

Edelweiss am Rio Grande

German American Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

www.edelweissgac.org



Maypole Dance—Maifest, May 10, 2014

Please be sure to join us this month for

Kaffeeklatsch—June 1

Woodstock Dance—June 7

Strawberry Fest—June 21

Cigar Evening—June 27

It's time to renew your membership—see pages 18&19

June 2014

The 2014 Officers and Board

Jay Vandersloot	Chair	362-1733
Steve Borbas	Deputy Chair	265-7088
Miguel Mata	President	620-3666
Michael Begay	Vice-President	304-1668
Gloria Casale	Executive Secretary	286-8567
Patsy Wallace	Financial Director	760-224-1693
Rosalie Pfeiffer	Director-at-Large	299-3951
Sheri Kraemer	Director-at-Large	271-2634
Walter Kirsch	Director at-Large	296-7980

The 2014 Committee Chairs and Coordinators

Kay Blemel	Membership	293-5620
Membership Input: kay_blemel@mgtsciences.com		
Kathe Mirabal	German Culture	836-6182
Carol Meeks	Entertainment Contracts	508-1048
Gloria Casale	Functions Coordinator	286-8567
	gloria.casale@gmail.com	514-7185
John Waldrop	Newsletter Editor & Web	298-5893
Newsletter Input: gacmagazine@live.com		

NOTE: Deadline for Newsletter Input: 15th of each Month

Other Positions and Associate Groups

Miguel Mata	Past President	620-3666
Kenny Blemel	Elferrat Chair	991-6997
Rosalie Pfeiffer	Greeting Cards	299-3951
Open Position	Volksdance Teacher	
Carolyn McKenna	Decorating Coordinator	298-4555
Luisa Gignac	Decorating	881-4847
Kathe Mirabal	Kaffeeklatsch	836-6182
Norita Callahan	Irish American Society Rep	298-2708
Kathe Mirabal	Front Door Coordinator	836-6182
Steve Borbas	Hungarian Club Rep	265-7088
Edith Henderson	St. Andrew Scottish Society	798-9422
Norita Callahan	Dinner Ticket Sales-GAC	298-2708
Casey Denhollander	Rio Grand Jazz Society	266-3148

Voice of the President

Dear Members,

Sorry for being incommunicado for the first half of the year, but I am back now and will begin by trying to recap the highlights of the last few months.

After a bumpy start, this year's executives and board of directors are all on board and working hard on keeping the club up and running. If you have any concerns, please let any one of us know. We work for you.

It's been a busy start to 2014 here at the club. We started the year off with an elegant and fun New Year's Eve party. There was delicious food, beautiful music, and great dancing. It was a great way to start off a new year.

Also, in January, a number of us attended GAMGA in Las Vegas. As usual, we had a great time, and our group took home the award for best group costume (Star Wars). It's not too soon to start planning for next year. The venue has changed to the Tuscany Suites and Casino, a charming hotel located a block from the strip. Check your magazine for details. Let's see if we can't get a large group together.

In February we had Crazy Ball with lots of "wild and crazy" costumes. We also had a romantic night of dinner and dancing at the El Ferrat's Damen Ball. Longtime member, Liesel Lopez was chosen as the El Ferrat Sweetheart.

March saw us kick up our heels at the Roaring 20's dance and, again, at our own St. Patrick's Day celebration.

In April, we had our magnificent Vienna Ball. So many people made the evening a success: Jim and Johanna Payne, Irma Thatcher, and Kathe Mirabal prepared a marvelous schnitzel dinner; Jim Brauer and his band kept us dancing all night; and our volunteer dancers entertained us with the Polannaise, Die Fledermaus Quadrille, the Oslo Waltz, and the Waltz Country Dance. It was truly a wonderful evening.

That brings us to the end of April and the 1st of May, and includes Fiesta night, the general membership meeting, and Maifest. All three of these events were very poorly attended. Both Fiesta and Maifest started with good dinners and had fantastic bands. At Maifest, many participated in the May pole dance. Both evenings were a lot of fun (we always have fun), but could

have used double the attendance.

That catches us up on the past functions. Upcoming, we have Western Night on the 24th with Paul Pino and the Tone Daddies playing and the Blemels in the kitchen. In June, we have Woodstock on the 7th and Strawberryfest on the 21st. We really need everyone to turn out for these functions when possible, or we may have to start cancelling some of them. I realize that we are going into vacation time, but, when you are in town, please come on down and enjoy a fun evening of dinner, drink, and dance with your friends and fellow members.

On to other matters. The dance floor trim was replaced in December, so now the tripping hazard is gone and it looks great. The coolers are up and running. Of course, you know, that's why it turned cold and snowed. But we are ready! Bring on summer!

Here are a few overdue thank you's. Way overdue is a big "thank you" to Fritz and Carol Eberhardt and Lena Stout for the excellent brunch they provided for January's general membership meeting. It was delicious and, I believe, helped bring people out.

Thank you to Carolyn McKenna for taking over the decorating for most non-German culture events and some German culture events. Carolyn and her crew were responsible for the elegant setting for Vienna Ball and the festive setting for Fiesta (some of which did double duty for Maifest). Thank you Carolyn for your creative work.

Thanks to all who have helped in the kitchen: Jim and Johanna Payne, Kathe Mirabal, Alex Mirabal, Irma Thatcher, Bruce and Cindy Miller, the Blemels, Jay Vandersloot (I know I've forgotten somebody).

A special "thank you" to all the Blemels for supporting our functions. On any given night, at least a quarter of those in attendance are members of the Blemel family or are friends. They have made this club truly a family affair.

Have you noticed our recently cleaned carpets and our waxed dance floor. Thanks to Jackie Kelly, our new head of cleaning, the club is looking sharp. Jackie is very diligent and a hard worker. She is also super nice and happy to help in any way. We are lucky to have her. Welcome, Jackie, to the GAC.

Don't forget, we still have Jazz on the 3rd Sun. of the month, cigar night on the last Fri. of the month, "happy hour" every Thurs., Fri., and Sat., and Kaf-

feeklatsch is back on the 1st Sun. of the month. Check your calendars. There is something for everyone.

This has been long and I'm sure I've forgotten something, but I'm back and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Miguel Mata

p.s. We are in need of volunteers to cook for Woodstock on the 7th, the Luau on July 12th, and Sadie Hawkins on Sept. 20th. Please contact me if you would like to help.

Thanks.

Thank You

I would like to thank all those that participated in our Vienna Ball dances: Die Fledermaus Quadrille, the Polannaise, the Oslo Waltz, and the Waltz Country Dance. All these volunteers showed up once a week for 8 weeks to practice. I can never thank the following people enough: Miguel Mata, Rosalie Pfeiffer, Bruce and Cindy Miller, Mike Chavez, Kathy Mueller, Jens and Britt Peters, Fred and Carolyn McKenna, Walter and Ute Kirsch, Jay Vandersloot, Karin Waldrop, Ken and Kay Blemel, Ken and Norita Callahan, Donna Noel Lloyd, Kyle Best, Roland Mueller, Carol Frey, Michael Begay, and Lilo Daddio.

A very special "thank you" goes to Peggy Schmidt, who, though not performing, showed up to every practice in case we needed her to fill in for someone who could not make it. Need her we did on numerous occasions.

Also, thank you to Johanna Payne, George Carnakos, and John Waldrop who attended 6 weeks of practice, only to have to drop out due to personal issues. Cindy Miller (with a boot on following foot surgery), Jay Vandersloot, and Ken Callahan stepped in at the last minute to help fill in for those who had to drop out. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We couldn't have done it without you.

You all are the best. I couldn't have been more proud of you. It was a delight and an honor to work with you.

Kathe has given us the "ok" to do it again next year. Wouldn't it be great to have two lines for Die Fledermaus Quadrille? Plus, I have a few more new dances in mind to try since you all are so professional now.

Thank you again. Love you all!

Sheri Kraemer

Check out our website at
www.edelweissgac.org for the
latest pictures of our events.



If you have any inputs or sug-
gestions send them to me at
gacmagazine@live.com
John Waldrop

Kaffeeklatsch

Kathe Mirabal is in charge of the kaffeeklatsch on
the first Sunday of every month at 3pm.

Call her at 836-6182 if you wish to help or
participate

The kaffeeklatsch last month was a huge success
and well attended. Delicious desserts were pro-
vided by the participants.

Attention!!!

The German Club will be restarting the Prinzengarde
Tanz Group. All interested parties should contact Alex
Mirabal at (505) 205-3793 or amirab92@aol.com.

Practice will begin soon so please contact Alex
immediately.

We Send Cards!

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

ATTENTION

Please remember to have your membership card with you when at the club. The state has been checking other clubs. The state requires all members to have their membership cards with them when attending club events.

Now accepting reservations for GAMGA 2015

According to Jim Payne, now is not too early to make your room reservations for GAMGA for next year. The rooms may fill up fast. See page 20 for more information, or call Jim at 256-9556.

Cultural Exchange Library

The bookcases in the hallway hold the library contents. Donations of cultural books, videos and DVDs will gladly be accepted.



Borrowing will be on an honor basis. If you borrow from the library please return the items in a timely fashion

CABLE PEST CONTROL

Commercial & Residential Spraying
Satisfaction Guaranteed
At Prices You Can Afford

TERMITE INSPECTIONS

Ken Cable
Owner

PO Box 1394
Peralta, NM 87042

(505) 865-6145
mobile (505) 362-2256



Kathe Mirabal would like to thank all of those who helped out with the cooking for the Maifest, including Irma Thatcher and Virginia Cable.

Many thanks to Alexandra Mirabal, Madie Mirabal, and Stephanie Reinhard for working the door, Norita Callahan for selling the dinner tickets and Walter Kirsch for directing the May-pole dance. Thanks also to Lelani for clearing the dinner dishes.

The Edelweiss AM Rio Grande Elferrat thank everyone who donated items and participated in the German American Club Maifest - Silent Auction.

"You raised \$437.00"

Your Continued Support of The GAC is Greatly Appreciated.

Thank you again, Kenny Blemel

Elferrat Chairman 2014-2015

From the Newsletter Editor

My apologies for the May newsletter being late and in black and white. The gentleman who had been printing our newsletter in color is no longer available, so I have had to find a commercial printing service to print our newsletters. The commercial cost to print in color is two to three times the cost of what our previous gentleman charged us. So we must now be content with black and white.

John Waldrop



Erdbeer Fest



The Erdbeer Fest or Strawberry Festival is Germany's celebration of this small, red, delicious fruit. The festival serves the purpose of celebrating that strawberry season is in full swing and that the fruit may be picked. And what a better way to celebrate this berry than to find its pair in wine.

Tables will be set up in town where dishes dedicated to the strawberry will pop up. Desserts featuring the strawberry as well as strawberries themselves will also be placed on the table. Many towns celebrate by crowning a queen of the festival. The Edelweiss am Rio Grande German American Club will feature our Erdbeer Fest on June 21st. Please be sure to attend this great event.

Submitted by Alex Mirabal



The Duerst and Mirabal families would like to thank the members of the German American Club again for supporting Kyle and Alex as Prinzenpaar. We really enjoyed ourselves this Fasching season and we hope you did as well. We met many friends and enjoyed representing you all in Vegas. We would especially like to thank the Blemels for showing us the ropes. Again it was a pleasure for us and we hope you all enjoyed the season.

Alexandra and Kyle



German American Club



Woodstock Dance



Saturday, June 7th



Members Door Fee \$10.00



**Music by Dance School
Dropouts**



7-11pm



5:30 to 6:45 pm Potluck Dinner



**Please bring a dish to
share**



Costume Prizes



**Get your bell bottoms,
flowered clothes, tie
died T-shirts and peace signs, and
come join us.**



(Everyone must wear clothes!)





STRAWBERRY FEST

Saturday, June 21st

Music: Swingshift
From 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Members Door Fee: \$10.00

Dinner served from 5.30PM to 6.45PM

Meal prepared by
Kathy Mueller and Britt Peters
Chicken Cordon Bleu

Rice

Green Beans

Salad

Roll/Butter

Desert

Coffee

All for only \$10, children under 10, \$5

Please wear something red if you have it
and no blue jeans please.

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 19
888-4833

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Events and Dates Subject to change

June

1st Kaffeeklatsch
7th Woodstock —Dance School
21st Strawberry Fest — Swingshift
27th Cigar Night

July

6th Kaffeeklatsch
12th Luau — Roger Burns
25th Cigar Night
26th — Anniversary Party
Showcase
27th General Membership

August

3rd Kaffeeklatsch
9th Sockhop—Jukebox
23rd Membership Appreciation
Swingshift
29th Cigar Night

September

6th Weinfest—Jim Brauer
7th Kaffeeklatsch
20th Sadie Hawkins— Band TBD
26th Cigar Night
27th Lisel Lopez Birthday

October

4th Oktoberfest — Jim Brauer
5th Kaffeeklatsch
25th Halloween — Showcase
26th General Membership
31st Cigar Night

November

11th Fasching Opening
15th Opening Ball — Jim Brauer
28th Cigar Night



Jazz Sunday
June 22nd, 2:00 pm 'til 5:30 pm
GAC Members Welcome!

Join us for some great music & dancing!

ESSEN UND SPRECHEN

This month we will gather at **6:30pm** on the **second Wednesday**, Jun 11th, for our monthly Essen und Sprechen Treffen (gathering) at the Olive Garden, Juan Tabo at I-40, Albuquerque, NM. Those at the dinner each month vote on where to go the following month.

Come join us at the *Essen und Sprechen* and practice your German. Please reply Monday, Jun 9th, to Jay by email to JayVandersloot@yahoo.com or call at 505-362-1733 to let us know whether you will be there, so we will know how large of a table to reserve. Lately between 12 and 18 people have been at the monthly Treffen; with that size group you need to reserve a table.



Cigar Evening
Maker's and Macanudo
Friday June 27th
4pm—7pm

Bring your favorite cigar (BYOC)
And enjoy your favorite bourbon or
whiskey on this relaxing evening

We have Bushmills, Maker's Mark,
Jim Beam, Wild Turkey and others

Notice

In order to comply with the By-laws and Guidelines of the Edelweiss am Rio Grande German-American Club and the rules and regulations of the New Mexico Alcohol Commission, the board of directors have instituted the following:

The German American Club and all Associated Clubs* will supply membership cards to all their members.

Members must have a current membership card with them when they attend functions at the German-American Club and purchase beverages at the bar.

Current lists of members will be supplied to the bartenders in the German-American Club lounge.

Guests of members are not required to pay a door entry fee to attend club functions.

A host member must be in attendance and remain at the club during the entire guest visit.

A host member or guest may donate a sum equal to the door fee if desired.

Guests are allowed to purchase alcoholic beverages (in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NM Alcohol Commission) while attending functions at the club.

Each contracted member of an entertainment group is allowed to bring one guest to their contracted function.

Exception will be made for the parents and siblings of the Prinzenгарde.

A \$2.00 fee will be charged for each member attending a rehearsal.

* Irish American Society of New Mexico, Hungarian- American Association, St. Andrew's Scottish Society of New Mexico, Jazz Society.

GAC Elections and Ballots:

GAC elections are coming up. Per the Bylaws, (applicable excerpt printed below), anyone intending to seek office needed to submit their written (not email) notice of that intent not later than August 15th in order to have their names included on the ballots. 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 Bylaws.

Please mail your letters of intent to: Edelweiss am Rio Grande German American Club, Nominations Committee, PO Box 3263, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3263

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 is 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 the latter half of October to be decided by the Board of Directors.

It is time to Renew your membership

Membership dues for the membership year which begins July 1, 2014 and runs through June 30, 2015 are as follows:

Single membership \$35

Couples (family) membership \$55

GAC By-Laws Article III Part 1 states if married membership must be obtained on a family basis.

Life Members \$5 per year

This is a requirement based on the information GAC received from the State of New Mexico.

Your German American Club membership dues for the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 year are due by July 1, 2014. Current membership cards will expire on June 30, 2014

.Remember you must have a new card to enter the club and participate in activities after July 1, 2014.

A membership renewal form is enclosed in this newsletter. Please complete the form and bring or mail with your payment to the German American Club, 2609 Quincy St. NE, Albuquerque, NM.

Thank you for your support,
Kay Blemel
Membership Chairperson

Membership Renewal Form

July 01, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Dues are: Single Membership ----- \$35
Couples Membership----- \$55
Annual fee for Life Members----- \$5 each

Please complete this form and return it with your check for renewal dues to the German American Club, 2609 Quincy St., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 Attn: Membership.. If you pay your dues with cash at the bar, please keep your receipt.

Name _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Would you like your e-mail address added to the GAC Group Web Site for automatic notifications and reminders of upcoming events and last minute schedule changes?

_____Yes _____No

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**____

Thank you for your support,
Kay Blemel
Membership Chairperson

For Office Use Only:

Cash _____ Check _____ Date _____
Receipt # or Check # _____ Amount _____

(GAC Renewal Form Revised May, 2013)



G. A. M. G. A.
GERMAN-AMERICAN-MARDI-CRAS ASSOCIATION
VEREINIGUNG DEUTSCH - AMERIKANISCHER
KARNEVALS - GESELLSCHAFTEN

President: Walter Luebke
Vice President: Holger Claus
Treasurer: Bill Collins
Secretary: Kurt Hauptmann
Director: Georg Brütting
Director: Katharina Feinstein

GAMGA 2015

The GAMGA Board of Directors has after careful consideration decided to have the

30. GAMGA GALA 2015

On January 16 and 17, 2015 in the

TUSCANY Suites & Casino

255 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
<http://www.tuscanylv.com/>



The GAMGA board is certain that this new facility will give our members and guests from all over the world incentive and a lot of fun to celebrate with us

30 Years of German American Karneval

The GAMGA board has reserved sufficient ball room space and rooms to accommodate anyone wanting to join us in our celebration. We are very optimistic that you will like the Hotel, the rooms (all rooms are suites!), the closeness to the Las Vegas Strip and will help us to make this event the biggest GAMGA Gala ever.

The negotiated room rates are:

January 16-17:	\$99 (plus tax)
Other days:	\$65 (plus tax)

Reservations can be made under tel. 877-887-2261 and asking for "GAMGA room rates" or online <https://www2.tuscanylasvegas.com/smsworld/wc.dll?smsWorld?AvailBox=%26RGP=13e9e5>, using Group Code 13G9G5

Further details will be published later.

Helau and Alaaf,

Walter Luebke

President GAMGA

Birthdays , Anniversaries, Membership

Geburtstage - Herren (Men's Birthdays)

Al Armijo
Kenneth D. Blemel
Peter Blemel
Carl Brand
Donald Bruckner
Steve Buergi
Loures Duarte
Fritz Eberhardt
William Fischbach
Alfredo Herrera
Guido Kemp
Gerald King
Paul Lopez
Daniel Lucero
Jacob Martinez
Jason Meadows
Bernhard Meyes
David L. Smith
Philip Smith

Membership : Updated as of May 2014

Total 357
Males 173
Females 184
Couples 101
Singles 155
Life Members 14

Geburtstage-Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Ursula Fritz
Bridget Brink
Joan Pfeiffer
Anita Roesler
Juanita J. Rohde
Gail Tangel
Rosalie Volz



Anniversaries

Humberto & Sonia Arzabe
Robert & Nancy Balthaser
Phil & Pauline Chavez
Steven & Linda Eberhardt
William & Gloria Fischbach
Marcos & Ester Griego
Audie & Geraldine Gutierrez
Larry & Marianne Jones
Max & Dottie Kohler
Jim & Corinne Law
Gerald & Betty Martinez
Robert & Roberta Ponto
James & Carol Rehbein
Fred & Ilona Schwab
Robert & Joan Mary Vogelsberg



Having a Party? Rent the Club!

Mon. thru Thur. Night	\$350
Friday Day	\$350
Friday Night	\$400
Saturday Day	\$400
Saturday Night.	\$500
Sunday Day Only	\$400

Call Miguel at 620-3666
Michael at 304-1668
or Gloria at 286-8567
For more information

- ◆ Security \$135 extra per guard
- ◆ Use of Kitchen \$100 extra
- ◆ Use of Linen Table Cloths \$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 member for more than 3 years, you may rent the club on availability for your family functions at discounted price (weddings excluded).

**Our advertisers are very important to us.
Please mention seeing their ad in the
GAC newsletter when you patronize them.**

Current Advertising Pricing per month

Full Page	\$30.00	
Half Page	\$20.00	
Quarter Page	\$12.00	
Business Card	\$12.00	
Insert	\$30.00	each, per edition