

GASC NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

August 2, 2015

First Sunday Membership Meeting at 1:00pm

58th Oktoberfest

October 16th through 25th

Edelweiß Schuhplattler

Groups meets once a week to learn traditional plattlerin German folk dances and songs. All members are welcome to bring their children or grandchildren to participate. Contact: Christine Giniger, at 305-254-8932.

Wednesday Social Night

Enjoy German dinner every Wednesday starting at 6pm for only \$11.

Menu

August 5: Schnitzel night
 August 12: Beef Goulash
 August 19: Chicken Paella
 August 26: Chopped Steak with mushroom gravy

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** - Betty Frankhouser, Marge Froehling, Sandra W. Jones, Bill Kraushaar, Pastor Alan Sielk - **Directors** - Frank Biedermann, Ingeborg Condon, Gary Malfeld, Stephan Tuschen - **Parliamentarian** - Sam Salton - **Sergeant-at-Arms** - Joe Koelbl

President's Message

Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable July. As we gear up for the second half of the year, keep in mind that Oktoberfest is around the corner. This year being my second Oktoberfest as president, I hope that preparation is going to be a bit less stressful than last year's. In 2014 we had so many last minute situations including the Dade County permit, that is was a close call to have Oktoberfest at all. Only through the sudden like magic appearance of volunteers we all managed to pull it off. And very soon the volunteer lists will be put up for this year. I am sure that together we will make the 58th Oktoberfest a great success again. If anyone has suggestions on what to improve over last year, please let me know.



Business Meeting August 2 at 1:00 p.m.

As a result of the membership vote earlier this year, our business meetings will now be held on the first Sunday of the month (when the first Sunday is not the 1st or on a holiday). As many of you are on your summer out of town vacations and may not be able to attend, we hope to see you on social nights when you return. For those of you able to attend, bring your favorite summer appetizer to share. In the event we don't have a quorum, we can still socialize.

Help Wanted!

We are in desperate need of some willing individuals to step forward and help out. Specifically, we need someone to take over the publishing of the monthly newsletter. This could also be done by tech savvy high school student in need of community service hours. We also need someone (or several someones) to take over the Children's Christmas party or it will need to be canceled this year. Please let one of the officers or directors know if you are interested in helping out. You can also email Mary Parsons at maryparsonsgermanclub@gmail.com

A Big Thank You To Chef Tano

While the rest of us were enjoying our July off, Chef Tano was at the club putting a nice shine to the dance floor. Tano, thank you for taking the time and effort to make this improvement to the club. Contributions through volunteer hours and monetary donations help to make our club a success.

Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler

Performing Bavarian Schuhplattler dances practicing every Wednesday evening. Contact: Joe Koelbl, Vorplattler at 305-247-6948.

Original Deutsche Volkstanzgruppe

Practice Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome and no experience and no partner is necessary! Contact: Mary Parsons at MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com or 305-776-0674.

Farewell Dear Friend



It is with much sadness but also her blessing that our dear friend, Heidi McGrew passed away early June 27th, 2015. She is with her Lord. Heidi McGrew had worked for Lufthansa for many years, was President of the

Hotel Association and held many noteworthy positions in the corporate world. She was very active with the German American Club in Miami and was its president from 2002-2004. Since retiring to Robertstown, in NE Georgia, she kept very busy. She loved working in her garden, making many sewing crafts including baby quilts, crocheting, teaching adults German and making German head wreaths for the Festhall. She had been very active in Helen Presbyterian Church and was treasurer for many years. She also volunteered with the ladies PW group and was named Presbyterian Woman of the year in 2014. She was also a member of the chamber of commerce and volunteered whenever possible. She made many friends here in White County and beyond. She had fun with the local Red Hatters, walking the lake with friends, thrift store shopping and in general, working her magic to make people adore her. She is survived by her partner, Dieter Nowak, son Paul McGrew and

brother and mother who live in Germany along with nieces and nephews there.

If you wish to send a condolence card, send to Dieter Nowak 180 Elrod Road Helen, GA30545. (Please, do not send flowers or plants) There will be NO funeral, however there might be a small commemorative service at a later date. You are welcome to make a donation to your favourite charity in her name.



August birthdays

3rd - Charlotte Colson, Ida Mallard
 5th - Edna Allison, Shirley Brosch
 9th - Robert Schmidt
 11th - Ingeborg Condon, Clare Schade
 15th - Patricia Poder
 16th - Monica Cummings
 17th - Peter Forster, Eleonor Longo
 18th - Jeff Grieger, Friedrich Susami
 19th - Rudolf Schulz
 20th - Gisela Fernandez
 24th - Trudy Freitag, Dirk Kuczurba, Francis Tirb
 25th - Rose Klingenschmid, Elly Mims, Gudrun Oursler
 27th - Michael Clauss
 31st - Trudy Freitag, Anna Hester, William Kraushaar

Wishing Well

Rudy Schulzesi's brother passed away on May 21st. Tano's daughter passed away on May 31st. Our condolences to the Schulz Family and the Lucerno Family.

Don Roskind became a Great Grandpa to Sebastian James born 9/20/14. Barbara Roskinod is a great grandmother again with the birth of Maverick David on 4/6/15. Congratulations to the parents and great grandparents.

Proposed change to eliminate initiation fee for new members

As notified in previous newsletter, the Board of Directors is proposing to reduce the \$10.00 initiation fee to zero with the approval of the membership until such time as the Board of Directors seeks to re-impose a membership fee with the consent of the members. The vote of members on the Board proposal shall take place at the August 2015 monthly member business meeting.

Article XI - Membership Fees Section 1

The yearly Membership fee and initiation fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Any changes shall be submitted to the Membership for approval. The Membership shall be notified in the newsletter at least 60 days in advance of any proposed change and a notice shall be posted in the Clubhouse. The proposal shall require a 2/3 vote of members present at the membership meeting for adoption.