

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



The newsletter of the
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May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The GAC continues to remain closed due to the COVID-19 restrictions. See below and in the Notes & Reminders section on page 2 for further details.					1 Karaoke CANCELLED	2
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31 Mbr ship Mtng & German Movie See page 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Due to the COVID-19 situation all events and activities are cancelled until restrictions are lifted. We apologize for any inconvenience, but the health and safety of our members is paramount. When the current restrictions are lifted we will reassess when to re-open the bar. We'll send an email when that happens.</p>					

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am confident we will reopen this month! We will implement recommended safety measures, but I can't imagine why, with appropriate spacing, hand washing etc., we shouldn't be able to reopen. Hours will be subject to change. I recommend calling to see if we are open. In the mean time Jeffrey Hageman our Financial Director and I have been working to save money. Jeff figured out that the Direct TV was costing \$157 each month! We may only have network TV when we open. I've turned off refrigerators and the ice maker. We've received a number of donations and are very appreciative. Open or not I hope everyone who is able will renew their membership and perhaps include a little extra. Before we see you again please stay safe. I'm still getting things done for that day. These weeds aren't going to pull themselves.

—Lance

NEWS AND NOTES

Kaffeeklatsch

The Kaffeeklatsch is **CANCELLED** for May 2020.
For more information, please call Alexandra Mirabal at 505-480-0623
or Kathe Mirabal at 505-836-6182.

NOTES & REMINDERS

GAC CLOSURE: Due to the COVID-19 situation all events and activities are cancelled until after the restrictions are lifted. We apologize for any inconvenience, but the health and safety of our members is paramount. When the current restrictions are lifted we will reassess when to re-open the bar. We'll send an email when that happens.

GAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19:
The GAC Quarterly Membership Meeting, originally scheduled for April 26th, is still postponed due to the COVID-19 situation and will be rescheduled after the COVID-19 situation is resolved. If the current closure directive, which is through May 15th, is not extended we will have our General Membership Meeting at 2pm on Sunday, May 31st, with the German Movie Day right after the meeting. If the closure gets extended past May 15th the membership meeting will be further postponed and the German Movie for May will be cancelled.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING POLICY: Beginning with the April 2020 meeting (postponed due to the COVID-19 closures) 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.

PRICE INCREASE: Effective March 1, 2020, due to increases in our costs from the suppliers, we were forced to increase the costs of our alcoholic drinks by approximately \$0.50 per drink.

Upcoming Activities

Events in the GAC and of Interest to GAC Members
Events and Dates are TENTATIVE and Subject to Change, depending on the COVID-19 Resolving

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

Attire: Smart Casual or

Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen, etc.)

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 (Elizabeth Wheelock)

Sun, Jul 5th, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch

Sat, Jul 11th, 5:30-GAC Anniversary Dance

Music by: Swingshift

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

Attire: Formal if you have it,

otherwise Semi-Formal

Fri, Jul 17th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sun, Jul 19th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday

Wed, Jul 22nd, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting

Sat, Jul 25th, 5:30-Sock Hop

Music by: TBD

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

Attire: What you wore for 50's/60's Sock Hops,

Sun, Jul 26th, 2pm-GAC General Membership Mtng

Sun, Aug 2nd, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch

Fri, Aug 7th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sat, Aug 8th, 5:30-Luau Dance

Music by: TBD

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

Attire: Hawaiian or Smart Casual

Sun, Aug 16th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday

Fri, Aug 21st, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sat, Aug 22nd, 5:30-Blues Night Dance

Music by: TBD

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

Attire: Semi Formal or Smart Casual

Sun, Aug 23rd, 1pm, Hungarian St. Stephen's Day Celebration

Wed, Aug 26th, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting

Fri, Sep 4th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sat, Sep 5th, 5:30-Weinfest Dance

Music by: TBD

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

Attire: Smart Casual or

Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen, etc.)

Sun, Sep 6th, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch



Next German Movie Day
Sunday, May 31st, after the
Gen Membership Mtng

(Will be cancelled if
COVID-19 closure gets
extended past May 15th)

Feature for May 2020:
Rosenstraße (2003)
 -PG-13, 136min, Drama, War

Movie and popcorn are free! Come out and enjoy a German language movie

Storyline: When Ruth's husband dies in New York, in 2000, she imposes strict Jewish mourning, which puzzles her children. A stranger comes to the house - Ruth's cousin - with a picture of Ruth, age 8, in Berlin, with a woman the cousin says helped Ruth escape. Hannah, Ruth's daughter engaged to a gentile, goes to Berlin to find the woman, Lena Fisher, now 90. Posing as a journalist investigating inter-marriage, Hannah interviews Lena who tells the story of a week in 1943 when the Jewish husbands of Aryan women were detained in a building on Rosenstrasse. The women gather daily for word of their husbands. The film goes back and forth to tell Ruth and Lena's story. How will it affect Hannah? *Written by jhailey@hotmail.com*

Essen und Sprechen CANCELLED

The monthly *Essen und Sprechen Treffen* (gathering) to practice your German and socialize over dinner in German (with some English) is normally at **6:30pm** on the **2nd Wednesday**, of each month. However, due to the COVID-19 situation the Essen und Sprechen Treffen for May 2020 has been **CANCELLED**

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

PLEASE, contact Jay Vandersloot by email to [<JayVandersloot@yahoo.com>](mailto:JayVandersloot@yahoo.com) or by texting or calling Jay, afternoon or evening, at 505-362-1733 if you have any questions.

(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)

The below future scheduled events are **TENTATIVE**, depending on the **COVID-19** closure restrictions being lifted in time

Strawberry Fest Dance

**Saturday, June 20th
Door Fee \$10.00**

**GAC & Associate
Members & Guests Welcome**

**Music by: *To be determined*
From 6:30 'til 10:30**

**Meal Served from:
5:30PM to 6:30PM**

Prepared by: TBD (Please volunteer)

**Menu
To Be Determined**

**\$10.00 per person for the Meal
Make checks payable to the GAC**

**Please make meal reservations
by June 18th
By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 7pm**

***Attire:* Smart Casual**

GAC Anniversary Dance

**Saturday, July 11th
Door Fee \$10.00**

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Members & Guests Welcome**

**Music by: *Swingshift*
From 6:30 'til 10:30**

**Meal Served from:
5:30PM to 6:30PM**

Prepared by: TBD (Please volunteer)

**Menu
To Be Determined**

**\$10.00 per person for the Meal
Make checks payable to the GAC**

**Please make meal reservations
by July 9th
By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 7pm**

***Attire:* Formal if you have it,
otherwise Semi-Formal**

German Culture Corner

May in Germany

May 1st entire villages in Bavaria come together to raise a traditional maibaum (maypole) with colorful ribbons and carved figures to celebrate the spring season.

In Germany May first is "Tag der Arbeit", or Labor Day. It is a public holiday but is celebrated quite differently in different areas of the country. In Berlin and Hamburg, these celebrations have an anarchist background fighting for labor rights, sometimes violently.

Just 30 minutes away from the capital, most of Berlin descends on Werder (Havel) in the first week of May. . Baumb Blütenfest ("Tree Blossom Festival") is the ideal kick-off to summer and the largest fruit wine festival in the country.

Hamburg celebrates its anniversary with a massive three-day festival. Hamburg's Port Anniversary festivities include a parade of historic ships, dragon boat races, and a tugboat ballet.

Würzburg celebrates its wine festivals on the last weekend in May. Wine has been made there for 1,200 years and has been perfected into an art. The weindorf (wine village) is located in the middle of Würzburg's market square. Weinprinzessinnen (wine princesses) from all over Franconia preside over the festival, and about 40 different area vineyards offer 100 different wines. Wine is available by the glass or by the bottle and pair perfectly with the culinary specialties of Franconia.

—Gloria Casale
German Culture Chair

Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Jim Brauer
Dominic LaBrake
Frank Jiron
Randy Rogers
Christopher Wright

Geburtstage - Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Anna Herrera
Kimberly Byers
Becky Meadows
Janet Nielsen
Helen L. Tooker

Jubiläen (Anniversaries)

None whose membership
is current and paid up

Membership As Of Apr 30, 2020

Total	208
Males	100
Females	108
Couples	54
Singles	100
Life Members	9

Club Hours (after COVID-19 resolves)

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.

When you need German Consulate assistance, you will 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

**EDELWEISS AM RIO GRANDE
GERMAN AMERICAN CLUB
PROFIT AND LOSS
March 2020**

Account Balances As of 5/5/2020

\$1,153 in checking
\$4,339 in savings.
\$5,492 TOTAL

There are unpaid bills totaling approximately \$11,000 consisting of mostly taxes - property tax and taxable income from film income in 2019 of \$6,500 and \$3,000 respectively.

Income	
Income-Bar	-204.98
Bottled Beer Sales	1,018.50
Draft Beer Sales	969.00
Liquor Sales	2,077.75
Misc Bar Product Sales	24.00
Soft Drink Sales	80.50
Wine Sales	134.50
Total Income-Bar	4,099.27
Other monthly income	273.72
Donations	210.00
Door Fees	390.00
Hall Rental Income	728.00
Kitchen Income	270.00
Membership Income/Dues	90.00
Rental Income Quincy	500.00
Total Other monthly income	2,461.72
Total Income	\$6,560.99
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Bar & Kitchen	
Bottle Beer Purchases	190.65
Kitchen Costs	127.00
Liquor Purchases	607.72
Wine Purchases	479.80
zCash Over/Short	90.75
Total Cost of Goods Bar & Kitchen	1,495.92
Special Event Expense	64.50
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$1,560.42
GROSS PROFIT	\$5,000.57
Expenses	
Bank & Credit Fees	1.11
Dues and Subscriptions	14.39
Entertainment	450.00
Band	80.00
Dishwasher	40.00
Total Entertainment	570.00
Insurance	676.89
Janitorial Services	315.00
Office Supplies	104.65
Computer expense	8.41
Total Office Supplies	113.06
Payroll Expenses	677.58
Payroll Taxes	265.10
Wages	935.00
Total Payroll Expenses	1,877.68
Security	
Club Security	26.82
Total Security	26.82
Telephone and Internet	173.00
Utilities	
Electric/gas	743.93
Satellite TV	168.20
Water/Sewer	278.60
Total Utilities	1,190.73
Website expense	119.88
Total Expenses	\$5,078.56
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -77.99
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THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

We appreciate all the donations many members have made during this time of grave financial strain caused by the COVID-19 closure restrictions (as most donors want to remain anonymous, we are not mentioning names).

Please support your Club by attending and enjoying all our upcoming events and activities once restrictions are lifted.

Resources related to the Coronavirus Stay at Home Order

(In case you may need them):

**** Coronavirus Health Hotline:
1-855-600-3453**

**** Coronavirus Info Hotline:
1-833-551-0518**

**** Senior & Disabled Adults
Food Access Hotline:
1-800-432-2080**

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
Actng 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	Amanda Shaffer	
Facebook 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 left column on 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
- **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.



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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