Revolution Remembrance
 Tue, Mar 10th, 6:30pm-Elferrat Meeting and election of new 2020-2021 Elferrat officers
 Sat, Mar 14th, 5:30-GAC St. Patrick's Dance
Music by: Westside Sound
Meal by: Karin Waldrop & Crew
 Sun, Mar 15th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday
 Fri, Mar 20th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Wed, Mar 25th, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting

Fri, Apr 3rd, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sat, Apr 4th, 5:30-Vienna Ball
Music by: Swingshift
Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal
 Sun, Apr 5th, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch
 Fri, Apr 17th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sun, Apr 19th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday
 Wed, Apr 22nd, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting
 Sat, Apr 25th, 5:30-Walpurgnacht Dance
Music by: TBD
Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal
Sun, Apr 26th, 2pm-GAC General Membership Mtng

Fri, May 1st, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sun, May 3rd, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch
 Sat, May 9th, 5:30-Maifest Dance
Music by: Showcase
Meal by: Karin Waldrop & Crew
 Fri, May 15th, Private Party
 Sat, May 16th, Peter & Hyunju Graduation Party
 Sun, May 17th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday
 Fri, May 22nd, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC (date switched due to Private Party on 15th)
 Wed, May 27th, 6:30, GAC Board Meeting
 Sat, May 30th, 5:30-Roaring 20s Dance
Music by: TBD
Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

Fri, Jun 5th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sun, Jun 7th, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch
 Sat, Jun 13th, Private Party
 Fri, Jun 19th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sat, Jun 20th, 5:30-Strawberry Fest Dance
Music by: TBD
Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal
 Sun, Jun 21st, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday
 Wed, Jun 24th, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting

Fri, Jul 3rd, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sat, Jul 4th, Private Party
 Sun, Jul 5th, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch

Next German Movie Day

Sunday, Feb 23rd, 2pm

Come out and enjoy a German language movie

Feature:
Komedian Harmonists

Movie and popcorn are free!

Essen und Sprechen

Join us at the monthly *Essen und Sprechen Treffen* (gathering) to practice your German and socialize over dinner in German (with some English). This month will be at **6:30pm** on the **2nd Wednesday**, Feb 12th, at the **Olive Garden, 601 Juan Tabo (by I-40)**

Phone: (505) 275-9948

Website: <https://www.olivegarden.com/menu-listing/dinner>

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

PLEASE, reply by Tuesday, Feb 11th, by email to [<JayVandersloot@yahoo.com>](mailto:JayVandersloot@yahoo.com) or by texting or calling Jay 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; attendance usually ranges 8-14 people.

(The Essen und Sprechen monthly dinner group is not affiliated with the GAC; but rather 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 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>](mailto:JayVandersloot@yahoo.com)

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

Damenball *(Sweethearts Ball)*

Saturday, February 15th
Door Fee \$10.00

GAC & Associate
Members & Guests Welcome

Music by: *Hit Squad*
From 6:30 'til 10:30

The club is happy to have
Alex Mirabal and
Renato Estacio-Burdick
perform for you at the Damenball.

They will be singing
All I Ask of You
from *Phantom Of The Opera*

Meal Served from: 5:30PM to 6:30PM
Prepared by: Bruce Miller & Crew

Menu

Beef Royale/Au jus
Smashed potatoes
Mixed vegetables
Toss salad
Roll & Dessert

\$10.00 per person for the Meal
Make meal checks payable to the Elferrat
Make door fee checks payable to the GAC

Please make meal reservations by Feb 13th
By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 7pm

Dress Code: Formal if you have it,
otherwise, Semi-formal

Maskenball *(Masquerade Ball)*

Saturday, February 22nd
Door Fee \$10.00

GAC & Associate
Members & Guests Welcome

Music by: *Roger Burns*
From 6:30 'til 10:30

Meal Served from: 5:30PM to 6:30PM
Prepared by: Ken Blemel & Crew

Menu

Sausage Stew Stollen
Prussian Sauerkraut
German mixed salad
Dessert

\$10.00 per person for the Meal
Make meal checks payable to the Elferrat
Make door fee checks payable to the GAC

Please make meal reservations by Feb 20th
By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 7pm

Dress Code: Formal or Semi-Formal,
with Masks if you have them
or Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen, etc.)

Kehraus

Tuesday, February 25th

Meal served from 5:30-6:45
Ceremony will commence at 7pm

Music provided by Walter Kirsch

GAC & Associate Members & Guests Welcome

Meal Sponsored by Dieter Fox & Jim Rehbein

Menu

Bratwurst, Potato Salad, Bread, & Dessert
For only \$10.00

No reservations needed
First Come First Serve
Please make checks payable to Elferrat

Dress Code: Casual

German Culture Corner

Many interesting and different events happen in Germany in February. Some are ancient traditions, others are brand new. All will make you consider a winter vacation in Germany.

Fastnacht

For those who want to celebrate carnival differently than the ones involving parades, floats and revelers in silly costumes that take place in Cologne, Düsseldorf and other western cities in February, you might want to consider making your way to the Swabian region in Bavaria.

Here, you'll find a more medieval, serious carnival tradition across the Black Forest region beginning on February 8th and lasting over two weeks. The town of Rottweil is particularly well known for an event that attracts up to 20,000 visitors each year - the *Narrensprung* (Fools' Leap).

Chinese New Year

Though Chinese New Year is considered the most important holiday in China, it's also celebrated in Germany. From February 1st to 3rd, dragon dances and musical performances take place in the heart of Berlin at Potsdamer Platz.

Bremen Samba and Mask Festival

After a very wet and rather dark January, if you're looking to cure those winter blues and splash your life with a little color, this two-day masked festival in the Hanseatic city of Bremen might be the ticket.

Since 1986, each year, the downtown area of Bremen fills up with dozens of samba groups from Germany and beyond (the UK, Switzerland, Denmark, etc.), attracting over 40,000 spectators. This year's theme is "Lost in Outer Space."

Black History Month

While Black History Month has been observed in February in countries such as the US, the UK and Canada for a few decades now, it's been happening in Germany in recent years too.

The tradition dates back to the 1920s when an American historian initiated a series of events to draw attention to the cultural, economic and social achievements of the Afro-American population.

Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland (Black People in Germany) organizes events to celebrate the history of black people in Germany.

In Berlin all through February the cultural center, Werkstatt der Kulturen, will be hosting concerts, film screenings and parties with people from a range of fields, such as journalists, philosophers and civil rights activists.

—Gloria Casale
German Culture Chair

Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Geoffrey Ewing
Adam John Hamill
Larry Jones
Jack Lopez
Patrick Marron
Wallace S. Muenzenberger Jr.
Mel Perea
Kallos Ulibarri

Geburtstage - Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Rose Marie Keating
Berta Parker
Rosalie Pfeiffer
Kathy Wilds

Jubiläen (Anniversaries)

Raul & Lydia Chavez
Randy & Barbara Rogers
John & Karin Waldrop

Membership As Of Jan 26, 2020

Total	205
Males	100
Females	105
Couples	52
Singles	101
Life Members	9

Club Hours

Sunday 12-6 pm
Mon, Tue, Wed 4-8 pm
Thurs, Fri, Sat Noon-8 pm
Open later when an event is scheduled

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 7pm

NOTE: The Club may close an hour early when there are no patrons left in the Club

Albuquerque Honorary German Consul Office Closure

The Honorary German Consul office in Albuquerque has closed. Therefore, when you need German Consulate assistance, you will now need to contact the German Consulate in Houston, Texas. Their contact information is the following.

Phone: 713-627-7770

Email: info@houston.diplo.de

The phone number for the German Embassy in Washington, DC is 202-298-4000

GAC P&L	Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2019	GAC P&L	Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2019
Ordinary Income and Expense			Other Expenses		
Bottled Beer Sales	1,521.00	23,027.00	Misc	33.50	241.42
Draft Beer Sales	1,651.50	12,295.07	Acct/Legal	280.48	3,206.51
Liquor Sales	3,740.50	38,782.48	Bands	1,960.00	11,990.00
Misc Bar Product Sales	34.25	692.02	Bar/Kitchen Supplies	196.21	3,014.52
Soft Drink Sales	114.00	1,574.50	Decorations/Prizes	-	210.17
Wine Sales	359.00	4,349.80	Dishwasher	140.00	580.00
Income Bar (GRT)	(541.69)	(5,892.72)	Insurance	579.00	7,595.00
Income Bar	6,878.56	74,828.15	Janitor (Incl linen&exterminating)	280.00	2,785.27
Other Income			Member Expense	-	16.16
Movie		13,000.00	Newsletter&Newsletter Binding	173.62	1,381.90
Donations/Misc	157.07	902.66	Office Supplies	8.41	1,489.63
Door Fees	1,130.00	10,064.00	Party Food	-	449.57
Hall Rental	196.08	4,831.42	Payroll Expenses	1,713.53	23,784.30
Kitchen Income	632.00	4,765.00	Promotional Expenses	227.37	499.21
Membership Dues	479.00	8,084.00	Repair and Maintenance	155.12	3,658.96
Rental Income - Quincy	500.00	6,000.00	Security	334.35	2,076.19
Special Event	1,688.00	9,687.60	Telephone/Internet/TV/Radio	175.86	2,094.58
Total Other Income	4,782.15	57,334.68	Tax and License		
Total Income	11,660.71	132,162.83	Fees	463.45	1,421.64
Cost of Goods Sold-Expenses			Bar Licenses	-	2,010.00
Special Event	-	7,499.49	Corporate Income Tax	-	301.70
Bottled Beer Purchases	390.15	10,963.03	Property	21.26	8,369.51
Draft Costs	1,667.19	9,094.04	Utilities(electric, gas, water)	1,049.96	13,228.40
Kitchen Costs	948.17	2,752.65	Total Expense	7,792.12	90,404.64
Liquor Purchases	1,562.48	13,360.96	Net Ordinary Income	(1,350.66)	(4,527.09)
Soft Drink Cost	8.18	1,302.48			
Wine Purchases	680.33	1,302.82	Bank Balances		
Misc Bar Products	-	397.45	Operations Acct	6,024.43	
zCash Over/Short	(37.25)	(387.64)	Investor Acct	1,424.11	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	5,219.25	46,285.28	CD	5.00	
			Total Balances	7,453.54	

The 2020 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	
Executive Secretary	Carolyn Gonzales	505 249-4669
Financial Director	Jeffrey Hagemann	505-720-4926
Director-at-Large	Albert Arizmendi	505-582-4518
Director-at-Large	Gloria Casale	505 514-7185
Director-at-Large	Rosalie Pfeiffer	505-299-3951

Committee Chairs and Coordinators

German Culture Chair	Gloria Casale	505 286-8567
Webmaster	John Waldrop	505-298-5893
Media Coordinator	Lance Klafeta	505-480-2344
Private Parties Coord.	Lance Klafeta	505-480-2344
Functions/Events Coord	Jay Vandersloot	505-362-1733
Entertainment Coordinator	Carol Stevens	505-280-6350
Membership Chair	Jay Vandersloot	505-362-1733
Membership Questions:	<JayVandersloot@yahoo.com>	
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	Pls Volunteer
Volksdance Teacher	Open Position	Pls Volunteer
Youth Activities Coord.	Open Position	Pls Volunteer
Kaffeeklatsch	Alexandra Mirabal	505-480-0623
Front Door Coordinator	Kathe Mirabal	505-836-6182
Duke City Creative	Chessa Leithmann	505-804-2963
Hungarian Club Rep	Steve Borbas	505-265-7088
Irish American Society Pres.	Ellen Dowling	505-307-1700
Jazz Society Coordinator	Casey Den Hollander	505-266-3148

Volunteers STILL Needed

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 partial list of some of our many volunteers) There is always a need for volunteers and we still need a few more. Whether you're looking for a short-term or a long-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 afternoon or evening at 505-362-1733. We look forward to hearing from you.

Current Volunteer Needs:

- **Meal Preparation** for dances (see page 3 for list of upcoming events). This is a good short-term commitment, whether for just one time, or for a number of dances
- **Functions/Events Coordinator** for planning and scheduling events and reservations for renting the GAC
- **Decorations Coordinator** and other volunteers to help decorate
- **Librarian** to help further organize our lending library and recommend what should be kept or disposed of
- **Operations Committee Members** to assist the President
- **Finance Committee Members** to assist the Financial Director
- **Dance Instructor** Volksdance, Waltz, Polka, etc., (any or all)
- **Youth Activities Coordinator** for teens & young adults activities
- **Media Coordinator** for Facebook, Alibi, etc.
- **Membership Chair**

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

 Life Member Annual Fee Each ----- \$5 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 at the bar, please keep your receipt. **(PLEASE PRINT)**

Name _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Primary: Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Partner: Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Would you like your e-mail address added to the GAC Group Web Site for automatic notifications so you can get 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?

_____ Yes _____ No

Your birth month _____ Spouse/Partner birth month _____ Anniversary month _____

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** _____

Serve on Board of Directors _____ **Serve on a Committee** _____

Thank you for your support,
JAY VANDERSLOOT
Membership Chair

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**

- ◆ Security \$135 extra per guard
- ◆ Use of Kitchen \$100 extra
- ◆ Use of Linen Table Cloths (incl cleaning them) \$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 GAC member for more than 3 years you may rent the club for your functions, depending on availability, at a discounted rate (weddings excluded).

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