

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



The newsletter of the
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October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Karaoke CANCELLED	3
4 Kaffeeklatsch CANCELLED	5	6	7 Irish Dance CANCELLED	8	9	10 Oktoberfest Dance CANCELLED
11 Jazz Sunday CANCELLED	12	13	14 Irish Dance CANCELLED Essen und Sprechen See page 3	15	16 Karaoke CANCELLED	17
18 Hungarian 1956 Revolution Remembrance Prob. Cancelled	19	20	21 Irish Dance CANCELLED	22	23	24
25 2:00 PM GAC Elections Mtng See pg 7	26	27	28 6:30 GAC BoD mtng Irish Dance CANCELLED	29	30	31 Halloween Dance CANCELLED
1 Nov Kaffeeklatsch at 3:00 pm TENTATIVE	The GAC continues to remain closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. See the Notes & Reminders section on page 2 for further details.					

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's election month for the club and I've thrown my hat in again. Two years ago I heard rumors the club might close and so I approached Mark Meadows, the acting President, offering to help. Shortly thereafter I became President. I set the goal of getting the club back on its feet and stepping down. Well, the club hasn't closed, the Governor's order aside. We have more money in the bank now than then. Of course, I couldn't have done anything without the support of the members. I didn't fix the roof, the plumbing, refinish the dance floor, buy the new keggerator, attract the movie deal, and so many other things that have been accomplished. I simply maintained faith and optimism, promising we would preserve. I appealed to the people in whom I had faith could get the jobs done. I've learned a great deal and have more ideas. I hope more people get involved so that this doesn't become a job for life, but for the next year I ask for your vote to continue. Thank you.

—Lance

NEWS AND NOTES

Kaffeeklatsch

The Kaffeeklatsch is **CANCELLED** for October 2020 - Tentative for Nov 1st
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 continue to be cancelled until after the restrictions are lifted. The current NM Executive Order and Public Health Order (PHO), effective through October 16th continue restrictions which prevent us from being open and from being able to have any dances. We do not know what the restrictions will be after October 16th. 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 October, 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. Additionally, in reply to our recent survey, while a few members said they felt comfortable with attending GAC activities, most they did not yet feel comfortable with attending group activities. 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 or Elections 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

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)

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,
otherwise, Semi-Formal
or Tracht (Dirndl, Lederhosen, etc.)**

Sun, Nov 15th, 2-5:30pm-Jazz Sunday

Fri, Nov 20th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Wed, Nov 25th, 6:30pm-GAC Board Meeting

Fri, Dec 4th, 5:30-7pm-Karaoke at the GAC

Sat, Dec 5th, 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 6th, 1pm-Hungarian Holiday Season Party

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

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

Sat, Dec 19th, 5:30-GAC Christmas Dance

Music by: TBD

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

Attire: Smart Casual

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

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

Thu, Dec 31st, 7pm ('til 1am) GAC New Year's Eve Ball

Music by: TBD

Meal by: Please volunteer to prepare the meal

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

Events Tentatively Being Planned in 2021 most dates are still yet to be scheduled

Officers Ball

Verrücktenball (Krazy Ball)

Sun, Jan 31st, 2pm-GAC General Membership Mtng

Maskenball (Masquerade Ball)

Damenball (Sweethearts Ball)

Sun, Mar 14th, 1pm, Hungarian 1848 Revolution Remembrance

GAC St. Patrick's Dance

Vienna Ball

Walpurgisnacht Dance

Sun, Apr 25th, 2pm-GAC General Membership Mtng



Rosenstraße

Next German Movie Day **TENTATIVELY** **RESCHEDULED FOR** **Sunday, October 25th**

Feature for Oct 2020 after the Gen Membership & Elections 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 jhailev@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**, Oct 14th, 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 10th, 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**

Fasching Opening Day Ceremonies

**Wednesday, 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 TBD

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 14th

Door Fee \$10.00

**Make Door Fee Checks Payable to
Edelweiss GAC**

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

Music by: *TBD*

From 6:30 'til 10:30

**Meal Served from: 5:30PM to
6:30PM**

Prepared by: TBD

Menu

TBD

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

**Please make meal reservations by
Thursday, November 12th
By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 7pm**

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

Hungarian Holiday Season Party Sunday, December 6th Free Admission

The 2020 Holiday Season get-together will **HOPEFULLY** be on Sunday, Dec 6th, 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.

Upcoming GAC Elections and Nominations:

GAC elections are coming up. Per the Bylaws, (applicable excerpt printed below), anyone intending to seek office had 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. The names of those who submitted letters of intent and the offices for which they will be running are published below, in accordance with the GAC By-laws.

If you neglected 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. **WHOMEVER YOU DECIDE TO WRITE IN, CHECK WITH THEM FIRST TO ENSURE THEY ARE WILLING TO SERVE ON THE BOARD.**

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.

Current Incumbent Board Members

President

Lance Klafeta

Vice-President

Dieter Fox

Executive Secretary

Carolyn Gonzales

Actng Financial Director

Jeffrey Hagemann

Directors-at-Large

- Positions up for reelection

Kenneth Blemel

Vacant (was Gloria Casale)

Directors-at-Large

- Positions NOT up for reelection

- These have another year to serve on their two-year term of office

Albert Arizmendi

Rosalie Pfeiffer

Jay Vandersloot

Candidates Running for Election

President

Lance Klafeta

Vice-President

Needs Write-in

Executive Secretary

Needs Write-in

Financial Director

Jeffrey Hagemann

Directors-at-Large

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Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

(Of those whose dues are paid up and current)

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Carl Londene
Jim McCabe
Roland Mueller
James Rehbein
Brian Waldrop

Geburtstage - Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Patricia Lifke
S. Johanna Payne

Jubiläen (Anniversaries)

John & Yvonne Butcher
Jeffrey & Susan Hagemann
Katharina Kelly & Nick Marler
Mel & Emilie Perea
Christ & Petra Zavakos

Membership As Of September 30, 2020

Total	136
Males	64
Females	72
Couples	37
Singles	62
Life Members	9

82 have still not yet renewed

Tentative Club Hours **(For after COVID-19 resolves)**

Sunday	12-6 pm
Monday	Closed
Tues thru, Sat	4-8 pm

(Addn'l hours when event is scheduled)

Happy Hour **4-7 pm**
(On Thursday,-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
August 2020

Income:

Donations.	\$1,802.10
Membership Dues	1,815.00
Rent.	<u>500.00</u>
Gross.	\$4,117.10

Expenses:

Bottled Beer Purch	\$1,200.00
Bookkeeper	308.34
Dues & Subscriptions	14.39
Exterminator	86.66
Club Security	162.23
Insurance.	579.00
Taxes & Licenses	25.00
Telephone & Internet	135.81
Utilities	725.71
Other Income	0.59
Total Expenses	\$2,037.73

Net Income **\$880.55**

Financial Director's Comments:

- Memberships renewals are down by about 89 which is about \$3,800(ouch).
- However, thank you to all for making donations.
- Paid up delinquent beer account of \$1,200 since I have not paid them since March/February.
- Two months bookkeeper since none in July
- Security up since code changed by security company.
- Utilities high because of walk-in cooler running during hot weather.
- Checking account has \$5,097 and
- Savings account has \$17,340.

GAC Quarterly
General Membership
& Elections Meeting

The General Membership & Elections Meeting of the German American Club
TENTATIVELY
(depending on the COVID-19 restrictions) is planned for
Sunday, October 25th,
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.

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 Steve Borbas has spent a lot of time since August being sick, surgeries, hospital stays, etc. He says he's getting much better now

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.



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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