

GASC NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

September 6, 2015

First Sunday Membership Meeting at 1:00pm

October 4, 2015

First Sunday Membership Meeting and Oktoberfest Test Drive with Food

October 16th through 25th

58th Oktoberfest

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

- Sep. 2: Schnitzel
- Sep. 9: Stuffed cabbage
- Sep. 16: Goulash
- Sep. 23: Roasted pork loin
- Sep. 30: Arroz con pollo

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President's Message

Our 58th Oktoberfest Miami® planning is kicking and much has been successfully taken care of.

For this year we have introduced a new more modern logo for Oktoberfest Miami® that is going to be displayed on various merchandise items like beer mugs and T-Shirts.

We had many good discussions on what we could change this year. We are looking to improve efficiency, reduce cost and increase revenue. For example we plan to change the way food is being served to a cafeteria style approach, where you see the available options right in front of you and you pay at the end. We still discuss the possibility to not even use tickets but rather accept cash and credit right there on the spot, but there is opposition to that idea with good arguments. During our October membership meeting we will test drive the new set up and check feasibility. Food will be similar to Oktoberfest menu, but at reduced cost. All feedback is appreciated.

On an other note, this is the first newsletter done by Linda Dunlap. Linda quickly learned how to use new software and just put everything together with ease. Many thanks for taking over this task and I hope you will continue doing so for many newsletters to come.

Business Meeting September 6 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.

Volkstanz SOS

As you know Oktoberfest is around the corner. Every year our folk dance group performs along with the Schuhplattler entertaining the audiences. This year due to work schedules and various health issues, our group is down to just a few couples. As a result, we may not have enough to perform. If you have ever considered dancing or have any teenage children who need volunteer hours for school and would like to earn them learning a few dances and performing with us for Oktoberfest, please have them contact Mary Parsons at 305-776-0674 or maryparsonsgermanclub@gmail.com.



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.

Getting to know you ...

My name is **Brandon Stewart**, I have recently been named the new Entertainment Committee Chairperson, and I'm excited about the opportunity! I'm 30 years old, originally from Broadalbin, New York (just outside of Saratoga Springs). My mother's side of the family came here from Munich originally and settled in upstate New York. My entire family still lives in the area where I'm from.

I moved to Florida (Islamorada originally) on my own nine years ago this October because I'm not really a winter person, which I'm sure many of you can relate to! And took over some management responsibilities at the former Holiday Isle resort where we certainly knew how to throw an event or two! During the ownership changeover and have now been at Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant in Homestead for the past six years. I also live in Homestead.

I've been a member of the GASC for two years now, I enjoy the Wednesday night social nights, I play in the Sunday morning soccer club and I like interacting with many of the members, but, I think we need more opportunities to all get out and co-mingle. We are blessed with a great venue, even greater people and now I think we need to show it off and have some fun! I have some ideas for a few new events in the coming year, all should be enjoyable for everyone, I'm aiming to have one large event in the spring to take advantage of that nice cool weather as well as some good family orientated events throughout the year to help everyone come together and enjoy life at the club!

If you are interested in helping out with the still forming committee I can be reached at soccerstew@gmail.com I look forward to meeting those of you I've yet to, and the many ideas and events to come!

Wishing Well

Christina Hoecher, the mother of Rose Klingenschmidt, passed away on August 1st, 2015. Our Condolences to all of the Klingenschmidt Family.

Ursula Wagerer called to say that she was in the Hospital recently. She is now at home with the help of a caregiver. She sends her regards to all who remembered her at the Club.

September Birthdays

- 1 - Julie Hochfelder
- 2 - Joan Browder, Ines Waidele
- 3 - Analisa Joice, George Schur
- 5 - Joan Traenkle
- 7 - Alexandra Forray, Jean Grieger
- 11 - Constance Froelich, Linda Obermeier
- 12 - Lilli Hradelowitz, Rudolf Wolf
- 13 - Robert Zankl
- 15 - Ingeborg Kopp, Joyce Schmidt
- 17 - Detlef Joks
- 18 - Esther Hentschel, Carsten Polatschek
- 20 - Neil Jones
- 22 - Basil Lamp, Steffen Rapp
- 23 - Steffen Budweg, Steffi Kordy, Andre Silveira
- 25 - Frank Biedermann, Lois Grell
- 26 - Roy Levi
- 27 - Imogene Stapp
- 28 - Kathy Reed

Proposed change to eliminate initiation fee for new members

Since we did not have a quorum last membership meeting, we are again notifying that 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 September 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.