



Gold Country German American Club



P. O. Box 571, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Promoting German Culture and Stronger German-American Ties in Northern California

www.goldcountrygermanamericanclub.org



Next Meeting:

Friday, November 3, 2023, 6 p.m.

Three B's Night:

Bier, Brezeln, und Bratwurst

Seaman's Lodge, Nevada City, CA

Doors open at 5; Event at 6. Happening soon! Mark your calendar!

Our Language Learning Group will put on a Beer-Tasting event!

Beer tasting will cost \$5 (\$10 for guests)-- we need to charge this much to offset the cost of the imported beers and specialty items. After a short business meeting and announcements, the language group will present a slide show about the beers to be sampled, about the Deutsches Reinheitsgebot (beer purity law), and brewing science in general. We'll pass around some specimens of beer ingredients from our local home brew shop. Participants will receive souvenir beer sampling glasses and score cards, will sample several beers, each with its own distinctive flavor, and will render judgment. To "cleans the palate" between beer samples, tidbits of soft pretzels with European style butter, and authentic Bratwurst, Senf, und Gurken will be served. (This isn't a dinner -- just tasty little snacks, on toothpicks!) Our own docents will be there to answer your questions and dispense the goodies.

Please bring appetizers to share before the tasting and bring desserts to share afterwards! Also, bring guests! Note: Wine will be available for members who prefer wine.

Notes from the Board

Board Notes for November 2023

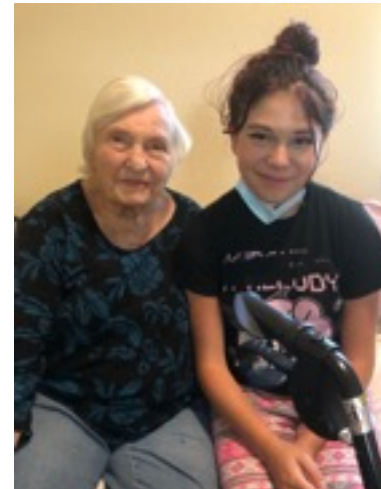
I have one very sad task to perform. One of our long time and much beloved members, Hildegard Kramer, passed away October 18th. As many of you know, Hildegard was raising her granddaughter Farrah alone. Before Hildegard's passing, a guardianship for Farrah was put in place to insure some continuity in her life. We will keep everyone up to date on memorial arrangements as soon as they are known. Please keep Hildegard and Farrah in your prayers.

It is also time to think about club officers for 2024. The election is held at the March general membership meeting. Membership meetings are traditionally held on the first Friday of the month. In 2024, the first Friday in March falls on March 1st. To meet the notification requirements in Article V, paragraph 4 of the club By-Laws, nominations need to be submitted no later than January 31, 2024. Nominations may be submitted to my email address, noted below.

Respectfully,
Mike Silence
President
silenced@alumni.csusb.edu

Obituaries

At every Club meeting, we could count on **Hildegard Kramer** to attend, along with her beloved granddaughter, Farrah. On October 18, Oma Hildegard passed away, and that saddens all of us. Her family in Gilroy, California, is planning a memorial service on November 4, and GCGAC members are welcome to come. More details will be emailed as the plans materialize.



We are sorry to report that a long time member of the Gold Country German-American Club, **Helga Ueberschaer**, died in September. The prior December, she suffered a fall and injury that led to pneumonia and her eventual passing away. Helga and her husband were members of the Club for many years, and although she let her membership lapse in 2017, we don't forget our long time members! Here is an old photo of Helga with Christel Denzler at Naturewood in Meadow Vista from about 1978. Auf Wiedersehen, Helga!



Activities



German Language Classes

Interested in learning German? There is **only one** (as indicated by Herr Erhobenem Zeigefinger at left) place in Nevada County to take classes, and that is RIGHT HERE at the Gold Country German-American Club!

Classes are FREE with club membership.

The Beginning level class is on hiatus.

The Intermediate Class is taught by Erica Meier. The class is about 60 pages into another German murder mystery novel, *Blutiger Verrat* by Dörte Jensen; It's always a good time to jump on board, if you're interested! The study of mind-bending German grammar is ongoing; Party food and social lubricant make it easier.

Intermediate class sessions take place in person at various class members' homes.

For more information, call Erica at (619) 335-6499

Conversational German Group

Servus! The Conversational German Class is taking November off. Normally they meet from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Christa Benson's place on second Wednesday of the month at 10078 Grinding Rock Dr. Grass Valley. If you're interested in German conversation, call Christa at 530-913-1836.

Kristina Wetherbee needs **photos** to paste on the club's Facebook page! Please contact her with any GCGAC-related photos such as recent hikes, holiday parties, friends, anything she might use.

Also,

We are still looking for a place where we could **practice** German folk **dancing** twice per month.

Who wouldn't want one of these for Christmas? Next month's newsletter!





Origins of the Black-Red-Gold German flag. This, from an article written by Manfred Teilig in the October, 2022 *Orden der Hermanns-Söhne* newsletter, forwarded by Elinor Barnes: First record of these colors used as a flag were in what is now Thuringia in 1558. In 1815, students at the university there adopted the colors to encourage German unity. At the end of World War I and the end of imperial Germany in 1918, the Weimarer Republik used this flag. Fifteen years later, the Nazis brought in their own distinctive flag. After they were defeated, the country once again adopted the Black-Red-Gold flag.



Redwoods National and State Park
in Humboldt County



Humboldt County, California,
surrounding Eureka



Baron Alexander von Humboldt,
the namesake

Humboldt. In the northern part of California, on the coast, is Humboldt County. The county was named after Baron Alexander von Humboldt, who was a German naturalist and explorer in the early 19th century. He made arduous scientific expeditions to South America and Mexico, cataloging species of plants, meteorological data, study of ocean currents, volcanoes, and geology. However, he never visited the place in California that is named after him. Instead, Douglass Ottinger and Hans Buhne, other naturalists exploring the northern California coast in 1850, named the bay they discovered in honor of Humboldt. The name was later applied to the county as a whole. Humboldt was a true Renaissance Man of great integrity. He was friends with Goethe and Mendelssohn, and many other scholars of the day. He promoted and used the scientific method when it was still a new concept. No wonder California State Polytechnic University Humboldt is named after him.

Upcoming Events

Be on the lookout for...

This Month:

- November-3: Club meeting: Beer tasting party at Seaman's Lodge. See p.1.
- November-6: Intermediate Language Class, see p. 5
- November-9: Possible Happy Wanderer's Hike, TBA
- November-14: Board of Directors' Meeting, see p. 7
- November-20: Intermediate Language Class, see p. 5

Tentative Plans for 2023:

December 1 = Christmas Holiday Dinner



November Birthdays

November 12	David Emanuel
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November 19	Sharon Hollis
November 23	Agnes Walker

Tune to KNCO Radio AM 830, weekdays at 7:50 a.m. to hear your birthday greeting from GCGAC!

Gute Besserung



Bis jetzt sind noch Alle gesund 🍷



At the recent Oktoberfest, our Alpine Dancers: Karen Clark, Tom Dyer, Kristina and Marc Wetherbee, Larry White and Susanne Bader. They also danced at the Lake Wildwood Oktoberfest. Photos by Elany Prusa.



HAPPY WANDERERS' HIKING GROUP

The hiking group went to Rowton Peak which is east of the Serene Lakes in Soda Springs. The trail wanders up through some woods, then comes out on a spectacular ridge overlooking the giant American River Canyon. After a mile or so we climbed a few more feet to Rowton Peak with all its windswept beauty. There is an ammo box at the top which holds a large assortment of interesting items, let's just say that many situations have been considered. One should always be prepared. Then down a somewhat steeper slope along some unusual geologic formations and then through a bit more forest. Alert mycologist Sharon Hollis spotted some deathcaps, very large when they open up. This hike is five miles and is most pleasant.

The last hike of the season will be on Thursday, October 26. This will take place off of Bowman Road. We will hike towards the Emerald Pools, then up the canyon to Lake Spaulding. It is about three miles one way. We will have our potluck meal at the picnic grounds by the Discover park owned by PG and E. Fred and Karen and Karen's sister are not going on the hike but have kindly offered to set up the picnic tables for our return. What a treat! I am hoping we will be to the picnic grounds by 1:00 pm.

questions? susan.vogt@comcast.net



Amanita Phalloides mushroom,
aka Death Cap. Do not eat.



Agnes Walker, Kathleen Kelly, Tom Dyer, Karen Clark,
and Ron Shaffer on the hike to Barker Pass on August
24. Photos by Aeron Davis.



Enjoying the scenery during the lunch *Pause*.

Teutonic Technology: World Acceleration Record Achieved by Students in Zurich, Switzerland

This little vehicle, barely bigger than a go-kart, is powered by batteries that produce about 326 horsepower at its wheels. Students at Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, from ETH (*Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule*) Zurich, and from Academic Motorsports Club Zurich combined efforts to build this tiny dragster that can accelerate from zero to 100 km/hr, 62.15 mph, with a driver on board, in less than one second, setting the world record for acceleration by an electric vehicle in the Guinness Book of



Records. The students named the vehicle "Mythen." What does that mean? Slingshot? The acceleration is approximately 2.75 G's. This is less than produced by top fuel dragsters, but the Mythen doesn't make clouds of acid exhaust from flaming pipes, nor ear-splitting noise the way that dragsters do. Mythen is 4WD, and it uses cute little racing "slicks" on all four wheels. It achieves its 100 km/hr speed after traveling 12.3 meters and doesn't need a parachute to slow down. The record beats one set by students at University of Stuttgart in 2022.

GCGAC Board of Directors

Officers (Elected -- 5 votes):

President: Mike Silence	(909) 496-6468
Vice President: Kristina Wetherbee	(916) 955-2878
Secretary: Ron Shaffer	(714) 315-5754
Treasurer: Lou Ann Schwartz	(530) 432-0690
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Directors (Appointed):

Membership: Susan Vogt	(530) 432-0594
Dance: Kristina Wetherbee	(916) 955-2878
Happy Wanderers: TBD	
Newsletter: Paul Trethewey	(530) 265-0763
Publicity: to be filled	
German Language:	
Conversational: Christa Benson	(530) 913-1836
Intermediate: Erica Meier	(619) 335-6499
Beginning: Susanne Bader	(510) 282-0721

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on :

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

by

Zoom Conference Call

GCGAC Committee Chairs (appointed, non-voting)

Refreshments: Volunteers	
Get Well & Sunshine:	
Christel Denzler	(916) 409-5413
Kaffee & Kuchen: TBD	
Inter-Club Liaison: Hank Stoffel	(530) 269-3137
Webmaster: Paul Trethewey	(530) 265-0763
Property: Dennis Naumann	(530) 477-1622
Historian: Chrysan Silence	(909) 496-8776
Facebook Team: Kristina Wetherbee	(916) 955-2878
& Elany Prusa	(530) 432-8736

Be sure to check out the official club web page! It has all kinds of interesting stuff, including photo galleries, links, and prior newsletters. It's located at:

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