



UPCOMING DINNERS

Mar 2 – “Backyard BBQ (Bring Your Own Meat), Green Salad & Bread Service (by the Board), and “Potluck” Dishes & Desserts - \$15

Mar 9 – “ST PATRICK’S DAY DINNER”, “Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes & Carrots, Lamb Pasty w/Cheese Appetizer, and Vanilla Mint Ice Cream w/Chocolate and Whipped Cream Dessert”, By Tim and Barb - \$20

Mar 16 – “Rotisserie Chicken Dinner, Vegetable Sides, Salad & Bread Service and Dessert”, By Art -\$20

Mar 23 – “EASTER DINNER”, “Baked Ham, Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Scalloped Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Relish Tray Appetizer (w/Crackers, Cottage Cheese, 3-Bean Salad, Cole Slaw), Dessert Buffet”, By Rose - \$30

Mar 30 – “Koenigsberger Klopse, Vegetable Sides, Salad & Bread service and German Cheesecake”, By Silvia -\$20

Club Guests, and Membership

The German American Social Club is organized as a private social organization. For all guests, our Board of Directors requests that you acknowledge your visit by signing the “Guest Register” inside our Hall, near the front door. While you are here, please be courteous to those around you and follow-all house rules. Thank you for your interest in our 54 year old Association.

If you are interested in joining, Membership Dues are \$35 per year, (pro-rated) and there is an application fee of \$10 to join. For more info, go to our website,

<https://www.germanamericanclubnv.com/>



President’s Letter

Guten Tag,

I want to thank Tim and Barb, the Board, and everyone that helped in support of our St Baldrick’s fundraiser. We have now completed the three President’s Community Service Campaigns that I described to the Club last July. We have donated over \$3,500 to good organizations.

Thanks to Cheryl and Irene for the Gumbo, to the Vagabonds for the *Karneval* colors, to Ingrid and Marge for the tasty Bavarian Beef Gulasch, to Silvia for the Valentine’s Dinner, and to Christian, Christina, Mutti, Leanne and Chris Januska for hosting our Superbowl and soccer watch parties. Congratulations Kyle on completing your Master Degree studies.

This month, I encourage everyone to reflect on the guest outreach effort of the Board, and how it has fostered vibrant Club growth. One of the hallmarks of this year’s effort has been “welcoming” visitors and guests. Our additional open hours on Sundays and Wednesdays were intended to provide more fun and social time for members. However, secondarily, it is those hours where we can most effectively speak to walk-in visitors. This has been an effective way for people to learn about Club history, our cultural preservation mission and to consider joining us. It has been heartwarming to see them join our social group and make friends.

Our “Open House” banner each Wednesday, and the friendly greeting by Vice-President Chris, and other members has helped growth. Growth is not an accident, it is the result of a thoughtful plan, and positive guest outreach. The Board has created a welcoming culture, but we all still have a legal obligation to ask visitors to sign our “Guest Register.” Another sign of our Club’s vitality is the addition of a third Tuesday Music Show. With the Tuesday Bluesday and Latin Groove nights established, the Board is working on a “Motown and More” Show on April 9th.

Financially, our corporation has gained about \$5,000 over our July 1st balance. However, sales tax payments in March will reduce that a bit. Before June 30th, we still have *Schützenfest*, *Maifest*, Watch Parties, Open House, Card Nights, German Music Sundays, Poker Tables, Music Tuesdays and these are the sources of our sustained revenue. Our membership is growing, and our cash reserves are stronger.

Ole Borreson (#4605) was the Hidden Member Number in the February newsletter. Thank you Ole for all you do for us! So, will you find your Member Number in this edition? The Board will meet on March 7th and 23rd to manage Club operations. The Membership Meeting is March 23rd.

Eric Outflect

“Latin Groove”, March 5th

Listen in to a show just for German-Americans
The German Show
with Silvia

Every Sunday Morning at 10 AM



on KSHP 1400 AM Radio or
Stream the show online at www.KSHP.com
Click on the "Listen Live" button in the top right hand corner

Call in to request a song or to chat
with Silvia every Sunday morning

Interested in being a sponsor?
Give Silvia a call at 702-876-8221



POKER TABLES

Dan Lee has scheduled his next Poker Table for March 8th, the Second Friday. Hopefully we have another full Table. Contact Dan to confirm your seat. Walk-ins Welcome! Consider Bringing a Potluck Dish to share.

STAINLESS STEEL PREP-TABLE

At the good suggestion of Secretary Kyle Ruckle, a stainless prep-table was purchased for the Pantry. For \$300, it improves our workspace and sanitation.

Tuesday Bluesday, Mar 19th

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Membership Meeting on Feb 17th was well-attended. The President conducted our meeting from the required agenda. He discussed events recent and upcoming events and the treasurer provided a report of current expense and cash on-hand.

President Outfleet noted that membership is 246, with 3 pending applications. Member #4130. He thanked Club members and volunteers for their many service hours. Club planning for *MAIFEST* has begun.

Luck o' the Irish to All !



MAIFEST PLANNING

“Maifest” planning continues. Please keep May 3-4th clear to help at the event. Festival hours are 4:00-10:00 pm, with 2 hour work-shifts. The next planning meeting is Sunday, March 3rd, at 11:00 pm –for a quick update on current plans. I guess I should remind Allie, Gina, Christian(s), Adam, Anna, Christina(s), (and all members) the German Dance Group will start practicing in March. The group needs fresh smiles and new legs to dance around the May-Pole. Join *Die Lustigen Bayerischen Schuhplattler* !!

SCHÜTZEN NEWS- Art Ruckle

Looking forward to *Schützenfest* on April 27th. We will have uniformed teams from German Clubs in Anaheim and San Diego competing in the Shooting Match hosted by our Club. If you would like to join us, and see the Pageantry and Ceremony during the evening awards dinner, please keep that April 27th dinner date in mind. Our regular *Schützen* practice is on the first and third Saturday of each month at 11:00 am. If you are interested in participating, or want to see what we're about, come visit, or call Art at 702 335-0690.

GOLFER NEWS - Art Ruckle

We are looking forward to our “Spring Tournament”, on May 11th. Keep that date on your calendar. The Tournament will be at the Durango Hills Golf Course, 3501 North Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89129. (Cross roads: Durango and Cheyenne) Telephone 702 229 4653. The cost will be \$60.00 for golfers (they may bring a guest to dinner for an additional \$20.00), and includes green fee, Awards Ceremony dinner at the Club, and a chance to win one of 30 raffle envelopes with money. We play every Friday at Durango Hills. Anyone interested in playing with us call Art at 702 335-0690.

DANCE GROUP - Art Ruckle

The Dance Group would like to thank everyone that supported Sheriff's Night. Everyone went to Jail, including the Sheriff! Dance Practice is every Wednesday at 7:00 pm as we are getting ready for *Maifest*. Come by and watch, and step in! The *Lustigen Bayerischen Schuhplattler* needs dancers.



WATCH PARTY

The Club held our 4th *Fussball* watch party on Feb 24th. The match featured a contest between München and Leipzig. The event set-up, and light food reception, was hosted by Leanne and Chris Januska (Chris made a wonderful selection of finger foods). The Bieber family again offered traditional curry-wurst and fries. The next match will be March 30th. Teams and game-time will be announced by email and social media.

“MOTOWN AND MORE”

Since October, the Board has discussed an additional Tuesday music show for our members. Our other music evenings have been well received. Also, many friends and guests have been added to our Membership Roll (given our warm reception of visitors). The Board intended that the next show would be added after “Latin Groove” was established. The Board is now moving to start our third show “MOTOWN AND MORE”, by “TWICE AS NICE, Featuring Wesley and Shelly.” The show will include songs of the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. The show will debut on April 9th. The show is Free to Members, and to Guests.

ST BALDRICK’S FUNDRAISER

Tim and Barb held a successful event for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation on Feb 18th. Skip grilled sausages for us to eat, and then barbered. The event raised \$1,056 as Justin, Tim and Christian were shaved. The money was donated to the SBF through our guests from the Sons and Daughters of Erin.

TUESDAY BLUESDAY

Intense Blues, at the most intimate setting in Las Vegas. Join “Monk and the Po’ Boys” for their 3 hour blast every 3rd Tuesday. The show is celebrating 2 years performing for our members and their guests. Silvia is preparing a small schnitzel plate for the March 19th show. Make sure you buy the \$12 plate early, because these light meals often sell out.

LATIN GROOVE

For the past six months, Sal Santiago has staged a party on the second Tuesday, with an admission fee. Beginning in March, the Latin Groove show will be staged by the Club. Members, their guests, and visitors will be admitted free. The Board will offer a light food plate for \$12, which will help us defray the cost of the show (similar to our Tuesday Bluesday event). Visitors will be asked to sign our Guest Register.

We are glad that Sal originated this event at the Club and we are happy that it will continue as part of our members’ monthly rotation of entertainment. We will always welcome guests, and those interested in learning more about our Club and activities. The Board wants to thank Sal Santiago for all that he does to promote membership in this Social Club. Also, see the article to the left about the new “MOTOWN AND MORE” event coming in April.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Eric Outfleet

I appreciate the many kind comments about my newsletter content and style. However, I still believe that it is appropriate to distribute work tasks among the members of the Club. It is my hope that someone will adopt the role of Newsletter Editor - perhaps by April 30th. Questions/interested? Contact Eric. The June 30th edition will be my last.

APRIL FRUESHOPPEN

Many Members enjoy the monthly *Frühschoppen* brunch on the last Sunday of the Month. In March, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday will fall on the last two weekends. Out of respect for people of faith, there are no activities planned on Easter. The Board will discuss what March date might be possible for *Frühschoppen*.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Our Club evolves to meet the interests of members. On Friday nights, we play games - always 31, but more recently Left, Right, Center, Poker, and Darts. A Big Thanks to Matt for donating a fresh Dart Board.

GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Our Club mission is founded on sharing customs and culture. Part of this mission is encouraging and fostering Student Exchanges. In 2023, we welcomed UNLV student Linus to our Club. Member Christina Spaulding has a key role in organizing local exchanges from Germany. She is now seeking Fall "Host Families" for 9 high school students. If you are interested, contact her at cspaulding@icesusa.org.

BOARD ELECTIONS – 2024-2025

The term of Board officers and directors will expire on June 30th. If you want to continue club activities, help plan the annual Event Calendar, set "Hours of Service", and guide our corporation, then please join the Board. We are accepting self-nominations over the next two months. Like last year, the Board will select an "Elections Chair" to administer the vote process. The nominations wallboard will close on May 18th. Ballots will be cast, and counted, on June 1st.

BACKYARD BBQ RETURNS

Our Backyard BBQs are a fun and relaxed part of our mid-year calendar. Usually scheduled for the first Saturday of the Month, these are organized as "Cook-Your-Own Meat" on the grill, and, if you like, bring a potluck side-dish. The Board provides a Green Salad and Bread Rolls. The dinner cost is reduced to \$15. Also, we only provide digital music on these nights, with the knowledge that it allows table conversations and walk-about chats. Members will notice some traditional German music in the first hour, which transitions to dance music after 7:00 pm. Backyard BBQ is a great opportunity for those members that prefer quieter dinner evenings at the Club.

To see recent online photos of the Club, visit our Instagram Page.



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REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

The Club had a plugged drain line in the Bar this past month and it interrupted the operation of the new ice machine. The good efforts of Mike, Eric and John got the line cleared.

Reported separately in this newsletter, a stainless steel food preparation table was purchased for \$300. It was built and placed in the Pantry on Feb 24th. The suggestion was made by Secretary Kyle Ruckle and after a brief discussion, and some quick measurements, a table was ordered. The table has the same dimensions as the prior table, but the surface is higher allowing cutting, and other prep work, without having to "bend down". It has a full shelf underneath, and that keeps things off the floor.



The *Biergarten* party lights, installed for *Oktoberfest*, have brightened the area and created a warm, welcoming space for folks stepping outside. It also improves the curb-appeal of our Clubhouse, when seen by Lake Mead Blvd drivers. Thanks John and Nick, it seems we will keep the lights up.

Larger TVs were donated by Nick and John. These were installed by Chris near the Bar, and front wall. Also, thanks Matt for donating a fresh(er) Dart Board.

About the Club

Our purpose is to preserve German traditions and culture, to share it with our community, and to regularly meet in friendship, welcoming all that share this goal. Whether you are German, or just love the culture, come celebrate with us! The German-American Social Club welcomes visitors, as guests, to our clubhouse. Your first 3 guest visits are free. Membership is \$35 plus \$10 Application Fee.

March 2024

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| | | | | | | 1 GAME NIGHT 5 - 9:00 pm | 2 "Backyard BBQ, (BYO Meat), Green Salad, Bread, and "Potluck" Dishes & Desserts; House Music; \$15 Schützen , 11:00 am |
| 3 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY 9:45 – 12:00 pm Maifest Planning Mtg 11:00 pm | 4 | 5 LATIN GROOVE Sal Santiago, "Meal Plate" by Rose \$12 6 - 9:00 pm | 6 OPEN HOUSE Tours, Bar is Open 4:30 – 6:30 pm German Dance Practice 7:00 pm | 7 BOARD MEETING 5:30 pm | 8 GAME NIGHT 5 - 9:00 pm Poker Table | 9 "ST PATRICK'S DINNER" Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots.w/Lamb Pasty Appetizer & Mint Ice Cream" by Tim/Barb; Music by Billy Fischer; \$20 | |
| 10 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY 9:45 – 12:00 pm DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS | 11 | 12 | 13 OPEN HOUSE Tours, Bar is Open 4:30 – 6:30 pm German Dance Practice 7:00 pm | 14 | 15 GAME NIGHT 5 - 9:00 pm | 16 "Rotisserie Chicken Vegetables, Salad, Bread & Dessert" by Art/Skip; House Music; \$20 Schützen , 11:00 am | |
| 17 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY 9:45 – 12:00 pm  | 18 | 19 TUESDAY BLUESDAY Monk and the Po' Boys, "Schnitzel Sandwich Plate" by Silvia \$12, 6 - 9:00  | 20 OPEN HOUSE Tours, Bar is Open 4:30 – 6:30 pm German Dance Practice 7:00 pm | 21 | 22 GAME NIGHT 5 - 9:00 pm | 23 "EASTER DINNER", Baked Ham, Kielbasa, Scalloped Potatoes w/Relish Tray Appetizer, Bread & Dessert" by Rose; Music by Sonny Boline; \$30 Board Mtg 5:00 pm Membership Mtg 5:30 pm | |
| 24 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY 9:45 – 12:00 pm PALM SUNDAY | 25 | 26 | 27 OPEN HOUSE Tours, Bar is Open 4:30 – 6:30 pm German Dance Practice 7:00 pm | 28 | 29 GAME NIGHT 5 - 9:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY | 30 "Koenigsberger Klopse, (Caper Meatballs), Vegetables, Salad & German Cheesecake" by Silvia; Music by Mark Ghiovi; \$20 BUNDESLIGA Match TBD 9:30 am | |
| 31 EASTER SUNDAY  | | | | | | | |

This is a Membership Club. Visitors are welcome, but must sign our "Guest Register". As a courtesy to our cooks, and their meal planning, please call 702-201-1448 and leave a voice message "Reservation" stating your name, number of guests, and your phone number. **Reservation Calls should be made by Wednesday Night.** Also, if you must cancel, please leave a follow-up message later.

ACTIVITIES – Eric Outfleet

EXCURSIONS

Our next excursion is to Henderson to participate in the St. Patrick's Day celebrations staged by SDOE. I would like to invite members to join me in possibly staging a GASCON entry in the Parade. Look for emails as the date gets closer.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – Henderson Parade Vehicle/Float - SDOE Service. March 16/17

SPECIAL EVENT DINNERS

The Club normally has a themed dinner each month. For planning purposes, here are the dates for the remainder of the year.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 9th, \$20, Tim

Easter Dinner, March 23rd, \$30, Rose

Schützenfest, April 27th, \$20, Art

Maifest Festival Dinner, May 4th, \$30, TBD

Memorial Day Dinner, May 26th, TJ/Chris

GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY.

The Board has endorsed opening the Club to share the “Las Vegas German Show” with our community. The event needs rotating weekly “Hosts”. There are five people currently helping. President Eric is requesting an additional five members, to continue this social morning. The task is easy, working with the Bartender, arrive at 9:40 am, tune the radio-station, prepare coffee, set a table with pastry, and fruit, juices, and yogurt. Over 2 hours, greet Club guests, share your Club experiences in casual conversations. The Host will receive from 5-15 members. Members that aren't able to host a dinner service, might be able host this event once every 3 month.

Traditional German Clothing and Heritage

Learning about a country's traditional clothing can help us learn more about the culture. Each piece of clothing combines practical functionality with artistic expression to tell us something about who the wearer was and how they lived. The colors and materials can also hold meaning; the colors that people wear can relate to their cultural practices, and the textiles they use can reflect aspects of a country's economy and trading practices. Germany's sartorial past includes a variety of traditional pieces from different regions, and each can teach us something about how people lived in that area.

Trachten

When we look at German traditional clothing, what we're looking at are *trachten*. “*Trachten*” is the plural of “*tracht*,” which means “costume.” *Trachten* are the traditional outfits worn by Germans of the past, including basic clothing pieces as well as accessories like hats and jewelry. Examining *trachten* can help us learn about the wearers' social class, occupation, or religion. For example, clothing made of cotton indicates a working-class wearer, while the use of more expensive materials or intricate embroidery means that the wearer was likely wealthy.

Some of the most recognizable examples of German traditional clothing are *dirndls* and *lederhosen*. *Dirndls* are women's outfits that consist of a tight-fitting bodice with a blouse underneath, a skirt, and an apron. These outfits were originally worn by Bavarian peasants and made of sturdy cotton, but over time, *dirndls* were adopted by all economic classes. Wealthier women might wear a *dirndl* made with silk and add embellishments to make their look unique.

Lederhosen were also a Bavarian invention. *Lederhosen* are leather shorts with suspenders and a decorative piece that connects the two straps in the front. Men wear *lederhosen* with a shirt underneath as well as tall socks. Like *dirndls*, *lederhosen* were created to be practical; not having long pant legs made it easier for laborers to move around, and it also made the outfit require less material, meaning that it would be cheaper. The sturdy leather made *lederhosen* long-lasting and easy to clean. These working rompers fell out of favor in the 19th century, but they were revived in the late 1800s as a symbol of Germany's heritage.

Headwear

Women have worn a variety of different hats throughout German history, ranging from simple linen bonnets to the *goldhaube*, an ornate golden hat featuring intricate embroidery, metal lace, sequins, and other embellishments. Another ostentatious traditional women's hat is the *bollenhut*, a wide-brimmed hat with large pompoms on top. A *bollenhut* for an unmarried woman would feature red pompoms, while a married woman's hat would have black pompoms.

The most famous example of a traditional German men's hat is the Tyrolean hat, a small-brimmed cap made of green felt that would often be adorned with a hatband as well as a feather, a tuft of animal hair, or flowers.

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March 2024

Game Night

Latin Groove

Tuesday Bluesday

Wednesday Open House

German Music Sunday

St Patrick's Day Parade

Fussball Watch Party

Poker Table

Frühshoppen

Schützen

Membership Meeting

2023-2024 Corporate Officers

As Of March 1, 2024

| EXECUTIVE OFFICERS | | | |
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