

MAY

UPCOMING DINNERS

May 1

Maifest, schnitzel and brat platters

May 8

Frikadellen by Alexandria

May 15

Ribs by Art and Skip

May 22

Schweinegeschnetzelte by Krissie and Eric

May 29

Chili cookoff by Barbie and Doreen

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

Guten Tag,

I am looking ahead to the club's 50th anniversary event June 11-12. It will be mostly a repeat of our Maifest and I am hoping that all of us have some great fun during this timeframe.

Our annual election will be held Saturday, June 5. This club is run by volunteers and the leadership is the same. Please, everyone, look at the positions that are available for the board and put your name in the hat for the election. The club needs everyone to step up and share their leadership skills.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the club in the next month, as vaccines are now available to all ages and the restrictions are being released. It looks like we can all get together and celebrate not only the German culture, but also our survival from the past year.

We have a busy next couple of months as we come out of COVID lockdowns. Again, if anyone needs any help or is having a hardship, please contact a member of the board and we can try to get you some help.

Your president,

Gary Blanton



About a dozen German-American Club workers took out the 6-foot fencing around the back patio and replaced it with a new 8-foot, chain link fence.



Sipes crowned as Schutzen group king

The Schutzen group had an outstanding night April 24 when we crowned King Mike Sipes. Thanks to Silvia for the outstanding dinner. Schutzen practice will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the club.

Our spring golf tournament is May 15 at Durango Hills Golf Club. Format is four-person scramble. Cost is \$60, which includes dinner and awards at the club. We also play every Friday at Durango Hills.

The German-American Club dance group will resume practice at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the club.

If interested in participating in any of these events, contact Art at 702-335-0690.

Vision Sign wins bid to upgrade signage

Vision Sign Co. was selected to replace and upgrade the German-American Social Club of Nevada freestanding pylon sign on Lake Mead Boulevard and two attached building signs at a cost of about \$6,000, with 50 percent of the cost to be reimbursed through a grant from the City of North Las Vegas.

Vision received 18 votes at the April membership meeting; National Signs 14 votes; Las Vegas Customs digital sign 8 votes and standard sign 1 vote; and Image 360 got 1 vote.

The contract calls for Vision Sign to refurbish the signs with white acrylic faces and maintain them for one year. They will repaint the cabinets and replace fluorescent lights with LED.

In other business, members approved revised and amended by-laws for the club, which must be submitted to the Nevada Secretary of the State in June. Changes were made to ensure that absentee ballots are mailed to those who are unable to vote in person.

Treasurer Ingrid Stewart reported a loss of \$850 for the club in March, "which isn't bad," she said. "We're above water."

Except for a \$1,000 check to replace items lost in the fire, the club would have shown a small gain. Food and beverage revenue each exceeded \$2,000 for the month, and the club received \$600 in member donations. Overall, we have more than \$64,000 in cash reserves.

We're making great progress in rebuilding the back barbecue area following last year's fire. Volunteer work crews spent a couple Saturdays putting up an 8-foot slatted, chain-link fence around the perimeter, with a barbed-wire protective overhang yet to be added.

A 10-foot-by-16-foot Statesman storage shed was ordered from Lowe's and delivered to Jon Shogren's home. It's a do-it-yourself project for \$2,774, featuring extra-wide double doors, 2-by-4 wood framing, shelving and storage loft, and locking door handles.

The shed will be constructed after the back parking lot is repaved with new asphalt, which hopefully would be finished in time for Maifest.

Ray Smith

Member Profile: Bob Strauch



Name: Bob Strauch

Age: 77

Hometown: Cressona, Pa.

Education: Blue Mountain High School (Pa.)

Occupation: General manager (ret.), Mission Linen

Family: Wife, Julie; daughters, Shanda and Lisa; son, Bobby; one grandson

In Las Vegas since: 1961

Club member since: 2017

As general manager at Mission Linen, Bob Strauch supplied clean sheets and towels to some 6,800 hotel rooms at the MGM Grand and made sure casino workers had crisp uniforms to wear every day. Taking charge of kitchen supplies at the German-American Club is a piece of cake. He even managed to keep toilet paper stocked during the pandemic. Bob and his wife, Julie, were introduced to the club by Julie's cousin, Linda Snyder, and they became regular patrons for jazz night. Then he got roped into kitchen supply coordinator, which Bob says he doesn't mind. "Not really. It's easy. They tell me what they want, and I give it to them," he said. Bob and Julie have also helped serve dinner at the club, and he shows up loyally for work crews. "That's the way I am. I don't know. They ask for help and I'm glad to help. It gives me something to do and I enjoy helping people." Bob is a Navy veteran and 60-year Las Vegas resident.

In addition to his duties as kitchen coordinator at the German-American Club, Bob helped tear down the storage sheds and put up new fencing. He gets plenty of exercise walking the dogs and hones his skills on computer games.

Club 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.

CASH ONLY !!
Nothing Larger Than
A \$20 Please!!

We Do Not Accept
\$50 or \$100 Bills
NO Credit Cards !!

MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Maifest, 3-10 p.m.; Music by Jimmi Ellis/Da Stuben Buben/Scotty Rocker
2	3	4	5 Dance practice, 7-9 p.m.	6 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	7 Game night, 5 p.m.	8 Frikadellen by Alexandria; music by Stef N Rock; Schutzen, 11 a.m.
9 	10	11	12 Dance practice, 7-9 p.m.	13	14 Game night, 5 p.m.	15 Ribs by Art and Skip; music by Scotty Rocker; Spring golf tournament
16	17	18	19 Dance practice, 7-9 p.m.	20 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	21 Game night, 5 p.m.	22 Schweinegeschnetz elte by Krissie and Eric; music by Back in Time; membership meeting, 5:30 p.m.
23	24	25	26 Dance practice, 7-9 p.m.	27	28 Private party	29 Chili cook-off by Barbie and Doreen
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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.

The Original
German-American Social Club of Nevada
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May 2021

Maifest celebration
Spring golf tournament
Schutzen
Friday night games
Dance practice
Saturday night dinners
Membership meeting

