



Gold Country German American Club



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

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We're Still Hiking!!

Here's a description from an earlier (2017!) newsletter for the Happy Wanderers hike that Sue Vogt is planning to lead on Thursday, September 23:

Mount Judah

This is one of our favorite hikes - challenging but beautiful. We hike along Pacific Crest Trail (P.C.T.) from the old Donner Pass on the old highway #40 to Roller Pass and up to the top of Mount Judah, where we have lunch with a 360 degree view. We hike on to Cold Stream Pass and a little optional side trip to Donner peak with another great view over Donner Lake. This is a 6.5 mile strenuous hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 feet. First section is uphill on a rocky trail. Paved to the trailhead.

-- Fred and Karen Herrmann

See more details about this hike on page 3 of this newsletter.

Oktoberfest 2021

didn't happen! The usual jewel in the crown of our yearly activities was once again shoved aside because of concerns about possible spreading of the contagious Delta Variant of the covid-19 virus at an indoor setting. This is so disappointing!

Unsere Leute

New Members! Welcome aboard, new members **Pamela and Urban Janssen!** They're interested in hiking, dancing, and language -- everything we do!



You're already too late to buy a limited-edition (500 only) of this Angela Merkel Teddy Bear offered by German plush toy manufacturer Herman-Coburg.

They have sold out! The 38 cm-high teddy bear features a likeness of Merkel's bobbed blonde hair style, her red blazer, a necklace of beads the colors of the Bundesflagge, and Merkel's iconic "rhombus" hand gesture, formed by her thumbs and forefingers. The bear honors Frau Merkel's 16-year stint as Chancellor from 2005 until her present retirement in 2021.



Like prints from great artists, this teddy bear's foot bears the identification below, showing salient information about the piece and its copy number within the edition. This one is number 001 of 500.



This modest 4,200 square foot southern mansion in Cohutta, Georgia is the new residence of a former President of our club. The house is mostly made of fire resistant brick, which we in fire prone Nevada County are so envious of. New owner says there is plenty of room for visiting guests. Any takers?



HAPPY WANDERERS' HIKING GROUP



Dear Gold Country German American Club hikers,

I am considering leading some hikes for the club and am trying to determine how many members are interested in hiking with this group.

I propose having hikes the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Distance would be 4-7 miles. Difficulty moderate.

There has been interest in easier hikes a bit closer to home as well. I think this is a great idea and would love for someone to spearhead this group.

It could be the 1st and/or 3rd Thursday of the month, or actually, any day the leader wants to have it.

Hikers would need to be vaccinated for covid-19.

Wearing masks in vehicles encouraged, drivers may require it.

Every trip leader should have an assistant, usually a sweep at the rear. Any club member can be a leader, should be familiar with the trail.

If the forests open up this week, I would propose a hike on the Mt Judah Loop. See Fred and Karen's description in this newsletter. **Meet at the Rood Center at 0800 on Thursday Sep 23**, we will leave shortly after. RSVP to susan.vogt@comcast.net so I will know who to expect.

Since Paul sent this notice out to the hikers over the weekend I have had about a dozen responses, I know there are more of you out there.

Let me know your thoughts

Happily wandering, Sue

A Visit to the San Francisco Tourist Club



Club member **Dennis Naumann** arranged for a couple of guests, GCGAC members **Laurenz Dehondt** and **Paul Trethewey**, to visit the renowned Naturfreunde chalet, aka the San Francisco Tourist Club, near Mt. Tamalpais. Dennis has a long term relationship with this exclusive club. (For some background, see our August newsletter.) Thanks to caretaker Dave Buchanan for taking an hour out of his busy schedule to entertain us, show us around, chat amicably, and dispense some German beer. Laurenz and Paul were having lunch on the deck, enjoying the view on Thursday, September 9, when it started to rain. In the photo above, they're holding out their hands to catch the raindrops. After the months of drought we have experienced in Nevada County, this was amazing -- almost magical!

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.

A Beginning level class meets on second and fourth Mondays of the month under the direction of Susanne Bader at her cozy house in Grass Valley.

The Intermediate Class is taught by Erica Meier. The class is underway reading a German murder mystery novel, *Blutige Affäre* by Dörte Jensen, and studying some mind-bending German grammar. Intermediate students assemble in person at various class members' homes, now that members have become vaccinated.

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

Conversational German Group

Greetings! The Conversational German Class will meet Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 10078 Grinding Rock Dr. Grass Valley. Call me if interested to join the group at 530-913-1836. See you at 2 p.m. Aug. 10th. -- Christa.



Activity: Make some pickles unlike those available in stores. Pretend you are making *Spreewald Gurken* from Germany! The recipe on the web site below yielded pickles that garnered high praise from Mike Silence because they are spicy-hot and full of garlic. The individual spices are available at Briar Patch Co-op, who also offer pre-mixed pickling spice. Substitutions: Instead of Thai red peppers, try using yellow Habanero peppers from SPD Market, one per jar. Note: The longer the habaneros stay in the jar with the cucumbers, the hotter the cucumbers become! Best results are attained about 6 weeks after canning. It might be late in the season to buy genuine pickling cucumbers, but Persian cukes are a good substitute. The recipe makes 5-6 quarts. Each jar holds about 4 pickling or 5 Persian cucumbers. As part of the canning process, you'll need a "canner," a very large pot that can bathe a group of full, sealed jars in boiling water for 10 minutes for sterilization. Borrow a canner from a friend if you need to.

<https://www.foodiecrush.com/killer-spicy-garlic-dill-pickles/>

Upcoming Events

This Month:

October 4, 2021: Intermediate Language Class, see p.5.
 October 11, 2021: Beginning Language Class, see p. 5.
 October 13, 2021: Conversational German, see p. 5.
 October 13, 2021: Board of Directors' Meeting, see p. 7
 October 18, 2021: Intermediate Language Class, see p.5.
 October 25, 2021: Beginning Language Class, see p. 5.

Tentative Plans for the Year:

German-American Day November 5
 Holiday Dinner December 3.
 at Seaman's Lodge!

"German Experiment Shows Horses Beating Local Internet Connections"



October Birthdays

October 2	Janet Collins
October 4	Linda Snyder
October 6	Alan Cary
October 19	Kristina Wetherbee
October 24	Renate Hettrich
October 25	Kathryn Schoensee
	Finn
October 30	Dennis
	Brunnenmeyer
October 30	Chrysan Silence
October 31	Ulrich (Uli) Uehlin

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



Gute Besserung

Fantastisch das
 keiner krank ist 😊

Germany is a modern country with ample internet connectivity, but some localities have rather low bandwidth. A photographer in Schmallenberg-Oberkirchen simultaneously sent a 4.5GB file by internet and by DVD on horseback to a destination 10 km away. The data delivered by horseback won the race.



The **Adolf Lietz Company**

made high quality drafting equipment such as the set of dividers and compasses shown above. Adolf Lietz was born in Leubeck, Germany in 1860 and immigrated to the San Francisco in 1879. (A German-American!) After working for several scientific instrument companies, he opened his own business in 1882, "A. Lietz & Co." making surveying instruments and equipment. In 1910, the company added a complete line of drafting tools. By 1947, the company discontinued manufacturing surveying equipment but maintained the drafting instrument business. Above is shown a drafting set that could do drawings in pencil or in ink. A young man receiving a beautiful tool set like this (as a Christmas gift in 1963) might be inspired to pursue a career in engineering, or at least to try to make some mechanical drawings in ink on vellum.

GCGAC Board of Directors

Officers (Elected -- 5 votes):

President: Ron Shaffer	323-797-6656
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Membership: Susan Vogt	432-0594
Dance: Dave Moss	432-2236
Happy Wanderers: Carol Yoder	530-210-0215
Newsletter: Paul Trethewey	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 :

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 4:00 p.m. at
Bret Harte Inn, Grass Valley, CA, or by
Zoom Conference Call**

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

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Property: Dennis Naumann 477-1622

Historian: Kristina Wetherbee 432-9941

Facebook Team: Kristina (above)
& 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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