



## UPCOMING DINNERS

**Dec. 4**

Kapustnica by Robert

**Dec. 11**

Christmas party buffet

**Dec. 18**

Jagerschnitzel by Henrietta

**Dec. 25**

Closed for Christmas

### 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. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas and welcome new memberships! For more info, go to <http://www.germanamericanclubnv.com/>



### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The holidays are upon us, the time of year to get together with friends and celebrate. Might as well get together at the club. Please join us for some special gatherings.

**Krampus Nacht:** This event on Dec. 4 keeps German culture alive in the club. I would like to thank those who'll give us fond memory of our childhood and a taste of a major event that will be happening throughout southern Germany.

**Christmas party:** The committee is making final preparations for the Dec. 11 party. We need a final number to buy the food and start cooking. No last-minute reservations, please.

**Country Night:** Randy Anderson, a popular country-western singer in Las Vegas, will entertain us on Dec. 17, something different for a Friday night. If you like country music, you don't want to miss this one.

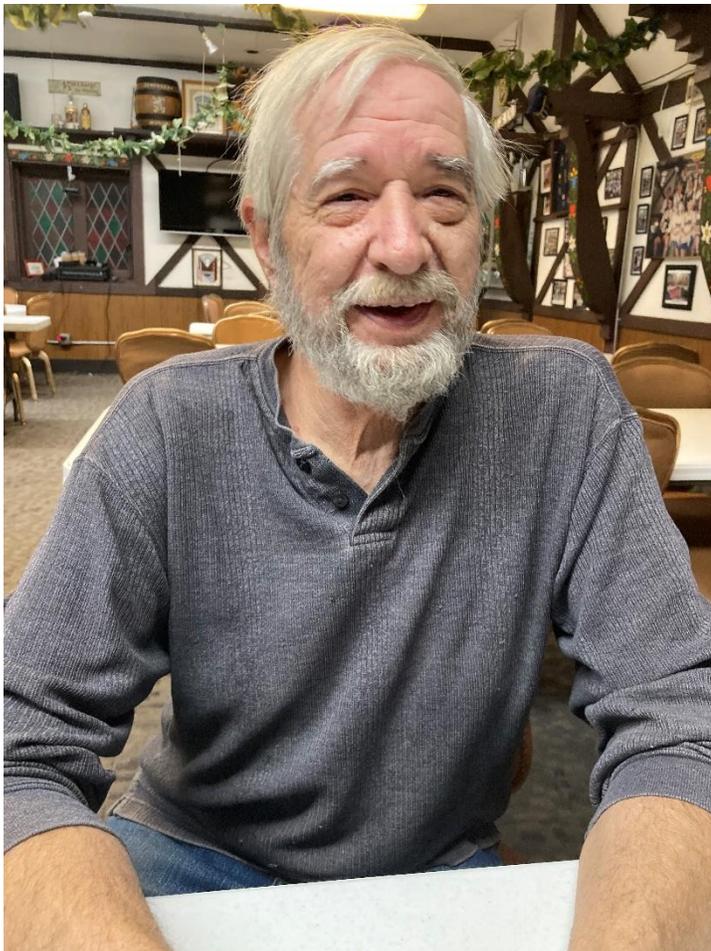
**School charity:** Dan Lee will distribute lunch bags to students at Reynaldo Martinez Elementary School on Dec. 17. Thanks to all who donated and volunteered at our fundraiser to help make it happen. Talk to Dan if you want to assist.

**Special election:** We will vote for a new trustee and vice president/member-at-large at the Dec. 18 membership meeting. Let me know if you're interested in running for these positions prior to the meeting so we can get your name on the ballot.

Your president,

*Mark Cushman*

# Member Profile: Mark Cushman



**Mark Cushman, president of the German-American Club, works with local dog adoption charity, Path 4 Paws, along with his wife, Alwine, fostering abandoned puppies until they find their forever home.**

## **Club always in need of volunteers**

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.

**Name: Mark Cushman**

**Age: 65**

**Hometown: Alpena, Mich.**

**Education: Henry Ford Community College (Detroit)**

**Occupation: U.S. Air Force (retired)**

**Family: Wife, Alwine; stepdaughters, Trish, Pam and Charissa; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren**

**In Las Vegas since: 2014**

**Club member since: 2015**

You can count on a loyal soldier to jump into the fray when the going gets rough, and that's precisely what Mark Cushman did when he signed up to run for German-American Club president this year, amid the coronavirus pandemic that had turned the club and the world topsy-turvy. He was the lone candidate. "It (voting) was coming up and nobody else signed up and we didn't want the club to fall apart," Mark said. "We signed up to keep the club alive." His wife, Alwine, was voted club treasurer, her second term in that position. Retiring after 20 years' service in the U.S. Air Force, Mark embarked on a 19-year second career with a civilian defense contractor, field-testing military equipment. He said he doesn't know if he's qualified to be club president, but he was voted into the position, and he's giving it his best shot. Mark and Alwine, who is of German heritage, joined the club to be around Germans and for the opportunity to speak German. "I just wanted a nice casual place to drink beer," he says. "My goal is for everybody to get together and drink some beer and have a good time." He'd like to see younger people coming to the club and becoming active members, carrying on German traditions. In addition to the commendable work they do at the club, Mark and Alwine are "bottle feeders" for Path 4 Paws charity, taking in rescue puppies that are too young to eat on their own and raising them until they can be put up for adoption.



## Laughlin memorial golf tournament draws 80 partiers

Some 80 members and guests of the German-American Club attended the annual memorial golf tournament held Nov. 5-6 in Laughlin. There were 36 golfers. The team of Mark Johnson, Terry Lewis, Dominic Larocco and Jim Sherard won the 18-hole tournament competition. The 9-hole winning team was Alex Klaus, Mike O'Brien and Mike Sipes. Putting champion was Art Ruckle; non-golfer putting champ was Karin Oldham.

Brunn Pond, honoring the late George Brunn, was in full glory as golfers memorialized deceased members by hitting balls into the pond in the name of their past golfing buddies. Tim Phillips served as master of ceremony. Barbie Phillips organized a signed balloon sendoff.

Silvia Brunn handed out shots of Jagermeister at hole No. 1, and Doreen Ruckle was at hole No. 5. Art Ruckle and TJ Januska cooked the BBQ; Karin Oldham took care of the raffle; Alex Klaus and Mike O'Brien arranged for the party room; Mike Sipes and Sandy brought the booze; Michell Schmidt and Jo Ann Milton tended bar; Carol O'Brien and Karin Oldham worked the door; and golf club president Steve Oldham coordinated the entire event.

The opening of Karneval season was a fun night at the German-American Club, with Master of Ceremony Tim Phillips informing members about the history behind the festive season. The Las Vegas Vagabonds performed an entertaining skit written by Tim and Barbie, much to the delight of some 35 audience members. The evening started with schnitzel, red cabbage and German potato salad, followed by apple strudel in a chocolate cream sauce for dessert, prepared by Alwine Cushman and her daughter, Trish. The club thanks the many volunteers for making the evening a great success.



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## No Christmas party for kids

There will be no children's Christmas party this year. "We sure hope that we can resume next year and enjoy an afternoon with Santa and his elves, Charlie the clown, presents and lots of fun," says Silvia Brunner, chairwoman of the party. "Merry Christmas to everyone!"

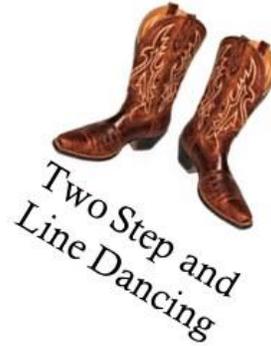




# COUNTRY NIGHT AT THE CLUB



Hats and Boots  
Welcome



Two Step and  
Line Dancing

## WITH RANDY ANDERSON

Friday, 17 December  
6 to 9 Pm

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans and Chips \$5



### Krampus Night

Krampusnacht, or Krampus Night, is a German celebration that dates back hundreds of years. Krampus is a horned, anthropomorphic monster in Alpine folklore who, during the Christmas season, scares children who have misbehaved, assisting Saint Nicholas. Club member Robert Etter is making kapustnica, a Slovakian sauerkraut and sausage soup, for Krampus Night on Dec. 4. Jimmi Ellis provides entertainment. Cost is \$15.

# DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Board meeting, 6 p.m.	<b>3</b> Game night, 5 p.m.	<b>4</b> Krampus Night, Kapustnica by Robert, music by Jimmi Ellis
<b>5</b> Basque party	<b>6</b> NFL Monday Night Football	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Swiss Christmas party	<b>10</b> Game night, 5 p.m.	<b>11</b> Christmas party buffet, music by Sal Santiago, \$25 in advance
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> NFL Monday Night Football	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Board meeting, 6 p.m.	<b>17</b> Country Night, pulled pork sandwich, music by Randy Anderson, \$5	<b>18</b> Jagerschnitzel by Henrietta, music by Back In Time; membership meeting, 5:30 p.m.
<b>19</b> NFL football party with tailgate lunch, 10 a.m., \$5	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Closed for Christmas Eve	<b>25</b> Closed for Christmas
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Closed for New Year's Eve	

## UPCOMING DINNERS

As a courtesy to the volunteer cooks, it's **required** that you make dinner reservations (**702-201-1448**) 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. Cost is \$15 unless otherwise specified.

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# *December 2021*

**Christmas party**

**Krampus Night**

**Country Night**

**Friday night games**

**Monday Night Football**

**Board meeting**

**Membership meeting**

