



GERMAN/AMERICAN EDELWEISS CLUB



NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held every 2nd Friday of the month at 6pm (Subject to change, depending on activity). They can be held at the American Legion Hall, Louie's Pizza, or at a Park (Subject to change, see Calendar regularly).

Happy Thanksgiving



The Edelweiss Board and I wish to reaffirm our continued efforts to provide informative, enjoyable and safe German-American cultural activities for the benefit of club members. In spite of our earnest efforts, we must announce the cancelation of the annual Thanksgiving celebration scheduled for November 2020. The Idaho Governor announced on 26 October 2020 that the state will return to Level 3 COVID-19 precautions due to significantly higher incidents of the disease. Technically, the COVID-19 Level 3 precautions allows up to 49 people to gather inside for an event; but, due to the much older age of the general club members, the board and I concluded that the high risk of possible member infection is not justified. I wish to commend the club's board members for their continued and extensive efforts to plan and execute club activities. The last minute cancellations is discouraging to all members. As a matter of stubborn determination, I and the board will continue to plan and execute for the club's Christmas Party as the year's priority event. The party is currently scheduled for 12 Dec 20 at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. The party will be held in a larger, first floor room for the same costs as paid for last year's event. If fate allows us to enjoy a Christmas party, we will prepay tickets for members and guests at the same rate as last year.

- Charles

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We have several Club members dealing with illness or other health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers! If the sunshine ladies can do something for you, please call Dede or Irmgard.



UPCOMING EVENTS (Dates are subject to change)

NOVEMBER

- 2nd Bowling Buddies
- 3rd Election Day
- 4th Edelweiss Board Meeting
- 13th Edelweiss General Meeting
American Legion Hall
CANCELLED
- 26th Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 6th St. Nicolas Day
- 9th Board meeting
- 12th Christmas Party
Riverside Hotel, Boise
- 24th Christmas Eve
- 25th Christmas Day (Weihnacht)
- 31st New Year's Eve

Food drive - this event is always organized by Olinda and she always does a great job gathering and delivering the canned goods to a Channel 7 collection site. This year please take your generous food donations directly to a drop off site or place in barrel at a store. The Boy Scouts usually collect food in November as well. Thank you.

Toys for Tots - this event is organized by Karin and takes a great amount of effort to put together. This year, please donate your new, unwrapped toys directly to a donation site or drop off at any store that takes in donations. Thank you.

DANCING OPPORTUNITY

Some of our Members have expressed an interest in learning a new dance or just watch someone perform a dance that has been around for a long time, but is not as popular anymore. Well, here is your Chance to come and watch. If you would like more info after you have watched some of the dances, there will be info on site. (Or I, Nancy, can help)

Nov 14th(Sat) Pit Q (dinner, \$10 optional, starting at 6pm, followed by dancing)
Dec 7th (Mon) Teddy Bear Dance (no dinner) 7pm

Both dances are held at the Boise Valley Square Dance Center. 6534 W. Diamond St., Boise.

Come watch us dance. These are free events to watch.

Dinner is extra and if you would like to donate a new stuffed animal at the Teddy Bear Dance, it will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.



ALLES GUTE ZUM GEBURTSTAG! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2nd Nancy Sheffield
- 12th Hedwig Portoghesi
- 20th Jesse Martins
- 26th Del Cinnamond
- 30th Eric Morrison



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

YOUR OPINIONS AND SUGGESTIONS MATTER! PLEASE LET THE BOARD MEMBERS KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EVENTS PLANNED, HOSTED, CANCELLED DURING THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC. SHOULD WE CLOSE DOWN FOR A FEW MONTH? HOLD THE CHRISTMAS PARTY? HOLD A VIRTUAL MEETING? WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12th, 2020 at the Riverside Hotel, 2900 W Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID 83714

As Charles mentioned, we will have a larger room than last year and it will be located on the ground floor. Menu is still in discussion. We are now accepting reservations and are preparing for a full afternoon of entertainment, dinner, and frivolity. Watch for more information to come.



BOWLING BUDDIES ACTIVITY

Hello friends
BOWLING is happening this month at Big Al's
Please call Karin Ruttke if you are interested.



We are accepting Membership Applications at a reduced rate of \$20. If you know of someone who would like to join, please contact Ingrid or Nancy. These will be offered through December. Membership will have to be renewed in March for 2021/22

WEBMASTER

There seems to be little interest in this position from the Members. To keep our Club alive and be competitive in this new computer oriented world, we are playing with the Idea of hiring a Web-designer to initially set up our Web page and then maintain it for a monthly fee. What are your thoughts?

