

GASC NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

May 8th, 2015

Membership Meeting with Board of Directors elections

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Voting continues until 9:30
Bratwurst for sale

May 17th, 2015

Großer Familientag im Club (Family day at the Club)

May 23rd, 2015

Installation Dinner/Dance
Menu: Rouladen with spätzle, green beans, apple strudel

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

May Birthdays

1st- Cheryl Oswald
2nd- Joyce Weidinger
5th- Martin Bently, Nancy Tobin
11th- Arlene Weyrick
12th- Heidi Jannotti, Pete Weidinger
18th- Maria Fischer
19th- Janet Priestly
21st- James Colson
22nd- Inge Martorana, Judi Nemeth
24th- Ilse Maldonado
26th Robert Haytock Jr, Heidi McGrew
27th- Christa Odumn
28th- Donna Forster
29th- Isabella Kayat, Beth Schlaerth
31st- Francis Schurtz, Jr., Elizabeth Werner

Proposed Amendment Change to GASC by-laws

Article X Meetings Section 1:

The Membership Meeting shall be held at 1:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. If said Sunday is a holiday, or on the first day of the month, the meeting shall be held on the following Sunday. A social gathering shall follow each membership meeting. There shall be no regularly scheduled monthly membership meeting during the month of July.

This amendment shall be implemented commencing July 1, 2015. The vote on the above proposal will occur at the business meeting on May 8, 2015.

Welcome New Member to the GASC

David Behar, Linda Dunlap, Isabella Kayat, Oliver Salza, Jan Williams

Wednesday Night Menu

May 6. Schnitzel Night.
May 13. Chicken parmesan with spaghetti
May 20. Stuffed cabbage with mashed potatoes
May 27. Goulash with noodles.

Help Wanted

Interested in helping the GASC? We are in need of a corresponding secretary. The responsibilities include producing the monthly newsletter and reporting correspondence to the club at the monthly meetings. Please let us know if you are interested.

Wishing Well

Marion Duffy – a Lifetime member passed away in December our sincere condolences to the family. - Good news is that Floyd Collins is at home after a long stay in the hospital recuperating slowly. - Elizabeth Gulla had hip surgery March 3rd 2015. She is recuperating at home. - Norma Stueckenschneider fractured her hip, had surgery and is doing well. - Last but not least, Tonie Camp is under Dr Care can't wait to resume her normal activities. - We wish you all a speedy recovery you are missed by your friends at GASC.

Meet the Candidates

Elections will take place on May 8 at the clubhouse starting at 6:30 p.m. On the next 2 page are the bios of the candidates who submitted them. They have not been edited and appear in the order they were received.

We have 4 open positions for Director and 2 open positions for Trustee

Candidates for Director

Emilio Palma

Born in Habana, Cuba. Migrated to Miami with my parents in 1960. Graduated from South Miami Sr. High School then attended University of Florida. Active member of Chi Phi



Fraternity. Graduated in 1978 with Bachelors in Business Administration, majoring in Finance. Also was a distinguished Military Graduate of the Army ROTC Program. Was commissioned on June 10, 1978 as an Army 2nd Lieutenant. Was stationed with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) as an Ordnance Officer, first in

Kitzigen and then Schweinfurt, West Germany for a total 38 months. Stationed next to Fort Campbell, Ky. as Company Commander of B Co., 801st Maintenance Battalion, of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Material Officer in the Division Material Management Officer (DMMC), totaling 34 months. Married my wife now of 30 years, Gloria Lima Palma, in 1985 at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Returned to west Germany to the city of Heidelberg stationed at Patton Barracks from 1985 to 1989. Served at Group Maintenance Officer, Group Logistics Officer and Group Headquarters Company Commander. Promoted to Major during my deployment to El Salvador as a Logistics Military Advisor in the U.S. Military Group from 1989 to 1991. Reassigned to Fort Drum, NY at the Division Support Operations Officer of the 10th Mountain Infantry Division (Light).

My wife and I adopted a boy and girl while in El Salvador. Just became grandfather to my Daughter's son Calvin. Currently work for Miami-Dade County Corrections & Rehabilitations Department for close to 20 years as a Facilities Superintendent. Am active in local chapters of the VFW and American Legion. Also active with UM's Donate Life Organization where I volunteer to encourage organ donor programs.

Frank Bidermann

I became a member of the GASC in 2006, when my wife Romy and I discovered the club's Oktoberfest after relocating from North Carolina. Since then both of us have been active as club members. I served as trustee during 2007, and from 2008 through 2010, I was Second Vice

President under President Elke Kraushaar and First Vice President Dr. Wieland Uchdorf. Romy and I participate in the club's Volkstanz- and Trachtengruppe, dancing at every Oktoberfest and representing the club at outside events. Four years ago, we were blessed with a lovely daughter, Cyrice. She has basically grown up at the club, and many of our members have known her all her life. I am a graduate of the Martin-Luther-University Alma Mater Hallensis et Wittenbergis, one of the oldest universities in Germany, where I received my Masters Degree in Economics (Diplom-Volkswirt, M.A.). For the last two years, I have been employed as an auditing inspector with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, a private non-profit organization created by the U.S. Congress to oversee auditing of public companies in the United States. Prior to that, I worked as an accountant and auditor for Pricewaterhouse Coopers – a "big four" accounting firm – for 13 years. I am also a Director of the German American Alliance, the supervising body of German institutions within the Greater Miami area. If you, our members, should elect me in a position of a Director of the GASC, I will seek to continue the work I began as Second Vice President of this club. My main goal will be to ensure the club doors are kept open and welcoming to all members. We must always remember that our club has a unique place in multicultural Miami-Dade County. I also believe the club should de-emphasize some of the unfortunate repetitive disputes among our members. If we all want to enjoy our benefits of our unique social club, we must stop



fighting against one other, and recognize our common German heritage. Former President Professor Maria Willumsen was able to establish a well-recognized face for our club within our Miami community, which was reflected in the grant we receive annually for our cultural affairs. We have an ongoing mission to preserve German culture and the German language here in South Florida, and I will work toward that end. Frank Biedermann.

Gary D. Malfeld

I am Gary Malfeld, candidate for Director of the German American Social Club. As a Miami lawyer for more than three decades I have represented clients in civil and criminal litigation and business formation. Previously I was a Navy



Officer and achieved the rank of Lieutenant (equivalent of Army Captain). I had a top secret cryptographic security clearance. As a Navy Officer of the Deck Underway on a ship in the South China Sea I was responsible for the movement of the ship and safety and security of more than 1,000 individuals during my watch cycle. I

am a veteran of the Vietnam War. After Vietnam I was Communications Security (Navy RPS) Custodian for the 15th Naval District. The civilian equivalency of my Navy experience is "industrial manager".

Eight consecutive times the membership of the GASC has chosen me to be a director. During most of these almost sixteen years I have been Chairman of the Board of Directors. With others I have drafted by-law amendments and have been a spearhead for the creation of club programs, cooperation with other Germanic organizations, problem solving and community outreach. I have been active in service to my Country and my communities since I was a teenager. I ask for your vote. Peace. Gary D. Malfeld

Robert (Bob) Blanton

To Our Club members. Hi, I am Robert (Bob) Blanton and I would like your vote as a Club Director. I have been a member for almost fifty years, and during that time I have served as Chairmen on many committees, as well as a



Director and Vice President. If I am elected as a Director I would like for us to maintain an open line of communication, with all our members, we need to have your input. Communication is the key to any organization's success. When I became involved with our Club we had just 100 members and I watched our membership grow to well over 1200 members, and sadly

watched it decline to what we have now. Sad isn't. I was fortunate enough to have known the founders of our Club and the many hours of work and dedication they spent on our behalf. And we still owe them a large debt of gratitude.

When I retired I was a senior Captain for a major airline with a total of 33 years of service, I flew there largest aircraft, with over 340 passengers, on

their longest nonstop flight, Elven hours, with a crew of twelve. Before I was hired as an airline pilot I was fully licensed to train pilots in all areas of aviation, and I am still licensed as a flight instructor. I instructed at one of the world's largest flight schools for well over two and a half years, and trained well over 150 pilots, all of which passed all there exams with flying colors. I also have a background in business management, which goes back many years. Because of that background, I have been offered positions with two organizations, which paid rather well, but I declined. I still advise them when they call; I have for years and will continue to do so, and yes I do get some benefits.

But back to our Club, we must maintain a complete open line of communication. I want to hear from you often, with your thoughts and ideas. I will bring them before the board on your behalf. My E-Mail is BLAN5371@BELLSOUTH.NET, and my phone number is 305-251-8532, call anytime. My best
Bob Blanton

Stefan Tuschen

Dear members and friends of the GASC.

My name is Stephan Tuschen, born in Dortmund, Germany in 1967. I am married, for almost 11 years to my Dutchborn, meanwhile American wife Pamela. We arrived in the Sunshine State in 2005 where we started in the retail business. Before I got the job at the German Consulate General, we managed fashion stores, first in Southland Mall and later on in Dolphin Mall. Since 2007, I have been working for the German government. Through this job I also came in contact with the German American Social Club. A well – remembered friend of the GASC, and a colleague of mine, Thomas Busch, and I founded the so-called "Sonntagskick" in 2008 – the "German Sunday Soccer Players". (We call it football) What started out as a small team, became bigger and bigger over the next few weeks and month. Right now we have over 80 people from all over the world in our E-Mail list, and I guess that at least 2 thirds of them, most with German background, joined this Club. Our tournaments were always great events for members, friends and families of the GASC. That football is a huge part of German culture and unites people of every age and from every corner of this planet can be witnessed every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. sharp. I think sport is an excellent



reason to socialize, draw in people with their kids and families, make new friends - and after all, it's still called the German American SOCIAL Club.

Ingeborg Condon (no bio submitted)

Ingeborg has been an active member of the club for several years. Most recently, she has served as a director and has volunteered many hours in the club in the kitchen, painting, helping with several events and helping in various areas.

Candidates for Trustee (vote for 2)

Marge Froehling

I'm Marge Froehling, a member of the the GASC since 1997 and a nominee for position of Trustee. I was club secretary under Presidents Hannelore Crothers and Heidi McGrew; I worked as the PR person under Presidents Hannelore Crothers, Heidi McGrew and Maria Willumsen. Also, I input names and addresses of thousands of GASC guests in the computer so the club would have a list of persons who attended our festivals. Additionally, I have worked the door checking membership cards and greeting guests. My Oktoberfest duties included peeling and slicing potatoes, working the front gate, serving food, public relations, cleaning, washing and painting the Bavarian houses and clean up of the grounds.

I have studied at Miami Dade and the UM. My work experience consists of 47 years in legal services working with trial attorneys as a paralegal and office manager. I've worn every hat needed to ensure successful results for our clients. In addition to my work in the law firm I secured a license as a process server in the 1970s. I am detail oriented, organized and work well in a fast paced and pressured environment. I am diligent, hard working and committed to high work ethics and to attainment of goals and objectives contained in our By-Laws.

Dr. Jane Theede

Dr Jane Theede Schooling: Phillips High School (A magnet School for Jefferson County, Alabama) Birmingham, Alabama, Graduated 5th in class of 550, In 1947 American Institute for Banking: Double major in Bank Management and Investments and minor in Commercial law (worked days, in classes at nights 1947-1954.) Auburn University 1965, Bachelor of Science. Major in Zoology, double minor in Chemistry and Botany. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine 1966, Post Doctoral in Human and Veterinary Acupuncture, University of Cincinnati Medical School and

University of Georgia Veterinary school 1973. Work Experience: First National Bank of Birmingham Jan 1947 - June 1954. Started as clerk, became bookkeeper in Jul 1947, Became "relief" bookkeeper in Jul 1948. Became relief for all non-executive post in 1949. Became assistant to department head in 1950, then his relief in 1951. Married April 1954, resigned to travel with husband in Jun 1954. Scott Paper Company, Mobile AL 1955-1958. Began working in the Maintenance Department as Accounting clerk. Became assistant to the Department Head (apx 150 trades people in department) in 1956. Left in 1958 and returned to Birmingham because of pregnancy, miscarriage and divorce in 1959. Interned in Jacksonville Fl 1966, went to work for U.S. Government in Poultry Inspection as a Relief Veterinarian until I received my license to practice V.M. in Florida in 1967. Established All Night Animal Clinic in 1969. I was the first privately owned Animal Emergency Animal in the United States. I am responsible for Florida being the third state in the U.S. having Acupuncture being part of the Practice act for Medical Doctors, Chiropractors, Veterinarians and Qualified Acupuncturist. I wrote both the practice act and the first exam given for acupuncture. I was on the board of trustees for two years about 15 years ago. I am familiar with the requirements and the responsibility that goes with the office.

Respectfully, Dr. Jane Theede.

William Kraushaar

My name is Bill (William L.) Kraushaar and I have been a member of the German American Social Club since 1978. My earliest memory of the Club was: that on Sunday afternoons, there were dance classes by Dietmar and Therry Thiele, which I needed badly, because I could not dance! My wife Elke and I joined the Volkstanzgruppe, who was being led by Grace and Bob Green then. We danced in the Volkstanzgruppe actively until last year. I also helped with different events over the years, such as the Oktoberfest, the Children's Christmas Party, assisting with the games, and setting up for cultural events and cleaning up afterwards, just general help with the maintenance together with Ray Rosales. Two years ago, I was first approached by the Nominating Committee to be a Trustee for the Club and I accepted this responsibility. Now I was asked again to run for a second Term as a Trustee and again I have accepted and hope the members will vote for me.

Respectfully, Bill Kraushaar