

GASC NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 13 @ 12 Mother's Day brunch
- 16 @ 9:30 am Maibaumfest Potato Peel
- 18 @ 6-12 Maibaumfest
- 19 @ 1 - 12 Maibaumfest
- 20 @ 12- 10 Maibaumfest
- 26 @ 2 2018 UEFA Champions League Final

June

- 10 @ 11-3 World Cup Kickoff
- 10 @ 3-8 Club Nacional Event with "El Chino" Recoba
- 17 @ 10:30 -1 Father's day Brunch and Germany Game
- 17 @ 1-3pm Father's day BBQ and Brazil game.

Wednesday Social Night

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

May Menu*

- 16 Chicken and Lamb Curry
- 23 Goulash
- 30 Paella

*Call Chef Tano at (305) 962-6418 to ask if he can help (provide 24 hours advance notice if you need something special).

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

FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT:

Liebe Freunde,

Linda Dunlap suggested that, with my term as President officially ending, I write you a final note and I am glad she did. I want to take a brief moment to reflect on the past two years and express my heartfelt appreciation to you for allowing me to serve the German-American Social Club of Greater Miami.

When I began my tenure as President, I really did not know many of you. I knew my Sunday soccer group and a very "ueberschaubare" group of others. I had decided to become more involved because I greatly enjoyed my Sunday morning soccer routine and I wanted to ensure the Club survived. But I did not know the institution and I did not know all of you. That all changed over these past two years. I feel like every Wednesday evening I learned something new about one of you. Every Maibaumfest, Oktoberfest, every conversation, large or small, I identified more with the Club and its members. Thank you for your friendship and all of your support these past two years. I miss you and will endeavor to make it down to Miami on a semi-regular basis to visit going forward.

The German-American Social Club is you, its members. Yes, there is brick-and-mortar, and a soccer field. But reduced to its essence, the Club is the sum of its members, and it constantly reinvents itself as new members join and take the reins of leadership. Please give the new leadership team being elected the same support that you provided to me. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Jan Timothy Williams
GASC President
Orlando, Florida

See Page 2 for a note from our incoming president!

FROM OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT:

Fellow Members,

First of all, I would like to thank everybody who offered me lots of support and encouragement for becoming the club's President. It will be an honor to serve and put all my efforts to live up to your expectations and help the club continue a successful period as the one we had this past year. We also have to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Jan Williams for all the time and muscle they put on all the activities they supported, always with a smile in their faces. To them, all the best wishes in their new endeavors.

April was a very exciting month and we had the opportunity to attend the 60th Anniversary celebration of the Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler group where we enjoyed a very well put together festival including performances not only by the celebrated group but also the Original Deutsche Volkstanzgruppe, the lovely Edelweiss Schuhplattler kids as well as dancers from other groups. A truly delight to watch.

After such a nice warm up, we look forward to another month filled with fun and tradition. After election night on May 4, we will be preparing for Maibaumfest, already a success in 2017. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have taken into a personal challenge to bring enough people to dance around the Maibaum to reach a Guinness world record. We will need all of you to participate, not only working as volunteers, but also as guests for the festivities. Please don't forget to bring all your friends to share good music, food and of course good German beer. We look forward to a celebration of teamwork.

In the meanwhile, the Board of Directors and Trustees will meet to set the course of action, prioritize projects and assign responsibilities to ensure that we can align our efforts to, along with all you volunteers, continue to update and improve our club. I'm counting on you all.

Thanks!
Hubert Weichselbaumer

Results of the elections held May 4:

Treasurer: Maria Morarin

Trustees: Elaine Walter and Better Frankhauser.

Officers & Trustees

Board of Directors:

President: Hubert Weichselbaumer –
 First V.P.: Neil Jones –
 Second V.P.: Emilio Palma.

Directors: Frank Biedermann, Christian
 Schlaerth, and Marina Urban.

Other Officers:

Treasurer: Maria Morarin -
 Corresponding Sec.: Linda Dunlap
 Membership Sec.: Jose "PeeWee"

Caban

Recording Sec.: Torsten Tyralla -

Parliamentarian: Elaine Walter -

Sergeant-at-Arms: Joe Koelbl -

Trustees: Bill Kraushaar, Edgar Prüss,
 Elizabeth "Betty" Frankhauser.

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.

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 at MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com or 305-776-0674.

Edelweiß Schuhplattler: This children's dance group now meets on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm. Contact Christine Giniger at 305-254-8932 to sign up the children in your family!

*Want a fun activity to do with your spouse or significant other?
 Join a dance group!*

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. Players tend to be 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. For more information contact Stephan Tuschen at stuschen@onlinehome.de.

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, although we are looking at a different day.

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.) We are looking at alternative days to meet.

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.

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!

For more information or to sign up to play contact Mac Donough at kmcdonough44@bellsouth.net or (305) 998-8529.

MAY 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. You can sign in to the website to update your information or email or call the club with updated information.

- 1 Yolanda Straile
- 2 Christian Engelbrecht, Joyce Weidinger
- 4 Matthew Klein
- 6 Huw Kruger Gray, JoAnn Graessel
- 9 Robert Kuhn
- 11 James Billings
- 12 Peter Weidinger, Heidi Jannotti, Jeannette Sperlich, Ralph Lipp
- 13 Grace Machado
- 18 Alexei Choquet, Heidi Fischer
- 19 Janet Priestly
- 21 James Colson
- 22 Inge Martorana, Judi Nemeth
- 24 Corey Zimmer, Jeffrey Parns
- 27 Christa Odumn
- 28 Donna Forster
- 31 Francis Schürtz

WISHING WELL

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

Former GASC member **Adelia Vogt** passed away recently. Our condolences go out to her husband Stan. Stan and Adelle were very involved at the club until his work took them to Rhode Island.

Johanna Johnson is doing better and is recovering well.

Disc Golf at GASC

Starting next Monday 5/14. We have 10 weeks (Mondays 6pm-8pm) of indoor disc golf putting at the GASC. Bring 5 putting discs or we will provide for beginners. Cost is \$7 per event with prizes given out weekly. Beer, frisbees, baskets and fun, who could ask for more? 18+ years old

No rsvp needed. For more information, contact Jose Caban at 786-426-9709 or at lightfacemedia@gmail.com.

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 are held Friday evenings. For additional information on these or any of the German classes, contact teacher Marina Urban at murba002@fiu.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2018 MAIBAUMFEST!!

What is Maibaumfest? It is the spring festival celebrated in Germany where people dance around the May pole. The GASC will try to set a record for the most people to dance around the May Pole (we want to set a Guinness World Record, if possible) so be sure to come. Volunteers are always needed from people to help with parking, serve beer, prepare food, clean up, sell tickets, tend bar (bartenders are needed year-round), set up, etc. Leave a message at (305) 552-5123 or email: gasocialclub@gmail.com.

- Friday , May 18 Maibaumfest Miami 2018
6 pm – midnight
- Saturday, May 19 Maibaumfest Miami 2018
1 pm - midnight
- Sunday, May 20 Maibaumfest Miami 2018
12 noon – 10 pm

We have had a request to play Skat. If you are interested please let us know! 305 552-5123 or gasocialclub@gmail.com.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
Come to the club to celebrate Mom!
Sunday, May 13th at noon

Menu: Buffet and Carvery
Cost: \$20 per person, includes Mimosas
\$15 for ages under 21