



## UPCOMING DINNERS

**Apr 6 – “Rotisserie Chicken Dinner, Vegetable Sides, Salad & Bread Service and Dessert”, By Art/Skip -**\$20****

**Apr 13 – “Backyard BBQ (Bring Your Own Meats), Green Salad & Bread Service (by the Board), and ‘Potluck’ Dishes & Desserts”, - **\$15****

**Apr 20 – “Leberkäse Slices, Salad Sampler, Bread & Dessert”, By Kyle -**\$20****

**Apr 27 – “Rahmschnitzel (Medallions of Pork Filet in Mushroom/Onion/Curry Sauce), Spaetzel, Green Beans with Bread and Dessert Service”, 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,**

My letter to you this month has two requests. First, I hope that each of you will set time aside to both attend, and maybe help at, *Maifest* on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. I am asking this because I will need the help of about 8 members for 2 hour shifts plating and serving food from our Pantry Window. It is a task that many members have helped with at past festivals, and this task is easy enough that our newest members can also assist. The window servers have a repetitive job, working with 1-2 other members, but your friendly, positive service is a gift to our members, and to the public that visits our May festival. We will also need 50/50 ticket sales teams. Please text me so we can set a shift for you.

The second request I have for our longevity and newer members is to seriously consider running for the 2024 Board. Our Nominations start on April 10<sup>th</sup> and there will be 4 Officer and 5 Director seats available. The Board meets twice a month to plan activities and pay bills. I am hopeful that our 2024 Board will have a fun service year, given the growth of membership and the variety of activities that happen each week at the Club. The new Board will always have the support of the prior Board, and our helpful Members.

Congratulations to Dan Lee and the Club’s Poker Players! Like our Soccer Watch Group, the Poker Players seem to have coalesced into a working group that arranges their unique events each month. I encourage all of our members to consider joining these groups, and our Wednesday **Dance** Group, and our **Golf** or **Schützen** groups to increase your social time and fun as members of this unique Club.

Finally, I want to thank Kyle, Rachel, John and Frank for volunteering to help as hosts for our Wednesday “Open House”. Going forward, this task will be completed by any of our general members. If you think you can host coffee and snacks for 2 hours on a Wednesday, once every 2 months, let me know. I want this duty to be something that any and every member feels welcome to take on. The work and responsibilities are minor, but the chance to greet members and guests is extraordinarily fun. I have had the pleasure of meeting so many people on Wednesday and I hope all members will volunteer to help once every couple of months.

Avis Sumstadt (#4130) was the Hidden Member Number in the March newsletter. Thank you Avis and Ray for all your service to the Club! The Board will meet on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to manage Club and *Maifest* operations. The Membership Meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Eric Outflect*

## “Latin Groove”, April 2nd

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](http://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



## PICNIC WITH ANDY

Silvia Brunner invites you to an “Indoor Picnic” at the Club on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 pm. Andy will return for his playful banter and popular songs. The \$30 entry supports the “Las Vegas German Show”

## SCHUTZENFEST DINNER

We will have flags, music, pomp and circumstance as we welcome delegations from other German Clubs to our Match on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please Join The Fun!

## Tuesday Bluesday, April 16th

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Membership Meeting on Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> was well-attended. The President conducted our meeting from the printed agenda. He discussed recent and upcoming events and the treasurer provided a report of current expense and cash on-hand. The dates for the 2024 elections were announced. The President welcomed the “All Shook Up” Club and Jane/Wayne. President Outfleet noted that membership is over 250, with 8 approved applications in March. The Board continues to work on MAIFEST.



## Soccer Watch Party, April 20th

## SCHÜTZEN NEWS- Art Ruckle

Looking forward to *Schützenfest* on April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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

I want to thank Carol for joining our dance group. She is progressing each week. 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.

## POKER TABLES

The Poker Table continues to be a fun addition to our Monthly Calendar. Players have selected the Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Game Night for the next playdate. Join Dan Lee and the Players at 5:30. Walk-ins Welcome

## BACKYARD BBQ

Our Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Backyard BBQ is \$15. The Board provides Bread & Salad. Please consider a “side dish” or dessert that you might offer to our buffet.



## WATCH PARTY

Nick Fry will host our 5<sup>th</sup> *Fussball* watch party on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am (Bayern v. Dortmund). We will be raising the Dortmund Jersey donated to the Club on that date. Watch Party is Free – Donations Welcome. The April watch date is Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. This match will feature Union Berlin v. Bayern. Our Club has benefitted from the addition of soccer events to our monthly calendar.

## BOARD ELECTIONS – 2024-2025

Our Club asks for many task volunteers though-out the year. However, our most important service is on our Board of Directors. The Board meets twice a month to plan the Club calendar of meals, music, social activities, and it guides our corporation's payments for supplies and services. We will be electing a President Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and five Directors. We are accepting self-nominations over the next month. Marilyn will serve as the Elections Chair and administer the vote process. I hope that Carol might help again. Nominations open April 10<sup>th</sup>, close on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and Ballots will be mailed on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL

Many thanks to those members of the Club that supported the Henderson Saint Patrick's Day festival on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We have many dual-members in our Club and that serve in the Sons and Daughters of Erin. GASCON Bartender Rachel is an SDOE Trustee and she was the "Daughter-of-the-Year" in the Parade.

## TUESDAY BLUESDAY

Intense Blues, at the most intimate setting in Las Vegas. Join "Monk and the Po' Boys" for their 3 hour blast every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. The show is celebrating 2 years performing for our members, and their guests. Make sure you arrive early to buy the \$12 plate, because these light meals often sell out.

## "MOTOWN AND MORE by Wesley and Shelly"

The Board has added a third music Tuesday to the Club entertainment calendar. The Board has come to an agreement with the performers and they will be offering a show called "MOTOWN AND MORE".

The performers, "TWICE AS NICE, Featuring Wesley and Shelly", have already given sneak previews with short sets during Latin Groove since January. The show will include songs of the 60's, 70's and 80's. Their show will debut this month on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The show is free to Members, and to guests. Please arrive early and order your light dinner plate. The optional meal is \$12 and is prepared by one of our fellow members. Rose will host on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Eric Outfleet

Hello Everyone - I will be ending my service as the Newsletter editor soon. I would asked each member to consider whether they can adopt this task. If you are interested in working with the Board, and informing our members, please contact Eric.



## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Our Club has an open, rotating leadership with the Board of Directors elected each Spring. All Members are welcome to serve on the Board. The Board sets our social programs and manages finances.



## 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](mailto:cspaulding@icesusa.org).

## CLUB MUSIC SHOWS

One of the unique truths about our Club is the deliberate intention to provide music, dance and social hours/opportunities throughout the month. We certainly enjoy music with our Saturday dinners, and occasionally that might include Karaoke. Our Tuesday music shows are now a big part of the expanded calendar. Our dinner shows are usually \$20, and our Tuesday music shows are free. The Board tries to schedule a variety of genres so that each member can find their preferred entertainment.

## MAIFEST PLANNING

"Maifest" planning continues. Please keep May 3-4<sup>th</sup> clear to help. Festival hours are 4:00-9:00 pm, with 2 hour work-shifts. We thank *Die Lustigen Bayerischen Schuhplattler* for their planned performances!! Here is their Schedule

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4:00 Event Opens	Event Opens
6:00 Welcome, Color Guard	
7:00 Maypole Dance	Maypole Dance
8:00 Dance Performance	Dance Performance

Dance Performances will be in the Front Parking Lot  
No Live Entertainment on Friday, Recorded Music.  
GINGER SCHNAPPS performs live on-stage on May 4<sup>th</sup>

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



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## REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

The Club received cash donations of over \$215 for repairs in March. Donations are always welcomed because they allow small repairs to get finished.

The stage area has been cleared and opened up for easier, safer access by our entertainers. We will be adding new Backdrop Curtains behind the stage itself. With the Changes, sight lines will be improved to the stage and we should feel a little less crowded on the dance-floor. In the future, the second front door of the Clubhouse can be easily used for "ticket sales" during our annual festivals. Thanks Chris, Mike and Eric.

All of the building side lighting failed on March 24<sup>th</sup> and the darkness was a serious safety concern. Member #4674. The photo sensor in the back had failed and it was replaced for \$75.



On March 28<sup>th</sup>, George Jr painted the new closet in colors to match our existing walls. Thanks George.

All donations, cash or labor, have been a part of our Club's success for over 50 years - Thanks for your Continued Support.

## 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.

# April 2024

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>LATIN GROOVE</b> Sal Santiago, Light Meal Plate \$12 6 - 9:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 5:30 pm	<b>5</b> <b>GAME NIGHT</b> 5 - 9:00 pm	<b>6</b> "Rotisserie Chicken Vegetables, Salad, Bread & Dessert" by Art/Skip; Music Show by Chuck Rawlings; \$20 <b>Schützen</b> , 11:00 am
<b>7</b> <b>GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY</b> 9:45 – 12:00 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>MOTOWN AND MORE w/Wesley &amp; Shelly</b> , Light Meal Plate \$12 6 – 9:00 pm	<b>10</b> <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> Tours, Bar is Open 4:30 – 6:30 pm  <b>German Dance Practice</b> 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 5:30 pm	<b>12</b> <b>GAME NIGHT</b> 5 - 9:00 pm  <b>Poker Table</b> 	<b>13</b> "Backyard BBQ, (BYO Meat), Green Salad, Bread provided by the Board, and "Potluck" Dishes & Desserts; House Music; \$15
<b>14</b> <b>GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY</b> 9:45 – 12:00 pm  <b>PICNIC WITH ANDY</b> <b>3:00 – 7:00 pm</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>TUESDAY BLUESDAY</b> Monk and the Po' Boys, Light Meal Plate \$12, 6 - 9:00	<b>17</b> <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> Tours, Bar is Open 4:30 – 6:30 pm  <b>German Dance Practice</b> 7:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>GAME NIGHT</b> 5 - 9:00 pm	<b>20</b> "Leberkäse Salad Sampler, Bread & Dessert" by Kyle, Music by Desert Shadows Band; \$20 <b>Membership Mtg 5:30 pm</b> <b>BUNDESLIGA</b> <b>Union Berlin v. Bayern 9:30 am</b> <b>Schützen</b> , 11:00 am
<b>21</b> <b>GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY</b> 9:45 – 12:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> Tours, Bar is Open 4:30 – 6:30 pm  <b>German Dance Practice</b> 7:00 pm	<b>25</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 5:30 pm	<b>26</b> <b>SHUTZENFEST</b> 	<b>27</b> "Rahmschnitzel, (Pork Medallions), Vegetables, Salad & Dessert" by Silvia; Music Show by ShowOffs; \$20  <b>SHUTZENFEST</b>
<b>28</b> <b>SHUTZENFEST</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

**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.

## The May-pole Tradition – Eric Outfleet



In Germany, and the former Austro-Hungarian countries, the May-pole (*Maibaum*) is a tradition going back to the 16th century.

It is usual to have a ceremony to erect the May-pole on the village green. The custom of combining it with a village or town celebration, which usually takes place on April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, is wide-spread. This tradition is especially strong in the villages of the Bavarian Alps where the raising of the traditional maypole on May 1st is a cause for much celebration.

The pole is usually painted in the Bavarian colors of white and blue and decorated with emblems depicting local crafts and industry. In Bavaria, the *Maibaum* might be erected several weeks before May 1st. Traditionally, the young men from the villages try to steal the *Maibaum* from each other, which is why the men of each village or city take turns in watching over the *Maibaum*. If a village manages to steal a *Maibaum*, then the village the *Maibaum* has been stolen from has to invite the whole village of the thieves to free beer and a festivity, which then takes place on May 1st.

Just before the *Maibaum* is erected, depending on the region, there may be a procession through the village, usually ending up at a central place and/or restaurant and usually watched by crowds of spectators and accompanied by a brass band. While the crowds usually while away the time drinking beer and eating sausages, the young men busy themselves with decorating the maypole to get the symbols of various trades representing the region into the right position.

From these, and other Spring traditions, the German-American Social Club of Nevada has created our Las Vegas *Maifest* (May Festival) Celebration. We welcome our members and the community to come and share in good humor, good food and good will. Each night, our practiced cultural dancers will perform the traditional serial dance steps necessary to weave a colorful ribbon down the blue and white May-pole standing in front of our Building.

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# *April 2024*

**Game Night**

**Latin Groove**

**MOTOWN AND MORE**

**Tuesday Bluesday**

**Wednesday Open House**

**German Music Sunday**

**Fussball Watch Party**

**Poker Table**

**Frühshoppen**

**SchützenFest**

**Membership Meeting**

# 2023-2024 Corporate Officers

As Of April 1, 2024

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS			