

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



The newsletter of the
Edelweiss am Rio Grande
German American Club

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November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Kaffeeklatsch 3pm (pg 2)	5	6 IAS Board of Directors 7pm	7 Irish Dance 7pm	8	9 IAS General Membership mtng 7pm	10 Fasching-Opening Ceremonies 11am Doors open 10am
11	12	13 Elferrat Meeting 6:30	14 Irish Dance 7pm Essen und Sprechen pg 4	15 GAC Board of Directors 6:30 pm	16	17 Fasching Opening Ball - Page 4
18 Jazz Sunday 2:00-5:30 pm	19	20	21 Irish Dance 7pm	22 GAC Closed for Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28 Irish Dance 7pm	29	30 Cigar Evening 4-7pm, pg 4	Dec 1 Fasching Royal Ball - Page 4
See notice on page 2 for information on a special members' opportunity for waiver of rental fee for use the GAC facility.						

NEWS AND NOTES

Kaffeeklatsch

Please join us at the GAC for the Kaffeeklatsch at 3pm on Sunday, November 4th.
Please call Kathe Mirabal at 505-836-6182 for more information.

Club Rental Fee Waiver Special for Members

For the next six months (November 2018 through April 2019) your Club is 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)

GAC Children's Christmas Party Cancelled for 2018

Due to low attendance it was decided at the October General Membership meeting to cancel the Children's Christmas Party for 2018 and reassess it next year.

The IAS and the Hungarian Club both have family friendly Christmas Parties with activities for the children and visits by Santa—EVERYONE IS WELCOME

See page 3, below, and watch for details in next month's newsletter!

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 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:

- **LIBRARIAN** to organize our lending library and recommend what should be kept or disposed of.
- **Decorating Coordinator**
- German Culture Chair Person and Committee Member(s)
- Newsletter Editor
- Volksdance, Waltz, Polka, etc., Dance Instructor (any or all)
- Youth Activities (for teens) Coordinator
- Meal Preparation for Dances beginning Spring 2019 (a good short-term commitment, whether for just one meal, or for volunteering to prepare meals for a number of dances)

Events for November 2018

Event	Day	Time
Irish Ceili Dance Lessons	Each Wednesday	7 pm
Kaffeeklatsch	Sunday, Nov 4	3 pm
IAS Board of Directors	Tuesday, Nov 6	7 pm
IAS General Membership	Friday, Nov 9	7pm
Fasching Opening Ceremonies	Saturday, Nov 10	See Page 4
Elferrat Meeting	Tuesday, Nov 13	6:30 pm
Essen und Sprechen	Wednesday, Nov 14	See Below
GAC Board of Directors	Thursday, Nov 15	6:30 pm
Fasching Opening Ball	Saturday, Nov 17	See Page 4
Jazz Sunday	Sunday, Nov 18	2:00-5:30 pm
Cigar Evening	Friday, Nov 30	See Page 4

Upcoming Activities

Events and Dates are Subject to chg

December

01-Fasching Royal Ball-Music by: Hit Squad
 02-IAS Christmas Party
 09-Hungarian Christmas Party
 15-GAC Christmas Dance-Music: Hit Squad
 29-Private Party
 31-New Year's Eve

January

18-19 GAMGA in Las Vegas, Nevada

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

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 November we will gather at **6:30pm** on the **second Wednesday**, November 14th, at the **LongHorn Steakhouse**, officially the address is 6600 Menaul Blvd NE #700, Albuquerque, NM 87110 (it is on the west side of Louisiana Blvd, in the Coronado Mall parking lot), Phone number (505) 881-5359, website longhornsteakhouse.com. We jointly decide at each month's dinner where to go the following month.

Please, PLEASE, reply by Tuesday, November 13th, 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).

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.

Fasching Opening Day Ceremonies

**Saturday, November 10th
10:30 am to 2:00 pm**

No Door Fee

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

Music by Walter Kirsch

**Fasching Officially Begins the
11th Hour,
of the 11th Day,
of the 11th Month**

Potluck: Bring a favorite dish to share

Dress: Casual

Fasching Opening Ball

**Saturday, November 17th
Door Fee \$12.00**

**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: Miguel & Bruce
Menu**

Normandy Chicken (w/ white sauce)
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Salad, Roll, & Dessert

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

**Please make meal reservations by Nov 16th
By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 9pm**

*Dress Code: Semi-formal or
Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen)*

Fasching Royal Ball

**Saturday, December 1st
Door Fee \$12.00**

**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: Peter Blemel & Crew

Menu
Goulash
Spätzle
Vegetable
Salad & Dessert

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

**Please make meal reservations by Nov 16th
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Cigar Evening at the GAC

Friday November 30th, 4pm—7pm

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

**Bring your favorite cigar
and enjoy your favorite bourbon or
whiskey on this relaxing evening.**

If you like cigars, this is your night

**(Conversely, if you do NOT like ci-
gars, this is NOT your night)**

Carnival (Fasching) in Germany, Switzerland and Austria

From excerpts from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A variety of customs and traditions are associated with Carnival celebrations in the German-speaking countries of Germany, Switzerland and Austria. They can vary considerably from country to country, but also from one small region to another. This is reflected in the various names given to these festivities occurring before Lent.

Names

In parts of East and South Germany, as well as in Austria, the carnival is called *Fasching*. In Franconia and Baden-Württemberg as well as some other parts of Germany, the carnival is called *Fas(t)nacht*, *Fassenacht* or *Fasnet*; in Switzerland, *Fasnacht*.

While Germany's carnival traditions are mostly celebrated in the predominantly Roman Catholic southern and western parts of the country, the Protestant North traditionally knows a festival under the Low Saxon names *Fastelavend* [ˈfastl̩, pːvɪŋt], *Fastelabend* [ˈfastl̩, pːbm̩t] and *Fastlaam* (also spelled *Fastlom*) [ˈfastl̩pːm]. This name has been imported to Denmark as *Fastelavn* and is related to *Vastenoavond* in the Low-Saxon-speaking parts of the Netherlands. It is traditionally connected with farm servants or generally young men going from house to house in the villages and collecting sausages, eggs and bacon, which was consumed in a festivity on the same evening. While going from house to house they wore masks and made noise. The old tradition vanished in many places, in other places under influence of German carnival traditions it came to resemble carnival with its parades.

Beginning and peak of the festival season

The carnival session, also known as the "Fifth Season", begins each year on 11 November at 11:11 a.m. and finishes on Ash Wednesday of the following year with the main festivities happening around *Rosenmontag* (Rose Monday).

Although the festivities and parties start as early as the beginning of January, the actual carnival week starts on the Fat Thursday (*Weiberfastnacht*) before Ash Wednesday (in Germany). The big German carnival parades are held on the weekend before and especially on *Rosenmontag*, the day before Shrove Tuesday, and sometimes also on Shrove Tuesday (*Faschingsdienstag* or *Veilchendienstag*) itself in the suburbs of larger carnival cities.

Variations

In German-speaking countries, there are essentially 2 distinct variations of Carnivals: the Rhenish Carnival in the west of Germany, centred on the cities of Cologne, Mainz and Düsseldorf, and the Alemannic or Swabian-Alemannic Fastnacht in Swabia (Southwestern Germany), Switzerland, Alsace and Vorarlberg (Western Austria).

The Rhenish Carnival (*Rheinischer Karneval*, mainly in the states of North Rhine-Westphalia and Rhineland-Palatinate) is famous for celebrations such as parades and costume balls. Cologne Carnival is the largest and most famous. Cologne, Düsseldorf and Mainz are held in the public media to be Germany's three carnival strongholds, but carnival celebrations are also widespread elsewhere in the Rhineland.

Rhineland

In the Rhineland festivities developed especially strongly, since it was a way to express subversive anti-Prussian and anti-French thoughts in times of occupation, through parody and mockery. Modern carnival there began in 1823 with the founding of a Carnival Club in Cologne. Most cities and villages of the Rhineland have their own individual carnival traditions. Nationally famous are the carnival in Cologne (Köln), Düsseldorf and Mainz.

In the Rhineland, the culmination of the carnival around *Rosenmontag* is considered to be the "fifth season of the year". Clubs organize "sessions" which are show events called *Sitzung* with club members or invited guests performing dance, comedy and songs in costumes. The most frequently performed piece of music during such "sessions" is the "Narrhallamarsch". The committee that organizes the events in each town consists of a president and 10 junior members and is called the "Council of Eleven" or *Elferrat*. The number eleven, *elf* in German, is significant in Carneval celebrations because it is an acronym for the French Revolution values of *égalité, liberté, fraternité*.

The carnival spirit is then temporarily suspended during Advent and Christmas, and picks up again in earnest in the New Year. The time of merrymaking in the streets is officially declared open at the *Alter Markt* (de) during the Cologne Carnival on the Thursday before the beginning of Lent. The main event is the street carnival that takes place in the period between the Thursday before Ash Wednesday and Ash Wednesday. Carnival Thursday is called *Altweiber* (Old women day) in Düsseldorf or *Wieverfastelovend* (The women's day) in Cologne. This celebrates the beginning of the "female presence in carnival", which began in 1824, when washer-women celebrated a "workless day" on the Thursday before carnival. They founded a committee in 1824 to strengthen their presence in the still male-dominated carnival celebrations. In each city, a woman in black storms the city hall to get the "key" for the city-/townhalls from its mayor. In many places "fools" take over city halls or municipal government and "wild" women cut men's ties wherever they get hold of them. Also, as a tradition, women are allowed to kiss every man who passes their way. On the following days, there are parades in the street organized by the local carnival clubs. The highlight of the carnival period however is Rose Monday (*Rosenmontag*). Although Rose Monday is not an official holiday in the Rhineland, in practice most public life comes to a halt and almost all workplaces are closed. The biggest parades are on Rose Monday, the famous *Rosenmontagsumzug* (Rose Monday

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Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Jon D. Boltz
Geoffrey Bradshaw
Michael Chmielowicz
Adam Garcia
Tom Meadows
Hugh Murphy
William Porch
Bill Weber

Geburtstage-Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Shirley Berry
Okmi Blemel
Darlene Capshaw
Elisabeth Daddio
Tricia Deimer
Pat Erwin
Monika Fox
Susan Gubler
Rajka Heinstein
Joan Shaw
Sharon Lowell
Cathy Miles
Britt Peters

Jubiläen (Anniversaries)

Peter & Okmi Blemel
Doug & Betty Carter
Gloria Casale
Larry & Mary Compton
Jack Jones & Joan Shaw
Jim & Sharon Lowell
Bryan & Joan Pfeiffer

Membership : Updated as of September 30 2018

Total	173
Males	79
Females	94
Couples	63
Singles	47
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

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Parade), e.g. in Cologne, Düsseldorf, Mainz, and many other cities. During these events, hundreds of thousands of people celebrate in the streets, even if temperatures are low, most of them dressed up in costumes. Many regions have special carnival cries (Cologne, Bonn and Aachen: *Alaaf!*; Düsseldorf and Mainz: *Helau!*). The carnival in the Netherlands is partially derived from the Rhenish carnival.

Alemannic Fastnacht

The Swabian-Alemannic carnival is known as *Fastnacht*, where *Fast(en)-Nacht* means the eve of the *Fastenzeit* (lent). Variants of the name are *Fasnacht*, *Fasnet*, or *Fasent*.

Fastnacht is held in Baden-Württemberg, parts of Bavaria, Alsace, German Switzerland, and Austrian Vorarlberg. The festival starts on the Thursday before Ash Wednesday, known in these regions as *Schmutziger Donnerstag*, *Schmotziger Donnerstag*, *Schmutzige-Dunschdig* or *Fettdonnerstag*. In standard German, *schmutzig* means "dirty", but actually the name is from Alemannic dialects where *schmotz* means "lard" (*Schmalz*), or "fat".^[1] It continues in some parts with the Shrove Monday, though often differently called, e.g. *Güdismontag* (literally: Paunch Monday) in Lucerne, and the last day before Ash Wednesday on Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras), in Lucerne known as *Güdisdienstag* (literally: Paunch Tuesday), often the most intense Fasnacht day. Also, in Germany, this used to be the time of year at the end of winter when the last of the meat from the previous year was the *Schmalz* (lard), also spelled *Schmaltz*, or rendered fat, and this is consumed before the start of Lent. The name – *Fasnacht* – in its different variations is the reference to the time before the coming *fasting* time of Lent. However, in the Protestant Basel, the Basler Fasnacht astonishingly begins on the Monday after Ash Wednesday.

In some regions of Tyrol, Salzburg and Bavaria, traditional processions of the *Perchten* welcome the springtime. The *Schönperchten* ("beautiful Perchts") represent the birth of new life in the awakening nature, the *Schiachperchten* ("ugly Perchts") represent the dark spirits of wintertime. Farmers yearn for warmer weather and the *Perchtenlauf* (Run of Perchts) is a magical expression of that desire. The nights between winter and spring, when evil ghosts are supposed to go around, are also called *Rauhnächte*. But it is mostly held on the fifth of December, the day before Saint Nicholas day, and there is no relation with Fasching.

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GAC Sept 2018 P&L	Operations	Membership	Total
Ordinary Income and Expense			
Income Bar	4,040.98		
Other Income			
Donations/Misc	31.00		
Door Fees		540.00	
Hall Rental	830.00		
Kitchen Income		498.00	
Membership Dues		590.00	
Rental Income - Quincy	500.00		
Total Income	5,401.98	1,628.00	7,029.98
Expenses			
Cost of Goods Sold	2,730.36		
Other Expenses			
Accounting/Legal	280.97		
Bands		850.00	
Bar/Kitchen Supplies	21.68		
Decorations	74.78		
Dishwasher		80.00	
Exterminator	91.69		
Insurance	685.00		
Janitorial Sup and Service	102.70		
Linen Service	60.25		
Newsletter		73.21	
Office Supplies	12.62		
Payroll Expenses	1,875.59		
Postage	67.00		
Repair and Maintenance	57.18		
Security	26.91		
Telephone/Internet/TV/Radio	321.80		
Tax and License			
GRT	269.97		
Bar Licenses	-		
Property	500		
Total Tax and Licenses	769.97		
Utilities	1,035.11		
Total Expense	8,213.61	1,003.21	9,216.82
Net Ordinary Income			(2,186.84)

Bank Balances as of Sept 30, 2018	
Operations Acct	13,141.67
Investor Acct	1,423.06
CD	5.00
Total	14,569.73

The 2018 Officers and Board

Jay Vandersloot	Chairman	505-362-1733
Steve Borbas	Vice Chairman	505-265-7088
Mark Meadows	President	505-238-2289
Vacant	Vice-President	
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-Griego	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

ELECTION RESULTS:

The results of the GAC elections for 2019 at the October 28th Membership meeting are as follows (along with the two Board members on a 2-year term)

President:

Miguel Mara

Vice Pres:

Mark Meadows

Secretary:

Carolyn Gonzales

Financial Director:

Ingrid Heinstein

Directors-at-Large elected:

Kenneth Blemel

Gloria Casale

Ester Griego

Directors-at-Large on the second year of a 2-year term:

Carole Eberhardt

Jay Vandersloot

Per our GAC Bylaws, the Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2019 will be determined by vote at the January 2019 Board meeting.

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
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 _____
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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 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 a slightly discounted price
(weddings excluded).

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