



# Gold Country German American Club



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

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## Next Event: Friday, August 2 Stammtisch at BrewBilt Brewhaus in Nevada City

Date and Time: Friday, August 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Place: BrewBilt Brewhaus, 300 Spring Street, Nevada City, CA.

What it is: Many of us came to the Stammtisch in Grass Valley last April. It was a royal hoot! We reserved a couple tables, enjoyed some micro-brewery beer and food items, chatted, and had a great time. We're going to spread the wealth and do the same at BrewHaus in Nevada City in August. This Stammtisch is planned for outdoor seating, on the east side of the brew house (in the shade). It will be balmy, according to extended forecasts. We plan to bring a large sign, visible to passers-by on Spring Street, announcing that we are the Gold Country German-American Club, and that we are "adjudicating" the beer at BrewBilt BrewHaus. The photo below is a view from the Spring Street side.



BrewBilt BrewHaus in Nevada City.  
Proposed shaded seating area is at right of photo.



## Notes from the Board

### Board Notes for August 2024

The Club meeting on Friday, August 2nd will be a Stammtisch at the BrewHaus. The BrewHaus is located at 300 Spring Street in Nevada City. The warm August nights should make for some good Gemütlichkeit in their outdoor seating area.

The old club storage trailer on Dennis Naumann's property has been demolished. The trailer was struck by a falling tree in the last big snow storm and was damaged beyond repair. Many thanks to Dennis Naumann, Paul Trethewey, and Larry White for their labors in accomplishing the task.

On Saturday, September 21st our annual Oktoberfest celebration will be held at Seaman's Lodge. The celebration is in the planning stage and more information will be sent out as the plans finalize.

Respectfully,  
Mike Silence  
President

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### **Margot Schulze**

It is with sadness that we report the passing away of Margot Schulze on July 18, 2024. Margot was an active and energetic Club member for many years and was known and loved by all of us. She moved out of the area in 2022, but maintained Club membership and contact. Club member Susanne Bader is Margot's sister. In a future edition of this newsletter she will be able to provide a photo and some memories of Margot and any plans for a memorial service or Celebration of Life. Our hearts go out to you, Susanne, for the loss of your beloved sister. Herzliches Beileid.



**Why is Bavarian Cream called Bavarian Cream?** According to web sources, the original Bavarian Cream was made by a French pastry chef named Antonin Carême in the early 18th century. The dessert was named in honor of a visiting potentate from Bavaria. The stuff is also known by the French as Crème Bavaise, which originated as Crème Anglaise, suggesting it is actually of English origin. There are two versions of the dessert, too. One has the consistency of custard or gelatine that is set in molds. The other is Bavarian cream filling, which is used for filling donuts and other pastries, and is more properly called "diplomat cream." Confused, yet? Bavarian cream is so smooth and delicious, everybody wants to claim credit for it.

## 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 nearly finished with 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 August 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.



**Our dancers** are up and running! (Well, dancing, actually.) 😊 We now have 5 couples in the dance group and now is the time to join if you're interested! We're teaching some beginning dances and reviewing older ones. Practices are usually Tuesday evenings, about every other week. See "Upcoming Events" on page 5. Please contact Kristina Wetherbee, (916) 955-2878, for more information.





## HAPPY WANDERERS' HIKING



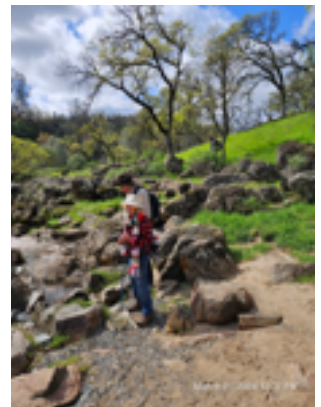
Hikers, mark your calendar for Thursday July 25. We are considering going to Barker Pass, which is on the west side of Tahoe. We are thinking it may be very hot at lower elevations. The hike is about 6 miles round trip and would be considered moderate. The drive is long, we would meet at 0700 at the Rood Center with food, water, layers of clothing.

Please let me know if you would be interested in this hike. Any car can make it. Well, one that runs!

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There were no photos from July hikes, so here are some photos from hikes earlier in the year.



# Upcoming Events

Be on the lookout for...



## This Month:

Aug-2: Stammtisch at BrewHaus Nevada City, see p.1  
 Aug-5: Intermediate Language Class, see p. 3  
 Aug-6: Board of Directors' Meeting, see p. 7  
 Aug-8: Happy Wanderer's Hike, see p. 4.  
 Aug-13: Alpine Dance Practice at Kristina's see p. 3  
 Aug-19: Intermediate Language Class, see p. 3  
 Aug-22: Happy Wanderer's Hike, see p. 4.  
 Aug-27: Alpine Dance Practice at Kristina's see p. 3

## August Birthdays

August 1	Karen Clark
August 2	Paulette Berquist
August 2	Lilly Sackl
August 6	Bob Foster
August 8	Tom Dyer
August 14	June Anderson
August 19	Richard Fuller

## Tentative Plans for 2024:

Sept-21: Oktoberfest party at Seaman's Lodge  
 Dec-6: Christmas Holiday Dinner at Seaman's Lodge  
 We ought to plan something for November!

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



## Gute Besserung

Alle sind gesund  
und munter.



Repeat of last month's call for help: **Alpine Dancers** need the help of someone who has a talent for **sewing**. We have new members in the dance group, we have costumes in storage at Dennis Naumann's place, but we need some of the costumes (2 Dirndls and 3 guys' outfits) to be altered or tailored to the new dancers. Please put on a thimble and help! Contact Kristina Wetherbee for more information, (916) 955-2878.

Kristina reports that the costumes have already been thoughtfully designed so that they are easy to alter, but safety pins alone won't do the job.



## Unsere Leute

**Dr. Ruth Westheimer**, pioneer sex therapist, died just recently on July 13, 2024. She was born Karola Ruth Siegel in 1928 in Wiesenfeld, Germany, to an orthodox Jewish family. During the rise to power of the Nazis in the 1930's, her grandmother and mother sent her to Switzerland on the *Kindertransport*, an organized Jewish children's rescue train. Her family who remained in Germany were all killed by the Nazis. After the war, Ruth immigrated to the newly formed state of Israel, and in 1950, married and moved to France at age 22. She divorced 5 years later and immigrated to the US with her French boyfriend, Dan Bommer, and settled in New York, married and divorced again. As a single parent, she worked as a maid to put herself through graduate school. In 1961, she married Manfred Westheimer. In 1965, she became a naturalized US citizen. After earning her degree, she worked at several hospitals as a sex therapist and lectured at universities on human sexuality.

In 1980, just about the time when the Baby Boomers entered their sexually-active years, Westheimer's media career began with a call-in radio show from New York called *Sexually Speaking*. By 1983, the show had become the top rated show in the country's largest radio market. In 1985, she launched *The Dr. Ruth Show* on television, which attracted 2 million viewers per week. *The New York Times* reported that she had risen "from obscurity to almost instant stardom." She had come along at the right time to talk openly and candidly about sex and sexuality on the radio and television. She became known as "Grandma Freud" and answered questions seriously, while being funny, warm, cheerful, and respectful. She advocated sex, but not rape, not one night stands, and not pedophilia. She educated listeners about sexually-transmitted diseases, contraception, abortion when contraception fails, AIDS, and all sorts of formerly-taboo subjects of a sexual nature. She appeared on dozens of TV shows as a guest.



**Dr. Ruth Westheimer at GAMHOF 2017 Ceremony**

Westheimer authored 45 books on sex and sexuality. Awards earned include Radio Hall of Fame, Magnus Hirschfeld Medal, Ellis Island Medal of Honor, Leo Baeck Medal, Planned Parenthood Margaret Sanger Award, and Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

In 2017, as shown in photo at left, Ruth Westheimer was inducted into the German-American Hall of Fame.



# German-American Technology -- The Teletype



Teletype Corporation's new Model 33 Automatic Send-Receive Set  
Picture through courtesy of Teletype Corporation

**Edward Ernst Kleinschmidt** was born in Bremen, Germany, in 1876 and immigrated to the United States with his family in 1884. During his career as an engineer, he was awarded 118 patents and was one of the principal inventors of what is known as the Teletype. The Teletype was the first practical device to transmit and receive text through telephone lines, and from the 1940's until the dawn of the computer age, it was used by newsrooms, the military, stock exchanges, police, and many businesses. In its day, at 100 words per minute, it was the fastest method of sending a printed message. Kleinschmidt's inventions in the early twentieth century involved making telegraphy faster and more reliable, and using paper tape to store telegraph messages as a series of punched holes in the tape. Similar paper tape is visible in the photo at left. Each letter character was represented as a coded pattern of holes, and over the years, those coded patterns evolved into the ASCII standard code used in serial communications today. So, USB and Ethernet use serial coding schemes that can be traced to the work of Edward Ernst Kleinschmidt.

## GCGAC Board of Directors

### Officers (Elected -- 5 votes):

President: Mike Silence	(909) 496-6468
Vice President: Kristina Wetherbee	(916) 955-2878
Secretary: Chrysan Silence	(909) 496-8776
Treasurer: Lou Ann Schwartz	(530) 432-0690
Program: Rebecca Claus	(916) 710-0033

### Directors (Appointed):

Membership: Susan Vogt	(530) 432-0594
Dance: Kristina Wetherbee	(916) 955-2878
Happy Wanderers: VACANT	
Newsletter: Paul Trethewey	(530) 265-0763
Publicity: VACANT	
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, August 6, 2024, 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: VACANT

Inter-Club Liaison: VACANT

Webmaster: Paul Trethewey (530) 265-0763

Property: Dennis Naumann (530) 477-1622

Historian: Chrysan Silence (909) 496-8776

Facebook: Kristina Wetherbee (916) 955-2878

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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