

#### **UPCOMING DINNERS**

Canceled through December



#### About the club

Our purpose is to educate and preserve German traditions, culture and heritage and to regularly meet in friendship, welcoming both German and non-German speaking individuals. Whether you are a native German or of German heritage or just love everything German, come celebrate your German spirit with us at the German-American Social Club of Nevada. We welcome visitors to our private club. Your first three visits without being a member are free. Please inquire about membership to keep attending our events. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas and welcome new memberships!



#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**G**uten Tag,

On Nov. 23, the board of directors held an emergency meeting to discuss the statewide "pause" due to COVID-19 pandemic increase in cases.

It is with heavy heart that we made a unanimous decision to shut down the club for the remainder of 2020. All Christmas parties have been canceled starting with holiday decorating on Nov. 28. We are scheduled to reopen on Jan. 8.

If anyone needs anything during the closure, please contact a board member, as you are not alone. The state government has asked Nevadans to isolate at home with their direct families, and to continue to wear masks at all times.

COVID-19 seems to be getting worse with the weather change and we need all our members to be safe so that we can be together in January and beyond.

Please be safe and reach out to any members that you know to inform them so that they do not show up to the club and the doors are locked. Again, we are planning on reopening Jan. 8, and we will plan to have an action-packed January and February to make up for the holiday closure.

Your president,

Gary Blanton

### Golf tournament raises \$1,000 for club

We had our annual memorial tournament Nov. 14 in honor of all our deceased golf buddies. Unfortunately, we had to add four names this year: Erika Gries, Paul Bowman, George Brunn and Bill Klemens.

Thanks to all 40 golfers, volunteers, and sponsors for putting this abbreviated tournament together. We were able to raise \$1,000 in COVID relief for our club.

First-place winners of the Bowman-Clark Trophy are Adam Johnson, Jordan Beecher and Santino DiMauro.

Other awards: Putting champion, John Couter; Closest to pin No. 4, Joe Gordon; Closest to pin No. 12, Steve Oldham; and longest drive, Mike Neville.

Thanks to everyone for making this tournament a great success!

Steve Oldham

#### 2021 promises to be better year

With the deaths of several longtime club members, coronavirus shutdown, job losses and pandemic fear, 2020 was a nightmare for most of us. New Year's Eve will truly be a celebration for brighter days ahead.

The board of directors will meet Thursday, Dec. 3, and Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. No other activities are scheduled at the club.

On Jan. 9, we have a potato pancake competition with the winner's recipe to be used as the official club recipe for future events. We look forward to closing events for Karneval in February, Maifest in May, and the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. Elections are also held in June.

The club received \$26,800 insurance payment for losses from the shed fire. Jon Shogren painted the awning and fixed holes. We welcomed new members Joseph and Geny Franco, and Monte and Marisol Martin.

Ray Smith



#### **George Brunn forever in our hearts**

Dear friends,

There are no words to express our gratitude for all your condolences, cards and calls. Thank you for letting us know how much you cared for George and that you will keep him in your hearts forever. It does not get any better than that.

Everyone knows how important our club was to him and how much he cherished the friendships he made there. Thank you for your kind words and prayers.

Due to restrictions on gatherings, a celebration of life for George will be postponed until we can do it at the club.

Also, thank you for all the get-well wishes that came my way after my surgery.

Sincerely,

**The Brunn Family** (Silvia, George Jr. and Gaby; grandsons Justin, Trevor and Dylan; Nadia, Karl and Sienna Herrera)

# **Member Profile: Mikel Sipes**



Mikel Sipes has served four years on the German-American Club board of directors and is actively involved with the Schutzen group. Originally from Oklahoma, he enjoys shooting, fishing and woodwork.

Name: Mikel Sipes

Age: 59

Hometown: Mustang, Okla.

**Education: GED** 

Occupation: Welder, carpenter, machinist

Family: Sons, Joshua and Joseph; daughter, Jessica; 3

grandchildren

In Las Vegas since: 1994

Club member since: 2015

Put a wrench and screwdriver in his hands and Mike can fix just about anything. His prints can be found all over maintenance projects, repairs and renovations at the club, including the roof, flooring, beer garden, swamp cooler and most recently, he straightened out the spit for the rotisserie. His biggest accomplishment: "Making sure Erika made it home okay," he says. "I'd watch her at the bar and when she points her finger and says, 'I'm going to tell you something ...' that was my sign she was blasted. That's an Uber night." Mike met Erika at a neighborhood bar, sitting in the corner with a group of old geezers, and found they had a lot of "spooky stuff" in common. Both were going through the loss of a spouse. She brought him to the club with a warning not to embarrass her. "I walked in here and felt like a kid in high school going to the prom and had to meet the parents."

## Volunteers always needed

The German-American Club needs volunteers. No experience or special skills are required. We need cooks, kitchen helpers, servers, bartenders, cleaning crews, community service supervisors, launderers, cashiers and more. Can't do physical work? We also need members willing to call other members to check in with them, find out how they're doing and let them know what's going on at the club. Call Christina Gibson at 702-235-7797 if you can help in any way.



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### No events scheduled



