



UPCOMING DINNERS

Jan 6 – “GOOD LUCK DINNER” - Smoked Pork Chop, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Salad and Dessert Service”, By Silvia-\$25

Jan 13 – “Glazed Spiral Ham, Vegetable Sides, Salad and Dessert Service”, By Eric/John -\$20

Jan 20 – “Rotisserie Chicken Dinner, Vegetable Sides, Salad and Dessert Service”, By Art -\$20

Jan 27 – “Louisiana Shrimp & Fish Gumbo, Vegetable Sides, Salad and Dessert Service”, By Cheryl -\$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 53 year old Association.

If you are interested in joining, Membership Dues are \$35 per year, 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,

We have completed a wonderful holiday season and have closed 2023. From the *Oktoberfest*, thru the Halloween Party, Prom Night, Thanksgiving Dinner, Krampus Visit, Christmas Party (with a visit from Mrs Claus), Potlucks and our New Year’s Eve Party, we have shared good food, music, and fun. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank everyone that has volunteered. It has been a joy to see the enthusiasm of members volunteering to accomplish the above.

As this season closes, the Board encourages members to consider joining the standing activities of our Club, like German Dancing (weekly practice starts in March), Card/Golf Play, and monthly Schützen. For those with a playful nature, join the Las Vegas Vagabonds (Erika/Alex!!).

Financially, the corporation has about \$2,500 more than our July 1st balance, which is roughly a 10% gain. I consider this a success, given that we have doubled weekly events, created new activities, purchased equipment, made repairs and paid down taxes due and supplier accounts. We have slowed the cash losses that persistently followed COVID. Also, our positive financial trajectory may be sustained with revenue from the 2024 dinner price changes (See Article on page 4).

So what about our next 6 months? We have begun *Maifest* work, and Saturday meal planning through June 30th. St. Valentine’s and St. Patrick’s Day dinners are still ahead, and we have a fundraiser for St. Baldrick’s on Feb 18th. Membership Meetings will continue on the 3rd Saturday with Chicken Dinners and Karaoke. However, in January, as we host the Intn’l Skat Players Association Tournament, our membership meeting will move to the 4th Saturday, Jan 27th. Thanks to Art Ruckle, Skip and others, for volunteering to cook for us, and our guests.

Hmmm... I need a host for the Superbowl Watch Party. Any Helpful Offers?

We are also planning Excursion activities and I encourage you to read the article for more information. January is also *Karneval* Season. For the Vagabonds, and many Germans, *Karneval* is sometimes called the “5th Season”. We wish the Vagabonds Fun and Frivolity this month as the GAMGA “Karneval Gala” comes to the Tuscany Hotel on Jan 12th-13th

Linda Snyder (#4214) was the Hidden Member Number in the December newsletter. I was so pleased that she found her number in the first day! The Board will meet on January 4th and 20th to manage Club operations.

Eric Outfleet

Sal Santiago's "Latin Groove", Jan 9th

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



ST. VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Silvia has prepared a Schnitzel Platter for Lovers each February. Of course, the meal always sells out. Please make reservation ASAP. The Special Event Dinner will be \$30 prepaid, pay at the Bar, or by mail.

POKER TABLES

Dan Lee has scheduled his next Poker Table for Jan 12th. He has reserved Jan 26th for a possible 2nd date. Contact Dan to confirm your seat. Walk-ins Welcome!

Tuesday Bluesday, Jan 16th

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Membership Meeting on Dec 16th was well-attended. The President moderated the meeting from a prepared agenda. He listed highlights of November events and upcoming events in December. There was a discussion of current accounts and cash on-hand (\$26,500).

President Outfleet introduced one application for membership (52nd). He thanked Club members and volunteers for their many service hours.

WARRANTS will be Issued, Arrests will be Made !!

Sheriff Night is coming Saturday, Feb 3rd

MAIFEST PLANNING

Hopefully, our "Maifest" can approach the success of the 2023 Oktoberfest. The Spring event will be the first weekend of May. The hours are 4:00-10:00 pm, Friday Night, May 3rd and May 4th. If you want to be part of our German dance group, contact Art this month so that you can join the Wednesday night practices that start in March.

Last Fall, 28 volunteers helped deliver the ticket sales, dinner service, bar, kitchen, grill, jockey box, crafts, area lighting, parking, desserts and pantry operations. Please volunteer again - everyone's effort led to our success in customer service. If you enjoyed your task, or want a new one, call Eric.

SCHÜTZEN NEWS- Art Ruckle

The shooting group normally meets the first and third Saturday of each month at 11:00 am. In January, the 3rd Saturday will be cancelled to welcome the ISPA Tournament. 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

Looking forward to our Spring Tournament, 2nd week of May. We play Fridays at Durango Hills. Anyone interested in playing - Art at 702 335-0690.

DANCE GROUP - Art Ruckle

The Dance Group is taking a break until March, when we start getting ready for *Maifest*. Be sure to join the Sheriff's Night Dinner on Feb 3rd, which is a fundraising night for the Culture Dancers.

GAME NIGHT

Game Night returns to Fridays. Call Joann for schedule. Dan Lee's Poker Table is on Jan 12th

VOLKSMARCH

Christina Bieber is actively participating in the local Saturday Volksmarch schedule. Contact her if you would like to join the 9:00 am walk at "7 Hills" on 6th, "Sunset Park" on 13th or "North Strip" on the 27th.



MATCH VIEWING

Nick Fry, and our Bundesliga fans, will gather again for the Darmstadt v. Dortmund match on Saturday, January 13th from 9:00-11:30 at the Club House. Members and community guests are welcome. Match information is on our Instagram and Website. Send any question to nickfry_2000@yahoo.com.

LOOK OUT PARTNER, SHERIFF NITE IS A COM'IN – Art Ruckle

“Sheriff Night” will be on Saturday, February 3rd. There will be a Rib dinner with baked potato, and corn on the cob, so make your reservations early.

The Sheriff will be sworn in at 8pm. After the Sheriff is sworn in, if you wish to put someone in Jail, you may obtain a Warrant for \$2.00. The Sheriff will serve the Warrant, arrest the scoundrel, and take them to Jail.

If you are thrown in the Hoosgow, you are sentenced to 5 minutes, after which you may post \$5 Bail. If you don't post bail, you will be sentenced to another 10 minutes. You can only be put in jail 2 times. Money Impounded by the Sheriff will be donated to support our Dance Group.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Board continues to receive applications from dinner and event guests, as well as friends of current members. In January, the current Membership total is 233. The Board will consider 4 new membership requests/applications on Jan 4th.

INTN'L SKAT PLAYERS ASSOC.

Skat (“scott”) is a popular German card game, and there is a world professional league, the International Skat Players Association. The North American ISPA Tournament will be played in our Hall, JAN 19-21. Dirndl wearing Bar Waitresses are needed (4 hour shifts) that weekend, (all day Saturday) - Can you Help? Early Morning and Lunch staff is needed. We will also need dinner service staff.

Inter-Club Bowling Excursion

The German-American Social Club will host a Bowling social on Sunday, January 28th, from 12:00-2:00. The Club is asking our experienced longevity members, and others that enjoy the game, to join us. The event will be held at the Orleans Bowling Alley. Registration is \$25 and will be handled by Rachel Conatser. Our five best scores will be matched against the best of the “Sons and Daughters of Erin” (The Irish Club) for a “Bragging Rights” trophy. All skill levels are welcome to join this excursion. We have 10 spots available. Requests can be sent to Eric or Rachel.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Eric Outfleet

This year, there have been many improvements in how the Club communicates with membership. We have this expanded newsletter and many digital systems to share information.

I appreciate the many kind comments about my newsletter content and style. However, I believe that it is appropriate to distribute work tasks among the members of the Club. It is my hope that someone will adopt the role of Newsletter Editor - perhaps by April 30th. Questions/interested? Contact Eric.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The Clubhouse is open throughout the week. Coffee and conversation is always available. Members and their friends/guests are always welcome to a table.

ST. BALDRICK'S - HAIRCUT BASH

Tim is working on a unique Feb 18th fundraiser. Head Shaving Haircuts will be performed, to raise money for medical research on treatments for children's cancer. Talk to Tim to arrange your participation. Seek Donations from your friends to extend the value of your effort. Funds raised will be donated to St. Baldrick's Foundation. Thanks Tim!

BOARD ELECTIONS - 2023-2024

The term of your Board members will expire on June 30th. In the current term, the Club has benefitted from the Board's expansion of hours, restored events, and the positive, "can do" approach of the Directors. This has happened while increasing our cash reserves and expanding our membership.

The election is an opportunity for new ideas and your contribution as a Director. Soon, we will seek candidates for the May Election of Officers and Directors. The new Board will appoint a Bar Manager, an Entertainment Manager, and Club media staff

2024 MEAL PRICE CHANGES

In the December Newsletter, meal price changes for 2024 were shown. The changes were made after a discussion of the membership at the November 18th meeting. There was concern about food cost inflation of more than 20% since the last change 4 years ago. The new prices are summarized below:

Regular Dinners - \$20

Special Preparation Dinners - \$25

Special Event Dinners (Festive/Complex Prep) - \$30-45

Each meal price will be in the monthly Newsletter and on the Website, under the Saturday Dinner tab.

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



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IMPROVEMENTS & REPAIRS

There were no significant repairs made in December. We have scheduled a maintenance and inspection service call for the Kitchen ovens. We want to make sure that the Oven Temperatures are calibrated.

The recent remodel by Burger King has had a positive benefit for our Club. Their bright new LED Lot Lights have added security to our parking area, particularly near our trash can. Their pole light near our bin was out for the last few years. After their repairs, we have a light over our bin - Thanks Burger King!

A new aluminum, all-weather table, on industrial caster wheels, has been added to the inventory of outdoor cooking equipment. It replaces the old, broken top, square wood table that was disposed in September. It has a large recessed bowl space for marinating meats, or to hold/serve food at events. The service/prep table was donated by President Outfleet to further the 2023 improvements made in the Back Patio / Bar-B-Que area. Member #4668.

Recently, the wooden patio table was moved to the Beer Garden "Smoking Area" and this has improved "traffic safety" in the kitchen/food service hall-way.

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 of Nevada welcomes visitors, as guests, to our clubhouse. Your first three guest visits are free.

JANUARY 2024

	1	2	3 OPEN HOUSE Tours 4:30 – 6:30 pm	4 BOARD MEETING 5:30 pm	5 GAME NIGHT 5 - 9:00 pm	6 GOOD LUCK “Smoked Pork Chop, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Salad & Dessert” by Silvia; Music by Sonny Boline’ Schützen , 11:00 am
7 PRIVATE PARTY RENTAL	8 Remove Christmas Decorations 3:00 pm	9 LATIN GROOVE Sal Santiago’s Evening Show, 6 - 9:00 pm	10 OPEN HOUSE Tours 4:30 – 6:30 pm	11	12 GAME NIGHT 5 - 9:00 pm Poker Table	13 “Glazed Spiral Ham, Vegetables, Salad and Dessert Service” by Eric John; Music by House System; GERMAN SOCCER 9:30 am Darmstadt v. Dortmund
14 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY 9:45 – 12:00 pm PRIVATE PARTY RENTAL 1 - 5:00 pm	15	16 TUESDAY BLUESDAY Monk and the Po’ Boys, “Pork Sausage Ziti” \$12 by Rose 6 - 9:00 pm	17 OPEN HOUSE Tours 4:30 – 6:30 pm	18	19 ISPA TOURNAMENT 9:00 am–5:00 pm	20 “Rotisserie Chicken Vegetable, Salad and Dessert Service” by Art; Music by Mark Giovi. ISPA TOURNAMENT 7:00 am–5:00 pm
21 ISPA TOURNAMENT 7:00 am–2:00 pm	22	23	24 OPEN HOUSE Tours 4:30 – 6:30 pm	25	26 GAME NIGHT 5 - 9:00 pm	27 CAJUN NIGHT “Louisiana Shrimp and Fish Gumbo, Vegetable, Salad & Dessert Service” By Cheryl Dunham, Music/Karaoke by Chris Board Meeting 5:00 pm Members Meeting 5:30
28 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY 9:45 – 12:00 pm BOWLING - Orleans 12 – 2:00 pm FRÜHSCHOPPEN 12 – 3:00 pm	29	30	31 OPEN HOUSE Tours 4:30 – 6:30 pm			

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, please leave a follow-up message later, if you must cancel.

ACTIVITIES – Eric Outflet



Best Wishes to the Las Vegas Vagabonds and their annual celebration of “Karneval”. They will be joining clubs from around the nation in the national convention of the German-American Mardi-Gras Association (GAMGA) January 12-13th at the Tuscany. The Vagabonds are an independent group, but many are active members of our Club, and they locally preserve the traditions of fun, regalia, and comradery that is sustained by GAMGA nationally. If you might be interested in joining these serious, fun, and playful activities, please contact President Barbara Ruckle - LVvagabonds@msn.com.

www.gamga.org



EXCURSIONS

Over 53 years, our Club has a long history of Fun Excursions. However, many of these events were disrupted by COVID. It is my desire to organize member adventures beyond our Hall. Last Summer, I had opportunity to speak with Gary Blanton about our history of excursions to Mount Charleston for an annual Bar-B-Que. He and I agree that this is something the Club should restore. We will need a coordinator, to be determined, but I am going to pencil in Gary for now. Here are the planned excursions so far:

BOWLING – Orleans Lanes, January 28th, 12-2:00 pm. \$25. 10 slots, Contact, Rachel Canister/Eric
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – Henderson Parade Float / SDOE Service. March 16/17, Contact Kyle/Eric
MT. CHARLESTON – Bus Trip/Bar-B-Que, \$20, May 18th (?), Contact, Gary (?) or Eric

SPECIAL EVENT DINNERS

The Club normally has a themed dinner each month. For everyone's planning purposes, here are the dates for the remainder of the year.

Good Luck Kick-Off Dinner, Jan 6th, \$25, Silvia
St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 9th, \$25, Tim

St. Valentine's Dinner, Feb 10th, \$30, Silvia
Memorial Day Dinner, May 26th, TJ/Chris

GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY.

In July, the Board endorsed opening the Club on Sunday mornings to share the radio broadcast of the “Las Vegas German Show”. President Eric has hosted this event each week, with help from Secretary Kyle and Vice President Chris, for the last 6 months. However, to continue, the event will need to transition to a rotating weekly “Host”. The task is easy - tune the radio-station, prepare coffee, set a table with pastry, and fruit, juices, yogurt, and other small items. Also, greet people and share casual conversations. The Host will usually receive from 5-15 members on a Sunday. I am asking members that might not be able to host a dinner preparation, to volunteer as a 3 hour show Host. It is hoped that there might be 6-8 rotating Hosts. I will be talking to members and requesting their service. Also, the last Sunday of each month is “FRÜHSCHOPPEN”.

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JANUARY 2024

Game Night

Latin Groove

Tuesday Bluesday

Wednesday Open House

German Music Sunday

Bowling Excursion

***Fussball* Watch Party**

Poker Table

Frühschoppen

Schützen

Membership Meeting

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