

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



The newsletter of the
 Edelweiss am Rio Grande
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March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Don't drive at night anymore? Check out our "Early Bird Dance" on Mar 30th and see the note about it on page 2</i></p>					<p>1 Karaoke 4:30-6:30</p>	<p>2 Maskenball (Masquerade Ball) See page 4</p>
<p>3 Kaffeeklatsch 3:00 pm See page 2</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Kehraus-5:30 See Page 4</p>	<p>6 Irish Dance 7pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Hungarian 1848 Revolution Remembrance See Page 4</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Elferrat Meeting 6:30</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 GAC St. Patrick's Dance See Page 4</p>
<p>17 Jazz Sunday 2:00-5:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 GAC Board of Directors 6:00 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 German-Language Movie Day- 2pm See Page 3</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Irish Dance 7pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Early Bird Dance 2-6pm See page 4</p>
<p>31</p>	<p>See notice on page 2 for information on a special members' opportunity for waiver of rental fee for use the GAC facility</p>					

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I want to express how much fun I'm having as your President. We've put on several new events, Karaoke and Tea-dances as examples. I've also brought my band to practice here instead of the Community Center. I've been hoarding German language movies I never thought I'd find anyone to share them with, and so German movie day will be a regular event. Though these haven't made much money they didn't lose much either. I count them as successes because the members that participated had a great time; and I consider the members' enjoyment one of the primary functions of the Club. So, I urge you turn off the sports channel, get up out of your chair, and spend more time with us! Only you can make the Club successful. I'll keep the popcorn fresh and hot!

Sincerely,
Lance Klafeta

NEWS AND NOTES

Kaffeeklatsch

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

The "EARLY BIRD" Dance Continues

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 both Saturday and Sunday "Early Bird" Dances. 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.

German-Language Movie Day! (see page 4)

Our GAC President, Lance Klafeta, is instituting a **German-Language Movie Day** beginning this month. This month it will be at 2pm on March 24th. The movie is free and the popcorn is free! **Come out and enjoy the fun!**

Club Member Rental Fee Waiver Ends on April 30th

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

March

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

April

05 & 19-Karaoke Joe 4:30-6:30pm
 06-Vienna Ball-Music by: Hit Squad
 07-Kaffeeklatsch, 3 pm
 13-Early Bird Dance, 2-6pm (tentative)
 14-Jazz Sunday, 2-5:30 pm (changed due to Easter)
 20-Roaring 20's Dance-Music by: High Desert Jazz
 27-St Walpurgis Nacht

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!

29-Memorial Service for Sheets, 2-5pm

May

03 & 17-Karaoke at the GAC 4:30-6:30pm
 04-Maifest (May Fest)
 05-Kaffeeklatsch, 3 pm
 11-Private Dance
 18-Denim & Diamonds Dance (**wear casual, wear formal, or anything in between—your choice**)
 19-Jazz Sunday, 2-5:30pm
 25- Early Bird Dance at the GAC, 2-6pm

June

07 & 21-Karaoke at the GAC, 4:30-6:30pm
 16-Jazz Sunday, 2-5:30pm
 22-Private Party, 6-12pm
 See next month's newsletter for more to come!

Early Bird Dance

Saturday afternoon, Mar 30th, 2-6 pm

Door Fee: \$12.00

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

Music: DJ Madie

From 2 to 6 PM

Hot Dogs & Bun, \$2.00 each

Attire: Smart Casual

See Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Letter from Carole Eberhardt at the bottom of page 6

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 March we will gather at **6:30pm** on the **2nd Wednesday**, March 13th, at the **Naka Sushi Asian Restaurant, 1035 Juan Tabo Blvd NE, Albuquerque** (West side of Juan Tabo, slightly north of Lomas) (Across from Wendy's).
 Phone: (505) 200-9152

Website: <http://nakasushiabq.com/>

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

Please, PLEASE, reply by Tuesday, Mar 12th, by email to [<JayVandersloot@yahoo.com>](mailto: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>](mailto:JayVandersloot@yahoo.com)

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

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 Noodles
Veggie
Gerkensalat (Cucumber Salad)
Roll and Dessert**

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

**Please make meal reservations by Feb 28th
By calling 505-888-4833 between 4 and 8pm**

***Dress Code: Costume, Formal
or Semi-Formal***

GAC St. Patrick's Dance

Saturday, March 16th

Door Fee: \$12.00

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

**Music by: *High Desert*
From 6:30 'til 10:30**

**Meal Served from: 5:30PM to 6:30PM
Prepared by: Miguel Mata
Menu**

**Corned Beef and Cabbage
w/potatoes, carrots & onions
Roll and Butter
Dessert**

\$12.00 per person for the Meal

**Please make meal reservations by Mar 14th
By calling 505-888-4833 between 4 and 8pm**

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Kitchen Cleanup!

Fritz and I would like to thank **Heidi Meisen and Kathy Mueller** for rolling up their sleeves and making a good start on the clean up of the kitchen. We had to throw out so much, dare I say **JUNK**, and many things that we did not have the faintest idea of what they were for.

Fritz is off to Goodwill this weekend to dispose of some of the items but at a later date I will let you, our members know what replacement items are needed.

We are also getting a handle on the liquor storage and carefully logging what stock and how much of everything in on the shelves.

We plan on being there again next Friday if you would like to pitch in as there are plenty of jobs that have been sidelined for quite some time.

Cheers from Carole, BOD member

German-Language Movie Day

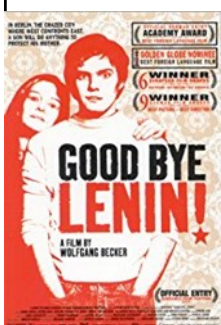
**Sunday Afternoon
Mar 24th, at 2 pm**

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

FREE Admission & Popcorn

Featuring: Good Bye Lenin!

**R | 2h 1min | Comedy, Drama, Romance
Staring: Daniel Brühl, Katrin Saß, Chulpan Khamatova**



Synopsis: East Germany, the year 1989: A young man protests against the regime. His mother watches the police arresting him and suffers a heart attack and falls into a coma. Some months later, the GDR does not exist anymore and the mother awakes. Since she has to avoid every excitement, the son tries to set up the GDR again for her in their flat. But the world has changed a lot. *Written by Benjamin Stello*

Call for Volunteers

**To prepare meals for GAC dances
Beginning in April**

To volunteer cContact either

**GAC President, Lance Klafeta
At 505-480-2344**

or

**GAC Chairman, Jay Vandersloot
At 505-362-1733**

(See page 3 for upcoming dances)

Culture of Germany, Part 2

From excerpts from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Philosophy

The rise of the modern natural sciences and the related decline of religion raised a series of questions, which recur throughout German philosophy, concerning the relationships between knowledge and faith, reason and emotion, and scientific, ethical, and artistic ways of seeing the world.

German philosophers have helped shape western philosophy from as early as the Middle Ages (Albertus Magnus). Later, Leibniz (17th century) and most importantly Kant played central roles in the history of philosophy. Kantianism inspired the work of Schopenhauer and Nietzsche as well as German idealism defended by Fichte and Hegel. Marx and Engels developed communist theory in the second half of the 19th century while Heidegger and Gadamer pursued the tradition of German philosophy in the 20th century. A number of German intellectuals were also influential in sociology, most notably Adorno, Elias, Habermas, Horkheimer, Luhmann, Marcuse, Simmel, Tönnies, and Weber. The University of Berlin founded in 1810 by linguist and philosopher Wilhelm von Humboldt served as an influential model for a number of modern western universities.

In the 21st century Germany has been an important country for the development of contemporary analytic philosophy in continental Europe, along with France, Austria, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries.

Music

In the field of music, Germany claims some of the most renowned classical composers of the world including Bach and Beethoven, who marked the transition between the Classical and Romantic eras in Western classical music. Other composers of the Austro-German tradition who achieved international fame include Brahms, Wagner, Haydn, Schubert, Händel, Schumann, Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Johann Strauss II, Bruckner, Mahler, Telemann, Richard Strauss, Schoenberg, Orff, and most recently, Henze, Lachenmann, and Stockhausen.

Germany is the largest music market in Europe, and third largest in the world. It has exerted a strong influence on techno and rock music, and pioneered trance music. Artists such as Herbert Grönemeyer, Scorpions, Blind Guardian, Rammstein, Nena, Xavier Naidoo, Tokio Hotel and Modern Talking have enjoyed international fame. German musicians and, particularly, the pioneering bands Tangerine Dream and Kraftwerk have also contributed to the development of electronic music.

German popular music of the 20th and 21st century includes the movements of Neue Deutsche Welle (Nena, Alphaville), Ostrock (City, Keimzeit), Metal/Rock, Punk (Nina Hagen, Böhse Onkelz, Die Ärzte, Die Toten Hosen), Pop rock (Beatsteaks), Indie (Tocotronic, Blumfeld) and Hip Hop (Die Fantastischen Vier, Deichkind). A global trendsetter is the German Minimal and Techno scene (e.g. Ricardo Villalobos, Paul Kalkbrenner and Sven Vath).

Germany hosts many large rock music festivals annually. The Rock am Ring festival is the largest music festival in Germany, and among the largest in the world. German artists also make up a large percentage of Industrial music acts, which is called Neue Deutsche Härte. Germany hosts some of the largest Goth scenes and festivals in the entire world, with events like Wave-Gotik-Treffen and M'era Luna Festival easily attracting up to 30,000 people. In addition, the country hosts Wacken Open Air, the biggest heavy metal open air festival in the world.

Since about 1970, Germany has once again had a thriving popular culture, now increasingly being led by its new-old capital Berlin, and a self-confident music and art scene. Germany is also very well known for its many renowned opera houses, such as Semperoper, Komische Oper Berlin and Munich State Theatre. Richard Wagner established the Bayreuth Festspielhaus.

One of the most famous composers of the international film business is Hans Zimmer.

(to be continued in future editions)

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Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Julian Goree
Ray Heidfeld
Richard Jones
Lee Klingaman
Fred McKenna
Michael Morgan
Phillip C. Pino

Geburtstage - Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Gisela Anetzeder
Charlotte Rockett
Yvonne Butcher
Ellen Genne'
Ingrid Heinstein
Sabine King *
Eva McCabe
Carolyn McKenna
Courtney Morgan
Katharina Mueller
Doris Payne
Donna Taylor
April Upplegger
Ellen Wymer
Patricia Yntema

Jubiläen (Anniversaries)

Catherine & Sandra Hines Donovan
Gerald & Sabine King
Bruce & Cindy Miller

Membership As Of February 15, 2019

Total	194
Males	87
Females	107
Couples	51
Singles	92
Life Members	12

NEW Club Hours

Sunday	12-6 pm
Mon—Wed	4-8 pm (chg'd)
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

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

It was a Sunday afternoon of toe tapping fun. Oh dear, did you miss it?

The band was perfect and those of us that attended sat at one of the big round tables and just kept adding chairs as more people arrived.

Heck I put on my dancing slippers and was determined that great music should not go to waste.

We all agreed that we need to get the word out that Sunday afternoons are a super time to enjoy friends and a sort of concert if you will.

I am told that the first event of this kind fizzled because our members are just not used to Sunday gatherings. I am telling you right now to mark your calendar for the next Sunday dance party because you will enjoy it. We might not always have the same charming band but I liked getting home in daylight and settling down to my usual Sunday evening TV shows.

We all agreed that the \$12 door fee is too steep for a Sunday afternoon and would like would like you feedback before the next Sunday event as to if you would be more likely to attend if the door fee were \$5. The theory being that more people at \$5 would be preferable to a handful of people at \$12. Be sure to let a BOD member know.

I am even considering having an easy and inexpensive snack for the occasions like Chili Dogs for a \$1.50 as was done in the old Sunday afternoon bingo days,

Your BOD Director-at-Large,
Carole Eberhardt

GAC January 2019 P&L	Operations	Membership	Total
Ordinary Income and Expense			
Income Bar	7,189.24		
Other Income			
Donations/Misc	3.00		
Door Fees		496.00	
Hall Rental (Refund)	-189.00		
Kitchen Income	198.00		
Membership Dues		260.00	
Rental Income - Quincy	500.00		
Special Event		210.00	
Total Income	7,701.24	966.00	8,667.24
Expenses			
Cost of Goods Sold	2,180.22		
Other Expenses			
Misc	50.55		
Acct/Legal	0.00		
Bands		960.00	
Bar/Kitchen Supplies	818.60		
Decorations		0.00	
Dishwasher		0.00	
Insurance	579.00		
Janitorial (cleaning/linen/exterminating)	138.33		
Member Expense			
Newsletter		80.54	
Office Supplies	40.81		
Party Food		79.90	
Payroll Expenses	1,375.94		
Repair and Maintenance	77.68		
Security	232.10		
Telephone/Internet/TV/Radio	173.91		
Tax and License			
GRT			
Bar Licenses			
Property			
Total Tax and Licenses	778.87		
Utilities(electric, gas, water)	1,205.04		
Total Expense	7,651.05	1,120.44	8,771.49
Net Ordinary Income			-104.25

Bank Balances	
Operations Acct	10,264.26
Investor Acct	1,423.24
CD	5.00
	11,692.50

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	
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

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:

- **Meal Preparation for Dances beginning in April 2019.** This is a good short-term commitment, whether for just one meal, or for volunteering to prepare meals for a number of dances
- **Librarians** to help 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
- **Dance Instructor** Volksdance, Waltz, Polka, etc., (any or all)
- **Youth Activities Coordinator** for teens activities
- **Media Coordinator** for Facebook, Alibi, etc.

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 _____



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).

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