

German-American Club

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



Weihnachten/Christmas

December 14, 2019

Please join us for our
traditional Christmas Party!

Share the holidays and hear
German music, enjoy a gourmet meal!

Reserve early!

(by Dec. 10th)

Ariose Choir!

Our guest choir will perform at 7:00

NOTE: meal served early at 6:00

Door opens at 5:30

(dessert to follow music performance)



Menu by Erika Tauriello:

Roast Beef fillet Au Jus

Pork Tenderloin w/Dried Cherry Compote

Potatoes Au Gratin

Vegetable Medley w/Lemon Butter

Baby Greens Salad w/ Cranberries & Pecans

Artisan Breads & Butter

Flourless Chocolate Cake w/Whipped Cream



\$15 members/\$20 nonmembers

Future of the Club Social

January 18, 2020
(2:00 in the afternoon)

**Free to all members and guests,
just bring your favorite dessert!**



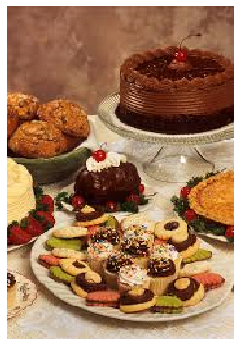
The question really is: Not if "your club needs you," but if you need your club.

The German-American Club of Santa Cruz has been around in one form or another since the 1860s. It might not continue. That fact makes the meeting on this afternoon one of the most important in the history of all those years.

The idea of our get-together is to have a friendly discussion about the future of the club, and what sort of future that should be with what activities, or whether it is time to disband as an organization. Your ideas and suggestions are of critical importance. Your presence at the meeting is a vote in favor of the club continuing, your absence is a vote of disinterest.



But this will also be a social where we can relax, talk, be honest, enjoy each other's company, AND sample each other's special desserts.



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Botschaft des Präsidenten/President's Message

Dear Members and Friends of our German-American Club:

Even with very few hands on board our club has had another somewhat successful year. Thanks and appreciation to all for your help and friendship. I wish to especially thank those who so generously opened their doors as hosts to musicians from the German band that visited us this past October. So thank you Dennis and Karen, Regina and David, Karen Wolf, Doris, Lindy and Joel, Mary Ann and Gary. Your hospitality was certainly very much appreciated by all.

Looking forward at the year 2020, unfortunately at this point in time it is unknown just what will happen with our club. It is necessary to review the club's viability in the future. Therefore it is urgent that everyone—members and nonmembers—attend the club social on January 18, 2020. We want to hear your vision for what our future might be. We welcome any suggestions and most of all would like to hear your willingness to be a part of this future, which is the basis for a functioning club.

My sincere good wishes to all for happy and joyful holidays and a peaceful New Year.

Traude Boisvert

Kurzberichte/Board Briefs

The club's executive board holds its business meetings at 7:30 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:

- ✓ **The annual special election meeting for members to the board, which normally would be held after the regular board meeting on December 16, 2019, was postponed until January 2020. The future of the club will then be more clear. See page 2.**
- ✓ **The full club schedule for 2020 has been left open. See page 2 for the reason why.**
- ✓ **The board emphasized the importance for all members and friends of the club to attend the January 2020 meeting. The direction and even existence of the club is at stake.**

Vorschau/Preview

Dec. 14: Christmas social. Door opens @ 5:30.

Dec. 16: Business meeting. 7:30 @ club hall.

2020

Jan. 18: Future of Club Social. 2:00 afternoon.

Jan. 27: Business meeting. All welcome.

Feb. 15:

Feb. 24: Business meeting.

Mar. 21:

Mar. 30: Business meeting.

Apr. 18:

Apr. 27: Business meeting.

May 16:

May 18: Business meeting.

June 20:

June 29: Business meeting.

Summer Break

July 27: Business meeting.

Aug. 31: Business meeting.

Sept. 19:

Sept. 28: Business meeting.

Oct. 17:

Oct. 26: Business meeting.

Nov. 21:

Nov. 30: Business meeting.

Dec. 19:

Dec. 28: Business meeting.

Info Ecke/Info Corner



Remember to make reservations for all social events.

Don't delay! 2020 membership renewals are due on January 1. The amount is \$25.00 per person. (New members pay an additional \$10.00 initiation fee.) Please mail a check to the German-American Club, using the Post Office box address on the front of this newsletter. Please pay by check. Benefits include reduced prices to the social events. For information about membership requirements or application forms, contact Doris Williamson at any social or phone 722-4476. Also see germanamericanclubsantacruz.com.

Be sweet and bring something sweet to share on January 18, 2020.



September Social

September 21, 2019



Yes, the food was delicious! See Traude's sample plate.



Mom Desiree with ever-growing Sander.



Kim gives Sander a ride.



Drei schöne Damen:

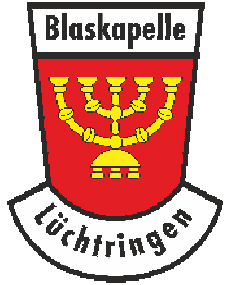
**Enkelin Sophia Garcia
Mutter Annette Garcia
Oma Charlotte Lopes
(Charlotte stammt aus Schweinfurt)**

October Social

October 13, 2019



The band entertained us for hours and the hall was packed full.



October Social

October 13, 2019



Dancing? Of course.



November Social

November 16, 2019



The movie begins, and after, the food begins with Traude in charge.



Above: Meisterin des Obstsalats. Left: The movie being discussed?



November Social

November 16, 2019



Above: Somebody has a birthday, Helga.
Above, right: Discussing the movie again?
Right: Sander is getting used to this German Club thing.



Rick remembers how to hold a little one.

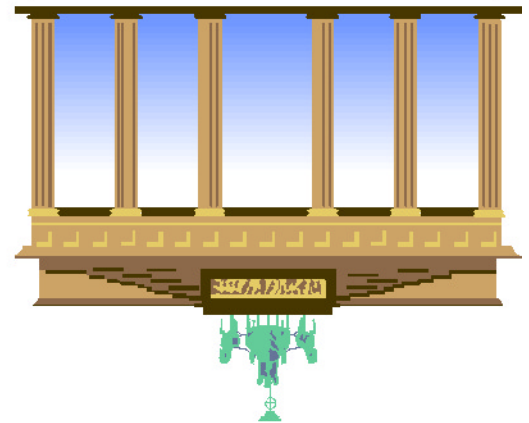
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since the 1860s preserving German
and European traditions
in our community

Membership Open to All



The club is now deciding whether to continue its
traditional existence.
Does anyone care?
(See page 2)

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