

# GASC NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

- 1 *Thank you dinner* for Oktoberfest Volunteers
- 3 6-8pm Lantern Crafting at CGUCC, 3010 deSoto Blvd, CG \$5/kit
- 3 @ 6:45 Children's Dance group
- 3 @ 8pm Membership Meeting
- 8 6-7:30PM Lantern Parade at CGUCC, 3010 deSoto Blvd, CG
- 11 Veterans Day
- 23 Thanksgiving

### December

- 3 NOON-6PM Weinachtsmarkt (Christmas Bazaar) at CGUCC, 3010 de Soto Blvd, CG.
- 6 @ 6 - 9 **Free** Health Screening for seniors (no one will be turned away)
- 7 @ 8pm Holiday Concert (dessert served at 7:30pm) \$10 donation
- 8 Membership Meeting
- 10 Children's Christmas Party
- 16 Christmas Party

### Wednesday Social Night

*Social hour from 6:30pm  
Dinner, only \$11, served 7-8 pm*

### November Menu

- 1 Jaegerschnitzel thank you dinner for Oktoberfest volunteers (Free for volunteers, \$11 others, **everyone please rsvp!**)
- 8 Sausage platter, smoked pork loin, cabbage, potato
- 15 goulash
- 22 CLOSED for Thanksgiving
- 29 Chef's surprise

Liebe Freunde/Dear friends:

Wow! **Oktoberfest 2017** was amazing. The weather was on our side and it ended up the most financially successful festival to date. But, more importantly, all of you volunteers worked incredibly hard and everyone really came through for the Club. From parking attendants, to ticket sellers, to cooks and servers, to dancers, to organizers, and to bar tenders. Everyone gave it all they had and I felt like we really grew together as an organization, as a unit. It would be hard to find a better team building exercise than participating in this Club's crazy, annual marathon.

I have also never been prouder during my tenure than serving you as President during this 60<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest.

In that vein, let us continue to enjoy the afterglow. Please join everyone for a **Thank you Dinner** for all volunteers next **Wednesday, November 1** at 7 p.m. Kindly RSVP to [gasocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:gasocialclub@gmail.com) or (305) 552-5123 by Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> AT 5:00 PM so that we can give the kitchen an idea of how many people to expect.

Thanks again everyone and see you at the dinner.

Jan Williams  
President

## St. Martin's Day Lantern Crafting and Parade

Preorder your \$4 "Stutenmann" (bread man) to be picked up at the Lantern Parade on November 8<sup>th</sup> at <http://gablesucc.org/product/stutenmaenner-bread-man/>  
Order deadline is 5pm on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This tradition in many German speaking areas is to have walking lantern tours to commemorate Bishop Martin of Tours (316/317 – 397) after which children are given a sweet bread pastry. Make your lantern on Wednesday and walk in Friday!

## Officers & Trustees

### Board of Directors:

President: Jan Williams –

First V.P.: Neil Jones –

Second V.P.: Emilio Palma.

**Directors:** Frank Biedermann,  
Christian Schlaerth, Marina Urban,  
and Hubert Weichselbaumer.

### Other Officers:

Treasurer: Maria Morarin -

Corresponding Sec.: Linda Dunlap

Membership Sec.: Linda Obermeier

Recording Sec.: Torsten Tyralla -

Parliamentarian: Elaine Walters -

Sergeant-at-Arms: Joe Koelbl -

**Trustees:** Bill Kraushaar,  
Emma Blanton, Edgar Prüss,  
Pastor Alan Sielk, Tony Sellers.

### Info change? Moving?

You can edit your information with the club by signing onto our website <http://gascmiami.org>. If you have never signed in, choose "forgot password" and you can sign up that way. You will need to sign in with the email address you used when you joined (or the current one through which you get your GASC emails).

### NEWS? QUESTIONS?

Whether you have news to share with the club or a question you would like answered, we are always glad to hear from you. Although we don't have office staff, and we all have jobs that take up a good part of our day, most of our calls and emails are answered within 24 hours.

## Soccer at the GASC

Originally started by the German consulate, the soccer players that practice at the club are all members of the club. They practice 9 to 11 Sunday mornings. Most of the players are between 15 and 60 years of age. A \$5/game fee is collected to cover field maintenance. A few new players can be accommodated; this is a great way to make new contacts in the German community.

## FOLK DANCE GROUPS

**Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler:** Come learn the Bavarian schuhplattler on Wednesday evenings. Contact Joe Koelbl, Vorplattler at 305-247-6948 for more info on this group.

**Original Deutsche Volkstanzgruppe:** For more information contact Mary Parsons at 305-776-0674 or [MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com](mailto:MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com).

**Edelweiß Schuhplattler:** In order to have a children's dance group, we need CHILDREN! Be sure to sign up your child/ren, grandchild/ren or great grandchild/ren with Christine Giniger at 305-254-8932. Nieces and nephews welcome!

## Schützenverein or Marksman's Club

This group welcomes all comers. We continue to work on our accuracy every week. Practices take place on Friday evenings starting at about 8pm.

The Club owns an air rifle and an air pistol which we take turns using. First timers welcome. (No time for dinner? We often order pizza when no other events are planned.)

## OKTOBERFEST MIAMI 2018

Be sure to set your calendar for  
October 12, 13, 14 and 19, 20 21,  
2018!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

The birthday list is downloaded from our online information. Only the month and day are required if you wish us to recognize your birthday!

- 1 Marian Kohler, Emma Blanton
- 2 Eugen Klingenschmid
- 4 Alan Sielk
- 7 Marion Mezar
- 11 Wieland Uchdorf
- 13 Ellen Clauss
- 15 Alice Hacker, Nicole Canavan
- 16 Christine Giniger
- 17 Katherine Kaim
- 19 Katherine E. Gomez
- 20 Gustavo Matzdorf
- 25 Evelyn Fredrickson
- 26 Donald Roskind
- 27 Jan Williams
- 29 Gloria Nichols

## FREE INTERNET AT THE CLUB

If you "check in" on Facebook next time you're at the club, you can have access to free internet! Be sure to like and share our page!

## RUGBY RFC

The GASC hosts practices and socials for the oldest Rugby team in Florida, Miami RFC. Rugby is a tough physical sport that grew out of soccer and is a precursor to American football. In rugby, all passes are lateral, and players kick the ball forward. Play is continuous like soccer and basketball. There are 15 players to a side, and the game is divided into two 40 minute halves with a 10 minute halftime.

We welcome players of all skill levels (no skills or experience necessary) and all age groups. We have both men's and women's rugby. Practices are at the GASC on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Youth (U8-U19) practice 6:30-8:00 pm. Senior men and women practice 8:00-10:00pm.

**Come join the fastest growing sport in America!**

## WISHING WELL

by **Tonie Camp**  
(305) 270-0865

The GASC lost member Nena Hochmuth at the end of August. Notes of sympathy to her family may be sent to: 15820 S.W. 100 Court, Miami, FL 33157.

Katherine Gomez will be undergoing shoulder surgery on November 2 at U of M medical center. We wish you well, Katherine.

Congratulations to Edgar and Nora Prüss who welcomed grandchild #7 to the fold during Oktoberfest this year in Macon, GA. This is Edgar's mother's 70<sup>th</sup> great grandchild! Welcome Raylan Steinmann Prüss, future GASC member!

## German Classes are up and running

**Advanced Class**                      **Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 pm**  
**Intermediate Class**                **Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 pm**

### Beginning Class Fridays, 7:30 to 9

Classes for those with no knowledge of German, started August 25<sup>th</sup> and will be held Friday evenings. For additional information on this or any of the German classes, contact teacher Marina Urban at murba002@fiu.edu.

**Villancicos Navideños  
Latinoamericanos 2017**

**"Amigos de la Música" de Miami  
[The Miami "Friends of Music"]  
invite you to their traditional Christmas Concert.**

**To benefit**  
"Centro de Enfermos Mentales de Piura y Tumbes,  
Hogar Clínica San Juan de Dios"  
[Center of Mental Illnesses of Piura and Tumbes,  
San Juan de Dios Clinic Home]  
In the city of Piura, Perú.

**Thursday, December 7 at 8.00 p. m.**  
At "The German American Social Club"  
11919 SW 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33175

Panettone and chocolate will be served  
from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
We appreciate your  
attendance and collaboration.

Donation: \$10.00  
Make checks payable to:  
**"HOGAR CLINICA SAN JUAN DE DIOS-CREMP"**

Join our Peruvian members who are "Friends of Music" in their annual Christmas Carol Concert.

**OKTOBERFEST THANKS**

Many thanks to all who volunteered during Oktoberfest!!

Reinhilde Long  
Volunteer Coordinator

**From the Cake Department**

The cake department wishes to thank everyone who donated homemade cakes to Oktoberfest. The homemade cakes add an air of authenticity to our festival that is hard to duplicate and are popular with our guests.

Ingeborg Wendt

**APPRECIATION DINNER RSVP**

We would appreciate a head count for the Oktoberfest Appreciation Dinner to be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please email the German American Social Club at [gasocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:gasocialclub@gmail.com) or leave a voice mail message on the club's phone (305) 552-5123 by 5:00 pm Monday, October 30th so that we can make the necessary preparations.

Thank you. See you there!!!

Thank you to Inge Kopp for her kind lifetime donation towards the 2018 dues. We enjoyed seeing you at Oktoberfest, Inge!

Online Membership Renewal available at [www.gascmiami.org](http://www.gascmiami.org).

**Make sure your information is correct and complete.**

Take this opportunity to update your contact info!

**If you prefer to renew by check**, please complete the form below and send with your check to:

The German-American Social Club of Greater Miami  
11919 SW 56th Street Miami, FL 33175

Att.: Membership Secretary Linda Obermeier (REGULAR and LIFETIME MEMBERS)

Att: Tonie Camp (ASSOCIATE MEMBERS)

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**Membership Renewal and information update**

- \$70 Regular Member     \$140 Regular Member Family     Lifetime Member (no envelope required)
- \$56 Associate Member     \$112 Associate Member Family

**Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope to receive a card.**

Mr. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs./Ms. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

eMail Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Linda Obermeier will be available most Wednesday nights at the club after 8pm. For those nights she is not available, you may give your application to Tonie Camp or Gudrun Brandl.

**If you renew online**, please recheck that all the information we have on you is still correct – email, address, telephone numbers, etc.