

GASC NEWSLETTER



March Birthdays

1st - Iris Borsch, Dr. Robert Schroeder
 2nd - Rosa Allan
 3rd - Mieko Avello, Rose Himmenger, Edith Schneider
 4th - Alton Bolster, Donald Menker
 6th - George Elder
 7th - Buddy Traenkle
 8th - Helmut Heinrich, Mariela Malfeld
 10th - Daniela Kuczurba
 11th - Sandra Jones, Christopher Reininger, Ray Rosales
 12th - Richard Hochfelder
 15th - Mark Croften, Friedrun Lamp
 Marlene Spath, Stephan Tuschen
 17th - Helene Barlow, George Brown, Karen Van Bremen
 18th - Robert Blanton, Lee Burns, Gloria Nellen
 20th - Charlotte Bachmeir, Carolyn Johnson, Marie Koelbl, Dr. Jane Theede
 21st - Tina Von Gonten
 23rd - Roswitha Pearson
 25th - Horace Brown, Johanna Edelmann, Carl Laks
 26th - Joe Hosemann, Herbert Noll
 28th - Barbara Joens, Denis King, Fred Obermeier
 29th - Gregor Fiabane
 30th - Johanna Krenold

April Birthdays

1st - Maria Luiza da Silveira, Barbara Zankl
 2nd - Christa Collins
 4th - Helga Brown, James Gagel
 6th - Artig Malesci
 9th - Denise Stephens
 10th - Ann Eustace, Donald Wendt
 11th - Wesley Parsons
 20th - Martha McGuire, Omar John Sandoz, Evelyn Susami
 21st - Anjeys Gonzalez-Eilert
 22nd - Barbara Schulze
 23rd - Adelgunde Gemuer
 24th - Marianna Dunmire
 26th - William Hacker
 27th - Paul Nemeth
 29th - Robert Jacobs
 30th - Ines Reilly

Officers & Trustees

President - Thorsten Kling - **First V.P.** - Wieland Uchdorf - **Second V.P.** - Mary Parsons - **Treasurer** - Maria Morarin
Corresponding Sec. - TBA - **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

President's Message

And again another month has gone by with board elections upcoming. We are repeatedly facing the challenge of not having a quorum at our membership meetings which prevents votes on important issues and our ability to move forward. Everything. As pointed out by members before, Friday nights are just not working out well for many of us. (This also includes me as I was out of town business the past two meetings). Some of you have other obligations, others simply don't want to or can't drive at night anymore. We need to put all effort into changing our by-laws to move our membership meetings to Sundays. I would also recommend to only have 4 to 6 official membership meetings per year.



Membership Meeting on April 3rd

This month's membership meeting is the last meeting before elections in May. There will be nominations from the floor for the open office positions and discussion of proposed amendments. The meeting is at 8:00 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m.

GASC 66th Anniversary Celebration

A big thank you to those of you who came out to the 66th Anniversary of the GASC on Sunday, March 15. Members were treated to an all you can eat meal for only \$5.00 and of course, cake. A great time was had by all. With continued support by the membership, we can continue to have such gatherings. A big thank you goes out to all who volunteered their time in organizing and working at the celebration.

Membership Donations - Help Wanted!

So far for 2015, there have been 13 member donations. Currently there are 123 regular members and 181 lifetime members. Donations are appreciated in defraying some of the day-to-day expenses of the club, such as newsletter, electricity, water & sewer, insurance, etc. Also it can aid in major expenses, such as replacing one of our air conditioning units and roof repair. Please consider making a monetary donation to the club. You may go online to make your donation, mail it to the club (please mark it donation), or bring it in person. Thank you to those below who have made a donation since Jan. 1st. Gary Malfeld, Ingeborg Kopp, George Brown, James and Charlotte Colson, Peter and Donna Forster, Carolyn Johnson

Wednesday Social Night

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

Menu

April 1 - Schnitzel with potato salad
 April 8 - meatloaf with mashed potatoes
 April 15 - Lemon chicken picatta with rice
 April 22 - pan fried fish with tomato cabbage radish
 April 29 - TBD

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 and no experience is necessary! Contact: Mary Parsons at MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com or 305-776-0674.

Wishing Well

Margit Cooper had heart surgery on March 9th. All went well, she is at home recuperating. Floyd Collins is at Baptist Hospital in rehab slowly recuperating. Margit and Floyd, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Elke Kraushaar had a fall and is recovering.

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

Where are you?

Every meeting or event there are members who ask "where is...?" wondering the whereabouts of various officers or board members who may not be present. We are all volunteers and though you may not see every single one of us at every single event, does not mean that we are not doing things for the club. The fact is almost all of us have full time jobs and families which require us to be in other places. Last month we published a challenge requesting members to volunteer. Not one member responded with an offer to volunteer.

Members who have moved

Have you been in recent contact with the following members? We are trying to find out their current email addresses, telephone numbers, and or addresses to update our files. If you can help us, please email Linda Obermeier at lindaobermeiergermanclub@gmail.com or call at 305-271-3471. Thank you in advance.

Helene Barlow; Michael Brenan; Mary Bruns; Pricilla Coulter; Estelle Cowan; Giovanni De Pani; Marian Duffy; Margaret Eadie; Johanna Edelmann; Maria Fischer; Kenneth Ileman; Arthur and Eileen Jones; Barbara Schulze; Marie Schuh; Edith Schneider; Cecelia Schneider; Marion Riegler; Margot Riekers; John Schumacher; George and Margaret Schur; Buddy and Joan Traenkle; Ines WaideleRobert; Barbara Zankl

Proposed change to eliminate initiation fee for new members

In January 2015, the Board of Directors notified the membership of its proposal to eliminate the \$10.00 new membership initiation fee. With regard to eliminating the \$10.00 initiation fee there is no change to the by-laws. The Board of Directors is proposing to reduce the \$10.00 initiation fee to zero with the approval of the membership until such time as the Board of Directors seeks to re-impose a membership fee with the consent of the members. The vote of members on the Board proposal shall take place at the April 2015 monthly member business meeting.

Article XI - Membership Fees

Section 1

The yearly Membership fee and initiation fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Any changes shall be submitted to the Membership for approval. The Membership shall be notified in the newsletter at least 60 days in advance of any proposed change and a notice shall be posted in the Clubhouse. The proposal shall require a 2/3 vote of members present at the membership meeting for adoption.

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| Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 6:00 | Tel: 305-251-2060 |
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