



UPCOMING DINNERS

Aug. 10

Ribs by Skip and Art

Aug. 17

Mexican pork chops by Krissy and Erik

Aug. 24

Rouladen by Silvia



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This is an exciting time for our club. Thanks to the leadership of our past boards and with the support of our members, I feel the club has entered a golden age. We share a rich history of culture and are creating new and exciting traditions.

The future is upon us, and as our club moves into this new era, I hope to try innovative and progressive ideas. There will be successes and failures. I ask you to be patient with me. As your president, I am listening and always available, so feel free to speak to me about anything.

Currently the club spends thousands of dollars a year for a sundry of kitchen supplies; many are necessary, but some are not. The most obvious are take-out boxes. I encourage everyone to provide their own Tupperware if they wish to take leftovers home. Not only will this save the club money, it will be good for Mother Earth, too. Also, a donation jar will be placed next to the coffee pot to help offset these expenses. Any extra funds will go to the volunteer appreciation celebration.

There are many exciting events this month, starting Aug. 10 with the Karnival group's circus theme. Get ready to clown around. Come in costume and be ready to participate. Bring your best big-top act. All skits are welcome. Proceeds from the dinner will go to support the Vagabonds.

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Member Profile: Ramona Solatorio



Name: Ramona Solatorio

Age: 79

Hometown: Molokai, Hawaii

Education: Molokai (Ha.) High School

Occupation: Retired, Las Vegas Hilton security

Family: Brothers, Charles, Benjamin and Phillip; sisters, Shaline and Mary; nieces and nephews

In Las Vegas since: 1969

Club member since: 1998

Mellow as her Hawaiian vibe, Ramona Solatorio would knock your block off during her 10 years as a professional roller derby skater for the L.A. Thunderbirds. Rough-and-tumble women would battle for position on a banked track and whip each other around the pack to score points for taking the lead. "I was watching the game in Hawaii and I said, 'One of these days, I'll be down on that track.'" Shortly after moving to Los Angeles in the 1960s, Ramona tried out and made the team, renting her first pair of skates. She traveled the U.S., Australia and Japan for eight months during the season and came away "bruised from head to toe." She suffered 13 broken bones. "All in all, I've had a very good life," Ramona says. "I'm happy. I'm retired, having a good time, just enjoying life."

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Our general membership meeting is Aug. 17. The board has called a special election that day to fill the vacant position of trustee. This is a three-year term and any member in good standing may run for this position. Sign-up sheets will be placed around the club. Anyone wishing to be considered may contact a board member.

Respectfully,

Justin Crabtree

Sign up for Laughlin golf party

Time to make your reservations at the Edgewater for our annual golf tournament and party in Laughlin. You must mention GASCON or the German-American Club to get your discount and a room closer to our hospitality room. After you reserve your room, you can buy a ticket at the bar. Make sure we keep the stub. This event is almost full, so don't wait long!

Steve Oldham

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friendship for All



August Nite

"Dinner & Dance"

Saturday August 24th



Pat Kaanoi

Award Winning Recording Artist

1110 E. Lake Mead Blvd

Reservations (702) 649-8503



Rooms wanted for German brass band

The German-American Club will host a 40-piece brass band from Germany on Oct. 8-9, and we're calling upon members and friends of the club to show their hospitality and open up their homes to our guests.

The band will perform a concert at our club. However, they need housing. Several hosts have graciously put in their offer. But we still need rooms for 12 band members.

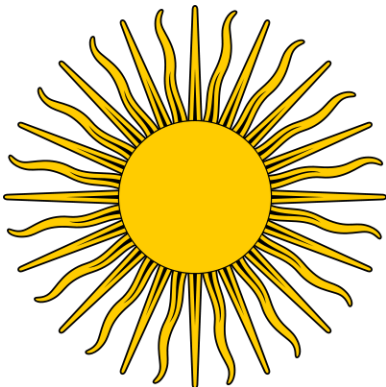
Please contact Steve Oldham at 702-341-1031 or any current board member with your generous offer. Let us know if you speak German or not so we can get a perfect match for you. Some members of the band do speak English. Thank you!

Volunteers needed for Oktoberfest

The German-American Club's premier event of the year is only a couple of months away, tentatively set for Sept. 28.

We need volunteers to help with the set-up and tear-down at Oktoberfest, as well as working the food line, ticket sales, runners and other tasks required to make the event successful and enjoyable.

If you can volunteer, please contact Rita Taschner as soon as possible at 702-750-0347.



Sunshine report

Rocky Pacheko had a heart attack. Sigrid Anton fell and broke her wrist, but she is doing fine. Rose Coolbaugh is recuperating at home and doing fine. We at the German-American Club wish them all a speedy recovery.

Rita Taschner



Clockwise from left, German-American Club Treasurer Alwine Cushman, Members at Large Margie Klaus, Mark Cushman and Kyle Ruckle, President Justin Crabtree and Vice President Gene Hickman conduct their first board meeting since new elections.

GASCON Schutzen group wins again

The German-American Club's Schutzen group of Steve Oldham, Max Von Fossen and Matt Schmidt had a lot of fun and brought home the bacon from the 50th anniversary of Schutzenfest in Anaheim, Calif. The team from Buschhausen, Germany, came in second, and host Anaheim was third. Congratulations to GASCON, which also took first place in April's competition.

We practice at the club on first Saturday of the month, and we are always looking for new members, either male or female. If you're interested in seeing what we are about, contact Art at 702-335-0690.

DANCE GROUP

The GASCON dance group is taking its summer break until Sept. 4. Anyone interested in joining can contact Art at 702-335-0690.

Club plans for Oktoberfest

The German-American Social Club of Nevada has set a tentative date of Sept. 28 for its annual Oktoberfest, the club's largest revenue generator of the year.

At its July 11 meeting, the newly elected board discussed the pros and cons of joining with the City of Las Vegas in presenting Oktoberfest at Fifth Street School, which generated about \$9,000 at past events, or holding the celebration at the clubhouse as we did last year, bringing in about \$4,600 over two days.

Trustee Erika Gries mentioned that it's a ton of work loading trucks with food and equipment and transporting it to the school, and it requires numerous club volunteers to commit their entire Saturday. The city invited GASCON to participate free for the first few years of Oktoberfest at Fifth Street School, then started requiring financial reimbursement when city officials realized our profits, Erika added.

Trustee Silvia Brunn agreed with Erika that it's better to have Oktoberfest at the club and save everyone from loading the trucks.

Also at the meeting:

Secretary Linda Snyder said the club received 174 membership renewals. She called upon more support for jazz night, which profited only \$78 on the first Tuesday in July. We need servers, bartenders and door cashiers.

Treasurer Alwine Cushman reported a loss of \$1,297 in June, which included paying workers' compensation insurance for community service. Saturday dinners have been slow, and we're paying \$14,000 a year in utilities.

The board discussed club policies for giving free drinks to cooks, meals to community service workers and the expense of providing to-go containers for dinners. Also, free coffee adds up with the cost of the coffee, sugar and creamers.

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	3 Club closed; Schutzen practice, 11 a.m.
4	5	6 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	7	8 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	9 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	10 Vagabond Circus, ribs by Skip and Art, music by Tim and Barbie, \$15
11	12	13 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	14	15	16 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	17 Mexican pork chops by Krissy and Erik, music by Thomson- Keefe, \$15, Membership meeting, 5:30 p.m.
18	19	20 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	21	22 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	23 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	24 August Nite, Rouladen by Silvia, music by Pat Kaanoi, \$15
25	26	27 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	28	29	30 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	31 Private party

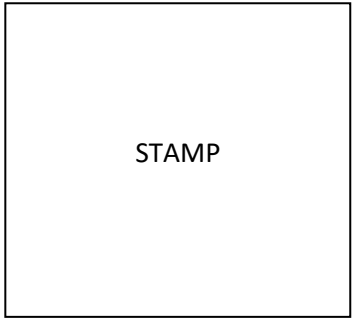
UPCOMING DINNERS

As a courtesy to the volunteer cooks, it's **required** that you make dinner reservations (702-649-8503) by the WEDNESDAY prior to the dinner. If you made a reservation and cannot keep it, please call the club and let us know as soon as possible. Thank you for being courteous. Serving starts at 6 p.m. \$13 members/\$15 nonmembers unless specified.

OFFICERS

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AUGUST 2019



August Nite Dinner & Dance
Vagabonds Circus Night
Friday night cards
Tuesday night jazz

