

# The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



The newsletter of the  
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## September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Irish Dance CANCELLED	3	4 Karaoke CANCELLED	5 Weinfest Dance CANCELLED
6 Kaffeeklatsch CANCELLED	7	8	9 Irish Dance CANCELLED Essen und Sprechen See page 3	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 6:30 GAC BoD mtng Irish Dance CANCELLED	17	18 Karaoke CANCELLED	19
20 Jazz Sunday CANCELLED	21	22	23 Irish Dance CANCELLED	24	25	26 Oktoberfest Dance POSTPONED 'til Oct 10th
27	28	29	30 Irish Dance CANCELLED	1 Oct	2 Oct 5:30 Karaoke TENTATIVE	3 Oct
4 Oct Kaffeeklatsch at 3:00 pm TENTATIVE	<p><b>The GAC continues to remain closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.                  See the Notes &amp; Reminders section on page 2 for further details.</b></p>					

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well what can I say? Another month come and gone and we still can't open. Soon now. Meanwhile I've been brainstorming and I am always listening to suggestions. One problem I've noticed is that we have a large collection of flavored liqueurs that hardly ever get ordered. So I've donated a blender bought some paper umbrellas, and plan daily drink specials. Even if we can't open for Oktoberfest I'm sure we can sell brats and German potato salad at a drive through. Hopefully we'll all see each other again soon.

—Lance

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Kaffeeklatsch

The Kaffeeklatsch is **CANCELLED** for September 2020 - Tentative for Oct 4th  
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 CLOSURE: Due to the COVID-19 situation all events and activities are cancelled until after the restrictions are lifted. The current NM Executive Order and Public Health Order (PHO), effective through September 18th continue restrictions which prevent us from having any dances. We do not know what the restrictions will be after September 18th. We do not know whether the restrictions will change after that, but even if they are lifted it would not give us enough time to make arrangements for and set up a dance in the last part of September, so dances continue to be cancelled for now. We apologize for any inconvenience, but we have to comply with the PHO, and 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 Restrictions

Fri, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sun, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch

**Sat, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-GAC Oktoberfest Dance**

**Music by: TBD**

**Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal**

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

Sun, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday

Fri, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sun, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-Hungarian 1956 Revolution Remembrance

**Sun, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2pm-GAC General Membership Mtng & Elections**

Wed, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting

Sat, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30-Halloween Dance

**Music by: TBD**

**Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal**

**Attire: Costumes or Smart Casual**

Sun, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch

Fri, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Wed, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am-Fasching Opening Ceremonies  
(door opens at 10am)

**Music by: TBD**

**Meal by: Potluck - ???**

**Attire: Smart Casual**

Sat, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-Fasching Opening Ball

**Music by: TBD**

**Meal by: TBD**

**Attire: Formal if you have it,  
otherwise, Semi-Formal  
or Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen, etc.)**

Sun, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday

Fri, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Wed, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting

Fri, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sat, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-Fasching Royal Ball

**Music by: TBD**

**Meal by: TBD**

**Attire: Formal if you have it,  
otherwise, Semi-Formal  
or Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen, etc.)**

Sun, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-Hungarian Holiday Season Party

Sun, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-Kaffeeklatsch (switched due to Hungarian event on Dec 6th)

Fri, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sat, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-GAC Christmas Dance

**Music by: TBD**

**Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal**

**Attire: Smart Casual**

Sun, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday

Wed, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting



### Next German Movie Day

**RESCHEDULED FOR  
Sunday, October 25th**

**Feature for Oct 2020 after the  
Gen Membership Mtng:**

**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>*

## Essen und Sprechen

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 will be at **6:30pm** on the **2nd Wednesday**, Sep 9<sup>th</sup>, at **The Olive Garden, 601 Juan Tabo Blvd (by I-40)**, Phone: (505) 275-9948

Website: <https://www.olivegarden.com/locations/nm/albuquerque/albuquerque-juan-tabo-blvd/1121>

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

**PLEASE**, reply by Tuesday, Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, 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; 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 Oktoberfest Dance*

**Saturday, Oct 10th**  
**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 Oct 8th**  
**By calling 505-888-4833**  
**between 4pm and 7pm**

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

## *GAC Halloween Dance*

**Saturday, Oct 31st**  
**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 Oct 29th**  
**By calling 505-888-4833**  
**between 4pm and 7pm**

*Attire: Costumes,  
or Smart Casual*

**The below article was from our former German Culture Chair, Brigitta Walker (deceased)  
It was previously published in our October 2005 newsletter**

### **OKTOBERFEST IN MUNICH (München)**

The inspiration for Munich's first Oktoberfest, 195 years ago, was innocuous enough: a crown prince who liked horses was being married, and a national guard major thought of honoring the event with a horse race and a party. Thirty horses from all over Bavaria competed on a large meadow beyond the western border of the town on October 17, 1810. Five days after Crown Prince Ludwig I had married Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen, forty thousand guests and another 40,000 Münchenerers had such a good time that King Max Josef I decreed the festival an annual event by christening the field, "The Theresienwiese" in honor of the bride. The following year an exhibition of Bavarian farm produce was added, and before long the venerable association of Bavarian crossbow men, or Schützen, were on hand to stage their competitions. Inevitably, hunger and thirst began to stalk the meadow—specters as appalling to good Bavarians as the shadow of the grim reaper himself. So, when the festival was about five years old, beer and food stalls were introduced. In 1835, to honor Ludwig and Therese's silver wedding anniversary, a parade of Oktoberfest participants in regional costumes was held. This, too, became an annual event.

Today, the festival lasts for sixteen days and begins late in September, because of the better weather. Sulky races and exhibitions of dressage supplement the horse races; giant cabbages have given way to biennial displays of agricultural machinery, prize cattle and even entire model farms. The parade of 1835 now involves a mile-and-a-half-long procession of 4,500 people in the regional costumes of Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France; floats, horse-drawn beer wagons and brass bands. Other parades have been added as well. The crossbow men no longer bang away at targets propped up in the open field; they have moved into their own "tent", capable of holding 3,000 people, where to drink beer is as laudable as to hit the bull's-eye. In fact, during the festival, the seventy-acre Theresienwiese vanishes under a village of buildings laced with more than three miles of roads.

Two main streets are flanked by the monolithic drinking halls of Munich's seven breweries: Löwenbräu, Augustinerbräu, Hackerbräu, Spatenbräu, Pschorrbräu, Hofbräu and Paulianerbräu.

The festival drink is a special Wies'n Bier brewed in March and well aged for extra strength. Indeed, lacking a flesh-and-blood monarch to honor, the Oktoberfest today has crowned beer its undisputed king. A parade is given in its honor on the opening day of the festival.

When the procession reaches the Theresienwiese, at the stroke of noon, the Major of Munich taps the first barrel, and the boom of three cannons announces that the 800 concessions at the Oktoberfest are open for business. And good business is at the roller coaster, the flea circus, the magician's tent, the marionette theater, the chamber of horrors, and the hippodrome, where anyone sober enough to keep his seat may hire a horse and make his way around the ring.

But to drink beer you must be thirsty, so each year the concessionaires thoughtfully provide some salty roasted chicken, salty roasted fish, roasted oxen, beef and pork sausages (enough, they say, to girdle Munich) and thousands of pretzels, some two inches long for instant consumption, others, two and a half feet long that are hung around the necks of children for all-day nibbling. Special stands dispense thousands quarts of schnapps and wine. For the infirm there are coffee tents where the soothing sounds of the zither replace the brazen roar of the band.

At midnight on the sixteenth day, the Oktoberfest ends. All that is heard on the Theresienwiese is a gentle snoring from the Bierleichenzelt (literally; beer corpses' tent), which has been set up for those who don't remember where they live, and the pervasive aroma of the Wies'n duft, or meadow wind—a symphonic emanation of all the food and drink that will leave visitors and Münchenerers alike with the heaviest hangover of the year.

### **MÜNCHNER KINDL**

The "*Münchner Kindl*" (Little Child of Munich) is the symbol for *München* (Munich) and, as its patron saint, is used in the city's coat-of-arms because it protects the city as well as all its festivities. (The city's name itself derives from *Mönichen*, meaning "monks.") From the 15<sup>th</sup> century on, the *Kindl* was depicted as a boy, but began appearing as a girl in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Also known as the "*Saint of Gemütlichkeit*" the *Kindl* is dressed in black monk's garb trimmed in gold, along with a pretzel and a radish. This is because, in *München* during *Oktoberfest*, as you drink beer, you munch a pretzel and eat a white radish. The latter is salted, then sliced cork-screw style to render it limp, thus easier to eat.

*München* was founded by monks who knew how to brew beer and make wine. In the German language, "monk" is *Mönch*. Therefore, if you were from the City of Monks, you were called a *Mönchner*; the word later became *Münchner*.

Submitted by Brigitta Walker, German Culture

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

Paul Thomas  
Steve Laverty  
Gary Likens

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

Lucille Cardella  
Mary Compton  
Katharina Kelly  
Norma Leib  
Heidi Martinez  
Peggy Schmidt  
Patti Sugg  
Julie Weaver

**Jubiläen**  
**(Anniversaries)**

Kenneth & Virginia Cable  
Fritz & Carole Eberhardt

**Membership As Of**  
**August 28, 2020**

<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Males</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Females</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Couples</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Singles</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Life Members</b>	<b>9</b>

**89 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](mailto: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  
July 2020

**Income:**

Donations.	\$2,217.00
Membership Dues	1,030.00
Rent.	500.00
Hall Rental Rtn Dep	<u>(500.00)</u>
Gross.	\$3,247.00

**Expenses:**

Utilities	\$671.00
Insurance.	579.00
CPA for tax prep	575.00 (part pmt)
State Corp Tax	483.00 (from film)
Total Expenses	\$2,308.00

**Net Income           \$939.00**

In July, we refunded Hall Rental Income. Water and electric always high. Checking has \$4,122 and Savings \$17,339. Of savings, Bernco/CARE Act balance equals \$8,750 from the original \$10,000. Primary outstanding bills are property taxes \$6,000 and still owe Admiral \$550. City business license deferred \$700. Also, paid IRS on July 15 but no return of registered mail and no cashed check. Other bills of about \$800 - garbage and part CPA still owed.

**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 Quarterly  
General Membership  
& Elections Meeting**

The General Membership & Elections Meeting of the German American Club is **TENTATIVELY** (depending on the status of the COVID-19 restrictions) planned for **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**, beginning ***promptly*** at 2pm.

Join us to discuss the current status of the GAC and what is planned for the future.

We look forward to seeing you here with us.

**We previously reported that GAC Member and Vice-Chair Ken Blemel had fallen on Wednesday, May 27th, while working in his yard, and had broken his neck. He reports that he has completed his therapy and is in "fine fettle"**

## 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:	<a href="mailto:JayVandersloot@yahoo.com">&lt;JayVandersloot@yahoo.com&gt;</a>	
Newsletter Editor	Jay Vandersloot	505-362-1733
Newsletter Input:	<a href="mailto:JayVandersloot@yahoo.com">&lt;JayVandersloot@yahoo.com&gt;</a>	

**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!

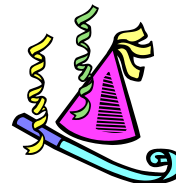
Please notify **Rosalie Pfeiffer**, at **505-299-3951** if you know of any Club Member who should receive a greeting card, i.e., get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.







# 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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