

GASC NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

- November 7th, 7pm
Membership Meeting
- December 7th, 1 to 3pm
Children's Xmas Party
- December 13th, 7pm
Christmas Dance

Birthdays in November

- 1 - Emma Blanton, Marian Kohler
2 - Eugen Kingenschmid
4 - Alan Sielk
5 - David Froehling, Mary Tirb
7 - Marion Mezar, Norma Zick
8 - Vivian Grenka
11 - Wieland Uchdorf
12 - Margit Hyre
13 - Ellen Clauss
15 - Alice Hacker
16 - Christine Giniger, Ronald Oswald
17 - Katherine Kaim, Katie Kissinger, Judith Walters
25 - Evelyn Fredrickson
26 - Donald Roskind, Marianne Zeiler

Officers & Trustees

- President** - Thorsten Kling -
First V.P. - Wieland Uchdorf
Second V.P. - Mary Parsons
Treasurer - Maria Morarin
Corresponding Sec. - TBD
Membership Sec. - Linda Obermeier - **Recording Sec.** - Maria Luiza Silveria - **Trustees** - Andy Anderson, Betty Frankhouser, Sandra W. Jones, Bill Kraushaar, Pastor Alan Sielk - **Directors** - Ingeborg Condon, Jon Landgrave, Gary Malfeld, Nancy Rosales - **Parliamentarian** - Sam Salton - **Sergeant-at-Arms** - Joe Koelbl

Oktoberfest Miami® Review

We have just completed our 57th annual Oktoberfest Miami with great success, and I must say that I was impressed. My first half year as a president was a struggle trying to figure out how things are working and who is doing what. It was often not encouraging what I saw, the club has not been in great shape and the involvement of its members has been minimal at best. But then Oktoberfest Miami® came along and everyone stepped up. At first I was even skeptical that we would pull it off this year, but all the sudden people came out of nowhere and took care of things. A big thank you to all the volunteers that made it happen. This year was great, and next year will be even better. Now that our memory is still fresh, please let me know what you think could be changed or improved for next year.



What's next

There is still a lot of work to be done to get the club better organised and financially stable. One visual change you see while reading these lines. We changed the format of our newsletter which reduces printing and mailing costs.

If you did NOT get this newsletter by email yet, then please send an e-mail to gasc@kling-web.de!!!

A lot has happened in the background that is not easily visible. One important topic for me is to improve efficiency. All membership management has been converted online already. It is now possible with the click of a button to get a list of all current members, who has paid and who is still pending. Membership dues can now be easily paid with a credit card on our website (www.gascmiami.org). I am also working together with Linda Obermeier and Toni Camp on improving the process of signing up new members.

Another big item to be worked on now is taking control of our expenses. We have already taken some smaller steps to reduce expenses, but will focus more heavily on this topic over the next months.

I want to ask everyone to please be open to change. Many times when I proposed to do something different, I got a reflex like push back. If we don't change, there will be no more club. It is as easy as that. So please support me in my efforts to adjust the club to the new world out there. (Contact: gasc@kling-web.de)

Thorsten Kling, President

Wednesday Social Night

Enjoy German dinner every Wednesday starting at 6pm for only \$11.

Menu

Nov 5 - Schnitzel with potatoes and vegetables

Nov 12 - Chicken Rouladen

Nov 19 - Smoked pork chop, potato, sauerkraut

Nov 26 - Beef goulash w noodles

Children's Xmas Party

All full and associate members of our Club are invited to submit the names of their children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren, 10 years and younger, to participate in our annual Children's Xmas Party. Older children are welcome, but Santa will only bring presents for the little ones. Children must be signed up and present to receive their gift.

Please register your child(ren) no later than Monday, November 24, 2014, by going to our website (<http://www.gascmiami.org/Childrens-Xmas-Party>) or by mailing Mary Parsons (MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com or 9838 SW 106 Terr, Miami, FL 33176). Please provide your name as well as the child's name, age, sex and gift ideas (games, arts&crafts, books, cars, etc.)

Schedule

1pm: Free Lunch for the participating children and additional food for purchase.

1:45-2:00pm: Sing-a-long from

2:00 pm: Santa Claus arrives

We are looking for donations of homemade cakes for the party or items for our drawing table.

Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler

Performing Bavarian Schuhplattler dances practicing every Wednesday evening. Contact: Joe Koelbl, Vorplattler at 305-247-6948.

Edelweiß Schuhplattler

Groups meets once a week to learn traditional plattlerin German folk dances and songs. All members are welcome to bring their children or grandchildren to participate. Contact: Christine Giniger, at 305-254-8932.

Original Deutsche Volkstanzgruppe

Practice Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Mary Parsons MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com or 305-412-4088

Wishing Well

J.R. Jones passed away on Oct. 11th. JR was the Husband of Sylvia (Kraushaar) Jones. Our Condolences to Sylvia and all of the Family.

Betty Franhouser had shoulder surgery on Sept. 29th. She is doing well.

Ellen Clauss had gallbladder surgery on Oct. 10th at S.M. Hospital. After her release. She had to be readmitted again due to complications. She is now at home since Oct. 21st.

Best Regards to All, Toni Camp (305-270-0865)

News

In early October we hired Aldo Morejon part time as a General Manager.

In preparation of Oktoberfest Miami®, Aldo proved to be a tremendous help. He has and is taking care of all the little things that take up a lot of time and

used to be not taken care off in the past. In the aftermath of Oktoberfest, he is now documenting everything that happened from permit to ordering and vendor relations. It will make preparation much easier next year. (Contact: aldito230661@gmail.com)



Thank you for the delicacies homemade cakes donated for our Oktoberfest by Lisa Hester, Margit Hyre, Aldo Morejon and Tano, it has been very much appreciated.

Reinhilde Long



Calling all elves!!!



We are in need of a good elf to take over the

GASC Children's Christmas Party to take place in Dec. 2014.

If you are interested in running this year's party or would like to assist, please contact:

maryparsonsgermanclub@gmail.com

or

305-776-0674