

UPCOMING DINNERS

Sep 2 – "Back-Yard BBQ, with Potluck Sides. Bring/Cook your protein, (Consider a dish/dessert for 8 people to add to our side buffet)", -\$12

Sep 9 – "Chicken Tacos, with Black Pinto Beans, Sour Cream, *Queso Fresco*, Cilantro and Onion and Dessert Service", -**\$18**

Sep 16 – "Rotisserie Chicken Dinner with Salad and Dessert Service", **-\$18**

Sep 23 – "Bauernschnitzel, Pork schnitzel with bacon, onions, cheese and optional egg, with Sides, Salad and Dessert Service", -**\$18**

Sep 30 – Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, boiled potatoes, vegetable w/appetizer Platter and Dessert Service", -**\$18**

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,

I want to thank Nelly Ng-Houng, a member since 1984, for her generous \$100 gift to our Club's maintenance fund. She has provided many gifts over the years and her repair contribution was particularly timely. Almost predictably, just as with an older home, our Clubhouse finds ways to create special repair expenses. See the repair column inside for details.

Our Back-Yard Bar-B-Que is September 2nd and costs \$12. Would you like to help deliver this fundraising meal? Consider bringing a side dish, or a dessert plate, to serve 8. There will again be quiet conversation music. We may have one more Back-Yard BBQ in October.

Members have been buying Saturday dinners and adding bonus stars towards their Free Dinner after 10 purchased. Treasurer Martin is keeping a spreadsheet and will offer a FREE \$18 Dinner card as members achieve 10 stars. I am aware that several members are pursuing the Award !

August was a month of renewed interest in our Saturday dinner program as wonderful meals were prepared by Ingrid, Silvia, and Art and Tim. I liked the German menus, and the Italian Dinner with Wine Option. We will have more variety in September so please review our meal calendar.

With several planning talks, and good guidance from Christine Januska, I have confirmed the dates of our traditional Fall dinners. Our Bavarian Night dinner will be on November 11th. Our Karneval Kick-Off will occur on November 18th. There will be a small Halloween Party on October 28th and Krampus will visit on December 2nd. I hope all of you will add these dates to your Calendar. Oktoberfest is October 13-14th.

Hans Schwob (#3728) was the Hidden Member Number in the August Newsletter. Did you find the #? If you find your number before September 16th, I will give you a \$20 bill to buy a dinner of your choice.

Please see the acknowledgements to those that have donated to the President's Campaigns on Page 4. I also want thank the 8 guests from the Eagles Aerie #1213 that visited during "Open House" on Aug 30. It is nice to receive fraternal organizations. I also want to thank Nick Fry for innovative efforts he is making to improve Club communications and outreach.

Your President,

Eric Outfleet



Tuesday Bluesday, Sep 19th



CLUB HAT PINS

On August 19th, 39 members were called forward by the President and Membership Chair and recognized for their years of service. Each person was awarded a Service Hat Pin, embossed with their membership years continuously completed. The longevity pins are awarded in 5 year increments.

If members, pin collectors or Club visitors, would like to buy a GASCON Pin - they are available for \$7 at the Bar (\$10 during our festivals).

UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chair Leanne thanks everyone for their renewals. She recently sent out reminder letters and 12 members contacted her to renew for 2023.

Since July 1st, 19 new members were approved by the Board and one application is pending. At our final dinner of August, Mr. Ken Bradley arrived and submitted his application. Welcome Ken ! Contact Leanne at <u>Krinker2@MSN.COM</u> if you have any membership questions.

SCHUTZEN NEWS- Art Ruckle

Active practice is scheduled for September 2nd and 16th. If you are interested in participating, or want to check and see what we're about, come visit, or call Art at 702 335-0690.

GOLFER NEWS - Art Ruckle

Our Memorial Golf Tournament in Laughlin will be Nov 3-5th, so put it on your calendar. The Tournament honors the memory of key members in the Club's history. The Club has a weekly play date every Friday at Durango Hills. Anyone interested in playing each week, or in the tournament, call Art at 702 335-0690

DANCE GROUP - Art Ruckle

The Dance Group practices every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The dancers are getting ready for Oktoberfest. Interested members are welcome to come visit us and see what we are about. Please call Art at 702 335-0690.

GAME NIGHT

During July and August, the traditional game night card play has expanded with new active members. Recently, the fun has extended later into Friday evening as new members Christian, Ana, John, Sean, Suzanne, Jessica, Christian and Christina have battled in a variety of games. Check the calendar, stop by and join a card game. The Bar is always open.

The Game Night on September 1st is cancelled.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The Membership Meetings on the 3rd Saturday each month have been productive. Chris Martin has provided sound amplification and members throughout the room now hear the officer reports. The Board and the President have quickly worked through the Agenda, which is printed and placed on each table. The prior month's Minutes are available to read before the meeting starts. President Eric and Hospitality Chair Sandie close each meeting with a Door Prize drawing for attending members.



MATCH VIEWING

Nick Fry is considering occasionally hosting a Bundesliga viewing event at the club. Would you be interested in sharing a Watch Party?? If you are a fan, or have interest in League play, please contact him.



POKER TABLES

Dan Lee enjoys competitive Poker and the club has previously hosted game tables. With more members attending on Friday, Dan would like to set up some play tables at the German Club, perhaps starting in October. If you would enjoy a game/tournament, speak with Dan. With interest, there may be a poker table announcement in the next newsletter.

BAR AND KITCHEN

The bar is the working center of the Club during most of our open hours. The bartenders need to be able to move about safely and quickly. Please respect the "do not enter" sign. Also, the Kitchen and hallway are much safer now that fewer people are walking thru.

PARALYZED VETS OF AMERICA

Please sign up for dinner on Sept 9th and join in welcoming representatives from the Nevada Paralyzed Veterans of America. President Eric's Campaign for PVA will close that evening and he will host Julie Johnson, and local veterans, for dinner. They will be presented the \$1,000 donation. Please bring New Packaged White Socks to donate to PVA.



OKTOBERFEST PLANNING

The Oktoberfest planning group has been busy, meeting 7 times since July 1st. Below are the dates and times for the next 3 meetings.

WEDNESDAY, Sep 6th, 6:00-6:45 SUNDAY, Sep 17th, 11:00 - 11:45 SUNDAY, Sep 24th, 11:00 - 11:45

New Club Shirts are being ordered and embroidered.

There is existing Oktoberfest merchandise available from prior years. There are several people working on flower crowns for ladies to buy and wear.

The Menu is progressing. Skip, TJ, Art and others are ready. Dessert planning is lagging with no leader.

We have Potato Pancakes on our Saturday Menu. TJ is leading our preparations.

Membership recruitment will be staffed by Leanne, Sandie and others. Volunteer Sign-up Posters were made by Linda.

We will have multiple music providers both days. There are plans to have high event "visibility" to people driving by on Lake Mead Blvd.

Tickets will be sold at 11 tickets for \$10. Beer will be sold by the glass, inside/outside, for \$7 each.

Please volunteer for a two-hour shift for one of the tasks listed on the Sign-up sheets in the Hall.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The club sponsors festivals, music, sports viewing, and themed, seasonal events, throughout the year.

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMPAIGNS

The President's Campaigns, for Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Toys-4-Tots, will likely reach their goals of \$1,000 each in September. The Treasurer was authorized to prepare checks for the accumulated funds at the August membership meeting. Donation cards can be seen on the Central Pillars of the Club. The Donation Cards are available at the Bar. Any amount is welcome. I want to thank Alex and Marge Klaus, Christina Gibson, Kathleen Mead, Chris and TJ Januska, Chris and Rose Martin, my brother John, and friends far away for giving to these Campaigns.

ISPA – SKAT TOURNAMENT

The Board of Directors has accepted a rental proposal from the International Skat Players Association. ISPA will conduct the Las Vegas Tournament on Jan 19-21, 2024. The players have been invited to join our Saturday Dinner Service, and our German Industrial Music night. Silvia Brunn will finalize the rental. Silvia has some interesting history of the ISPA at GASCON.

FRIDAY GAME NIGHT!

Our Club is a place of many "socializations". Beyond our Saturday Dinner Service, the Club must provide other relaxing and sharing opportunities. This is the purpose of Friday Game Night. Carol, Ramona, and others have been meeting and playing games for years. These members enjoy the quiet time and their small potluck buffet. Newer members have also discovered the fun of board games or card play, with friends and fellow members. Everyone is welcome, even those that only wish to chat or watch TV events.





IMPROVEMENTS & REPAIRS

Small repairs continue to our building. The stainless steel preparation tables in the Kitchen were raised and remounted to the wall to add stability during food preparation.

New flags were purchased in August, and they are scheduled to be raised before this Newsletter is published. The air filters were replaced in August.

The ice machine has been unreliable over the last 3 months. A \$300 service call was recently needed but it did not solve all problems. At the Membership Meeting on August 19th a motion was made to approve replacement. The new machine cost \$1,900 and was put into service by Mike Sipes and Chris Martin on August 23rd.

The Club has three large commercial air conditioners and each year we seem to have problems with one of them. We did have a repair call and the unit was restored. The expense was about \$950.

Tropical Storm Hilary dropped a lot of water on August 19th. Some of that water accumulated on our roof and we had some drips near one of our ducts. Chris and Mike will monitor this problem and offer recommendations later.

Security Camera/Recorder installation is expected by Sep 15th. Member #3580

MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS

On Aug 19th. Leanne Krinker read the member service awards. Christiana Wessel was recognized for 50 years of Membership! Congratulations to all !

SEPTEMBER 2023

					1	2 Backyard BBQ, Bring your meat to grill, please bring a side dish "Potluck"; with House German Music; Schützen, 11 am
<i>3</i> GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY, "The Las Vegas German Show" 10-12 pm FRUEHSCHOPPEN 12:30 - 2:30 pm	4	5 LATIN GROOVE Sal Santiago's Party, \$10; 6-9:00 pm	6 OPEN HOUSE Tours 4:30 – 6:30 pm Oktoberfest Mtg 6– 6:50 pm Dance Practice 7:00 pm	7 BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm	8 GAME NIGHT, 5-9:00 pm GERMAN INDUSTRIAL 10 pm – 2 am	<i>9</i> Chicken Tacos, W/Black Bean, Sour Cream, <i>Queso Fresco</i> , Cilantro/Onion and Dessert Service, by Duane, Music by DuSonics; Donation to Paralyzed Vets
10 GERMAN MUSIC SUNDAY, "The Las Vegas German Show" 10-12 pm Oktoberfest Decoration Day	11	12	13 OPEN HOUSE Tours 4:30 – 6:30 pm Dance Practice 7:00 pm	14	15 GAME NIGHT, 5-9:00 pm	16 Chicken Dinner with Salad and Dessert Service by Art/Skip; Music by Christ Martin; Membership Meeting (door prizes) 5:30 pm; Schützen, 11 am
17 GERMAN MUSIC	18	19 TUESDAY	20 OPEN HOUSE	21 BOARD	22 GAME NIGHT,	23 Powornochnitzel
SUNDAY, "The Las Vegas German Show" Oktoberfest Planning Mtg 12-1:00 pm		BLUESDAY Monk and the Po' Boys, Schnitzel Sandwich Plate \$10 - 6-9:00 pm	Tours 4:30 – 6:30 pm Dance Practice 7:00 pm	MEETING 6:30 pm	5 – 9:00 pm	Bauernschnitzel, (Pork schnitzel with bacon, onions, cheese and optional egg) with Sides and Dessert Service by TJ/Chris; Music by Showoffs
SUNDAY, "The Las Vegas German Show" Oktoberfest Planning Mtg	25	BLUESDAY Monk and the Po' Boys, Schnitzel Sandwich Plate	Tours 4:30 – 6:30 pm Dance Practice	MEETING		(Pork schnitzel with bacon, onions, cheese and optional egg) with Sides and Dessert Service by TJ/Chris;

As a courtesy to our cooks, and their preparation planning, please call 702-201-1448 and leave a voice message "Reservation" stating your name, number of guests, and your phone number. Also, please leave a second message later, if you must cancel.

TRANSFORMATIONS – Christina Gibson

The German Club has been the home to many different events and has been transformed for fundraisers, weddings, celebrations of life, Schutzen practice, Karneval, Tuesday Bluesday, Sunday brunches and other events during its history. But no one could have imagined the transformations that members Duane Sagredo and Thomas Rocha would bring to the club.

Several months ago, they asked the Board of Directors if they could host a "German Industrial Night." The Board, and members, were skeptical as this was a very different kind of event. With hours of 10 pm to 2 am, would it really work out? How would these late hours and new guests (some wearing all black, displaying tattoos, heavy eyeliner and goth style jewelry) fit at the club? With approval of the Board, the event moved forward and was successful. Now, twice per month, the club becomes transformed to a dark style venue with black tablecloths, low lighting and a video and light show.

After several months, it has become successful in bringing many new, younger, appreciative and kind guests to the club. Some have also become members. German Club members have been attending these events and have mingled with our guests and are developing new connections. Just ask Norm and Pete, who have regularly attended German Industrial night. They have made some new friends. This event has helped many of us understand a different part of German music culture that was not historically brought into our club.

On Monday, August 14, 2023 from 9 pm - 12 am, Duane and Thomas expanded this concept with a private event bringing two live performers to the club. The entertainers and guests were very grateful and respectful of the club and brought us live German inspired music. This event was another transformation of the club with a low level "concert vibe." The band Know Angel opened up the show with singer L headlining the evening. Not only did guests dance at this event, they also gathered around the dance floor watching the bands.

Additionally, following this type of special event structure, which is provided to the German Club at no cost and the hosts provide food (by host and potluck contributions), parking patrols, volunteers and clean-up,

Following this special event format, Sal Santiago has started "Latin Groove" on the first Tuesday of every month, from 6 pm - 9 pm, transforming the club into a Latin themed venue. While the Industrial events in the later hours bring a variety of sandwiches, snacks and desserts to the club, Sal performs during dinner hours and guests are undeniably very hungry; therefore, this event brings a large spread of hearty dinner foods as well as snacks and desserts. Michael Leonetti, owner of My Mother's House Italian Restaurant (9320 Sun City Boulevard Suite 101, Las Vegas, 89134) has participated by preparing and serving delicious gourmet Italian cuisine at some of Sal's shows.

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September 2023

Latin Groove

Tuesday Bluesday

German Industrial

Wednesday Open House

German Music Sunday

Fruehschoppen

Schutzen

Dance Group

Friday Game-Night

Membership Meeting