

**Edelweiss am Rio Grande**  
**German American Club**  
**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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Neuschwanstein in the Bavarian Alps

*Be sure to join us this month for*  
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**September 2015**

### **The 2015 Officers and Board**

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

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# VOICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I have good news and bad news to report. The good news is that our Membership Appreciation Dinner/Dance was a huge success. The bad news is that we had to refuse so many last minute dinner reservations. At the time of the normal reservation deadline, we had 68 dinner reservations. We planned on 80 and then increased the number to 90. People were still calling in late Friday and into Saturday. Regretfully, we had to cut the reservations off. I can't stress enough the importance of making your reservations by the deadline. We can usually accommodate a few extra meals, but not 50 extra.

It was so-o-o great to see so many people turn out for this event. The music by Showcase was wonderful as usual, and our own Bruce Miller joined Joe Sais and the band for a couple of numbers. The dance floor was packed. Now if we can just get that kind of turnout for the rest of our events. Though the rest of our events are not free, the charge of \$10 for a meal and \$10 at the door is a bargain.

Some big "thank you's" are in order for helping make the evening such a success. Thanks to Anna Herrera, Johanna Payne, and Lucille Cardella for handling the door until Kathe Mirabal could take over. Thanks to Norita Callahan for handling the dinner tickets for those who had reservations, and for dealing with disgruntled members who didn't have reservations, but wanted to eat. Thanks to Carolyn McKenna for her lovely table decorations. Carolyn has quite the knack for making things look festive or elegant, whatever the occasion requires. Thanks to Ute Kirsch for her wonderful red cabbage, and to Karin Waldrop for her equally as good cucumber salad. Thanks to Bruce and Cindy Miller for helping in the kitchen. Cooking, dishing up, and serving over 100 meals is not an easy task, but they are always there with helping hands, a smile, and a laugh. Thanks to our bartenders for keeping our libations flowing. Randy and our newest bartender, Rhine, handled our large crowd with quiet efficiency. Last, but not least, thanks to you, the members, for attending and for all your support. You are the best!

I have some important dates for you to remember. September

5th is our annual Winefest with Swingshift playing. September 19th is our 50th!!! Anniversary dinner/dance with Jim Brauer and the Schunken Bub'n playing for this special evening. Let's have a large turnout for both of these events. Fifty years is a big deal!

I would like to give you a heads up for October 3rd. I am hosting my 50th birthday party. There will be food and dancing, and you are all invited to help me celebrate this milestone birthday. I will be preparing a pasta bar, but I must have reservations so I know how much food to prepare. Please help ensure that there is enough food for everyone by making your reservations no later than Thursday, September 30th.

Please check your news magazine for details on all upcoming functions and activities. With summer waning and fall right around the corner, activities will be picking up and you don't want to miss anything. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the club.

Miguel Mata

#### Kaffeeklatsch

The kaffeeklatsch will be held Sunday, September 6th at 3pm at the club. We had fifteen ladies at the August Kaffeeklatsch. There were wonderful desserts and conversation. Please join us. Call Kathe at 836-6182 if you wish to participate.

Kathe Mirabal

Check out our website at **[www.edelweissgac.org](http://www.edelweissgac.org)** for the latest pictures of our events.

If you have any inputs or suggestions send them to me at **[gacmagazine@live.com](mailto:gacmagazine@live.com)**  
John Waldrop



# GERMAN CULTURE

Recently I have found myself watching all of my favorite shows online in German. How am I doing this you may ask? Well there is a website known as bong.tv. For anyone interested this site is somewhat similar to the American site Hulu, in that you can access your favorite shows online. The site lists popular German stations such as RTL and Super RTL along with their program schedule. Then you can click what you would like to record and watch it later. Bong.tv provides a trial period where you can access it for free but then after that it is €6, 00 (That is 6 Euros. In Germany the comma is used in place of a period) per month. Whether or not you speak German, this site is a great opportunity for you. If you speak German you can see all of the great programs being produced in Germany. If you do not speak German or are trying to practice your German, it is a great idea to watch shows you already know and love in German as to get some practice in. I hope that this can help some of you in your search to learn more about German culture!

Submitted by Alexandra Mirabal

## German Cooking Class

Our very first German cooking class was a huge success!! Thank you to everyone who came. If you did not come, you will not want to miss next month's class. We taught everyone how to make German potato salad and bratwurst. Everyone enjoyed their meal, and we were even joined by State Senator Martin Heinrich. Please join us this month as we teach everyone to make potato pancakes. For anyone who is unsure, the class does take place at the German Club. Please call either Alex (505) 205-3793 or Kathe (505) 836-6182 to R.S.V.P. so we know how many meals to prepare. September's class will take place on Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> so please make sure to R.S.V.P. no later than September 7<sup>th</sup>!

Alexandra Mirabal

7/31/15

Dear Rosalie and GAC Members

Thank you so much for the nice note and kind words of condolence due to the passing of my Dad on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It truly was a blessing that God finally took him to heaven. He was ready and prepared for that journey, had his estate in order, and no words were left unsaid between family and friends and himself. We're so thankful we had him with us for so long. He would have been 94 on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Up until the last few months he was in pretty good health, outside of bad knees that caused him trouble. His mind remained fairly sharp until confusion started to set in recently.

He was barely conscious the last few days and passed away peacefully in his room at the home he shared with my sister and brother-in-law in Bellevue, NE. Of course we will miss him so much here on earth but know he's still with us in spirit all the time.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Love,  
Sharon and Jim

P.S. Sure hope to see you all at the club August 8<sup>th</sup>!! We sure would like to meet your family from the Northwest!

July 20, 2015

Dear German American, Irish, & Scottish Club members & associates;

Now is a great time to consider hosting an international exchange student from one of 22 countries! I.C.E.S. has a 25 year track record as a non-profit. Cost? Only room and board!

There are currently 82 amazing high-school age exchange students who would love to experience our culture and live with an American host family for the next school year. For example, there are 14 students from Germany still waiting!

Meet one of these...Dominik-15 years old. Here is an excerpt of his personal letter:

*Dear Host Family,*

*It has been my wish to go to the United States for a long time because I'm very interested in the American culture and also the language. I am fifteen years old and I live with my parents and my big sister in a little town in the middle of Germany. Music is my passion and I like playing violoncello very well. It would be great, if I could continue playing cello in the USA. I usually play classic music but I like almost every other kind of music too. For instance, I often listen to pop and rock music. Also it would be great for me to join a choir, because I was singing in a choir since the age of 7.*

*I also like to play table tennis and soccer and I look forward to see American sports. I'm not the greatest athlete but I like sports anyway and I always give my best in it. Another thing I love to do is acting. I take part in the weekly drama group of our school and I really enjoy to be another person there. So if there was a drama group at your school, I would be happy to join it.*

Just like Dominik, there are dozens of youth that aspire to visit our country and learn about our way of life from the inside of a caring family! Consider hosting a student for both semesters or even one semester. If you know of a family that would truly enjoy this opportunity, please share this information.

Sincere thanks,

Ed Hazlett, ICES Local Coordinator

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**German American Club**

# *Weinfest*

**Saturday Sept. 5th**

**\$10 Door Fee**

**Music: From 7:00 'til 11:00**

**By Swingshift**

**Crowning of the Wine Queen and  
recognition of former wine queens**

## **MENU**

**By Kathe Mirabal and Marie Moe**

Rouladen

Noodles

Vegetable

Rolls and Butter

Dessert/Coffee

**\$10 per plate**

**Please make your meal reservation**

**no later than September 3rd**

**888-4833**

**Dress: Semi Formal**

**German American Club**

**50th Anniversary Party**

**Saturday, Sept. 19th**

**Member Door Fee: \$10.00**

**Music by Jim Brauer and the Schunken  
Bub'n 7-11pm**

Dinner prepared by Miguel Mata and Sheri Kraemer

Menu

Normandy Chicken with sauce

Mashed potatoes

Mixed vegetables

Salad

Rolls

Dessert

**All for only \$10.00**

**Please make your meal reservation no later than**

**September 17th**

**888-4833**

**Dress: Semi Formal**

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Events and Dates are Subject to change

## October

3rd Miguel's Birthday Party  
10th Oktoberfest—Jim Brauer  
13th Elferrat Meeting  
18th 1956 Hungarian Revolution  
23rd Celtic New Year's Party  
(Samhain)  
24th Halloween—Showcase  
31st Private Party—Madie M

## November

11th Opening of Fasching  
14th Fasching Opening Ball

## December

5th Fasching Royal Ball  
6th End of Year Holidays  
Hungarian Club  
12th Private Party-Madie M  
18th Private Party  
19th GAC Christmas Party  
27th Private Party  
31st New Year's Eve—Showcase

## January

15th & 16th GAMGA-Las Vegas



**Jazz Sunday**  
September 20th, 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**, September 9<sup>th</sup> for our monthly Essen und Sprechen Treffen (gathering) at Claim Jumper, 5001 Jefferson St NE, (Jefferson by I-25, Where Landry's used to be). Come join together at our monthly *Essen und Sprechen* to practice your German and socialize over dinner in German (with some English). We decide at each month's dinner where to go the following month.

Please, PLEASE, reply by the prior Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, to Jay by email to [JayVandersloot@yahoo.com](mailto: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. The Essen und Sprechen dinner is getting quite popular. In August we had 28 in attendance – the highest attendance we have ever had. With such large groups as we have been having we need to reserve a table



**Cigar Evening**  
**Maker's and Macanudo**  
**Friday September 25th**  
**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

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**31<sup>st</sup> annual**

**GAMGA Gala**



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## **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *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.

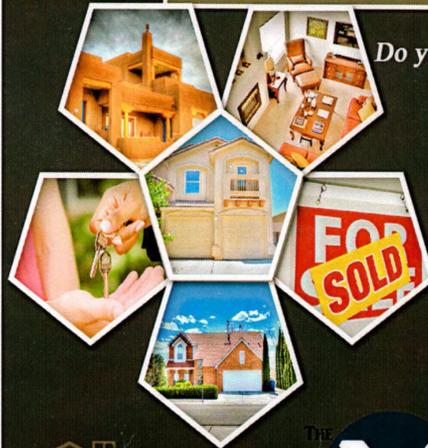
### **Cultural Exchange Library**

The bookcases in the hallway hold the library contents.  
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## Birthdays , Anniversaries, Membership

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

Robert Balthaser  
John Chiado  
Gil Gallegos  
Miguel Mata  
Albert Turkovich  
Hans Zahari

### Geburtstage-Damen (Ladies' Birthdays)

Lucille Cardella  
Mary Cleo Fernandez  
Eunice Foley  
Otilie Golby  
Carolyn Gonzales  
Inge Moritz Hernandez  
Sheri Kraemer  
Liesel Lopez  
Heidi Martinez  
Marie Moe  
Roberta Ponto  
Yolanda Schindwolf  
Peggy Schmidt



### Anniversaries

Kenneth & Virginia Cable  
Fritz & Carole Eberhardt  
Frank P. & Diana E. Jiron  
Michael Lehmkuhl & Diana Delong  
Rod & Ruby Walter  
Kurt & Linda Nielsen Weber

### Membership : Updated as of August 2015

<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>Males</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Females</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Couples</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Singles</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Life Members</b>	<b>10</b>



# Having a Party? Rent the Club!

Mon. thru Thur. Night	\$400
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Friday Night	\$450
Saturday Day	\$450
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Sunday Day Only	\$450

Call Miguel Mata at  
620-3666 or  
Mark Meadows  
at 238-2289  
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).

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