

# GASC NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2020

05 8pm Membership Meeting  
12 Happy Valentine's Day!   
19 8pm Bartender Training  
26 Fasching ??? TBA

### MARCH 2020

02 GASC was created in 1949

### May 2020

03 10 am – 6pm Heritage Day UGASF  
in St. Petersburg, FL (See flyer page 5)  
?? GASC Maibaumfest date TBA

### October 2020

**Change of date for Oktoberfest Miami 2020**  
*Please make a note of it on your calendar!*

Because there are five weekends in October, we will be celebrating on:  
October 16-17-18 and 23-24-25  
(We usually have it on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of October... this time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

### Wednesday Social Nights

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

### FEBRUARY Menu\*

05 Schnitzel night!  
12 Beef Goulash with noodles  
19 Chicken Paprikash  
26 Chef's surprise

\*Call Chef Tano @ (305) 962-6418 if you have special dietary needs.  
(Please provide 24 hours' notice.)

Dear fellow members,

I hope everybody is keeping up with their New Year resolutions. It takes resilience to stay on track and remain working toward the achievement of your own goals. Hopefully, one of them is related to our club improvement.

With spring just around the corner, the traditional seasonal cleaning projects start. We have a whole bunch of areas needing either reorganization, beautification, classification.... you name it. So please get creative, own a project and get hands on, always making sure you communicate with fellow members and your board to try and align everyone's efforts and get more done in a more efficient fashion.

Our Nomination Committee is working hard to interview members that could be running for the positions that are up for election this next May. Should you feel like investing some time and contribute with your experience and wisdom to the club's operation, please reach out to the committee. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Many of you may not be aware of the many committees named within our bylaws. They were once fully functional and it would be nice to have at least the basic ones working again. Do not hesitate to approach the board to check for open committee chairs.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,  
Hubert Weichselbaumer  
President

**OFFICERS & TRUSTEES**

**Board of Directors**

**President:** Hubert Weichselbaumer

**First V.P.:** Neil Jones

**Second V.P.:** Wieland Uchdorf

**Directors:** David Bauer, Frank Biedermann, Badi Sheffey, and Denise Stephens.

**Other Officers**

**Treasurer:** Maria Morarin

**Deputy Treasurer:** Liselotte Seer

**Corresponding Sec.:** Linda Dunlap

**Membership Sec.:** Jose "PeeWee" Caban

**Recording Sec.:** Torsten Tyralla

**Parliamentarian:** TBD

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Joe Koelbl

**Trustees:** Elizabeth "Betty" Frankhouser, Bill Kraushaar, Edgar Prüss, Alan Sielk, and Elaine Walter.

**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 used for getting 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 most emails are answered within 24 hours.



**1. PAY** by cash or credit card at the bar. (or write a check)



**NEW MEMBERS**

**2A. STAPLE**



your bar receipt (or check) to your membership application and drop in the mailbox. (No cash in the box please)

**-OR-**

**RETURNING MEMBERS**

**2B. SIGN**

*Jess notenberg*  
RENEWAL

your receipt (or check) with your name and write "renewal" on it and drop in the mailbox. (please be sure to write clearly)

**3. PICKUP** your new membership card at the bar. You will be notified by the membership secretary when it is ready.



\* You can apply and/or pay **ONLINE** and skip the mailbox all together at [www.GASCMiami.org](http://www.GASCMiami.org)

**Membership Cards are ready for pickup at the club bar!**

**Ask for yours the next time you're at the club OR send us a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will mail it to you.**

The system automatically sends reminder emails to everyone... even those of us who have renewed, but if you have a question, don't hesitate to reply to the "payment reminder" email and we'll get back to you.

# SPORTS



## MIAMI RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



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](mailto:kmcdonough44@bellsouth.net) or (305) 998-8529.**

## GERMAN CLASSES

**Beginning German**

**Thursdays 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

**Advanced German**

**Wednesdays 6:00 pm 7:30 pm**

**Contact Maria Urban at [murba002@fiu.edu](mailto:murba002@fiu.edu) for more information and to sign up for classes.**

**Classes begin again January 15-16, 2020.**

## BOOT CAMP

Were you wondering what that colorful outdoor equipment was for when you went to the club? If you want a good workout, talk with Wilberth Garcia at 786-398-1464 for more information about his bootcamp!

## SUNDAY SOCCER



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](mailto:stuschen@onlinehome.de) .**

## FOLK DANCE GROUPS

### Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler:

Come learn the Bavarian schuhplattler on Wednesday evenings. Contact Andre von Bloedau, Vorplattler, at [auerhahnofmiami@gmail.com](mailto:auerhahnofmiami@gmail.com) or (305)431-6571 for more info on this group.

*Practices are after dinner on Wednesday evenings.*

### Original Deutsche Volkstanzgruppe:

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

*They meet on Sunday afternoons. Check with Mary for the exact dates and time.*

### 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!

*Check with Christine to let her know you'll be there. Stay in touch with her via the Edelweiss Dance Group WhatsApp Chat!*

The GASC newsletter is sent out once a month, but email updates go out as needed. Be sure to update your email address with the club to stay up to date on all email communications!

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Tom Lander
- 5 William Rehkamp, Silvia Willumsen
- 6 Esther Bolster
- 7 Tom Worrell, Peter Germann, Edward E. Clauss
- 11 Louise K. Davidson-Schmich
- 12 Reinhilde Long, Joseph Miller, Aixa Perez-Prado
- 13 Olga Eckert
- 15 Irmgard Wolf
- 17 Jochen Eckermann, Estelle Cowan
- 18 Marie Louise Sliger
- 20 William Bullough
- 21 Frank Johnson
- 22 Peter Gemuerr
- 23 Philip Wachter
- 24 Terry Thiele Kohl
- 25 Eduardo Sunol, Arne Bremer
- 26 Carey Mallard
- 27 Margaret Eadie

## GASC NEWS

### WISHING WELL

By Tonie Camp  
(305) 270-0865

We are thankful that so many who have been hospitalized are back at home and the club!

Hope everyone stays healthy and has a great 2020!

### BARTENDER TRAINING



Friday, February 21, 2020

Anyone who is interested should be at the bar by 8:00 pm!

**MIAMI INSTITUTE OF PHOTOGRAPHY**  
**LATENT FISSURES**  
Berlin 1989  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY JORGE ANDRÉS CASTILLO

Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Miami  
Wiederholung | Germany and the U.S.

February 8th  
**Exhibition Closing Night**  
6:00pm

miamiinstituteofphotography.com  
119 NE 54th St, Miami, FL 33137

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Please join us for the closing reception of the photo exhibition "Latent Fissures" by photographer Jorge Andrés Castillo on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Miami Institute of Photography 119 NW 54th Street Miami, FL 33137 6:00pm - Opening reception 6:30pm - Remarks by Consul General Andreas Siegel and Jorge Andrés Castillo followed by an open Q & A discussion with the audience. RSVP by Wednesday, February 5 to: [rsvp@miam.diplo.de](mailto:rsvp@miam.diplo.de) German Consulate General in Miami

Many thanks to those who helped to clean out and organize the GASC library over the holidays.

We still need someone (who reads German) to help make the library easier to use. Volunteers can leave a message at the club phone 305 552-5123 or email at [gasocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:gasocialclub@gmail.com).

Many thanks to those who were able to attend the CPR/AED training on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Although the “Automated External Defibrillator: (AED) is designed to be easy to use, the more people trained in its use the better. GASC anticipates offering additional training opportunities in the future.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Quite a few positions are available for officers for the coming year including President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and two Trustees.**

**Certain requirements must be met to hold office. If you are interested, for more information please contact Nominating Committee Chairman:**

**Torsten Tyralla  
[ttyralla@yahoo.com](mailto:ttyralla@yahoo.com)**

**The Nominating committee will be making its recommendations at the Membership Meeting in March. Nominations from the floor may be made at the April Membership Meeting.**

**MAIFEST**

**Celebrate German Heritage Day with the  
United German American Society of Florida  
Where Gemütlichkeit meets culture**

**SUNDAY MAY 3, 2020**

**In the HOFBRÄUHAUS St. Petersburg  
123 4<sup>th</sup> Street South 33701**

**Please come join us and enjoy traditional German Foods and Great HB Beer!**



**Tickets: \$35  
Time: 10 AM to 6 PM**



Contact your club representative below or check website for ticket information.

Name:  Phone:   
Email:

Facebook: @UGASF  UGASFlorida.Org