



# 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: Friday, April 7, 2017, Seaman's Lodge,  
doors open 6:00 p.m.**

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

Beer tasting will cost \$5 -- 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. Participants will receive souvenir beer sampling glasses and score cards, will sample five (5) beers, each with its own distinctive flavor, and will render judgment. To "cleanse the palate" between beer samples, tidbits of soft pretzels with European style butter, Kartoffelpuffer with Quark and Apfelmus, and genuine German Weißwurst, 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!

## Notes from the Board

At the Annual Meeting of the Gold Country German-American Club on March 3, the 2017 Board of Directors was elected. The only new member is John Hettrich, Program Director, replacing Leslie Parker. Welcome John and a hardy thank you to Leslie for all her hard work in 2016.

Last year the language groups hosted our April meeting and held a wine tasting that was fantastic. This year they will outdo themselves with a Bierprobe (beer tasting) on April 7. Don't miss it!

There will be printed copies of the full roster at each meeting. If you would like a PDF copy, please send a request to Bob Scheetz – [bobscheetz@gmail.com](mailto:bobscheetz@gmail.com). Shortly, we will publish rosters for Hiking, Dancing and Language.

Club annual dues for 2017 were due by March 1. If you haven't yet paid, you can mail a check to our PO Box (in this newsletter) or bring your payment to the April 12 meeting.

**Your Board would like to receive feedback from you – questions, comments, suggestions, criticism, complements, etc. Send an email to any board member.**

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|------------------|----------------|--|
| President        | Bob Scheetz    | <a href="mailto:bobscheetz@gmail.com">bobscheetz@gmail.com</a>           |
| Vice-president   | Dave Emanuel   | <a href="mailto:daveandjess50@comcast.net">daveandjess50@comcast.net</a> |
| Treasurer        | Christa Benson | <a href="mailto:cbenson1@suddenlink.net">cbenson1@suddenlink.net</a>     |
| Secretary        | Dave Moss      | <a href="mailto:modavek@aol.com">modavek@aol.com</a>                     |
| Program Director | John Hettrich  | <a href="mailto:jhettrich@gmail.com">jhettrich@gmail.com</a>             |



Dear Friends and Club Members,

We want to thank you all for the many get-well, encouraging and wonderful condolence cards, calls, visits and flowers. They meant so much and greatly appreciated by us all.

We are deeply touched by all your words of condolence and sympathy during our time of loss of our father/husband Cecil. He so loved the European countries, people and customs and due to his job as international top security inspector he met and saw a lot of them.

Your kind words are of great comfort to us as we try to come to terms with our father/husband's death.

Thank you,

Maria, Eve & Richard, Ernest & Susan, Amanda, Richard Johann, Brook,  
grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren

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## Activities

The **Alpine Dancers'** practices at the Moss residence will resume in April 2017. For those who may wish to learn the German/Austrian folk dances, call Kristina Wetherbee 432-9941 or Christa Benson 272-6095 to schedule practices.

David Moss  
Alpine Dancer's Director 432-2236



### 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 under the direction of Rebecca Claus; Intermediate level is taught by Erica Meier. These two classes assemble at various class members' homes. For more information, call Rebecca at (916) 710-0033.

## CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN GROUP

The advanced German Class will meet at Christa's April 4, 2017 from 4 until 6 p.m. Please call her at 530-272-6095 or e-mail at [cbenson1@suddenlink.net](mailto:cbenson1@suddenlink.net) if you wish to participate or not.

If you are interested in joining the class, please call Christa.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL,  
Christa

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:

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

**April Birthdays**

- April 4 Jan Guevel
- April 8 Laszlo Privari
- April 17 Elinor Barnes
- April 19 Rina Baker
- April 22 Roger Smith
- April 26 Christel Hermansen
- April 26 Paul Trethewey

Tune to KNCO Radio AM 830, weekdays at 7:50 a.m. and 5:50 p.m. to hear your birthday greeting from GCGAC!

**Gute Besserung**

- Maria Caballero
- Otto Schulze
- Christa Benson
- Fini Hackl



Please notify Christel Denzler when you are well or when you want to be taken off the Gute Besserung list. Thank you!



Above: Alpine gentians from Lilli Sackl's garden

**and, did you know --**

Here is a clipping from the Grass Valley *Union* newspaper about one of our club members. Many of you know Bill as the founder of the Happy Wanderers hiking group. He really knew his trails!



Bear Yuba Land Trust recognized Ted Beedy as a lifetime conservationist with the "William Nickerl Award for Conservation Leadership" during the annual Oak Tree Bash held last Tuesday.



# Upcoming Events:



## This Month:

**April 4, 2017**

Conversational German at Christa Benson's. See page 3.

**April 6, 2017**

Happy Wanderer's Hike. Independence Trail. See page 6.

**April 7, 2017**

Club Meeting: Beer Sampling Party. See page 1.

**April 10, 2017**

Beginning/Intermediate German Language Class at Mike Silence's. See page 3

**April 12, 2017**

Board of Directors Meeting. 4 p.m. at Bret Harte.

**April 13, 2017**

Happy Wanderer's Hike. Stage Coach Trail. See page 6.

**April 17, 2017**

Beginning/Intermediate German Language Class at TBD. See page 3.

**April 20, 2017**

Happy Wanderer's Hike. Bridgeport/Englebright. See page 6.

**April 27, 2017**

Happy Wanderer's Hike. Quarry Trail. See page 6.

## Coming Soon, Keep a Look Out:

from our Program Director

**May 5** – May Day, Der Erste Mai

Meeting Directors: Dancers

**June 17** -- Annual Summer Picnic will be at Condon Park in Grass Valley this year!

**July 4** -- Parade in Grass Valley

Comments and suggestions please!! See Board of Directors contact info below.

## GERMAN MUSIC – SUNDAY MORNING

For 2 hours each and every Sunday morning, you can listen to German music, both old and new tunes. Our friend Silvia, who lives in Las Vegas, is the radio host for this program. She has run this program for many, many years. Every Sunday from 10 am till 12 noon.

[www.streema.com/radios/play/12837](http://www.streema.com/radios/play/12837)

Turn on your speaker and enjoy!

Fred and Karen





## HAPPY WANDERERS - APRIL HIKING SCHEDULE

### **April 6**

#### **Independence Trail followed by Ananda's tulip extravaganza**

The trail is approximately 4 miles long with a short, very steep uphill at the end.

We eat our lunch at the Yuba River.

After the hike we have the choice to drive over to the 'Ananda Village' to view 12000 tulips in full bloom. A sight not to be missed – fantastic!

There is a \$5.- fee

We meet at the Government Center in Nevada City 9:00 am

### **April 13.**

#### **Stage Coach Trail** at the American River.

We start at the Confluence - go up the hill - eventually cross #49 and go downhill to the old railroad grade and back across the "No-Hands-Bridge"

We hike on the sunny side of the canyon – 4.5 miles and of medium difficulty

We meet in Auburn at the "Grocery Outlet" 9:00 am

Remember to park along #49 up-the-hill to avoid paying the \$10.- fee ..... The hike ends there.

### **April 20.**

#### **Bridgeport / Englebright**

We start out by hiking the Buttermilk Trail in and out - 2 miles. Bring your cameras!

We continue for another 3 miles hiking up over a rather steep hill and down to Lake Englebright, where we have lunch, and we return along the Yuba River.

App. 5 miles long and medium difficulty.

We meet at "Park&Ride" at the intersection of Highway #20 and Pleasant Valley Rd. (Lake Wildwood turnoff) at 9:00 am.

We all meet at Bridgeport parking lot across the bridge 9:30 am

\$5.- parking fee

### **April 27.**

#### **Quarry Trail**

We start hiking along the American River on the Quarry Trail. Then up the hill around the quarry - crossing #49 and then back down to the highway, close to where our cars are parked.

This hike is app. 5 miles. The first mile or so along the river is totally level and could be done as a short hike.

Continuing the hike is of medium difficulty.

In order to save the \$10.- parking fee, we can park along the #49 and walk across the street, past the official parking area to start the hike.

We meet in Auburn at the Grocery Outlet 9:00 am

If you are not a regular hiker with the group, and would like to hike with us, call Fred 346-7392 first, since the hike might have changed for various reasons.



Above: Happy Wanderers, on left side of temporary fence, taking photos of large herd of goats during the hike at Rincon del Rio on March 16. A few moments after this photo was taken, the goats broke through the temporary fence in pursuit of greener grass on the other side. Rincon del Rio owners allow goats to graze, calling them four-legged lawn mowers.

**GCGAC Board of Directors**

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

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| President: Bob Scheetz        | (925) 518-9626 |
| Vice President: David Emanuel | 272-2017       |
| Secretary: David Moss         | 432-2236       |
| Treasurer: Christa Benson     | 272-6095       |
| Program: John Hettrich        | (650) 207-3681 |

**Directors (Appointed):**

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Membership: Susanne Bader              | 510-282-0721   |
| Dance: Dave Moss                       | 432-2236       |
| Happy Wanderers: Fred & Karen Herrmann | 346-7392       |
| Newsletter: Paul Trethewey             | 265-0763       |
| Publicity: to be filled                |                |
| German Language:                       |                |
| Conversational: Christa Benson         | 272-6095       |
| Beg/Intermediate: Rebecca Claus        | (916) 710-0033 |

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on :

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 4:00 p.m. at  
Bret Harte Inn, Grass Valley, CA**

**GCGAC Committee Chairs (appointed, non-voting)**

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Refreshments: Volunteers         |                |
| Get Well & Sunshine:             |                |
| Christel Denzler                 | 878-0504       |
| Annaliese Grasshof               | (916) 783-5411 |
| Kaffee & Kuchen: TBD             |                |
| Inter-Club Liaison: Hank Stoffel | 269-3137       |
| Webmaster: Paul Trethewey        | 265-0763       |
| Property: Dennis Naumann         | 477-1622       |
| Historian: Kristina Wetherbee    | 432-9941       |

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