

GASC NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

April 3

1 pm Membership Meeting

April 23

2 pm-12 am 500 Years of Beer Purity

April 29 & 30

Belly Dancing

Wednesday Social Night

Enjoy social hour and dinner for only \$11. Dinner is served 7-8 pm.

Menu

- 6 Schnitzel night!
- 13 Frickadelle
- 20 Stuffed Cabbage
- 27 Stuffed Pork Loin

May 2016

- 8: Mother's Day Brunch and Elections
- 14: Installation of Officers and Dinner Dance
- 21: Maibaumfest

Officers & Trustees

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: President: TBA - **First V.P.:** Wieland Uchdorf - **Second V.P.:** Mary Parsons **Directors:** Frank Biedermann, Ingeborg Condon, Gary Malfeld, Stephan Tuschen - **OTHER OFFICERS:** **Treasurer:** Maria Morarin - **Corresponding Sec.:** TBD - **Membership Sec.:** Linda Obermeier - **Recording Sec.:** Maria Luiza Silveira - **Parliamentarian:** Sam Salton - **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Joe Koelbl - **TRUSTEES:** Betty Frankhouser, Marge Froehling, Bill Kraushaar, Pastor Alan Sielk, Jonathan Varela.

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A Word from the 1st Vice President...

Dear Friends,

If you have not heard it, it is true; currently we have no President for the club. Thorsten had to leave the country and Jan Williams, who graciously offered to step in to fill the gap until the May election, realized that although he had been an associate member for several years, he was just short of the 1 year regular member requirement indicated in our bylaws. Still, the current board of directors and officers are keeping the ship on a straight course and nominees to complete Thorsten's term will be accepted at the April meeting.

The first port of call for this ship will be the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the German Beer Purity Law, or Reinhaltegebot. (It comes from Bavaria, of course!) We will celebrate on April 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Reserve the day and tell your sphere of influence! There will be Oktoberfest-like food, a nice selection of new beers besides the ones we always have, rides for kids, and entertainment by our local forces. We expect between 500 and 1,000 guests. Please, all you Oktoberfest volunteers to come out! We will have two shifts, volunteer lists will be available at the Wednesday Social Nights and other club activities or call Reinhilde Long at (305) 387-3869.

On April 29th and 30th, Johara and her belly dancers will beautify our club. Volunteers are needed to set up chairs.

On Sunday April 3rd, we have our membership meeting. Pot luck, so bring your favorite dishes! Thanks! Wieland

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals for the positions indicated:

President: Jan Williams, 1st Vice President: Neil Jones, Treasurer: Maria Morarin, Corresponding Secretary: Linda Dunlap, Trustee: Pastor Alan Sielk. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the April meeting. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Voting on bylaw changes at the April Meeting

Article X- Meetings, Section 3, shall be changed to read:

At any general Membership meeting, regular or special, a minimum of 25 Regular Members must be present to constitute a quorum.

This is a change from the existing provision, which provides for a quorum of 40 Regular Members.

Article V- Nomination and Election of the Directors and Officers, Section 7, the 5th paragraph, shall be changed to read:

The Election Committee shall prepare for the election by posting three (3) persons by the door. They shall check the Membership cards shown by those entering and each verified current Regular member that has not already voted in the election shall be required to sign in a ballot receipt book and be given a ballot. A valid photo ID may be substituted for a Membership card for verification of current Regular membership by the Election Committee members using the list of current Regular members in the ballot receipt books. One and a half hours after the election meeting is scheduled to start, the President shall declare balloting closed. The Election Committee shall collect all ballots, count and verify them against the number of members signed into the ballot receipt books.

This is a change from the existing provision, which provides for declaring balloting closed at 9:30 P.M.

March Birthday

Belated birthday wishes to **Horace Brown** whose 96th birthday was March 25!

April Birthdays

- 1: Maria Luisa da Silveira, Barbara Zankl
- 2: Christa Collins
- 4: Helga Brown, Ines Reilly
- 6: Artig Malesci
- 9: Denise Stephens, Nicholas Martin,
- 10: Donald Wendt
- 11: Wesley Parsons
- 16: Luis Pedro Mansilla Paetau,
- 20: Martha McGuire, Omar John Sandoz, and Evelyn Susami
- 23: Luis W. Bloise
- 24: Marianna Dunmire
- 26: William Hacker
- 27: Paul Nemeth
- 28: Manuela Arrebola
- 29: Robert Jacobs

Thank you!

Many thanks to **Inge Kopp** for her donation to GASC in memory of Bob Schmidt.

Thanks also to donations from **Lifetime members** Margit Cooper, Marion Mezar, and Mary Blackburn.

Thanks too for the wonderful job done by our **Nominating Committee**: Jan Williams (initial spokesman, resigned upon deciding to run for an office), Vivian Uchdorf, Sandra W. Jones, Tony Sellers (selected spokesman upon Jan's resignation), Suzanne Gilmore. Alternates: Joe Koebel and Norma Stueckenschneider (elevated to full member upon Jan's resignation).

Dance Groups

Original Deutsche Volkstanzgruppe: For more information contact Mary Parsons at MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com or 305-776-0674.

Edelweiß Schuhplattler: For more information on the children's dance group contact Christine Giniger, at 305-254-8932.

Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler: Contact Joe Koebel, Vorplattler at 305-247-6948 for more info on this group that practices Wednesday nights.

Erich Dietsch Scholarship Memorial Fund

The Fund was named for the first GASC President who promoted German culture and language studies.

Thanks to his generosity we can offer scholarships to eligible graduating high school students in Miami-Dade County who have a working knowledge of the German language, have studied it for two or more years, and desire to continue their German language studies at a university in the United States.

Members with family members meeting these requirements should contact the Scholarship Committee. Inge Kopp, Committee Chairman

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Wishing Well

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

Maria Willumsen's sister, **Evelise Fernandes**, passed away Recently. She lived in Brazil, and had been an active member of our club. Sincere condolences to all of the Family.

Job Opportunity

MILHUA LLC is hiring bilingual Customer Service Representatives (English/German) to work in their call center. Must have good spoken and written knowledge of both languages. No experience needed. Part time Mon-Fri. Send your resume to milhuallc@yahoo.com.

Maibaumfest

Maibaumfest will be held May 21. Volunteers are needed so if you would like to help with this family event, be sure to contact Sandra Jones at swjones813@gmail.com.

Congratulations new Lifetime Members!

Mary Blackburn and BB Gould.

Welcome new members

William Sheremata and Leah Magel-Sheremata, Alex Choquet, Suzanne Gilmore and Tony Sellers, Tim and Masy Yeider, Eric Bluestein, Teresa Buschbom Kurack, Jorge Weddle Reichmann, Christian Engelbrecht, Maximilian Grisar, Vanessa Mendoza, Manuel Rodrigues da Cruz, Stanley and AdliaVogt

German Classes

The next series of classes will begin April 13. Classes are held every Wednesday night.

Level 2: 6-7 pm

Level 1: 7-8 pm

Each series is \$90 and membership in the GASC. The textbook, "Wie geht's", is available at the Miami Dade College bookstore and costs \$68. It provides access to a website for audio and video exercises.

Contact our teacher Marina Urban, 305-401-9564, Marina.Urban@fiu.edu to reserve your space. Ms Urban has a degree in Art Education and German Language and has taught group and private classes since coming to this country 26 years ago.



The club's 67th Anniversary was celebrated at the March membership meeting.