

The Edelweiss am Rio Grande Nachrichten



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Kaffeeklatsch CANCELLED	2	3	4 Irish Dance CANCELLED	5	6 Karaoke CANCELLED	7
8	9	10	11 Irish Dance & Fasching Opening <u>CANCELLED</u> Essen und Sprechen See page 3	12	13	14 Fasching Opening Ball CANCELLED
15 Jazz Sunday CANCELLED	16	17	18 Irish Dance CANCELLED	19	20 Karaoke CANCELLED	21
22	23	24	25 6:30 GAC BoD mtng/ Irish Dance CANCELLED	26	27	28
29	30	1 Dec	2 Dec Irish Dance Tentative	3 Dec	4 Dec Karaoke Tentative	5 Dec Fasching Royal Ball 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

I took a week vacation in Florida and came back to find my car buried in snow. Didn't see that coming. Congratulations, or condolences as the case may be, to our re-elected board, and welcome aboard to our newest Director Eva McCabe! I first approached her husband Jim about serving, and he promptly passed me on to Eva. I am honored to be trusted to serve for another year as your President. As I mentioned last month I hope this job doesn't become permanent, and that more of you participate in the running of the club. There hasn't been any loosening of the Governor's orders so a gathering on 11/11/11 won't be possible. I'm thinking a couple of us could ring the bell at that moment and post it on the Edelweiss Facebook page. Please share your thoughts. Thank you.

—Lance

NEWS AND NOTES

Kaffeeklatsch

The Kaffeeklatsch is **CANCELLED** for November 2020 - Tentative for Dec 13th
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. If interested, please call Jay Vandersloot, afternoon or evening, at (505) 362-1733.

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 November 13th continue restrictions which prevent us from being open and from having any dances. We do not know what the restrictions will be after November 13th. 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 November, 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 and will 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

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

Maifest Dance

Cinco de Mayo Dance

Denim or Diamonds Dance

Roaring 20s Dance

Strawberry Fest Dance

Sock Hop

GAC Anniversary Dance

Sun, Jul 26th, 2pm-GAC General Membership Mtng

Luau Dance

Blues Night Dance

Sun, Aug 22nd, 1pm, Hungarian St. Stephen's Day

Weinfest Dance

GAC Picnic

All Day, GAC Oktoberfest Celebration - ???

Or, GAC Oktoberfest Dance - ???

German Day of Unity Dance - ???

Sun, Oct 24th, 1pm-Hungarian 1956 Revolution Remembrance



Next German Movie Day **TENTATIVELY** **RESCHEDULED FOR** **Sunday, November 29th**

Feature for Nov 2020:
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**, Nov 11th, at **The Range Cafe, 4401 Wyoming Blvd (by Montgomery)**
Phone: (505) 293-2633
Menu: places.singleplatform.com/the-range-cafe-2/menu

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

PLEASE, reply by Tuesday, Nov 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 lately has been 4 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 Royal Ball

Saturday, December 5th

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, December 3rd
By calling 505-888-4833
between 4pm and 7pm**

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

GAC Christmas Dance

Wednesday, December 19th

Door Fee \$10.00

**Make Door Fee & Meal Checks Payable to
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Menu: *TBD*

\$10.00 per person for the Meal

Please make meal reservations by

Thursday, December 17th

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

Dress Code: Smart Casual

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.

Current Incumbent **2020 Board of Directors**

President

Lance Klafeta

Vice-President

Dieter Fox

Executive Secretary

Carolyn Gonzales

Actng Financial Director

Jeffrey Hagemann

Directors-at-Large

- Positions up for election

Kenneth Blemel (current Vice Chair)

Vacant (was Gloria Casale)

Directors-at-Large

- 3 Positions NOT up for election

- These 3 have another year to serve on their two-year term of office

Albert Arizmendi

Rosalie Pfeiffer

Jay Vandersloot (current Chair)

2021 Board of Directors Election RESULTS

President

39 Lance Klafeta (Elected)

3 Rosalie Pfeiffer

2 Miguel Mata

Vice-President

45 Dieter Fox (Elected)

Executive Secretary

44 Carolyn Gonzales (Elected)

2 Rosalie Pfeiffer

1 Eva McCabe

Financial Director

54 Jeffrey Hagemann (Elected)

1 Miguel Mata

Directors-at-Large

- 2 Positions up for election

40 Ken Blemel (Elected)

11 Eva McCabe (Elected)

2 Miguel Mata

2 Jim McCabe

2 Nicolina Nicthé

2 Jolynn Doty

2 Norita Callahan

2 Tom Miles

1 Rosalie Pfeiffer

1 Jim Brauer

1 Bruce Miller

1 Walter Kirsch

1 Jay Vandersloot

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Rosalie Pfeiffer

Jay Vandersloot

Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

(Of those whose dues are paid up and current)

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Eric Irwin
Bill Weber

Geburtstage - Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Lydia Chavez
Monika Helbling
Sharon Lowell
Cathy Miles
Britt Peters
Petra Zavakos

Jubiläen (Anniversaries)

Doug & Betty Carter
Larry & Mary Compton
Jim & Sharon Lowell

Membership As Of October 24, 2020

Total	132
Males	62
Females	70
Couples	36
Singles	60
Life Members	9

90 have 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 Only)

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
September 2020

Income:

Donations.	\$1,418.00
Membership Dues	260.00
Office Rental	<u>500.00</u>
Gross Income	\$2,178.00

Expenses:

Utilities	\$748.00
Insurance	579.00
CPA for 2019	275.00
PO Box	59.00
Club Security	28.00
Subscription	<u>14.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,702.00

Net Income **\$476.00**

Financial Director's Comments:

- Paid all 2019 property taxes of about \$6,000 in October 2020 including small \$161 penalty.
- Owe Yearend CPA Financial Compilation for 2019 still that I never ordered. Was still an outstanding bill of \$275 for CPA last year. As Financial Director, I am not going to order a 2020 Financial Compilation just 2020 Tax Return which will significantly lower our costs.
- Paid part of 2019 City Treasurer city liquor license for \$142.50 that just showed up out the blue. This costs \$250 annually due 11/1 that city requires online only.
- All known bills have been paid except all of CPA bill noted above. There are several for city business license \$700 and \$250 city liquor license. Also, state liquor license coming up of \$350. Then, there is 2020 tax bill with one half in December that may be deferred.
- As of 10/26/2020, we have \$4,744 in checking and \$11,095 in savings.
- Thanks again for your memberships and donations.

GAC Members' Health Issues

- **Luisa Gignac has not been feeling well lately and we believe she has undergone surgery. Send cards to: 6324 Topke Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109**
- **Louise Vandersloot has also not been feeling well and she is scheduled for cardiac cauterization surgery on Tuesday, November 3rd. Send cards to: 12613 Indian School Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112-4719**
- **Ken Blemel is doing quite well. His recovery from the back injury he suffered from that had resulted from the fall he had taken has gone quite well and he is feeling very good now. Send cards to: 12412 Sierra Grande NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112**

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 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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