



GERMAN/AMERICAN EDELWEISS CLUB



FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Currently the Club is not meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please see calendar regularly and make sure your contact info is up to date so we can communicate last minute changes. Thank you.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

President's Corner for February

Almost a year has passed since the COVID-19 virus escaped the Chinese city of Wuhan and invaded every country around the globe. In March of 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. Most of this time we were in lock-down with social-distancing rules; and, as a result club members could not meet as an organization. We are very fortunate that only a few of our members have fallen ill with the virus. All club members have recovered. Now, we are forced to combat different variants of the original virus. As a result, the club board has decided not to hold any general meetings until everybody who wants the vaccine receives the vaccine. I encourage everybody to get the vaccine as soon as possible. Personally, I received the Moderna shot from the Boise VA facility. If you served anytime in the US Military, the VA facility is available to you. As of now, 1 Feb 2021 is the local start date for over 65 years old in the general public. Some of our club members might have experienced hardship due to the virus; and, with that in mind, the club board has decided not to charge membership dues for the 2021 fiscal year, and keep the present membership list. New members will be charged \$20 and added to the membership list. A long-time member suggested to me to keep the present club board and fore-go club elections until "Herd Immunity" is gained and a club general meeting can be safely held again. After much board discussions, the current board is willing to stay on until the entire club can again safely meet and vote. Your suggestions to the board are always welcomed. Stay well, get the vaccine, wear a mask, and socially distance when outside the home.

- Charles

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UPCOMING EVENTS
(Dates are subject to change)

FEBRUARY

- 1st Bowling Buddies
- TBD Board Meeting
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 15th President's Day
- 15/16th Fashing/Mardi gras

MARCH

- 1st Bowling Buddies
- TBD Board Meeting
- 14th Daylight Savings Day
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 20th First Day of Spring

APRIL

- 1st April's Fools Day
- 4th Easter Sunday
- 5th Bowling Buddies
- 15th Tax Day
- TBD Board Meeting

As you can see, we are not planning the entire year. With the uncertainties of being able/or willing to meet, we will operate on a month to month basis. Hope to enjoy your company very soon. Stay healthy, stay happy, stay connected.

To all that are ill or recovering from surgery or other ailment, we wish you a speedy recovery. Some wished to remain anonymous and some did not, so I will not publish names here. Just know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Please stay in touch, keep us updated and please reach out if we can be of help.



Due to lack of commitment (less than 10) this event is not being pursued at this time. Sorry folks, Nancy.

THANK YOU

A big Thank you goes out to all who helped with the Cookies, from Baking to delivery, writing the cards (which were donated by Ginny), organizing and stepping up to do something nice.

ALLES GUTE ZUM GEBURTSTAG! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1st Audie Trautmann
- 13th Charles Portoghesi



If you have an upcoming "Milestone" Birthday, please let the Board know. Thanks

ELECTIONS

Upon weighing all options and input from members, the Board has decided **not** to hold elections this year. All Board Officers and Board Members will stay in Office for the coming year. If someone would like to step up for the vacancy of Board Member, please let one of the Officers know by the 15th of March 2021. If not, then this will remain an empty position throughout the year. Thank you.



To our Members

Membership dues will be waived for the year 2021. All current Members are automatically rolled over and your Membership will expire on March 31, 2022. This is due to the current Covid-19 precautions as we have had very limited Club activities/expenses. If someone would like to join as a New Member, the cost will be \$20/person and this Membership would also expire on March 31st, 2022

Notice of donation made: Since we couldn't meet and collect Toys and Food, your Edelweiss Club has made a donation of \$100 each to Toys for Tots and the Boise Food Bank. We appreciate their presence in our community and are glad we could help a little in difficult times.

Attached to the Newsletter is an updated Membership Roster. Please check your information and if something needs changed, please contact me (Nancy). I put it on an Excel Spreadsheet as I find it easier to work with. Some did not get the Version that Ingrid puts out every year, but it is also available. Just give Ingrid a call. We are doing fine on the financial side. Some of you are curious as to the details and I don't like posting them here. Any Board Member can answer balance questions, but if you like a more detailed explanation, our treasurer can help.

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BOWLING BUDDIES ACTIVITY

BOWLING is happening this month at Big Al's if there is enough interest. Please call Karin Ruttke if you are interested. 208-340-1204.

