German-American Club

"Zu jeder Zeit, an jedem Ort, sei frei das Lied und frei das Wort"

Fall Quarter
2015

APFELFEST

Music & Games!

Gesellschaftsspiele! DJ Dance Musik!

September 19, 2015

Welcome back to party time!

Parlor games both silly & serious!
Come and join the
FUN!

Plus

Recorded German Music played by everybody's favorite party girl "Frau Eva"!

German menu by
ERIKA'S CATERING
Beef Rouladen w/Braised Red Cabbage & Apples
Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad
Array of Artisan Breads
Apple Cake

- **Call early for reservations: Club number (831-420-2084) Doris Williamson (831-722-4476)**
- **Entrance and meal: $12/member, $20/nonmember**
- **Door opens at 6:00, dinner served at 6:30**
- **Buffet style, paperware provided**

October 17, 2015

Oktoberfest!

Alles ganz deutsch heut' Nacht! German Night!

Do it all the German way tonight!

Dance music by Karl Lebherz

Traditional menu by Erika's Catering:

Smoked Pork Chops w/ Pan-fried Potatoes & Green Onions

Sauerkraut w/ Apples & Bacon

Baby Green Salad, Artisan Breads

Pear Almond Tarts

Erntedankfest

November 21, 2015

Dance Music by

Jan Meere

the Flying Dutchman

Music doesn't get any better than Jan's!

Thanksgiving Menu by Erika's Catering:

Jaeger Schnitzel w/ Mushroom Sauce & Egg Noodles

Roasted Winter Vegetables

Beet Salad, Artisan Breads

Linzer Cookies

President: Traude Boisvert (429-5904) | **Vice-President: Eva Sweazey (477-1419)**
Secretary: Ines Marshall (475-5193) | **Treasurer: Nancy Gubash (420-2084)**
Membership: Doris Williamson (722-4476) | **Trustees: Hildegard Wiedemann (429-4161)**
Hall Manager: Paul Sweazey (477-1419) | **Mary Keller (336-9311)**
Newsletter: Dennis Reader (728-1988)

Botschaft des Präsidenten/President's Message

Dear Club Members!
I hope you all had a great summer and I welcome you back to a new season of GA club activities.

Thank you all for your enthusiastic support and attendance of all social functions in the past and I invite you to celebrate with us again in the coming year. Come and share a wonderful meal and enjoy the entertainment with friends old and new. The hard-working entertainment committee is trying to find new ways to make the club more interesting and welcoming for everyone. We invite your ideas and suggestions for future socials and club functions.

Over the summer club business continued. A broken water pipe under the hall's concrete slab caused considerable damage, and the aging pipes needed to be replaced throughout the building. Despite some problems with our insurance it finally was all repaired and settled in a satisfactory manner. Many thanks to manager Paul Sweazey and Nancy and Rick Gubash for extra help with the extensive cleanup!

Traude Boisvert

Kurzberichte/Board Briefs

The club's executive board holds its business meetings at 7:00 pm in the club hall. These meetings normally take place on the last Monday of each month and are open to all members. Some selected board actions:

- ✔ **See the top of this page for a list of the current 2015 club officials. Feel free to contact them at any time.**
- ✔ **The club calendar was officially approved for the remainder of 2015. See page 4.**
- ✔ **A damaging leak was discovered under the hall's concrete slab. Gladiator Plumbing of San Jose was contracted to make the repair and also replace the remaining old pipes. The club's building insurance was expected to cover some of the costs.**
- ✔ **Approval was given to repaint the inside of the club hall. This work has since been completed.**
- ✔ **The latest member to join our club is Maria Westerhof, a native of the Netherlands. She is a nurse who now lives in Watsonville. Welcome, Maria!**

Vorschau/Preview

Sept. 19: September social. DJ Dance Music.
Doors open @ 6:00.
Sept.28: Business meeting. 7:30 @ club hall.
All members welcome.

Oct. 17: October social. Music by Karl Lebherz.
Oct. 26: Business meeting.

Nov. 21: November social. Music by Jan Meere.
Nov. 30: Business meeting.

Dec. 06: Christmas event. See newsletter.
Dec. 12: December social.
Dec. 28: Business meeting.

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Jan. 16 : January event to be announced.
Jan. 25: Business meeting.

Feb. 20 : February event to be announced.
Feb. 29: Business meeting.

Mar. 19 : March event to be announced.
Mar. 28: Business meeting.

Apr. 16 : April event to be announced.
Apr. 25: Business meeting.

May 21 : May event to be announced.
May 23: Business meeting.

Info Ecke/Info Corner

Remember to make reservations for all social events. Thanks!

For information about membership requirements or application forms, contact Doris Williamson at any social, or phone 722-4476.

Never miss out on a great event. Too many club members seem to think only of the monthly socials and fail to participate in our other special days. An example of this is the annual Weihnachtsmarkt and Gingerbread House Contest (see later in the newsletter). In 2013 and 2014 this December event was popular and offered many treats for viewers. But not enough club members could be seen among the visitors. Join us in 2015!

Note well:

The club has a new mail address: German-American Club, P.O. Box 503, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-0503.
Please use this address when you send your correspondence or checks to the club.

March Social

March 21, 2015

Schweizer Abend

It was a Swiss Evening, and Jan Meere played the alpenhorn, and members with new guests celebrated the hours away.

See it all in color on the club's website!

March Social

March 21, 2015

Helga Kuntz (c) brought many of her family

Eva Sweazey: crutches or not you can't slow her down

Happy smiles all around

April Social

April 12, 2015

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Delicious food galore,
creative decorations,
good conversation

May Social

May 16, 2015

Untangling ribbons on the lovely May Pole

The May birthday Gottwald boys: father Rudy (r) & son Michael

(l) Sandra in Pink

(r) Fun at the bar with bartender Rick

(l) Members Royal & Sandra Lua

(r) George Todorow & partner Bebe

June Social

June 13, 2015

This was our first-ever JUNE POTLUCK and the food selection was incredible (and very delicious) ! Eating was following by games and silliness and much fun. These pictures show a little of that day.

June Social

June 13, 2015

3rd Annual German Club Festival!

Weihnachts Markt/Christmas Boutique

Gingerbread House Contest

Bilingual Story-Telling

German-American Club Hall

December 6, 2015, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

The club is again holding its German-style Christmas season faire, which will include gift crafts, bakery goods, and any contributed items for sale, plus a gingerbread house contest. All members are urged not only to come and join the fun, but to participate directly and even make some money! For questions about the faire contact Traude Boisvert at 831-420-2084. For details about the contest also phone the club number or ask a board member.

***** Use your handicraft skills to sell art-and-craft objects at your own table. Do you know anyone who does this sort of thing for a hobby or living? Give them a call.**

***** Like to bake? Or want to help yourself and the club with your baking talent? Then you (or you and a friend) can give us your best oven masterpieces.**

***** If you <u>really</u> love to create, enter the Gingerbread House Contest. The public will get to view all the artistic efforts and for a small entry fee you might win one of the prizes.**

***** Even if you don't do any of the above, come and buy something, or bring some interesting extra item you have around the house to sell! Drink coffee or tea, taste the desserts, listen to the story-telling!**

***** For specific information phone Traude, or contact the club's website, at www.germanamericanclubsantacruz.com.**

Welcome, Fall!

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