

The German American Societies of San Diego, Inc.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, we hope you are able to enjoy spring during these trying times and that you and your family remains safe and healthy.

It has become necessary for us to cancel or defer many events that have been planned for the spring to 'weather this storm'. It is the only financially and civically responsible thing to do for our club and its members.

We look forward to being able to open our doors again and we want you to know how much we miss you all!

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Clubhouse Rules

The following rules and regulations have been established to ensure that everyone using the club and property has the responsibility to preserve our facility now and for years to come.

ABC restrictions : NO outside alcohol will be allowed to be brought in to, served or consumed on our property anywhere. All alcohol must be consumed inside our building except for during outdoor events with an extended liquor license.

We are not responsible for any personal property.

Publication Policy

The publicity department of the G.A.S. is responsible for the bulletins contents and reserves the right to edit or refuse articles and advertisements submitted for publications.

Contact our editor to advertise in our newsletter.

We try to inform you of those that have passed. We can only do that if the family informs us. If you would like the membership to know of your passing, please let a family member know to inform us. Anyone that wants to write an article for the Newsletter is welcome to do so! I appreciate all the help I can get. Submit to : GermanClub@yahoo.com.

Claudia Jensen, Editor

Membership Report

Dear valued Members,

As we begin a new membership year I'm happy to report to you that this past year our membership grew once again. At the end of March the club had just shy of 500 memberships. Now, as we start a new membership year I would like to thank you so much for renewing your membership promptly. As the renewals come in, we are trying to get the new membership cards out to you as soon as possible. Your membership helps maintain club operation, provides you discounted entry to many of the club events and allows you to cast a ballot in our club elections. This is your chance to influence the club's future. We encourage you to vote in the club elections.

Hoping this message finds you all in good health and we are looking forward to seeing you at our club again.

Liebe geschätzte Mitglieder,

zu Beginn eines neuen Mitgliedsjahres freue ich mich, Ihnen mitteilen zu können, dass unsere Mitgliederzahl im vergangenen Jahr erneut gestiegen ist. Ende März hatte der Club knapp 500 Mitgliedschaften. Jetzt, da wir ein neues Mitgliedschaftsjahr beginnen, möchte ich Ihnen vielmals dafür danken, dass Sie Ihre Mitgliedschaft umgehend erneuert haben. Sobald wir die Beiträge erhalten, versuchen wir, Ihnen die neuen Mitgliedskarten so schnell wie möglich zukommen zu lassen. Ihre Mitgliedschaft trägt zur Aufrechterhaltung des Clubbetriebs bei, bietet Ihnen ermäßigten Eintritt zu vielen Clubveranstaltungen und ermöglicht Ihnen die Stimmabgabe bei unseren Clubwahlen. Dies ist Ihre Gelegenheit, die Zukunft des Clubs zu beeinflussen. Wir empfehlen Ihnen, an den Clubwahlen teilzunehmen.

In der Hoffnung, dass diese Nachricht Sie alle bei guter Gesundheit erreicht, freuen wir uns darauf, Sie in unserem Club wiederzusehen.

Unfortunately, we have recently lost several longtime members.

Leider haben wir kürzlich mehrere langjährige Mitglieder verloren.

Feb 11 - Maria Tarankow - 06/28/1927 - (Damenkreis guest & Diana Abed's mother)

Mar 20 - Lorraine Staubus Rath - 03/11/1923 - (Karneval & Nicole Horstman's Oma)

Mar 20 - Brigitte Whorton - 07/21/1935 - (Damenkreis & Elsbeth Eler's sister)

Mar 22 - William Bo Jensen, 07/29/1938 - (Karneval & Mark Jensen's father)

April 20 - Frederick Tomaschke (98)

May 6 - Barbara Cerankoski - (Oktoberfest Committee & past Board Member)

Gruß~Greetings! ~ *Monika Parme*, Membership Chair

Election night results

Elected to two year terms are;

- President ~ Wendel Jenkins
- 1st Vice-president ~ Joel Contreras
- Treasurer Debbie ~ Sandvig
- Director ~ Claudia Jensen (Publicity)

Continuing on with their Board membership will be;

Lisel Ferguson ~ 2nd Vice-president

Laurence Parme ~ Secretary

Mike Anderson ~ Director



Special thanks to candidates Nicole King-Horstman, Les Ford and Tim McKay, the election committee and all of you that went through the effort of getting your ballots in. Our club succeeds based on the interest and participation of its membership.

2020/2021 Board of Directors



Wendel Jenkins
President



Joel Contreras
1st Vice President



Lisel Ferguson
2nd Vice President



Laurence Parme
Secretary



Debbie Sandwig
Treasurer



Claudia Jensen
Publicity

A small group of people are there on Tuesdays -
Volunteering on projects that can be done with distance

HELP WANTED!

The Crew needs you!!

The band of men and women that keep the clubhouse looking good would love to have a little more help! If you have even just an hour or so to give, WE WANT YOU! The Crew meets on Tuesdays from 8am to 2pm spiffing up the grounds for all members to enjoy! From the dirt lot to the parking lot - inside the house and out - much maintenance needs to be done on a regular basis!

**Find out more :
Come see us - Tuesdays!**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!!



Mike Anderson
Director



Presidents Corner

Hello friends and fellow Club Members,

Thank you for showing your confidence in me and electing me your G.A.S. Club President.

As you know from my previous Bulletin letter, I planned to step aside after 20+ years on your Board of Directors. Then along came the COVID virus and the crazy uncertain times that came with it. My love for the Club wouldn't allow me to just walk away. I decided to stay and help see us through these strange times.

Thank you for trusting my judgment to do just that. Please join me in helping to do whatever it takes to stabilize and keep our wonderful "home away from home" strong viable and again the place we all want to enjoy together.

I would also like to add a thank you to everyone that stepped up to run for a board position. This is exactly what we want and need from our membership. We have so many capable people and we need all of you.

Very much looking forward to seeing you soon.

Graciously,

Wendel Jenkins, President



We're still on schedule to host Oktoberfest in El Cajon on September 25-27 and October 2-4, so let's all hope and pray that this COVID-19 will cooperate with us and we move forward as planned! The Guggenbach-Buam is ready to play, the Committee members are set to start planning and organizing, even our volunteers are anxious, so things are looking good there! I've even spoken to the beer reps, we'll have plenty of German beer available although some, especially the seasonal beers, won't be available.

It's too early to say we're definitely going to have the fest as planned, but too early to cancel as well; however, do bear in mind that these decisions will like be determined by national, state, and local governments. If we're able to proceed, it's also possible we'll need to make some significant changes, especially if "physical distancing" is still required. Some modifications are inevitable, but with a little luck, we'll still host the best fest in the west! So, enter those dates on your calendar, and we'll keep you up to date.

Mike Anderson Oktoberfest Chairman



Under group : Germania Choir

Dear Members and Friends.

From the comfort of my home office, I am sending you greetings and hugs. I'm practicing retirement: going nowhere, gardening, feeding and watching the birds, waiting for flower bulbs to emerge, checking the veggies' progress. It's interesting, isn't it, how quickly our freedom has been curtailed and our lives have changed. Life without hugs from grandkids and friends is just plain wrong.

Life without music and singing is wrong too. Yes, the radio plays stuff, but it's just not the same as singing in our choir and being with friends. We have had to cancel choir practices, of course, and our concert won't be taking place in May either. We started preparing for the spring concert in January and had a wonderful repertoire of German spring music selected for all of us to enjoy. We'll have to do that another time. The hope and plan is to have a SPRING-REDO CONCERT in September. Let's hope that will be possible.

In the meantime, stay healthy and busy. And let's all reflect on what's important. We really need each other to function. Let's start making more time for each other, call each other more, and vacation at home to support our club activities as permitted and possible, visit local restaurants, local tourist destinations such as the wineries, orchards, botanic gardens, or whichever local attraction you may fancy.

We are all looking forward to seeing you, our long-time friends and club members, as soon as possible. We have enjoyed each other's company for many years. We'll be together again soon. Let's make it fun, let's make it "gemütlich," and let's continue singing – in whatever language, whenever the spirit moves you.

All the best – *Frauke Kuo* and your very own GERMANIA CHOIR



Under group : KinderTanzGruppe

Our KinderTanzGruppe had a wonderful fun filled year! From San Diego to Las Vegas to Anaheim and from Karneval to plattler to traditional Volkstanz . . . we represented with the 30 kids we had! We look forward to getting together as soon as it is possible - in the mean time, we are Zooming each other and working on a few new dances on our own! We hope to see you all very soon and pray for health and happiness for you all!



Under Group : Karneval

Stopping by our quietly vacant clubhouse on Monday afternoon, the contrast with the recently concluded Karneval season is striking, to say the least. As we all come to terms with the sharing the world with the Novel Corona virus, one can only feel fortunate at having made the most of the first few months of the year. The close and friendly interaction experience that defines Karneval is especially noteworthy in this time of social distancing. On those days that staying home begins to feel especially oppressive and I'm missing my friends I cheer myself thinking back on some of the events just a few short months back.

Of course, January and the GAMGA Gala in Las Vegas always rates among the high points of the Karneval season and this past January's event was no exception. For the 4th year running, San Diego was named GAMGA's "group costume" winner and how could it be otherwise. The appearance of a whole flock of flying monkeys running about and flapping their wings was hard to ignore. If you are confused wondering about this, remember the wicked witch's army of flying monkeys in the Wizard of Oz.

Performances by the many other clubs is always entertaining and the showings by our own Prinzengarde and Elferrat were eye catching. Meanwhile, up on stage, San Diego's Dreigestirn were very much the center of energy as our trio stood out, rocking to the tunes, cheering on all the performers and getting down on the dance floor themselves. Also leaving their mark were our KinderKarneval as they fielded 18 girls in a series of 3 magnificent routines.

And while the GAMGA Gala is always special, it is far from Karneval's end. February saw our club welcome visitors from GAMGA, Anaheim, Las Vegas Vagabonds and the German Southbay Club at a sell-out evening. After an evening like that, it's hard to imagine anyone getting up much before noon but indeed, many of the adults were up and going at it the next morning preparing for the KinderKarneval with guests from Anaheim's Youth Dance Group. This was followed by our own fun-filled visit to Anaheim, and finally in March, Lumpenball returned to San Diego.

Of course, Karneval must end and it must end in style. This year the season was concluded with the Nubbelverbrennung. For those not familiar with this German tradition, the Nubbel is a mythological character and acts as the scapegoat for all of the problems and mistakes that have befallen Karnevalisten during the previous year. For club members it should come as no surprise that San Diego's KarnevalGesellschaft had no problem quickly filling a long list of outrages to blame on our Nubbel and so the Nubbel was put to the torch in the Oktoberfest grill bringing the season to an end.

Laurence Parme, Karneval Publicity



Under Group : Damenkreis / Ladies' Circle



Hello dear Friends of the GAS Damenkreis,

The last few months have been very uncertain times for everyone and I hope all of you are doing well.

Our last meeting in March was a great success and lots of our members attended. Thank you for your support.

After the 20th of March or even earlier life changed drastically for the 7 billion people of the world. Hopefully we can fight the virus and things will restore to somewhat of a normalcy. Hope you all are finding peace and staying well. Let us know if you need help!!!!

Our April and May meetings are cancelled under the current circumstances but we are looking forward to a meeting as soon possible. Our Hostesses are ready to go and so is everyone else.

Stay well and stay safe until we see each other again, for friendship, Gemuetlichkeit, food and whatever the day will bring.

Dagmar Purves chairperson and our committee

Damenkreis, März 2020

Ein Meer von Grün begrüßte uns bei unserer Ankunft im Club zu Ehren des St. Patrick Day, auf das jeder Ire stolz gewesen wäre. Jede Dame fand etwas Grünes in ihrem Schrank und einige Damen verdienten den ersten Preis mit ihren Outfits.

Unsere Hostessen waren Karin Bethke, Melita Hein, Eva Turner, Ute Cortz und Hannelore Strickling. Sie bereiteten ein köstliches Mittagessen mit heißen Corned Beef Sandwiches zu, die auf wunderschön dekorierten irischen Tischen serviert wurden. Sylvia Rich sorgte für eine süße ST. PATRICKS DAY Überraschung mit Ihrem leckeren Vanille- / weiße Schokolade Kuchen. Es gab eine große Beteiligung mit 38 Damen und es gab keinen Zweifel, alle hatten eine gute Zeit.

Under Group : St. Hubertus Schützenverein

St. Hubertus Schützenverein 2019 – 2020



Oktoberfest 2018...Two people found themselves once again talking at length about the days when the Schützenverein was an active group at the G.A.S. That was Nicole King-Horstman and Renato Fogliano. Reminiscence turned into determination and more discussion about how that group could be restarted. More people joined the conversation and later in October the leadership of the Anaheim group was asked for help to reorganize. They not only gave generously of every bit of knowledge, advice, and our own history, it could be said that they have been the biggest cheerleader for our reformation. Add friends of the club in Denver, San Jose, and Las Vegas to that chorus of support. The G.A.S. Board gave approval to reorganize so leadership was selected and bylaws were written.

St Hubertus Schützenverein is once again an under-group at the G.A.S.!!!!

But what does it really take to have a Schützenverein? A range, rifles, pistols, and a variety of miscellaneous bits and pieces including targets, pellets, and scoring. In good spirit, there were many contributions to the effort. Tom Helms and Tim Swann had ballistic curtains, rifles, and pellet traps. Joe Marsh developed the frame to hang the curtain, so now we had a proper safe space to shoot. The disbanded Schützen Liesels from Las Vegas offered their range equipment to us.

Even though it's been almost 20 years since Schützen was disbanded we were blessed with the interest of Al and Gudrun Theobald, and Glenn and Ellen Jacoby when the group was being formed. They provided much knowledge of the original group in which they were all members. They were also top, active shooters and supporters of the original group. Their names can be found on memorabilia that we continue to discover. They represented us at Maifest, 2019.

Our first year had 31 members and a great deal of interest. Our first fundraiser during the past Oktoberfest raised a good bit of startup funds and many people enjoyed the challenge of short-range air-soft pistols. In addition to our own group activities, we were able to send members and shooting teams to Schützenfests in both Las Vegas, and Anaheim. Nicole was top team score in Las Vegas and Renato was second overall in Anaheim.

Well, we had many plans for this last part of the membership year. So much was set aside for COVID, including regular meetings and shooting at the clubhouse, Schützenfests in Las Vegas, San Jose and others. In the meantime, we are working on improvements that will make it easier to set up and take down the range as we use and share the same space with other groups. We will be adding target returns that will improve the shooting experience for our members and guests. We are also developing our Youth Group and will keep everyone updated with the opportunity for our youth to join in the fun. We do look forward to being able to get back together again and shoot. We welcome anyone to come and shoot with us. If you want more information, please call Nicole at 619-302-0989 or enicoleking@gmail.com. Please look for our Facebook Group: St. Hubertus Schützenverein, San Diego for updates.

Leadership

Chair, Nicole King-Horstman.
Vice Chair, Joel Contreras.
Aux. Vice Chair, Priscila Swann.
Secretary, Niki Battaglia.
Treasurer, Theresa Johnson

Range Masters, Tim Swann, Patrick Gowan, Joe Marsh.
Equipment Custodian, Steve Horstman.
Youth Chair, Peter Battaglia.
Flag Bearer, Renato Fogliano.

Brüderlichkeit, schießen und Spaß

Under group : German Theater Group

THE GERMAN THEATER GROUP SAN DIEGO PRESENTS

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SAT APRIL 19TH 2:00 PM
GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETIES

PERFORMED IN GERMAN
SUMMARY OF ACTS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS
IN ENGLISH

German Cabaret Postponed Due to COVID-19

The German Theater Group San Diego, a subgroup of the German American Societies of San Diego, has postponed this year's cabaret "Lach Mal Wieder" (Let's Laugh Again!) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The production, which will feature funny and sarcastic skits and songs revolving around men and women, food, and life as a German in America, will be presented at a later date yet to be determined. Already purchased tickets will be honored for future performances.

This is the fourth season for the German Theater Group San Diego. The volunteer actors hope to put on their annual show once social distancing measures have been relaxed and public gatherings are allowed once again. As soon as a new date has been set, it will be announced via e-mail, Facebook and other social media channels, as well as the group's website at germantheatergroupsandiego.org.

The group had already started practicing for this year's show when the pandemic hit San Diego County. While the cancellation has been a blow to the producers and actors, they are staying optimistic and keeping the comradery going through weekly Happy Hour meetings on Zoom.



If you would like to join the German Theater Group, please contact Director Astrid Ronke at aronke12@gmail.com.

Membership News

The German American Societies of San Diego, Inc.

Membership Renewal Notice – Jan 2020

Dear Member,

Our new membership year (2020-2021) begins on April 1, 2020. Your membership renewal form is included on the lower portion of this page. You also will find it online on our website: www.GermanClubSanDiego.org

Please complete the form and return it with your dues for the coming year. We accept payment with cash, check, credit card or online.

Sending in your membership renewal before April 30 will ensure your eligibility to vote in the up-coming General Elections. It will also allow you to take advantage of member discounts at club functions.

Gruß~ Greetings!
 Monika Parme, Membership Chair
 Email: info@germanclubsandiego.org

**Future Events
at a Glance**



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