



# 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](http://www.goldcountrygermanamericanclub.org)

## Next Meeting: Saturday, June 1 Summer Picnic



Our annual **Summer Picnic** will be held on June 1 at Condon Park in Grass Valley. Setup (please come and help) will begin at 11 am. Brats and water to be provided by the Club. Members are asked to bring appetizers, sides, and desserts. Traditional German foods are most appreciated at this event. BYOB! Games, music and gemütlichkeit will be enjoyed by members and guests. Anyone offering to make music at the picnic is welcome to do so. Dress in layers, the weather might change. FOR THE VOLUNTEER WORK THAT GOES INTO THESE EVENTS OFFERED AT YOUR CLUB, YOUR APPRECIATION CAN BE SHOWN BY YOUR ATTENDANCE!

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## Notes from the Board

Mike Silence is presently unavailable, so in his absence, we will report this:

The Club's Summer Picnic will be at Condon Park in Grass Valley, at the barbecue pavilion there. Bring your own beverage. Details are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

Fourth of July Parade: We are confirmed by the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce to have a place in the parade, ostensibly near the front of the procession. A theme for the parade has not been decided, but there will be a notice to all participants when that decision is made. Our parade float (the "Chalet") has been taken out of storage at John and Mary Jean Muff's barn, and will be towed to the Rood Center on the morning of the parade for decorating. Please participate in preparing the float and in marching in the parade! It's publicity for the Club and sometimes attracts new members.

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## Unsere Leute



New Member, **Patricia Dodd** writes:

"I'm a retired Bay Area speech therapist.  
Moved to Grass Valley cohousing in 2019.  
After being released from COVID sequestration,  
I've been hiking, dancing and doing improv.  
Seeking more play."

We should all be seeking more play! If you see Patricia on a hike or at the annual picnic, or wherever, say hi and welcome to the Club!

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**Elisabeth Kübler-Ross** is not a member of the GCGAC, but rather was a Swiss-born American psychiatrist who became well-known for her books on death and dying and is credited with defining the Five Stages of Grief, also known as the "Kübler-Ross Model." According to the model, those experiencing grief go through five emotions: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. More important than this is that Kübler-Ross was a driving force for doctors to treat terminally ill and dying patients with dignity. She was a pioneer of hospice care, palliative care, bioethics, and near-death research. She wrote more than twenty books on death and dying, which were translated into 44 languages. She, herself, stated that she was ready for death and even welcomed it after suffering a debilitating stroke, calling God a "damned procrastinator." Swiss humor?



## 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 110 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 June 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 GROUP



On Thursday 25 April a nice sized group of us headed up the the Second Divide trail which is north of Downieville.



This trail heads off the Pauley creek, more of a raging river at this time of year, and ends at a junction at which one can head back down another river along the third divide and go back to Downieville, but we did not go that far. We stopped for lunch at a little mining claim cabin and enjoyed the serenity of the woods. We saw dozens of Spring Orange Peel Fungus, or *Calosypha fulgens* along the sides of the trail as we meandered back down the way we had come up.

Sadly, the ice cream store in town was not yet open for the season, but there are always It's It bars available in North San Juan, along with other treats.

May 09 found us walking along the Gracie Ditch Trail outside of Nevada City. This is almost completely flat and our rather large group was strung out over it seems like a quarter of a mile. Some of the folks that I saw at the car park I never saw again. And some of us headed over to The Northridge for an early lunch, the Popeye Pizza is my personal favorite.

See you on the trail soon!



Pre-hike gathering in parking lot at Gracie Trail



Taking a break at the little mining cabin at Second Divide

# Upcoming Events

Be on the lookout for...



## This Month:

June-1: Club Meeting: Summer Picnic! See p.1.  
 June-3: Intermediate Language Class, see p. 3  
 June-4: Board of Directors' Meeting, see p. 7  
 June-6: Happy Wanderer's Hike  
 June-11: Alpine Dance Practice at Kristina's see p. 3  
 June-20: Possible Happy Wanderer's Hike, TBA  
 June-21: Alpine Dance Practice at Kristina's see p. 3  
 June-24: Intermediate Language Class, see p. 3

## June Birthdays

June 1	Dennis Naumann
June 4	Martin Vogt
June 7	David Moss
June 12	Susanne Bader
June 21	Christel Denzler
June 30	Kirsten Hebert
June 30	Lynn Knoll

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

## Tentative Plans for 2024:

July 4: Fourth of July Parade  
 Sept-21: Oktoberfest party at Seaman's Lodge



## Gute Besserung

Niemand?

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.

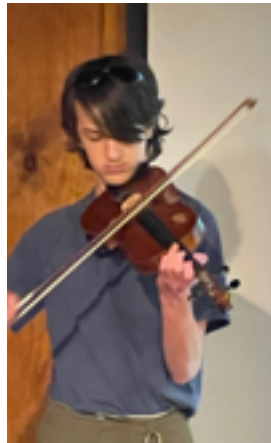
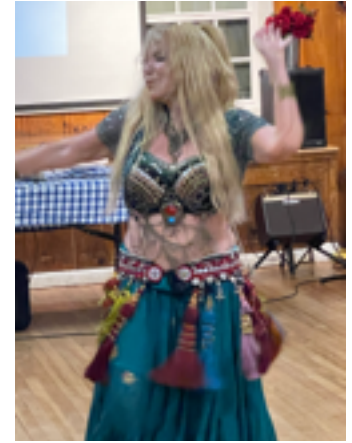
## Our Talent Show!



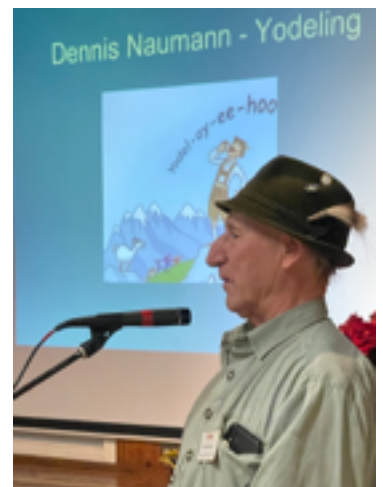
There was dancing and music-making, sing-along, and even a yodeling lesson!

Susanne Bader took first prize with her exotic belly-dancing. Congrats, Susanne!

Below: The Alpine Dancers just keep getting better!



Right: Nicholas Wetherbee, violin; Susanne dancing flamenco, Phil Missimore on guitar and vocals.



Tom Dyer and Karen Clark doing salsa; Paul Trethewey on sax; Rudy Darling leading a German sing-along, and Dennis Naumann sharing his yodeling talent. If you didn't come to this show, you missed out!





## Fred Herrmann's Memorial

1936 – 2024



**Sunday, June 2 at 2:00**

Peace Lutheran Church event hall  
828 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Light lunch and refreshments will be served

*(If you would like to say a few words let us know)*

### 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: TBD

#### 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, June 4, 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: Hank Stoffel (530) 269-3137  
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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