

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The GAC continues to remain closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. See the Notes & Reminders section on page 2 for further details.</p>						1
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9	10	11	12 Irish Dance CANCELLED Essen und Sprechen CANCELLED	13	14	15
16 Jazz Sunday CANCELLED	17	18	19 Irish Dance CANCELLED	20	21 Karaoke CANCELLED	22 Anniversary Ball CANCELLED
23 Hungarian St. Stephen's Celebration CANCELLED	24	25	26 GAC BoD mtng CANCELLED Irish Dance CANCELLED	27	28	29
30	31	<p>IMPORTANT! GAC Elections are coming up. See Page 5 for details</p>				

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Another month has come and gone and not much has changed. Our Treasurer Jeffrey Hagemann has worked hard not only to cut expenses, but also to apply for grants. I don't want to discourage anyone from making donations, but this might all have a silver lining after all. Our walk-in cooler quit on us and we lost some perishables, but most of the beer is pasteurized and is fine. Giant thanks to Nick Marler, who not only got the swamp coolers going, but is fixing the walk-in. One Saturday soon I'd like to take the opportunity to pull everything out and scrub down the cooler top to bottom. If anyone can help let me know.

—Lance

NEWS AND NOTES

Kaffeeklatsch

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

NOTES & REMINDERS

WEBMASTER We still 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, was 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 and the Public Health Order directive levying restrictions and limitations which require our being closed are currently in effect through August 28th, so our General Membership Meeting is still **POSTPONED. 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 REMINDER: 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.

Upcoming Activities

Events in the GAC and of Interest to GAC Members

Events and Dates are TENTATIVE and Subject to Change, depending on COVID-19 Resolving

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

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.)

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

Fri, Oct 16th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sun, Oct 18th, 1pm-Hungarian 1956 Revolution Remembrance

Sun, Oct 25th, 2pm-GAC General Membership Mtng & Elections

Wed, Oct 28th, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting

Sat, Oct 31st, 5:30-Halloween Dance

Music by: TBD

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

Attire: Costumes or Smart Casual

Sun, Nov 1st, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch

Fri, Nov 6th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Wed, Nov 11th, 11am-Fasching Opening Ceremonies (door opens at 10am) (Potluck)

Music by: TBD

Meal by: Potluck - ???

Attire: Smart Casual

Sat, Nov 14th, 5:30-Fasching Opening Ball

Music by: TBD

Meal by: TBD

Attire: Formal if you have it,



Next German Movie Day

**RESCHEDULED FOR
Sunday, September 27th**

Feature for Sep 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 Weinfest Dance

Saturday, Sep 5th

Door Fee \$10.00

**GAC & Associate
Members & Guests Welcome**

**Music by: *TBD*
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 Sep 3rd**

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

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

GAC Oktoberfest Dance

Saturday, Sep 26th

Door Fee \$10.00

**GAC & Associate
Members & Guests Welcome**

**Music by: *TBD*
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 Sep 24th**

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

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

Upcoming GAC Elections and Nominations:

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 to run for office **not later than August 15th** in order to have their names included on the ballots. See below for a sample template of what to write in the letter.

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 By-laws. The only things your letters of intent need to contain are the date, your legible name, a statement of which office you intend to run for, 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 are 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 not earlier than October 13th and not later than November 7th, to be decided by the Board of Directors.

Sample Template for the Letter of Intent to Run for GAC Elected Office

(Date)

To: Edelweiss am Rio Grande German American Club
Attn: Nominations and Elections Committee
PO Box 3263
Albuquerque, NM 87190-3263

Subject: Letter of Intent to Run for GAC Elected Office

I, (your printed name), intend to run for election to the German American Club position of (the elected office for which you intend to run, i.e., President/Vice-President/Secretary/Financial Director/Director-at-Large)

(Signature)

Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

(Of those whose dues are paid up and current)
through July 31, 2020

Geburtstage - Herren **(Men's Birthdays)**

Albert Arizmendi
Harlan Scott
Michael Titze

Geburtstage - Damen **(Ladies' Birthdays)**

Erika Albarelli
Virginia Cable
Betty Carter
Luisa Gignac
Susan Hagemann
Emilie Perea
Paulette Sanchez

Jubiläen **(Anniversaries)**

Samuel & Anna Herrera

Membership As Of **July 30, 2020**

Total	104
Males	50
Females	54
Couples	29
Singles	46
Life Members	9

113 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
June 2020

Income:

Donations.	3199.26
Membership Dues	850.00
Rent.	<u>500.00</u>
Gross.	4549.26

Expenses:

Bookkeeper	154.17
Dues/Subscriptions	14.39
Insurance.	579.00
Security	53.86
Tele/Internet.	140.00
Utilities.	<u>451.86</u>
Total Expenses	\$1393.28
Net Income	\$3155.98

As of 7/31/2020, we have \$3,033 in checking, and \$17,339 in savings. We have several outstanding bills most importantly property taxes, etc. We sent and paid the IRS and state taxes of over \$2,300 due for the non-club income via film production. We applied for \$10,000 grant from the BernCo Economic Division and got \$10,000 as of month end. This was the maximum for a micro business grant. We send them monitor reports after 90, 180 and 360 days. Of course, only certain expenditures are allowed. We probably will use some of it to pay property taxes. The \$10,000 is currently in savings

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**

GAC Member Health Issues:

Johanna Payne has been diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas. She is at home and nurses are coming to help Jim. We imagine thoughts and prayers and cards would be appreciated. Address for cards: 905 Georgia SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, Phone: (505) 256-9556

Louise Vandersloot blacked out twice on July 13th due to a seizure/stroke/TIA (whichever they were), passing out and falling both times. Fortunately no injuries were incurred. She has subsequently been seen by doctors twice and is at home. I am sure she would appreciate some get well cards and calls. Address for cards: 12613 Indian School Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112-4719, Phone: 505-293-1274. Louise says many thanks to all of you for the cards and phone calls.

Carole Eberhardt fell Jul 11th and broke some bones. She is at home and Fritz is taking good care of her. I am sure she would appreciate some get well cards and calls. Address for cards: 4604 Miramar Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114, Home Ph: 505-922-1550

A note of thanks from Carole Eberhardt

Dear friends,

Many thanks to all of you for the cards, phone calls and messages of get well. Saturday will be three weeks since my accidental fall and I am happy to report that progress is being made.

First let me tell you of a small book I have that is full of wise advise. On one page it advises — Never pass up an opportunity to pee. — Oh how right that is.

We were visiting our family on the Saturday and I should have used the bathroom before we left but once in the car I thought I could wait until we reached home. Consequently upon arrival I was in far too much of a hurry to get into the house.

I misjudged my foot of that small step we all have in our garage before the entry door. I went down with such a bang on my right side it was hard for Fritz to get me up. By 3am I was in enough pain to call an ambulance and at the ER X-rays confirmed a fractured pelvis and a fracture in the radius bone of my right elbow. I spent 36 hours in the ER but since there was no surgery it was arranged for me to go home and therapists would come to help me there.

The first week was a nightmare and god bless my poor Fritz who struggled to help me in every way possible. It was very scary because I was paralyzed from the waist down for a few days.

I am so glad to report now that I am up and about on a walker, resting often, and seeing light at the end of a rather long tunnel. I do not see the ortho surgeon again until the middle of September which is when they believe the fracture will have healed.

I do expect to see you all again when this horrible virus pandemic is beaten and life can resume but until then please stay safe, wear a mask in public, and limit your contacts and above all, **NEVER PASS UP AN OPPORTUNITY TO PEE!**

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 still 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**
- **Newsletter Editor** (to prepare, compile, publish & distribute)

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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