



UPCOMING DINNERS

Dec 2 – – “*KRAMPUS NACHT*- Kapustnika, Slovakian Christmas Stew, w/ Salad and Dessert Service”, -**\$18**

Dec 9 – – “*WEIHNACHTSFEIER* Christmas Salad, Shrimp Cocktail, Sauerbraten with Two Types of Dumplings, Red Cabbage, Dessert Buffet”, -**\$35**

Dec 16 – “*Rotisserie Chicken Dinner* with Vegetable Sides, Salad and Dessert Service”, -**\$18**

Dec 23 – – “*Christmas Potluck - Roast Turkey w/stuffing, & Potluck Side Dishes Desserts*”, -**\$14**

Dec 31 – “*NYE CELEBRATION - Roast Pork Loin, Fruit Cup w/Sherbet, Shrimp Cocktail, Asparagus wrapped w/Bacon & Garlic, Dessert Buffet*”, -**\$30**

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 the culture, come celebrate with us!! The German-American Social Club of Nevada welcomes visitors, as guests, to our clubhouse. Your first three visits without being a member are free. We are looking for fresh faces, and new ideas, so bring them and become a member!

For more info, go to our website,

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



President's Letter

Guten Tag,

The Fall Decorations and Colors have been stored carefully for next year. The Green, Red and Gold of *Weihnachtszeit* have now returned to our Hall. The Club house tables will be adorned soon with new centerpieces and I am excited to see what Linda has created for us.

It was fun to see our long serving club members, some with guests at our November events. We certainly had successful Bavarian Night and Thanksgiving dinners, but now we will roll through our wonderful Christmas Season Social Calendar. *Krampus Nacht* is one day away, followed by our semi-formal Christmas party. The Membership Meeting dinner is Dec 16th, our Christmas Potluck is on Dec 23rd, and our Big New Year's Eve Dinner and Count-Down celebration is on the 31st. I hope each of you enjoy the warmth of our shared association in the German American Social Club of Nevada.

I want to thank our many cooks this month, but certainly Ingrid for leading our Club planning for the Dec 9th *Weihnachtsfeier* (Party) and Bruce, Leanne and Robert for their coordination of *Krampus Nacht*.

I also want to thank Cheryl Dunham for her of *Biergarten* sun-screens. She noticed they were damaged and she brought in replacements. The Board has received many gifts of donated food and promised contributions in November. Each gift is a treasure.

Christina Bieber is continuing to build on our association with the Las Vegas High Rollers and Strollers. I enjoyed a *Volksmarch* with them as well on November 25th. Christina carries the GASCON flag most Saturday mornings as she walks the 5K area routes with LVHRS.

We certainly want to thank President Barb Ruckle, and the LV Vagabonds (see the article below). The Board will continue to provide cash and organizational support to this unique and fun group as they celebrate a 2024 *Karneval* that is “raining Cats and Dogs!”

Christine Januska (#4154) was the Hidden Member Number in the November newsletter. While she didn't claim her prize, I enjoyed learning that she officially retired in Late November. Congratulations!!

The Board will meet on December 7th and briefly on December 16th to review current Club operations.

Fröhliche Weihnachten!

Eric Outflect



Tuesday Bluesday, Dec 19th

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



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Eric Outfleet will host a low-key "Christmas Potluck" on December 23rd. Hot Roast Turkey and Stuffing will be provided. Diners are encouraged to bring a side-dish coordinated with Eric. Cost is \$14. Holiday Music will be provided by Chris Martin.

POKER TABLES- January 2024

Dan Lee is pleased with the member participation in Poker Play. He will organize additional games after the holidays. Interested? Contact Dan directly.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Membership Meeting on Nov 18th was well-attended. The President gave summary highlights of November events and noted key events in December. There was a discussion of current accounts and cash on-hand (\$26,500). The discussion led to a membership decision to raise regular Dinner Prices to \$20, special meals \$25, and Events/Parties \$30-45. The New Year's Eve Party will be \$30 with Champagne Toast. The Board concurred with these price changes. President Outfleet thanked our active members and volunteers for the service in November.

SCHUTZEN NEWS- Art Ruckle

The Shooting group meets the first and third Saturday of each month at 11am. If you are interested in participating or checking to see what we're about, come visit, or call Art at 702 335-0690.

GOLFER NEWS - Art Ruckle

Our Memorial Golf Tournament in Laughlin on November 4th was a complete success. We would like to thank Steve Oldham for setting up our tee time and booking the Party-room, Karin Oldham for managing the memorial balloon send off and the pizzas for the Party-room, Tim Phillips for MC'ing the Golf hit into Brunn Pond to honor our memorial golfers. We also want thank Skip Hibbert for making the Burgers and Chili, Donna Schultz for getting the BBQ ready and preparing the vegetables for the burgers and Chris Januska for checking everyone in, TJ Januska for cooking the burgers, Jo Ann Milton for managing the putting contest and taking care of Party-room bar, and Alex Klaus for taking care of our money. We should also mention Doreen and Barbie Ruckle for such an outstanding Stammtisch Memorial at Hole 5, honoring our memorial golfers. First Place Team was Dan Lee, Mike Colien, Jacl Kittle, and Donna Hadley. Longest drive was Dan Lee, Closest to the pin was Seena Hyde. Golf Putting Champion was Chris Martin, Non-Golf Putting Champion was Carol Lewis. Looking forward to our spring tournament in May 2024. 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 had a wonderful time at Bavarian Night honoring one of our founding members, Elsie Lappohn, who served on our Board of Directors for many years. We will be taking a break until March 2024 when we'll start getting ready for Maifest.

GAME NIGHT

The 31 Players have taken December off. The Club will be open Dec 1st, 6:00-9:00 for social visits. We may open on other Friday nights - look for email announcements. The Club is also open each Wednesday for Open House.



MATCH VIEWING

Nick Fry, and our Bundesliga fans, have selected the next match for a “Watch Party”. The Club will host the Stuttgart v Munich match on Sunday, December 17th at 10:15am. Members and community guests are welcome. The Bar will be open and light food will be available. Match information is on our Instagram and Website. For quick questions, send Nick a note nickfry_2000@yahoo.com.

2024 ARRIVES AT THE CLUB

To close out 2023, the Club will host a “NYE Dinner and Show”. Sal Santiago will give us our Count-Down entertainment. There will be party favors and a Champagne toast is included. The special 7:00 pm dinner will be prepared by Rose Martin. The menu is creative and posh (See front page). To allow good planning, the \$30 price must be prepaid - Early phone reservation calls are encouraged - pay at Bar, or by mailed check.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

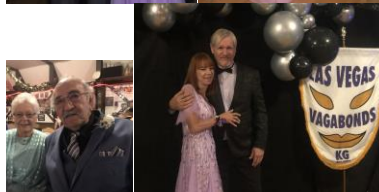
The Board continues to receive applications from dinner and event guests, as well as friends of current members. In November, three applications were approved. Our Current Membership is 224. The Board will consider 6 applications on December 7th.

BAR PRICES

Based on changing costs, the Bar Manager is recommending increasing the alcohol price list in 2024. After the Board discusses possible changes at their December meetings, new prices will be published in January.



Celebrate The New Year – 2024



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The Club is a unique entertainment venue. Music, of many types, is provided throughout each month to our members.

ST. BALDRIC'S - HAIRCUT BASH

Tim is working on a special February fundraiser. Head Shaving Haircuts will be offered, and performed, as a fundraiser for medical research on treatments for children's cancer. Money raised at this event will become GASCON's 2024 donation to the Sons and Daughters of Erin, St Patrick Day Festival on behalf of St. Baldric's Children's Cancer Research. Thanks Tim!

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE



Traditional German Christmas Markets are known worldwide for their color and pageantry.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our Club tradition of festive Christmas parties is being renewed in 2023 as many of our longer serving members have been finalizing the menu for the semi-formal dinner on Dec 9th. Billy Fischer will provide the right voice for our dancing and our conversation. Wear your Best.



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IMPROVEMENTS & REPAIRS

Member Cheryl has donated replacement sunshades for the *Biergarten*. They were installed on Nov 28th. New flags were installed on the roof-top poles. The changes have helped with the esthetics of our Clubhouse as seen from Lake Mead Blvd. A new flush valve was installed in the men's room by Chris and Eric on Nov 26th. The Halloween Decorations transitioned to Fall Colors nicely. The Christmas decorations and tree went up on Nov 29th, with the good help of Ed, Avis, Ray, Christina, Eric, Nick, Chris, Rose all under the watchful eye of Maureen Cronan. Thanks Ray and Eric for the Pizza!

New automated LED lights are illuminating the "Stage Window" each night. The Stained Glass effect is very attractive. Member #4214. The lights cycle off/on several times per night as a security measure.



KARNEVAL KICK-OFF

"PROM NIGHT" was November 18th and Bob Strauch and Christine Januska were elected King and Queen as the Well Dressed Senior Class applauded and toasted them with Gran Marnier. The Board will present a \$500 check to President Barb Ruckle, Las Vegas Vagabonds, as a thank you for their presentation of our Prom. The dinner also allowed the Vagabonds to fundraise on photos and corsages.

DECEMBER 2023

						1 Krampus Mtg 6:00 Bar Open 6:00-9:00	2 KRAMPUS NACHT Kapustnika, Slovakian Christmas Stew, w/Salad and Dessert Service; Music by Randy McGuire
3 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY, "The Las Vegas German Show" 10 - 12 pm	4	5 LATIN GROOVE Sal Santiago's Evening Show, 6 - 9:00 pm	6 OPEN HOUSE Tours Hot Dog Service \$5 4:30 – 6:30 pm	7 BOARD MEETING 5:30 pm	8	9 "Christmas Party Christmas Salad, Shrimp Cocktail, Sauerbraten with Two Types of Dumplings, Red Cabbage, Dessert Buffet by Ingrid; Music by Billy Fischer;	
10 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY, "The Las Vegas German Show" 10 - 12 pm	11	12	13 OPEN HOUSE Tours Oven Baked Pizza \$5 4:30 – 6:30 pm	14	15	16 "Rotisserie Chicken w/Salad and Dessert Service by Skip/Art; Music by Sal Santiago. Board Meeting 5:00 pm Members Meeting 5:30 Schützen, 11 am	
17 FUSSBALL WATCH PARTY Stuttgart v. Bayern 10:00 -12:00 WEIHNACHTS FRUEHSCHOPPEN 12:00 – 3:00 pm	18	19 TUESDAY BLUESDAY Monk and the Po' Boys, "Upside Down Shepard's Pie" \$12 by Rose 6 - 9:00 pm	20 OPEN HOUSE Tours Hot Soup with Rolls \$5 4:30 – 6:30 pm	21	22	23 "Christmas Potluck", Roast Turkey w/stuffing, & Potluck side dishes coordinated by Eric; Holiday Music by Chris	
24 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY,	25	26	27 OPEN HOUSE Tours Soup w/ Rolls \$5 4:30 – 6:30 pm	28	29	30 "Dinner deferred to 7:00 pm, Dec 31st"	
31 NYE Count-Down Roast Pork Loin, Appetizers, Vegetable, and Dessert Buffet, 7:00-12:30 pm \$30							

We are a Membership Club. Guests are Welcome but must sign our register. As a courtesy to our cooks, and their meal planning, please call 702-201-1448 and leave a voice message "Reservation" ASAP stating your name, number of guests, and your phone number. Also, please leave a message later, if you must cancel.

REFLECTIONS ON 2023 – Eric Outfleet

The Year 2023 has been a year of return to normalcy and growth. Building on the good-will of members, the German American Social Club of Nevada embraced the challenge of expanding Club activities last Spring. The prior Board restored our community outreach efforts through an open, permitted “MaiFest”.

In July, the new Board built on that Spring success and organized a variety of new events to expand service hours to our members. The Board created more socially comfortable dinner events, and we reduced the music volume to allow friendly conversation. We also reached back to former members and encouraged their renewals. We started to speak to the Las Vegas Valley, and to invite people interested in our mission of preserving German Culture. The Board both wanted, and needed, new perspectives. From the first Board meeting, a concerted effort was made to expand our digital messaging through a restored and reformatted web-site. The newsletter was revised to be more informative about events recently completed, and to offer news about events scheduled in the next 1-3 months. Agendas were created for each meeting and amplification was used so everyone could hear. Membership activation was successful due to messaging through Facebook, the newsletter, and through direct contact by phone-text and email. Information allowed people to plan on participating.

Our members, and visitors from the community, responded to the planned, upcoming activities. As the Board announced additional weekly clubhouse hours, and a commitment to expand our cultural activities, members stepped forward to help. More importantly, visitors stepped in our front door, and they joined our association with enthusiasm, and with a vigor for service, sharing and fun. Game Nights became more active. New shooters visit our Saturday practices. For five months, we have sustained the increased hours and days that our Club is open. Soccer view parties are now scheduled for those interested in sharing the excitement of world games. We have expanded our use of German music and we have embraced the weekly broadcasts of the Las Vegas German Show. We have seen continued crowds and success at Tuesday Bluesday, but we still need to invigorate our Dance and *Karneval* groups. Our dinner evenings are well served by volunteers and we have good attendance. Many members have responded to the Club’s physical needs and offered their labor hours in service, in repairs, and by donations of cash or equipment. Indeed, this week, a new Christmas tree was raised in our Hall, and we have received a gift offer from Ingrid and Ben for the full tree cost. Gifts, and labor service hours, are a sign of a healthy organization.

This Fall, we have also seen many inter-organizational contacts and visits. Exchanges with outside groups fosters growth in our membership as guests share our activities and meals. Not surprisingly, many guests are quick to tell me that Club members are “nice”, “kind” and “welcoming”. We have seen a subsequent increase in income from Clubhouse rental, which almost directly mirrors the increase in visitors.

There is also a financial benefit from this growth. Organizing and delivering successful activities each week/month has assured a steady cash flow. It is the income of membership renewals, and new memberships. Club rental also generates fees, and additional Bar sales. Altogether, our income has helped us pay for repairs and much higher costs of utilities, insurance, and groceries. At the same time, we are treading water and Cash On-Hand has remained about \$26,000 each month (we did see increases in October/November). The Board raised rental fees in September. Unfortunately, inflation will require an increase in our dinner and drink prices in 2024. Meal cost increases were discussed and approved at the November Membership meeting. However, even with cost challenges, we are a more vibrant association because of our membership efforts, and the planning and innovations of the Board. It is with great hope that we enter 2024. Building on 2023 work, and with the strength of our growing association, we have reason to be positive, and expect more successes from the Board that will be elected in May, 2024.

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DECEMBER 2023

Latin Groove

Tuesday Bluesday

Wednesday Open House

German Music Sunday

Fussball Watch Party

Fruehschoppen

Schutzen

Krampus Nacht

Christmas Party

Membership Meeting

New Year's Eve Show

