

Edelweiss am Rio Grande
German American Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

www.edelweissgac.org



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July 2016

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VOICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Edelweiss am Rio Grande, I would like to express my deepest condolences to Lorraine Zahari at the loss of her husband, Hans. Hans and Lorraine have been long time members of the GAC, and, when my family and I first joined the club, they welcomed us with open arms and made us feel like family. Hans was warm and generous, and could dance and sing with the best of them. I will miss Hans, and I hope Lorraine knows that she always has a home here at the club with her GAC family.

We have a couple of on-going problems that need to be addressed again. These problems seem to be getting worse instead of better. First, is the problem of attendance at our functions. Of the past four functions (as I write this) from April 23rd thru June 4th, one had a moderate turnout, two had a poor turnout, and one had a very poor turnout. Reasons I have heard are “the band is too loud, “I don't like the music” and “I don't know the band”. I am always working with the bands to achieve a good balance in volume between those who are dancing and those who are socializing. Sometimes it takes several tries to accomplish that balance. As far as the type of music goes, we try to book bands that are versatile and who play a variety of music that is appropriate for our members and for the function. As requested by you, the members, we have brought in several new bands this year. Two of these bands, Street Scene and Hit Squad, were very well received by those who heard them. Problem is, there were only 35 to 40 people there to hear them. Bands are booked a year in advance and we have signed contracts with them. They get paid whether anyone shows up or not. If we don't make the band fee at the door then that fee comes out of the club's pockets, and we don't have very deep pockets.

The second ongoing problem is dinner reservations. We still have people who call in at the last minute wanting a meal or showing up that night requesting to purchase a meal. As I've said before,

we are not a restaurant. We cannot whip up more meals at the last minute. I have seen our volunteers forgo their meal so some last minute person can have one. Even our buffet style meals need reservations so the cooks know how much to purchase and prepare. Also, if you chose to share a meal, ask for an extra plate, not extra food.

Most do not realize what goes into putting on a function: from picking a date, to booking a band, to decorating (and un-decorating), to manning the door and selling the dinner tickets, to planning and fixing a meal. All of this is done by volunteers, not professionals. These volunteers' only "pay" is the success and your enjoyment of the evening. Please come out and support their efforts and enjoy a great evening at the club.

END OF LECTURE

How about a trip across the ocean to a place where palm trees sway and tropical breezes softly blow? Sound good? Join us on July 9th for our annual Luau with the ever entertaining Roger Burns. Beat the heat in your cool and comfortable "Aloha" attire. On July 23rd we have our Membership Appreciation Dinner/Dance with the popular band "Hit Squad" playing for us. For those of you who missed this band at the Sock Hop, here's your second chance to hear and dance to this fun group. Dinner that evening will be free of charge to current GAC members only, but reservations still need to be made. Those without reservations will not be served. Also, the door fee that night will be reduced to \$7 for current GAC members only. If you wish to bring guests, the fee for dinner will be \$10 and the fee at the door will be \$10. For menus and details of both these events, check your news magazine.

I'm sure you'll agree that I have gone on long enough. So I'll close for now, and I'll see you at the club.

Miguel Mata
Sent from Windows Mail

Kaffeeklatsch

The Kaffeeklatsch will be held on July 3rd at the club at 3pm. For more information call Kathe Mirabal at 836-6182.

ATTENTION: EDELWEISS MEMBERS

The Board of Directors of the GAC has appointed a committee to update the Memorial Board located on the west wall of the bar. The last entry for deceased members was in 2007. We are asking that the members of the German American Club please report the month and year of any deaths in your family, who were also members of the club, since that time.

Hopefully, this process will help to ensure that the existing records from the minutes are complete, and none of your loved ones will be left out.

Please forward this information to Rosalie Volz at (505) 294-3467, or E-mail same at rmrvolz08@comcast.net.
Thanks for your attention to this matter.

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.
SEE PAGES 14 AND 15**

Don't forget the GAC Membership Meeting
at 2pm on Sunday, July 31st

Letter from Carole Eberhardt regarding the Sock Hop on May 21st

Hello you guys,

Let me tell you about a terrific night at the club. I realize that many of you are busy with many other events but if you did not make the Sock Hop you missed something really special.

Like many of you, Fritz and I get to Saturday and wonder if we have the energy to attend another function at the club. But in an effort to support our club we pulled on the blue jeans, socks and shoes and headed out.

Fritz had signed up for the meal of hamburgers and fries but I had declined. However, as soon as I walked in I could smell those burgers cooking and saw those french fries and immediately asked if there was enough. OK, you think, nothing special, but that's the point, it was. Hamburgers with all the trimmings and french fries, who doesn't love that bit of Americana?

But, here is the BEST PART. The band, who were new to the club, (The Hit Squad all dressed in 1950s mode) started playing and soon the place was jumping. What a wonderful "blast from the past" and although the club was sparsely filled everyone was up on the floor rocking and rolling to many old favorites from our youth.

Obviously many of us asked how soon they would be back to play for us again and according to Miguel they are booked for the Member Appreciation Dance. Be sure to be there because you just cannot afford to miss this group.

The band is all one family, husband, wife, twin girls, and an uncle. They knew the words to all the songs and we all found ourselves clapping to the music and getting up on the floor even when it was getting late and the old bones were starting to ache.

Just thought I would let you have my opinion and a review. Last but not least dear members -- they were not so loud that we could not enjoy the company at the table with us.

Carole

GAC Elections and Ballots:

GAC elections are coming up. Per the Bylaws, (applicable excerpt printed below), anyone intending to seek office needs to submit their written (not email) notice of that intent not later than August 15th in order to have their names included on the ballots. The names of those who submit letters of intent and the offices for which they will be running will be published in the October edition of the GAC newsletter in accordance with the GAC Bylaws.

All your letters of intent need to contain are the date, your legible name, a statement that you intend to run and for which office you intend to run, and your signature. Please mail your letters of intent to: Edelweiss am Rio Grande German American Club, Attn: Elections & Nominations Committee, PO Box 3263, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3263. Alternatively, you can drop your letter of intent in the ballot box in the bar area of the Club, or hand them to any of the current GAC Board members and they will get them to the Election & Nominations Committee.

If you neglect to get your letters submitted in time, but would still like to run for office, you can still ask your friends and acquaintances to write you in on the ballot which will be mailed to all who are members as of September 30th. The ballots will be mailed in early October. You may also be nominated at the elections meeting in October, but as the majority of the ballots are mailed in your chances of getting sufficient votes to be elected at the elections meeting in October is greatly reduced.

EXCERPT FROM THE PERTINENT SECTIONS IN THE GAC BYLAWS:

ARTICLE III -- MEMBERSHIP

Part I (in part)

...Voting rights are limited to members in good standing. Members in good standing are those who have paid their dues for the current year as of the end of the month prior to annual election, and are not on suspension.

Article VI – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Part I

Nominations: Any Club member seeking office should notify the nominating committee, in writing, of his or her intent to seek office, no later than August 15th for consideration. The written notice shall state the Office being sought. All persons nominated at the General Membership Meeting shall have their nominations seconded by a member of the General Membership.

The candidates shall be published in the October issue of the Club newsletter. This shall not preclude open nomination from the floor at the time of the General Elections. The election of officers is to be held the latter half of October to be decided by the Board of Directors.



German American Club

Luau

Saturday, July 9th

Member Door Fee: \$10.00

Music: From 7:00 'til 11:00

By Roger Burns

Menu

Prepared by Miguel Mata and Sheri Kraemer
Assisted by Bruce and Cindy Miller

Teriyaki Kabobs

Wild Rice

Stir Fry Veggies

Salad & Roll

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Coffee

All for only \$10.00 for the Meal

Make reservations by Thursday, July 7th

888-4833 during club hours-page 11

*Attire: Hawaiian or
Smart Casual*

German American Club
Presents
Membership Appreciation
Dance
Saturday July 23rd

Door Fee \$7 & Free Meal for Members

Door Fee \$10 and Meal \$10 for guests

Music by Hit Squad

From 7:00 to 11:00 pm

Menu

Meal prepared by the gang:
Miguel, Sheri, Bruce, and Cindy

London Broil
Smashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Salad and Roll
Dessert
Coffee

Please make your meal reservation no later than
Thursday, July 21st

888-4833 during club hours-page 11

Dress: Smart Casual

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Events and Dates are Subject to change

August

6th Private Party
20th Club Anniversary-Showcase
21st Jazz
27th Private Party

October

8th Oktoberfest-Jim Brauer
14th & 15th Ruidoso Oktoberfest
29th Halloween-Showcase

September

3rd Winefest-Swingshift
17th Club Picnic
18th Jazz



Jazz Sunday

July 17th, 2:00 pm 'til 5:30 pm

GAC Members Welcome!

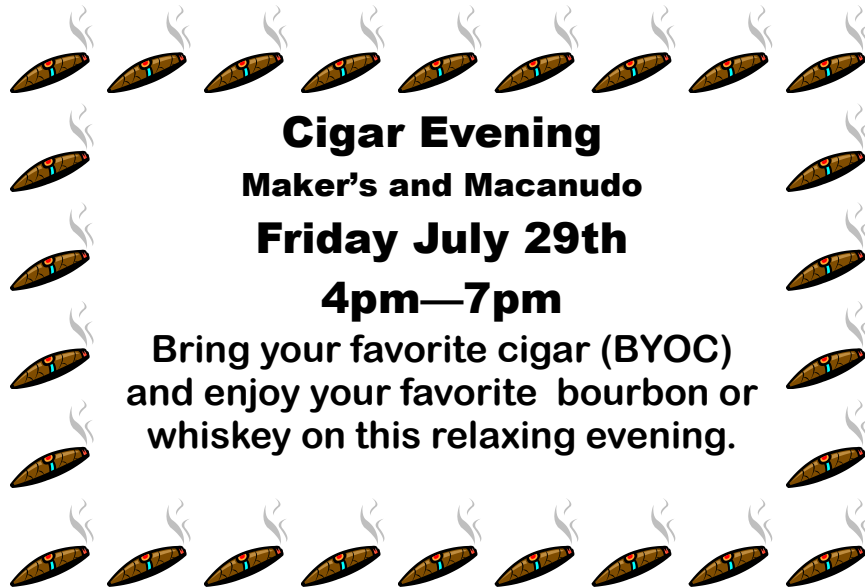
Join us for some great music & dancing!

Essen und Sprechen

This month we will gather at **6:30pm** on the **second Wednesday**, July 13th for our monthly Essen und Sprechen Treffen (gathering) at the Pelican's Seafood Restaurant, 9800 Montgomery Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 (on south side of Montgomery just east of Eubank). Come join together at the monthly *Essen und Sprechen* to practice your German and socialize over dinner in German (with some English). We decide at each month's dinner where to go the following month.

Please, PLEASE, reply by the prior Sunday, July 3rd, to Jay by email to JayVandersloot@yahoo.com or call at 505-362-1733 to let us know whether you will be there, so we will know how large of a table to reserve. The Essen und Sprechen dinner is getting quite popular—attendance usually ranges 12-18 people, with our all-time high having been 28 in attendance.

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



Cigar Evening
Maker's and Macanudo
Friday July 29th
4pm—7pm
Bring your favorite cigar (BYOC)
and enjoy your favorite bourbon or
whiskey on this relaxing evening.

It is time to Renew your membership

Membership dues for the membership year which begins July 1, 2016 and runs through June 30, 2017 are as follows:

Single membership \$35

Couples (family) membership \$55

GAC By-Laws Article III Part 1 states if married membership must be obtained on a family basis.

Life Members \$5 per year

This is a requirement based on the information GAC received from the State of New Mexico.

Your German American Club membership dues for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 year are due by July 1, 2016. Current membership cards will expire on June 30, 2016

.Remember you must have a new card to enter the club and participate in activities after July 1, 2016.

A membership renewal form is shown on the following page. Please complete the form and bring or mail with your payment to the German American Club, 2609 Quincy St. NE, Albuquerque, NM.

Thank you for your support,
Christine Philips
Membership Chairperson

Membership Renewal Form

July 01, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Dues are: Single Membership ----- \$35
Couples Membership----- \$55
Annual fee for Life Members----- \$5 each

Please complete this form and return it with your check for renewal 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.

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 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**____

Thank you for your support,
Christine Philips
Membership Chairperson

For Office Use Only:

Cash _____ Check _____ Date _____
Receipt # or Check # _____ Amount _____

(GAC Renewal Form Revised May, 2016)

We Send Cards!

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

Cultural Exchange Library

The bookcases in the hallway hold the library contents.
Donations of cultural books, videos and DVDs will gladly be accepted.



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Birthdays , Anniversaries, Membership

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Robert Joseph Korbach
Mark Meadows
John Romisher, Phd
Harold Traurig
Jerry Zimmerman

Anniversaries

Sam & Erika Albarelli
Ken & Kay Blemel
Albert & Tricia Deimer
Richard & Winnie Gido
Stephan & Marianne Helgesen
Walter & Breda Liske
Steve & Margarita Wild

Geburtstage-Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Lydia Atencio
Carmen Casaus
Carole Eberhardt
Lindsay Garcia
Marianne Helgesen
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Membership : Updated as of June 2016

Total	315
Males	146
Females	169
Couples	89
Singles	137
Life Members	14



Having a Party? Rent the Club!

Mon. thru Thur. Night	\$400
Friday Day	\$400
Friday Night	\$450
Saturday Day	\$450
Saturday Night.	\$550
Sunday Day Only	\$450

Call Miguel Mata at
620-3666 or
Mark Meadows
at 238-2289
For more information

- ◆ 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 discounted price (weddings excluded).

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