

The German American Societies of San Diego, Inc.

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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 into, served or consumed on our property anywhere. All alcohol must be consumed inside our building except 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 who 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

Notes from the Board

Wow! We have been closed for a full year, so hard to believe. We have had to change what we do and how we do it to protect one another from catching or spreading this virus, and now, a light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine!

Small Group Meetings

The Purple Tier allows us to do outdoor small group meetings (all 6 feet apart). Please reach out to a board member to coordinate anything since a board member needs to be present at all times that an under group is using the facility and we would like to make sure there are no conflicts in timing.

Maifest?

There is some beginnings to talk about planning a Maifest. Would you like to be on the committee that pulls this off?! Please contact any Board member or leave a message at the club phone. It might be a membership afternoon of dining and music . . . perhaps some KinderTanzGruppe dancing . . . only time will tell. We are penciling in May 22nd . . . keep it open and your fingers crossed (or thumbs pressed.)!

Renovations and Volunteers

In the mean time, we have been busy doing some major upkeep on our clubhouse. A brand new roof, new walk in cooler refrigeration unit, a new 'HexenHaus' for storing our 'stuff', some minor repairs and right now, we are working on a new coat of paint on the interior! This is primarily being done by the Volunteer Tuesday Crew and some small work parties (to keep COVID safe). We couldn't do it without these hard working members!

Membership Renewals

As we head into our new membership year, the board decided to make a special offer. A buy one, get one free! So when you renew your current membership for the fiscal year April 1st, 2021 to May 31st, 2022 it will not expire until 2023! We truly appreciate each and every member and cannot wait to get back to the fun things we all enjoy doing together!

Elections

Elections will be held in May as usual. Enclosed is the application for a board position. Board positions up for election this year are 1st Vice President, Secretary and Director. We hope to host this May election as a live election on May 19th.

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



Mike Anderson
Director

Reflecting on what drove the founders to create our club and its purpose. Primarily I believe, they missed the connections and the feelings of familiarity that is Gemütlichkeit.

It's not just about shared customs.

It's not just about shared outfits or clothing style.

It's not just about a common language.

It's about connections between people as set out by the following Mission Statement from 1966:

“The principle purpose of this non-profit, mutual benefit corporation are: To foster good fellowship, mutual respect and good will at the highest level of personal dignity among all persons interested in enjoying the best in German/ American cultures.

The purpose of which will be realized by means of various social, mutual and educational actives designed to contribute to the enrichment and enjoyment of life.”

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GENERAL ELECTIONS

MAY, 19th (Tentative) 7:30 PM



Application for Board of Directors Candidacy

This past year has been unprecedented for our club and while the club has weathered this challenge, returning our things to normal will be another challenge. Consequently, your participation in this next election will be important to you and your club's future direction. Beyond voting, you are encouraged to consider what you may be able to contribute as a member of our Board of Directors.

Three Board Positions (described on the following page) are to be filled in our May elections:

2nd Vice President (2 Years)

Secretary (2 Years)

Director (2 Years)

If you are interested in running for one of these positions

Please complete the application below and send it to our Club Office before the cut-off date:

10 April 2021 (write-ins are not allowed on Election Day)

Write to Info@GermanClubSanDiego.org for more information

Our new membership year for 2021-2022 starts April 1, 2021



Those of you that have not done so yet, please send in your membership dues. Only current members can vote. To avoid waiting in lines, please pay your membership dues in advance!

Application for board member position as a candidate for the office

of.....

Complete this form and return to either:

office@germanclubsandiego.org

or

German American Societies of San Diego, Inc.

c/o Nominating Committee

1017 S Mollison Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020-7614

Name.....Age.....

Address.....City.....Zip.....

Occupation.....Phone.....

Place of birth.....Membership #.....

In U.S.A. since..... Fluency in the German language?

Previous club activities:

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Statement of objectives and plans: ...

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Section 10.6 Responsibilities of Officers

(from club by-laws)

10.6.3 Vice Presidents

The vice president of the Corporation (the “Vice President”) shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform all the duties of the President and, when so acting, have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. The Corporation shall appoint up to two (2) Vice Presidents.

10.6.4 Secretary

In conjunction with the General Manager, the secretary of the Corporation (the “Secretary”) shall be the custodian and have charge of all books, papers, instruments and record of the Corporation. Additionally, the Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the meeting of members and of the Board of Directors.

10.6.7 Additional Officers (7th Board Director)

The Board may empower the President to appoint or remove such other Officers as the business of the Corporation may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws or as the Board from time to time may determine.

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Activity in Our Closed Club – March 2021



Yes, our club has essentially been closed for a year now. The couple of events we have staged have been kept small and held outdoors. It was nice seeing friend’s faces again but let’s face it, “social distancing” is tough on the very idea of a social club. Keeping a 6 foot distance from one another has never been what the GAS was all about. Nevertheless, the club has not been empty.

While it’s been impossible to predict with any degree of accuracy just when we all will be able to get together again, we know it will happen sooner or later. With that day in mind, we have had volunteers contribute time and effort to maintenance and upkeep that will ensure we are ready when that day comes. In addition to the Tuesday work crew, there have been members coming in on Saturdays as well. Our thanks and acknowledgement is extended to all these volunteers who are helping us get through this year and assuring that we will be ready with a freshened hall when we are finally able to resume full operation.

Beyond the volunteers, it is important to recognize the contribution made by the membership who, through their dues, have allowed the club to survive despite the loss of income sources this past year. Even idle, we continue to pay property tax, insurance, utilities, etc. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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Membership Report – March 2021

Dear Members,

Our new membership year (2021-2022) begins in a few weeks, on April 1, 2020. Your membership renewal form is included on the lower portion of this page. Please complete the form and return it with your dues for the coming year.

In recognition of the lack of activity this past year, current members are being offered 2 years of membership when your renewal is received by 15 May. We offer payments by check or online on our website. To renew online with your credit card, please go to <https://events.germanclubsandiego.org/>

Sending in your membership renewal before April 30 will ensure your eligibility to vote in the up-coming General Elections. There are several positions to be filled.

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



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Student	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	Credit <input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	Date:	_____
Single	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>	Cash <input type="checkbox"/>	New <input type="checkbox"/>	Under-group:	_____
Family	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>	Check <input type="checkbox"/>	Check # _____	Origin?	_____
Donation	\$ _____	Online <input type="checkbox"/>		Optional	City _____ Country _____
Total	\$ _____				

Please Print Clearly!

Name _____ Birth Date _____
First Last

Cell _____ E-mail _____

Name _____ Birth Date _____
First Last

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Address _____ City State Zip+4 _____

Home Phone _____

Membership # _____
filled by Office

German-American Societies, Membership - 1017 S Mollison Ave, El Cajon CA 92020-7614

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Membership Report – March 2021 – Continued

Dear members,

To everyone's regret, the past year has been very different from what any of us would have ever imagined. Under the circumstances of social distancing, we were unable to offer our members that little piece of German Gemütlichkeit and entertainment that has been our reason for being for so many years.

While we very much understand that this has restricted what the club has been able to offer you, its membership, it has not eliminated our expenses. And as reported to you before, several larger, long deferred renovations have been undertaken making use of the hall availability.

To show our appreciation of the membership support during this difficult period but still recognizing costs the club incurs, we are offering the existing members two years membership for the price of one. Memberships renewed prior to May 30 will be good through March 31, 2023. In essence, we are giving you a year for free. Any donations beyond your membership dues will, of course, be excepted and very much appreciated.

If your current member information has not changed, you don't have to fill out a new form. For your convenience, payments can be made by check or credit card.

Presently, we have 332 active memberships including 536 members. We thank you for your commitment to our club.

Best wishes to everyone who had lately some health or any other problems. We only can hope that everything will be better soon for all. Unfortunately we have lost our long-time members, William Schloh, Bernhard Dericks and Oktoberfest volunteer, Christa Petro. We will miss them and our condolences go out to their families.

Congratulations to all of you who celebrated a birthday in January and February.

With best Regards, Monika Parme, Membership Chair - Email: info@germanclubsandiego.org

Liebe Mitglieder,

zu jedermanns Bedauern war das vergangene Jahr ganz anders als das, was sich jeder von uns jemals vorgestellt hätte. Unter den Umständen der sozialen Distanzierung konnten wir unseren Mitgliedern nicht das kleine Stück deutscher Gemütlichkeit und Unterhaltung anbieten, das unser Grund für so viele Jahre war.

Obwohl wir sehr gut verstehen, dass dies das Angebot des Clubs, seine Mitgliedschaft, eingeschränkt hat, hat es unsere Ausgaben nicht beseitigt. Und wie Ihnen bereits berichtet, wurden mehrere größere, lange zurückgestellte Renovierungsarbeiten durchgeführt, um die Verfügbarkeit der Halle zu nutzen.

Um unsere Wertschätzung für die Unterstützung der Mitglieder in dieser schwierigen Zeit zu demonstrieren und gleichzeitig die Kosten des Clubs zu berücksichtigen, bieten wir den bestehenden Mitgliedern eine zweijährige Mitgliedschaft zum Preis von einer an. Die vor dem 30. Mai erneuerten Mitgliedschaften sind bis zum 31. März 2023 gültig. Im Wesentlichen geben wir Ihnen ein Jahr kostenlos. Alle Spenden, die über Ihren Mitgliedsbeitrag hinausgehen, werden natürlich ausgenommen und sehr geschätzt.

Wenn sich Ihre aktuellen Mitgliedsinformationen nicht geändert haben, müssen Sie kein neues Formular ausfüllen. Für Ihre Bequemlichkeit können Zahlungen per Scheck oder Kreditkarte erfolgen.

Derzeit haben wir 332 aktive Mitgliedschaften, darunter 536 Mitglieder. Wir danken Ihnen für Ihr Engagement für unseren Club.

Die besten Wünsche an alle, die in letzter Zeit gesundheitliche oder andere Probleme hatten. Wir können nur hoffen, dass bald alles für alle besser wird. Leider haben wir unsere langjährigen Mitglieder William Schloh, Bernhard Dericks und die Oktoberfest-Freiwillige Christa Petro verloren. Wir werden sie vermissen und unser Beileid gilt ihren Familien.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch an alle, die im Januar und Februar Geburtstag gefeiert haben.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Monika Parme, Vorsitzende der Mitgliedschaft - E-Mail: info@germanclubsandiego.org



Oktoberfest dates are September 24-26 and October 1-3, 2021. We are very hopeful that with the vaccines now available, we'll be able to keep those dates and get back to what we do best: host the best fest in the west!! Of course, we don't know for sure if we'll have restrictions, but I'm going to assume that will be the case, so we'll have to wait and see, and make adjustments accordingly. Will that include a ban on dancing? Spacing tables or limiting attendance? Will mask-wearing still be required? We may not know for quite awhile. About the only change we know of now is that there will be a limited selection of German beers on tap, as we need to order some of the seasonal beers now so they can be shipped in time for our Oktoberfest (We're not going to order them in the same quantities as we typically do). We'll still have a great selection, but we may be missing some of our favorites!

Pencil in those dates for now, and we'll keep you all updated with any new information that comes our way! And hope for the best...

Mike Anderson

Oktoberfest Chairman

