

GASC NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May

4 @ 6pm Elections, dinner, membership meeting, and election results announced. Star Wars-themed evening, "May the Fourth be with you"
9 @ 8pm Installation and Scholarship Presentation
13 @ 12 Mother's Day brunch
18 @ 6-12 Maibaumfest
19 @ 1 - 12 Maibaumfest
20 @ 12- 10 Maibaumfest
26 @ 2 2018 UEFA Champions League Final

Wednesday Social Night

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

May Menu

2 Schnitzl night!
9 (Installation dinner)
 Sauerbraten with Spaetzle
 16 TBA
 23 Goulash
 30 Paella

*The GASC will celebrate its
70th anniversary in
March 2019.*

Dear all,

Congratulations to Joe Koelbl and the Original Schuhplattler of Miami which celebrated its 60th anniversary April 14th with a **Stiftungsfest** (dinner and dance). Those who didn't get to attend missed a really lovely evening. More about that in the May newsletter.

This is our SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION FOR APRIL 2018.

Elections will be held on Friday, May 4th from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. The Membership meeting will be held at 8pm as usual at which time a vote will be held on the bylaws amendment proposed in March and discussed in April (see last page). The theme for the evening will be "May the Fourth be with you" (yes, it is a play on words from a certain famous movie).

The following nominees are running unopposed and will assume their responsibilities at the installation to be held on Wednesday, May 9th.

President:	Hubert Weichselbaumer
1 st VP:	Neil Jones
2 nd VP:	Emilio Palma
Recording Secretary:	Torsten Tyralla
Corresponding Secretary:	Linda Dunlap
Membership Secretary:	Jose (Pee Wee) Caban

You will be asked for vote for two Trustees and one treasurer for the club. Candidates are listed below and their bios and photographs follow in alphabetical order by position.

Trustees:	Elaine Walters, Tony Sellers, Elizabeth (Betty) Frankhour
Treasurer:	Suzanne Gilmore and Maria Morarin

Linda Dunlap
Corresponding Secretary

p.s. The May newsletter will be out after the May 4th elections.

Treasurer's Job description (excerpt from the bylaws):

The Treasurer shall pay all bills, be custodian of the funds of the organization, shall keep a complete and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, shall submit a monthly report at the General Membership meeting, and when requested by the President or Board of Trustees, the Treasurer shall advise the Board of Directors in financial matters as able.

The Treasurer shall report all unauthorized transactions, in conflict with these by-laws, to the Board of Directors and the Membership at the next Membership meeting.

Candidates for Treasurer (vote for 1):**Suzanne Gilmore**

Native Miamian. Graduated Barry University with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration. Did MBA Finance coursework at Barry University, left to pursue other interests.

Retired from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department after 33 years. Was a fire dispatcher, fire educator, fire inspector, code enforcement officer, and manager who developed objective, quantifiable methods to hire employees and for performance evaluation. Developed a comprehensive training manual for inspectors. Performed budget preparation and tracking for the Fire Prevention Division. Reduced taxpayer funding needs significantly by instituting zero-based budgeting and finding alternative sources of funding. Tracked and analyzed proposed state legislation for impact to the fire department. Participated in documentation process for the department's first time accreditation.

Involved in roll-out of 4 enterprise resource management systems. Helped develop business plan for the last two.

Worked with a Miami-Dade County Attorney and led a team in a major re-write of Section 14 of the Miami-Dade Code. Drafted a highly technical section of new code that was adopted by the Miami-Dade Commission.

Was a part-time adjunct instructor at Miami-Dade College.

Started a day care center with a neighbor and taught Spanish to the students in a small town in Alaska.

Board Secretary for nearly 20 years for the Miami-Dade County Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board. Appointed by Miami-Dade County Commissioners as voting member of the Board, then elected by the Board members as Board Chair.

Trustee of the City of South Miami Pension Board overseeing the investments of the city's pension funds. Member and Vice-Chair of the City's Budget and Finance Review Committee recommending ways to cut expenses and increase revenue without reducing services or increasing taxes.

Was the first Treasurer of a small IRS 527 non-profit organization and established the first accounting system. Filed timely and accurate quarterly reports with the state of Florida.

Have been part of a team for at least 5 by-laws developments and/or revisions for three different organizations. Member of the GASC Bylaws Committee in 2016. Member of the GASC Nominating Committee in 2016 and briefly again in 2018. Volunteered in three Oktoberfest years, handling incoming cash.

Have assisted the current GASC Treasurer for over a year. Have processed cash, checks, and credit transactions, prepared bank deposits, prepared checks for signature, prepared Florida Department of Revenue Sales Tax reports for Treasurer's approval and submittal, and done data entry and prepared reports from financial software program. Began normalizing data entry categories to improve accounting software reporting capabilities.

Maria Morarin



Maria Morarin started her career at Mc Croris, a large department store that served Miami for many years. After 46 years of outstanding work as a bookkeeper, Maria retired with the same company.

Since then she has served our Club as a volunteer. Elected Treasurer for several terms, Maria continues to be one of the pillars of the GASC. Her presence and work at Oktoberfest has been crucial for its success, as it has also been for the Club's operation. She is willing to serve one more term, and then retire to enjoy the Club from a different perspective.

Trustee's Job description (excerpt from the bylaws):

The duties of the Trustees shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Examination of the books, records and all accounts of the Treasurer. Examination of the books, records and all accounts of the Membership Secretary. Examination of the books, records and all accounts of the Ticket Chairperson. Examination of all petty cash funds and accounts. Examination of all books, accounts, records of inventory, purchases, receipts and disbursements of funds of the bar and kitchen. The same examination as listed above shall be given to all other income producing departments, areas of events, be they permanent or temporary.

The Board of Trustees shall be free to examine any and all areas of the operation of the Club. Such examinations shall take place at those times deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees, but not less than quarterly during the fiscal year. The results of said examinations shall be reported directly to the Membership at the next Regular Membership meeting, along with any recommendations. A written, titled, dated and signed report of the Trustees findings shall be given to the Board of Directors after they report to the Membership.

It should be noted that this is an even year, so this year two trustees are elected and one is appointed by the board. LD

Elizabeth (Betty) Frankhousr



Greetings to all,

My name is Elizabeth (Betty) Frankhousr and I am a nominee for the position of Trustee. I have been a member of the club since 2008. I moved to Miami in 1986 and after 31 years of being a nurse I retired in 2014. I was a Trustee previously from 2010-2014.

My ethnic background is German and Swiss. I enjoy the excitement of working at Maibaumfest and Oktoberfest each year. I also enjoy bowling, gardening, reading, and baking.

If elected, I will do my best to serve, for the good of the club and its members. Thank you.

Tony Sellers



Graduated University of Miami and currently works there as Senior Systems Administrator for non-Windows computer systems. Interests include baseball, brewing, genealogy, history, law, and literature. Served on municipal boards for a small city, including its Budget Review Committee. Chaired a small non-profit. Chaired Rules Committee of another non-profit. Served on several political campaigns, including as the Florida Field Director (Volunteer Coordinator) for a national campaign. Descended from the German Sellers family (immigrated PA, 1670) and Starnes (Stahring) family (NY, 1710), both originating in the Palatinate. Appointed to GASC Nominating Committee and Long-term Planning Committee, 2016. Appointed a trustee of the GASC in 2016 by its Board of Directors, and serves as spokesman for the Trustees.

Elaine Walters



Born in Detroit Michigan, Elaine Walter grew up in rural Western Pennsylvania with her Parents and older brother and sister. Her parents instilled in her a solid work ethic: chores come before fun, and she operates on that premise to this day. Elaine graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. degree in restaurant, hotel & institutional management and managed restaurants in Pennsylvania in the early 1990's. She then continued her education and received M.A. degree in counseling and educational psychology from Slippery Rock University and was a university administrator for seven years through the 1990's and 2000's. Wanting to do more with her career, she decided to attend law school, and moved to Miami to attend the University of Miami School of Law. Elaine graduated magna cum laude in 2004 and started her legal career at the Florida Supreme Court. She currently practices as a Florida Bar Board Certified Appellate Lawyer at a mid-sized firm in Coral Gables. Elaine is active in the Dade County Bar Association and The Florida Bar, helping to provide educational programming to lawyers in Miami-Dade County and across the state. She has volunteered at almost every event at the GASC for the past two years, helping wherever needed. She hopes to continue doing whatever this club needs, in whatever capacity needed.



An elections committee composed of Christa Collins, Bill Kraushaar, Gustavo Matzdorf, Karen Scanlan, and Maria Willumsen was chosen at the April Membership meeting. Please remember that only members with German heritage ("regular" membership) are eligible to vote. You will be asked to show your membership card, but if you can't find it, your driver's license will do. Make sure your information listed with the club is up to date and agrees with your license. Has your membership expired? Please renew online at our website gasocialclub.org or at the bar next time you're at the club. You can sign into the website with the email address on file. If it is the first time you've tried to sign in, tell the system you forgot your password. You will be provided with a means to sign in. Any time you need to update your information (email address, phone, street address, etc.) just let the club know. Leave a message on the club's phone or send us an email.

The following motion was made at the March Membership meeting, was discussed at the April meeting and will be voted on at the May meeting.

Underlined text represents language to be added. Stricken through text represents text to be removed.

Motion Title Amend Article IV

Mover: Tony Sellers

I move to amend the Bylaws Article IV, Section 9 by adding language as follows:

ARTICLE IV – Officers and Duties of Officers

Section 9 The Treasurer shall pay all bills, be custodian of the funds of the organization, shall keep a complete and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, shall submit a monthly report at the General Membership meeting, and when requested by the President or Board of Trustees, the Treasurer shall advise the Board of Directors in financial matters as able.

All originating checks shall be signed by two (2) of the following:

1. President
2. First Vice President
3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall report all unauthorized transactions, in conflict with these by-laws, to the Board of Directors and the Membership at the next Membership meeting.

All financial records, receipts and disbursements are Club property.

The President shall appoint and fill vacancies of the Deputy Treasurer with confirmation of the appointment by the Board of Directors. The Deputy Treasurer shall serve a one year term, renewable in the same manner as the original appointment.

The Treasurer shall keep the Deputy Treasurer apprised in all aspects of the position to act in his or her absence or incapacity and may delegate responsibilities thereto. In so much as there is personal liability to the governing bodies, any time the Deputy Treasurer acts on behalf of the Treasurer they shall be considered 'acting treasurer' and subject to the bookkeeping standards of the organization and state and federal regulations . The Deputy Treasurer shall succeed the Treasurer upon the Treasurer's vacating the office and complete the current term of office until and unless an election is held to elect a Treasurer. The Deputy Treasurer is eligible for election as Treasurer.