

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



The newsletter of the
 Edelweiss am Rio Grande
 German American Club
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July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Irish Dance CANCELLED	2	3 Karaoke CANCELLED	4
5 Kaffeeklatsch CANCELLED	6	7	8 Irish Dance CANCELLED Essen und Sprechen CANCELLED	9	10	11 Anniversary Ball POSTPONED 'til Aug (see pg 4)
12	13	14	15 Irish Dance CANCELLED	16	17 Karaoke CANCELLED	18
19 Jazz Sunday CANCELLED	20	21	22 GAC BoD mtngl CANCELLED Irish Dance CANCELLED	23	24	25 Sock Hop CANCELLED
26 Membership Meeting POSTPONED	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1

**The GAC continues to remain closed due to the COVID-19 restrictions.
 See the Notes & Reminders section on page 2 for further details.**

NEWS AND NOTES

Kaffeeklatsch

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

NOTES & REMINDERS

WEBMASTER We have an **URGENT** need for a volunteer to take over maintaining our GAC Website. To discuss what this involves or to coordinate picking up the Webmaster duties, please call John Waldrop at (505) 298-5893.

GAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19:
The GAC Quarterly Membership Meeting, scheduled for July 26th, is postponed due to the COVID-19 situation restrictions and limitations levied on us. It will be rescheduled after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Currently, the NM State of Emergency Executive Order has been extended through July 30th and the Public Health Order directive levying restrictions and limitations which require our being closed is currently in effect through July 15th and could very likely continue through the end of the month, so we are not planning to have our General Membership Meeting this month. When closure restrictions are lifted we will send an email letting members know of any changes in our schedule.

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.

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

Sun, Aug 2nd, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch

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

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

Music by: Roger Burns (tentative)

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-GAC Anniversary Ball

Music by: Swingshift (tentative)

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

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

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

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

Sun, Aug 30th, 2:00pm GAC German Movie Day

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

TBD - GAC Picnic

Fri, Sep 18th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sun, Sep 20th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday

Wed, Sep 23rd, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting

Sat, Sep 19th or 26th, All Day, GAC Oktoberfest Celebration - ???

Or, Sat, Sep 26th, 5:30-GAC Oktoberfest Dance

Music by: TBD

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

**Attire: Smart Casual or
Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen, etc.)**

Sun, Sep 27th, 2:00pm GAC German Movie Day

October 2020 Oktoberfest Activity in NM

Fri-Sat, Oct 9th & 10th, (Tentative Dates) Oktoberfest in Albuquerque, NM, at the Rio Bravo Brewery, 1912 2nd St NW, Albuquerque, just south of I-40 (co-sponsored by the GAC, Sister Cities Association, City of Albuquerque, and the Rio Bravo Brewery)

Fri-Sun, Oct 9th thru 11th, (Tentative Dates) Oktoberfest in Red River, NM

Fri/Sat, Oct 16th & 17th, (Tentative Dates) Oktoberfest in Ruidoso, NM

Fri, Oct 2nd, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sat, Oct 3rd, 5:30, German Day of Unity Dance - ???

Sun, Oct 4th, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch

Sun, Oct 11th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday



Rosenstraße

Next German Movie Day

**RESCHEDULED FOR
Sunday, August 30th**

**Feature for Aug 2020 at 2pm:
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 intermarriage, 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>](mailto: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 has been **CANCELLED** until restrictions are lifted.

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

GAC Luau Dance

Saturday, Aug 8th

Door Fee \$10.00

**GAC & Associate
Members & Guests Welcome**

**Music by: *Roger Burns*
(tentative)**

From 6:30 'til 10:00

**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 Aug 6th**

**By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 7pm**

***Attire: Hawaiian or
Smart Casual***

GAC Anniversary Dance

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otherwise Semi-Formal***

**The following is a brief history of the Edelweiss German American Club,
derived from actual documentation in the archives of the Club.**

**It was written in 1982 by one of our prior GAC Presidents, Larry Lopez (deceased),
and disseminated throughout the city and state.)**

Founding: They were exciting times, those first few months in the existence of Edelweiss am Rio Grande. For some time there had been talk in the German community about forming a club; in fact, there already existed an informal group, the Deutsch Sprecher Verein. Then on July 9, 1965, a meeting took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Laton. Present, besides the hosts, were Casper Verstappe, Ursula Rounds, Waltraut LaBier, Hans and Mia Buers, Renate Gonzalez, and Mike Markusfeld.

The Group decided that a club was indeed possible and Markusfeld was appointed chairman of the "Charter Committee." Laton was to publicize the endeavor. A name was chosen: Edelweiss am Rio Grande. Entertainment was planned for an entire year, with a German celebration at least once a month: Oktoberfest, Trachtenfest, Kinderfest, Niklausfeier, Kappenball, Ostern, Maitanz, Garten und Lampionfest, etc.

Another meeting was called for July 17 at Markusfeld's home. A new name appeared in the Charter Committee: Ken Dunnagan. They decided that the first 50 persons to sign up and pay fees would be "Charter Members." A charter was adopted. To the entertainment program was added a weekly Sunday radio program called "Edelweiss brings you 'Sonntag Nachmittag su Hause.'" Calling itself the Steering Committee, the group called for a meeting of all interested persons for July 25, 1965 in the Alvarado Hotel.

At the meeting, Markusfeld made a speech in which he surveyed what had been done to date, and the purpose of the club. He then temporarily adjourned the meeting to give those present a chance to join—which all did. **THE EDELWEISS AM RIO GRANDE WAS OFFICIALLY BORN!** The meeting reopened as a full-fledged club. There has never been a break in its continuity since.

Aftermath: Everything went fast from the first day: Markusfeld was elected first President; by-laws were drafted and accepted; flights to Germany contracted for; charter pins and certificates issued. On September 11, the Grand Opening Ball was held at the Alvarado. The first Oktoberfest was held at the FOP, in which 100 pounds of wurst were consumed. The first Fasching party, called "Narhalla am Rio Grande," was celebrated November 12. Maskenball was held in February at the Hilton; four kegs of free beer were consumed and the German General Consul was present. On January 1, 1966, the first monthly bulletin was launched and at the same time, the Teen Club was approved.

The Clubhouse: In the early days, meetings were held monthly in private homes. Later, as they became larger, places such as the Town Hall at Coronado Center or the Home Savings and Loan Building were used. Celebrations were conducted at the Hilton, the FOP, even "El Nido" at Los Lunas.

However, from the start, club members had the overwhelming desire to acquire a clubhouse of their own. . . .

(Here follows the story about how we acquired the present building, social events, community involvement, etc. It is too much to include in the Newsletter, so I will stop here since the aim of the article is to inform about the founding of the Club.)

—Cheers from Larry!

Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

(Of those whose dues are paid up and current)
through June 30, 2020

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Mark Meadows
Jeff Puterbaugh
Doug Ruby
William Schmaeh
James Midyett
T.C. Townson
Christopher Trujillo
Gerald Wyner
Jerry Zimmerman

Geburtstage - Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Juliane Bradshaw
Carole Eberhardt
Ebonie Gonzales
Marianne Helgesen
Louise Vandersloot
Ruby Walter
Sigrid Wood

Jubiläen (Anniversaries)

Ken & Kay Blemel
Thomas & Ellen Genne
Winnie Gido
Stephan Helgesen
Elizabeth Wheelock & Pedro Montano

Membership As Of July 1, 2020

Total	79
Males	37
Females	42
Couples	20
Singles	39
Life Members	9

As you can see, many
have not yet renewed

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
Abbreviated PROFIT AND LOSS
May 2020

**Financial Data for the
Month of May 2020**

Income:

Donations.	2,920
Rent.	<u>500</u>
Gross.	3,420

Expenses:

Insurance.	579
Tele/Internet.	136
Utilities.	338
Other.	<u>(53)</u>
Net.	2,420

Refund of \$315 from Quickbooks turned other expenses into income of \$53.

As of July 3, 2020, checking has \$5,300 and \$6,939 savings.

We received memberships dues in June.

We owe tax, IRS and State, for nonrelated Movie Income of about \$2,300 which is due July 15.

Deferring or challenging bills like garbage, worker's compensation insurance, etc.

We applied for a CARE Act grant for the maximum of \$10,000 with the county economic development. Only response currently is they have received our application.

Basically, it costs about \$1,800 a month (property taxes, utilities, insurance, security) to keep viable.

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.

GAC Member and Vice-Chair Ken Blemel had fallen on Wednesday, May 27th, while working in his yard, and broke his neck. He's back home and working on recovering. He can be reached at his cell phone, 505-991-1209.

GAC Board Member Gloria Casale has moved back to Kentucky. She says she'll miss everyone and sends best wishes to all at the GAC

**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	Rosalie Pfeiffer	505-299-3951
Director-at-Large	Vacant	

Committee Chairs and Coordinators

German Culture Chair	Vacant	
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:

- **WEBMASTER** We have an **URGENT** need for a volunteer to take over the Webmaster duties (see pg 2)
- **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.

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 (per NM Statute)- \$5 Renewal

Please complete this form and mail 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** _____ **Media Coord** _____
Serve on Board of Directors _____ **Serve on a Committee or as a Coordinator** _____

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 (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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