

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



The newsletter of the
 Edelweiss am Rio Grande
 German American Club
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November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:30 Karaoke	2
3 Kaffeeklatsch at 3:00pm See page 2	4	5	6 Irish Dance 7pm	7	8	9
10	11 Fasching Open- ing Ceremonies See Pg 4	12	13 Irish Dance 7pm Essen und Sprechen pg 3	14	15 5:30 Karaoke	16 Fasching Opening Ball See Pg 4
17 Jazz Sunday 2:00-5:30 pm	18	19	20 Irish Dance 7pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Irish Dance 7pm GAC BoD mtng 6:30 pm	28 Open for Thanksgiving *See below*	29	30

Our GAC will be open on Thanksgiving Day from 12 noon ‘til ... (after the game ends) and our GAC President will cook a turkey and invite members to bring their favorite sides and deserts. So drop in and watch the game with us!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The results are in and we have new Club Officers! Congratulations (or condolences) to Albert Arizmendi and Monika Fuchs our new Directors at Large (see below). I'm honored to be elected this time as your President. Last year I really came in second. Kudas to Monika, Ken Blemel, and all volunteers who worked so hard to pull off a wunderbar Oktoberfest! The bar has a new kegerator and by popular demand we now two local brews: Tractor Stout and Santa Fe IPA. Traditionally we have been closed on Thanksgiving, but this year I will make a turkey and invite members to bring their favorite sides and deserts. So drop in watch the game with us!

—Lance

NEWS AND NOTES

Someone took my Beer stein during the Oktoberfest Dance at the club. This Beer stein was my moms from her Restaurant and has huge sentimental value. Please return it to me. Thank you. (No questions asked)

—Irma Thacker

Kaffeeklatsch

Please join us in September at the GAC for the Kaffeeklatsch

at 3pm on Sunday, November 3rd,

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

Oktoberfest Update

Lederhosen, Dirndls, Bratwurst, what a fun and amazing time we all had at the Albuquerque Oktoberfest. We enjoyed some great brews from Rio Bravo Brewing and all the bands and dance groups did not disappoint. It was nice to see all of you that were able to come out and support this event. A BIG thank you to all of those who volunteered to work and help with all the food services. We could not have done it without you. For those of you that were not able to make it out this year, you should make a point to next year. There are already talks about how we can make it even better next year. Friday was a good start to our sales, but Saturday was our busiest, hands down. Some of the volunteers were there all day helping to make this a great event. Many new friends were made. Lots of pictures were taken. Some even signed up to become new members in our club. It was so nice to see all the Gemütlichkeit all weekend long. I for one look forward to another event like this one soon.

—Monika Fuchs Fox

GAC ELECTION RESULTS

October 27, 2019

<u>Position</u>	<u>Votes</u>
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President:

<u>Lance Klafeta</u>	<u>59</u>
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Vice President:

<u>Dieter Fox</u>	<u>61</u>
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Secretary:

<u>Carolyn Gonzales</u>	<u>57</u>
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Financial Director:

(Subject to acceptance by person)

Carole Eberhardt	7
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Monika Fox	3
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Rosalie Pfeiffer	2
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Norita Callahan	1
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Directors-at-Large: (3 positions)

<u>Jay Vandersloot</u>	<u>44</u>
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<u>Albert Arizmendi</u>	<u>37</u>
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<u>Monika Fox</u>	<u>32</u>
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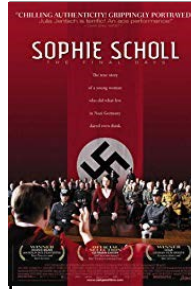
Upcoming Activities

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

Sun, Dec 1st, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch
 Fri, Dec 6th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sat, Dec 7th, 5:30pm-Fasching Royal Ball
Music by: Westside Sound
Meal by: Lance Klafeta & Crew
 Sun, Dec 8th, 1pm-Hungarian Holiday Season Party
 Tue, Dec 10th, 6:30pm-Elferrat Meeting
 Sat, Dec 14th, Private Party
 Sun, Dec 15th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday
 Tue, Dec 17th, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting
 Date chg due conflict with Christmas
 Fri, Dec 20th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sat, Dec 21st, 5:30pm-GAC Christmas Dance
Music by: Showcase
Meal by: No volunteer, yet, to prepare the meal
 Tue, Dec 31st, 7pm (til 1am)-GAC New Year's Eve Ball
Music: Hit Squad
Meal by: Peter Blemel & Family

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Fri, Jan 3rd, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Sun, Jan 5th, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch
 Sat, Jan 11th, 5:30pm-Officers Ball
Music by: TBD
Meal by: No volunteer, yet, to prepare the meal
 Tue, Jan 14th, 6:30pm-Elferrat Meeting
 Fri, Jan 17th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
Fri/Sat, Jan 17th & 18th, GAMGA at Las Vegas, NV
 Sun, Jan 19th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday
 Wed, Jan 22nd, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting
 Sat, Jan 25th, 5:30pm-Verrücktenball (Krazy Ball)
Music by: Swingshift
Meal by: Guenter Reinke & Crew
Sun, Jan 26th, 2pm-GAC General Membership Mtng
 Sun, Feb 2nd, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch
 Fri, Feb 7th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC
 Tue, Feb 11th, 6:30pm-Elferrat Meeting
 Sat, Feb 15th, 5:30pm-Damenball (Sweethearts Ball)
Music by: Hit Squad
Meal by: Bruce Miller & Crew
 Sun, Feb 16th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday
 Fri, Feb 21st, 5:30-7pm, Karaoke at the GAC
 Sat, Feb 22nd, 5:30pm, Maskenball (Masquerade Ball)
Music by: Roger Burns
Meal by: Ken Blemel & Crew
 Tue, Feb 25th, 5:30pm Kehraus
Music by: Walter Kirsch
Meal by: Guenter Reinke & Crew
 Wed, Feb 26th, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting
 Sun, Mar 1st, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch
 Fri, Mar 6th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC



Next German Movie Day

2pm, Sunday, Nov 24th

Come out and enjoy a German language movie

Feature: Sophie Scholl: The Final Days (2005) **Original Title:** Sophie Scholl - Die letzten Tage
 Not Rated, 2h, Biography, Crime, Drama

Movie and popcorn are free!

Storyline: The Final Days is the true story of Germany's most famous anti-Nazi heroine brought to life. Sophie Scholl is the fearless activist of the underground student resistance group, The White Rose. Using historical records of her incarceration, the film re-creates the last six days of Sophie Scholl's life: a journey from arrest to interrogation, trial and sentence in 1943 Munich. Unwavering in her convictions and loyalty to her comrades, her cross-examination by the Gestapo quickly escalates into a searing test of wills as Scholl delivers a passionate call to freedom and personal responsibility that is both haunting and timeless. *Written by Diabovos*

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). This month we will gather at **6:30pm** on the **2nd Wednesday**, Nov 13th, at the **Ho La Ma Chinese Restaurant, 8624 Menaul Blvd NE** (South side of Menaul Blvd, a couple of blocks east of Wyoming, beside the Los Quatos Mexican Restaurant)

Phone: (505) 296-1271

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

PLEASE, reply by Tuesday, Nov 12th, 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; 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 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)

Fasching Opening Day Ceremonies

**Monday, November 11th
10:30 am to 2:00 pm
(Doors open at 10:00am)**

No Door Fee

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

Music by Walter Kirsch

Potluck: Bring a favorite dish to share

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

*Dress Code: Casual, or
Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen)*

Fasching Opening Ball

**Saturday, November 16th
Door Fee \$10.00**

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

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

**Meal Served from: 5:30PM to 6:30PM
Prepared by: Guenter & Crew**

**Menu
Flank Steak Stew, w/noodles
dessert**

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

**Please make meal reservations by Nov 14th
By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 7pm**

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

Fasching Royal Ball

**Saturday, December 7th
Door Fee \$10.00**

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

**Music by: *Westside Sound*
From 6:30 'til 10:30**

**Meal Served from: 5:30PM to 6:30PM
Prepared by: Lance Klafeta & Crew**

**Menu TBD
(See next month's newsletter for menu)**

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

**Please make meal reservations by Dec 5th
By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 7pm**

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

Hungarian Holiday Season Party Sunday, December 8th Free Admission

The 2019 Holiday Season get-together will be on Sunday, Dec 8th, Sunday, starting at 12:30pm.

We'll enjoy great company, good food, and rumor has it that Santa will put in an appearance.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, homemade/Hungarian if possible.

Usual raffle drawings also.

German Culture Corner

November brings the anticipation of Thanksgiving dinner in the US. Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, and all the other treats specific to each family. Our cultural heritage mixes many of the national foods common to our ancestry, as well.

Since we always spent Thanksgiving with the Italian half of my heritage, we would have Ante pasta, as well as a pasta course before we dug into the main meal of turkey, dressing, and at least five different veggies. The deserts were all Creamy Italian pastry.

German friends tell me they have a side of dumplings with their turkey.

Unknown to most of us – Germany also has a Thanksgiving. But it's not a national holiday. Each region selects its date.

Erntedank (Harvest thanks) - Thanksgiving in Germany

In Germany, the observance is often on the first Sunday in October, which is usually also the first Sunday following Michaelmas (29 September). Erntedank has no official date or any nationwide observance as in the US and Canada. The "official" date of the first Sunday in October is not followed uniformly everywhere in Germany, nor is it included in the Church calendar of official observances. In some areas, *Erntedank* coincides with the wine harvest and takes place as late as November.

Fasching/Karnival

November 11: St. Martin's Day (Martinstag) and the official start to Karneval. Children in parts of Germany observe the traditional German custom of St. Martin's Day that has a few things in common with Halloween. Part of that tradition involves the *Martinsumzug* (St. Martin's procession) and *Martinssingen* (singing St. Martin songs), in which children go from house to house to collect candy (and/or money donations for charity) while carrying homemade lanterns and singing St. Martin songs.

The Elferrat in Modern Carnivals

The Elferrat, "council of eleven," is the council of a kingdom of fools in a carnival. Although Elferrat is most often composed of eleven males, in some places the Elferrat also includes female members. The Elferrat can be seen on stage in the official meeting during Karnival. The group is mostly composed of a greater number of men. In some cities, there are special female councils, such as the Achterrat in Freiburg, because the traditionally male-dominated associations usually leave women only in the role of majorettes, not in these representative positions. In many associations, so-called honorary Elferrats can be nominated. Most often, the eleven consist of distinguished association members or supporters such as politicians, businessmen, et cetera.

Duties of the Elferrat

The Elferrat plans and organizes various details of the carnival, such as dances, carnival meetings, and the routes of the carnival parades. The Elferrat and their wives also participate in various festivities outside these sessions.

—Gloria Casale, German Culture Chair

Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

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

Geburtstage - Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Shirley Berry
Okmi Blemel
Elisabeth Daddio
Cathy Donovan
Pat Erwin
Monika Fox
Chessa Leithmann
Sharon Lowell
Cathy Miles
Britt Peters
Petra Zavakos

Jubiläen (Anniversaries)

Peter & Okmi Blemel
Doug & Betty Carter
Larry & Mary Compton
Phillip & Eileen Jessen
Jim & Sharon Lowell

Membership As Of Oct 27, 2019

Total	207
Males	100
Females	107
Couples	52
Singles	103
Life Members	10

34 members have
not yet renewed

NEW Club Hours

Sunday	12-6 pm
Mon, Tue, Wed	4-8 pm
Thurs, Fri, Sat	Noon-8 pm

Will stay 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

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

KARAOKE REMINDER!

Don't just sing in your shower!
Come out and join us at the GAC
for **Karaoke**,
featuring **Karaoke Joe**,
at 5:30pm on the
1st and 3rd Friday of each month

GAC P&L	Sept 2019
Ordinary Income and Expense	
Bottled Beer Sales	2004.00
Draft Beer Sales	1062.00
Liquor Sales	3191.00
Misc Bar Product Sales	33.75
Soft Drink Sales	109.25
Wine Sales	177.25
Income Bar (Gross Receipts Tax)	-480.15
Income Bar	6,097.10
Other Income	
Donations/Misc	122.07
Door Fees	530.00
Hall Rental	201.50
Kitchen Income	420.00
Membership Dues	635.00
Rental Income - Quincy	500.00
Special Event	0.00
Total Other Income	2,408.57
Total Income	8,505.67
Cost of Goods Sold	
Bottled Beer Purchases	1,352.00
Draft Costs	439.70
Kitchen Costs	85.79
Liquor Purchases	1,822.39
Soft Drink Cost	219.00
Wine Purchases	59.93
Misc Bar Products	178.70
zCash Over/Short	8.50
Total Cost of Goods Sold	4,166.01

GAC P&L (continued)	Sept 2019
Other Expenses	
Misc	14.39
Acct/Legal	140.24
Bands	1,060.00
Bar/Kitchen Supplies	301.03
Decorations	210.17
Dishwasher	80.00
Insurance	579.00
Janitorial (cleaning/linen/exterminating)	454.14
Newsletter	0.00
Office Supplies	169.20
Party Food	0.00
Payroll Expenses	2,723.63
Promotional Expenses	0.00
Repair and Maintenance	825.47
Security	26.91
Telephone/Internet/TV/Radio	175.48
Tax and License	
Fees	0.00
Bar Licenses	0.00
Corporate Income Tax	0.00
Property	0.00
Utilities(electric, gas, water)	1,305.40
Total Expense	8,065.06
Net Ordinary Income	-3,725.40

Bank Balances	
Operations Acct	9,876.26
Investor Acct	1,423.90
CD	5.00
Total Bank Balances	11,305.16

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	505 514-7185
Director-at-Large	Carole Eberhardt	505-922-1550
Director-at-Large	Vacant	Vacant

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 Cord	Jay Vandersloot	505-362-1733
Entertainment Coordinator	Debbie Holt	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	Vacant
Volksdance Teacher	Open Position	Vacant
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). We do, however, still need a few more volunteers.

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 afternoons or evenings 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
- **Librarians** to help further organize our lending library and recommend what should be kept or disposed of
- **Functions/Events Coordinator** for planning and scheduling events and reservations for renting the GAC
- **Decorations 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.
- **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** _____

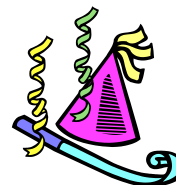
Serve on Board of Directors _____ **Serve on a Committee** _____

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 \$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 slightly discounted price (weddings excluded).

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