

#### **UPCOMING DINNERS**

May

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### 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

Like all of you, I am looking forward to the day when we can return to the club and be together again. I cannot tell you precisely when this will occur, but it is coming. When we do reopen the club, we will do so responsibly. What is best for the health of the membership is best for the club. After this, everything else will follow.

It will be slow at first and you will see changes when you return. There will be fewer tables and chairs available and more standing space. By continuing to practice social distancing, we will protect each other. If you have preexisting conditions, feel ill or do not yet feel safe, please continue to shelter in place.

Among other changes, the kitchen remodeling is nearly complete, almost half of the cost being paid by donations from the membership. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the labor and commitment it takes to follow through with a difficult project like this. I especially want to thank Mark and Alwine Cushman and Jon Shogren for successfully heading this committee.

The most drastic change will be the board of directors. Every position is open, so if you want to be an officer on the board, trustee or member at large, contact Michell Schmidt at (702) 494-8433 or myself at (702) 755-3151.

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## Surviving coronavirus: Stories of life outside the club

Thank you to all who responded with comments about enduring the coronavirus quarantine, which included the shutdown of the German-American Social Club of Nevada. The last few weeks have been rough as the pandemic paralyzed our country and took the lives of more than 70,000 Americans. Here's how you survived:



Something from Linda Snyder's yard to brighten your day.



Avis and Ray spend much of their day watching lizards.

Gary and I escaped in our motorhome for two weeks. Came home and drained and acid washed our pool. Will be painting it and doing more home improvements outside during the next few weeks. Our backyard has become our sanctuary. Hoping that everyone stays healthy! Gary and Pam Wiechmann

Shredding old tax papers and being bored – what else is new, since there's nothing else to do.

Monika Andreas

My spouse Erika and I spend the time at home. She was reading and I played games on the computer. Hope to see you all soon. Keep well. **Erika & Karl Reitter** 

A best solution to fight coronavirus if you go out of the house, you must take a full bath and (wash) your full body with the soap every day. This is a guarantee you would never ever suffer with this virus. I am now 87 years young and very active going around Loss Wages city every day. Staying home is a disaster for me, plus I don't have TV. **Albert Khan** 

I've stayed home for the most part cleaning out accumulated junk! Daily trips to the post office box in hopes of winning that Publisher's Clearing House prize are a must to get out of the house! Dinner twice a week with my guy, Jesse! Washing my hands! **Linda Snyder** 

I've pretty much continued my normal life. The dog park, dollar store, grocery shopping, etc. But my times & method have changed. Grocery shop early Sunday a.m. (very empty) Dog park only on weekdays a.m. Last Thursday morning the "ground crew" arrived & turned on ALL the sprinklers. Everyone went home very wet! Rosemary Landovsky

Kathy and I (have) been staying in and watched a lot of television. It sure is a terrible time. We miss the club a lot. **Horst Neumann** 

I've been reconnecting with people from my past who have made contributions to my life, handwriting notes of appreciation and thanks. Some don't even know what they have meant to me be they friends, family members, clients or just folks who have touched my life in a positive way. **Sam Wagmeister** 



Kitchen renovation starts with a fresh coat of paint.



Muscle and ingenuity are needed to bring in the new stove.

## **Kitchen renovation looking good**

We've made great progress on the kitchen renovation, starting with a thorough cleaning and fresh coat of paint. The paint crew consisted of Mark and Alwine Cushman, Jesse Cavazos and Ray Smith. Jon Shogren rewired electrical sockets and replaced the kitchen swamp cooler with an air conditioner, and Justin Crabtree served as general handyman. Skip Hibbert cooked leftover Octoberfest brats for the work crew. A new 60-inch, 10-burner industrial model Imperial stove and oven was installed April 22, and new shelving will make it easier for cooks to access their pots and pans and cooking utensils. Liquor storage was moved to the bar area, which opened more shelf space in the pantry. We hope to be up and cooking by late May. Thanks to all who contributed to the renovation fund.

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Let us know how you can best utilize your abilities to serve the club. Voting will be June 6. Please lend your voices and help me come up with ideas of how we can facilitate voting for everyone.

Finally, the most important role to fill is that of an active member. Please pay your membership dues by July 1 and renew your commitment to the club. Membership is what makes this possible.

Your president,

# Justin Crabtree

## **Volunteers always appreciated**

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. Call Christina Gibson at 702-235-7797 if you can help in any way.

## **Golf tournament cancelled**

The annual spring golf tournament and charity event have been cancelled for now due to the virus.

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| Entertainment         | Gary Blanton       | 702- 420-7592 |  |
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Hope to see you when the club reopens

