

UPCOMING DINNERS

Feb. 6

Rotisserie chicken by Art and Akio

Feb. 13

Schnitzel by Silvia

Feb. 20

Birria tacos by Gary and Natalia

Feb. 27

Jaeger schnitzel by Matt

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

Happy New Year!

We are off to a great start for the new year. I have faith that we will be fully reopened in time for Maifest (April 30-May 1) and our 50th anniversary celebration (June 11-12). Just a reminder that we are currently at 25% occupancy with a total of 32 people allowed in the club (not counting people volunteering for that evening).

We have some great meals coming up in February and I look forward to putting together planning committees for the upcoming celebrations. We are going to have a small Super Bowl party on Feb. 7, limited to the first 32 people who make reservations. We are also having a great time playing board games and poker on Friday nights. All members are welcome to come down and join us as we add more variety of games.

Again, I would like to remind everyone that if you need assistance and would like a ride to a doctor's appointment or groceries delivered to please contact a member of the board, so that we can get a volunteer to assist you. Even though there is a light at the end of the tunnel with this pandemic, we are still in the thick of it and are here for each other.

I would like to thank a few people who have made my job easier during the last year.

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Ray Smith, the voice of the newsletter and website. Jon Shogren, Mike Sipes and Matt Schmidt, always available to fix all the maintenance problems that our building keeps throwing at us. Bruce Smiley and Michell Schmidt, running the bar is a very demanding job and they do it well. Silvia Brunn, for always keeping me on track with the calendar. Ingrid Stewart, for keeping the German in the German Club. My confidants and best friends, Christine Januska and Leanne Krinker. Lastly (most importantly), I would like to thank my wife Natalia, just because!

Your president,

Gary Blanton



The City of North Las Vegas proclaimed Jan. 24, 2021, as Silvia Brunn Day in honor of her 1,000th German Show, "whereas the German Show is an important source of information about current occasions and events of the German community in the Las Vegas area."



(Jon Shogren hangs a banner for Silvia's 1,000th German Show that aired Jan. 24 on KSHP 1400 AM radio.)

Club remains afloat during pandemic

With the German Club closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, December revenue dropped to a paltry \$73, while operating expenses totaled about \$3,000, Treasurer Ingrid Stewart reported at the Jan. 23 membership meeting.

Ingrid quickly lifted the downhearted spirit of two dozen members in attendance by announcing that the club has sufficient reserves, including \$31,700 in operating savings, \$7,290 in the checking account and \$2,000 in the ATM.

"We're not doing badly, considering," she said.

The club received an estimate of \$6,965 to resurface the rear parking lot and fill in holes in the asphalt, some of which are deep enough to rattle your teeth when you hit them.

President Gary Blanton said the club will use money from the \$26,000 fire insurance payment to cover the cost. He thanked Jon Shogren for saving the club about \$8,000 in repairing and painting the awning. Replacement of storage sheds and items lost in the fire will cost around \$11,000.

Also, Gary called Tiberti Fencing for an estimate to replace the fencing around the back, raising it from 6 feet to 8 feet with barbed wire, which came in at \$8,700. With a work crew of club volunteers, we can do it for \$3,000.

Ray Smith

Member Profile: Leanne Krinker



Originally from Illinois, Leanne enjoys weaving, reading, gardening, baking and having a beer with friends. She shares her love with her husband, Justin, and three cats.

Name: Leanne Krinker

Age: 36

Hometown: Somonauk, III.

Education: Valparaiso Univ., international business

Occupation: Senior project coordinator

Family: Husband, Justin

In Las Vegas since: 2008

Club member since: 2014

Leanne's family emigrated from Germany to Chicago in the late 1800s, and she proudly upholds the Wisconsin beer, cheese and meat culture. We're dazzled by the traditional folk dirndl that Leanne wears at Maifest and Oktoberfest, made from her handwoven fabric, Leanne discovered the German Club through a Facebook post about jazz night when her mother was visiting, and it didn't take much arm-twisting for her to join. The club connects Leanne with her love for traveling, history, culture and folk traditions. She has served as club president and vice president and is currently membership chairwoman. "Don't sweat the small stuff was a constant reminder for myself, though I wasn't always good at following it," Leanne says about the stress that comes with being club president. She credits the support of the board and club members for raising money for a new roof that was sorely needed.

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.



FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Game night, 5 p.m.	Rotisserie chicken by Art and Akio, \$15; Schutzen, 11 a.m.
Super Bowl party, 1 p.m.	8	9	10	11	Game night, 5 p.m.	Valentine's dinner, schnitzel by Silvia, \$15
HAPPY Valentine's DAY	15	16	17	Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Game night, 5 p.m.	Birria tacos by Gary and Natalia, \$15; membership meeting, 5:30 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	Game night, 5 p.m.	Jaeger schnitzel by Matt, \$15
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As a courtesy to the volunteer cooks, it's **required** that you make dinner reservations (702-649-8503) 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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Friday night games

Saturday night dinners

Super Bowl party

Valentine's dinner

Membership meeting

