



## UPCOMING DINNERS

**Jan. 1**

Closed for New Year's Day

**Jan. 8**

Smoked pork chops by Silvia

**Jan. 15**

Closed for GAMGA

**Jan. 22**

Santa Maria-style tri-tip by Jesse

**Jan. 29**

Bring your own BBQ

### 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

We made it through the holidays. Our Christmas events went well: Krampus Nacht was a great show and fun evening; the Christmas party buffet and decorations were fantastic.

January marks the halfway point for the board. I don't think we're doing too badly. The club started off in the red because of the shutdown. But things are picking up, and we're running in the black now. Members are starting to come back for Saturday dinners and events. We supported two charity activities. I hope we can continue making the club a fun and friendly place that we can all enjoy.

We are trying to come up with more club activities. Joanne is tending bar again on Fridays and the card group is coming back together. We have a dart board up. The club is open for Sunday football. Country night went well. I would like to get something like that started as a regular thing the first Friday of the month. Chris would like to do karaoke the last Saturday every other month. And Christina is lining up more great entertainment for us. If you have any other ideas, get some people together and come up with a plan. Let's give it a try.

Our traditional Good Luck dinner is Jan. 8. After last year, we need all the luck we can get. We will be closed Jan. 15 to support the annual GAMGA event. If you have never been, I would recommend that you consider going. They put on a spectacular show.

Your president,

*Mark Cushman*

# Member Profile: Sonja Andres



Sonja Andres, a German native who moved to Luxembourg when she was 7 years old, has taken on the role of board secretary at the club. In her spare time, she likes to do knitting, crocheting, and stitching.

## 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:** Sonja Andres

**Age:** 59

**Hometown:** Mengen, Germany

**Education:** Luxembourg high school

**Occupation:** House cleaning

**Family:** Mother, Annie; daughters, Nathalie, Jennifer and Tatiana; nine grandchildren

**In Las Vegas since:** 2001

**Club member since:** 2001

Sonja Andres' life has taken her on a 6,000-mile journey from her birthplace in Mengen, a rural town in the Sigmaringen district of Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany, to growing up in Luxembourg and ultimately gravitating to the bright lights of Las Vegas, which she loves. She speaks German, French, Luxembourgish and English. Sonja was introduced to the German-American Club through her late husband, Henry, who was a member for 15 years before his passing in 2005. "It's like family," she says. "You can come here and have friends and you can talk to them. The food is good, and the music is good." Sonja met her late husband online and came to Las Vegas for a couple months in 2001. Having withstood the July heat, she made the commitment to get married and stay. She mostly misses her family in Luxembourg, and visits her mother, Annie, every year. Sonja is a member of the Las Vegas Bavarian Dancers and is serving her first term as secretary on the GASCON board. She wishes more members would join the club and make it a better place to enjoy each other's company. "They should help out a little bit."



## New Year's Good Luck Dinner Jan. 8

As is customary on New Year's Eve in Germany, the tradition of pouring hot lead to predict the future will be carried on at the German-American Club on Jan. 8, with Silvia cooking smoked pork roast for dinner. The process involves heating a small piece of lead or tin in a spoon over a flame until it melts, then immediately immersing it into cold water. The resulting shape supposedly reveals what the year will bring, as interpreted through a fortune-telling method called "Bleigiessen." You'll need to be open-minded to see the forms. Is that a cross? You may find salvation. If the lead forms a ball, luck will roll your way. An anchor? That means help is coming when you need it. Slide into 2022 with a vision of what's to come. Cost for the dinner is \$15 and reservations must be made by Jan. 5.

## GAMGA gala in Las Vegas Jan. 14-15

The German-American Mardi Gras Association celebrates its 36<sup>th</sup> annual gala at the Rio Hotel and Casino Jan. 14-15, which means the club will be closed that weekend. Karneval, or Mardi Gras, has a long tradition in Germany and is celebrated by millions of people around the country. The goal of GAMGA is to give Americans the same kind of festivity. It's celebrated in the tradition of Karneval, Fasching, Fastnacht, and Mardi Gras, and takes place in January with about 1,000 people in attendance. The event is open to the public, with a discount for GAMGA member clubs, including the German-American Social Club of Nevada. For more information, visit <http://www.gamga.org/>



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# JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> Club closed for New Year's Day 
<b>2</b> NFL football party with tailgate lunch, 10 a.m., \$5	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Private party	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Board meeting, 6 p.m.	<b>7</b> Game night, 5 p.m.	<b>8</b> Good Luck dinner, smoked pork chops by Silvia; music by Stephanie Savage
<b>9</b> NFL football party with tailgate lunch, 10 a.m., \$5	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Private party	<b>15</b> Closed for GAMGA
<b>16</b> NFL football party with tailgate lunch, 10 a.m., \$5	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Board meeting, 6 p.m.	<b>21</b> Game night, 5 p.m.	<b>22</b> Santa Maria-style tri-tip by Jesse; music by Girl Haggard; Membership meeting, 5:30 p.m.
<b>23</b> NFL football party with tailgate lunch, 10 a.m., \$5	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Game night, 5 p.m.	<b>29</b> Bring your own BBQ; music by AJ
<b>30</b> NFL football party with tailgate lunch, 10 a.m., \$5	<b>31</b>					

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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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# *January 2022*

**Good Luck Dinner**

**GAMGA gala**

**Friday night games**

**Sunday NFL football**

**Board meeting**

**Membership meeting**

