

GASC NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

February 7

1 pm Membership Meeting

February 13

7-11 pm Valentine's Dance

Wednesday Social Night

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

Menu

Feb. 3: Schnitzel night!

Feb. 10: Goulash

Feb. 17: German night!

Bratwurst, potato salad sauerkraut, and red cabbage

Feb. 24: Beef Roulade with Pasta

Officers & Trustees

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Thorsten Kling - **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 Silveria -

Parliamentarian: Sam Salton -

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TRUSTEES: Betty Frankhouser, Marge Froehling, Bill Kraushaar, Pastor Alan Sielk

Newsletter: Linda Dunlap ldunlapmiami@gmail.com or (305) 710 5021. If possible, submit items for the newsletter in a "copy and paste" format (i.e. an email, MSWord document, etc.).

Dear GASC members,

Our club was founded and developed as the result of the blood, sweat and tears of many of our current and former members. In our heyday, events at the club had the hall filled or near capacity. Members worked as a team to help ensure the success of the club through volunteerism. Our club, like any volunteer organization needs a way to sustain its existence if the doors of the club are to stay open in the future.

Aside from monetary shortfalls, there is a great shortfall of volunteer hours, the lifeblood of the club. Many of you volunteer your time for our annual Oktoberfest which helps to ensure its success. Unfortunately, the proceeds from Oktoberfest are not sufficient to sustain our existence the rest of the year. Wednesday night social nights, weekend soccer, club events and use of hall agreements help provide us much needed capital to pay for the most basic of our monthly expenses. Who supervises such events? In the past several years it has been board members, officers, and a few volunteers. Idealistically, the handful of people who currently do this would have unlimited time to do so. Realistically, they all have jobs as well as other responsibilities in addition to the time they donate to club.

The Board often hears, "When is the next event at our club? What does our club have to offer?" The answer to those two questions is in the key word "our". If you live with multiple people in your household, various people have responsibilities and work together for the good of the home and the family. If one person bears the burden, the overburdened family member then begins to ask for help and if none is provided, there are tasks which are left unaccomplished. Our club is no different. In several issues of our newsletter, the board has called upon members to come forward and volunteer. Some of you have unselfishly come forward and done so. There are other members who stand back and say they have "paid their dues" and have already done their part. This may be true, but if this attitude remains, the club will become just a memory. Not only is it unrealistic to expect a small handful of people to organize and execute all events at the club, it is impossible!

Some say, "If you just come forward to ask me, I will help." Please consider this our request! Once again, the small group of people who are already helping to keep the doors open, are spending their precious free time off work, by helping to oversee those activities which are helping us to financially keep our doors open. Aside from Oktoberfest hours volunteered, this has been twelve or more hours a month by some of those few who have been assisting. To expect this handful of people to continue on the status quo is not feasible. We need you! No amount of time is too small to donate to your club. If you are unable to assist physically at the club, there are some instances where helping from home is possible such as helping with a phone tree.

If you are able to volunteer any amount of time for the club please email maryparsonsgermanclub@gmail.com or please leave a note with the bartender on duty the next time that you are at the club. You can also specify in which area you would like to help (maintenance, phone trees, events etc). Remember, our continued existence relies on you, our valued members.

GASC Board of Directors

February Birthdays

- 02 - Helmer Anderson, Tani Bauer, Jordan Giniger, Helmer Anderson, Terri Bauer
- 03- Samuel G. Salton
- 05- Silvia Willumsen
- 06- Esther Bolster
- 07- Edward E. Clauss, Peter Germann, Tom Worrell
- 08- Lolyklara Palmahuergo
- 11- Louise K. Davidson-Schmich, Amulfo Guerrero, Edison Schlaerth-Barahona
- 12- Ronny Funk, Ingeborg Lederberger, Reinhilde Long, Joseph Miller
- 15- Crystal Blackburn, Irmgard Wolf
- 17- Estelle Cowan
- 18- Marie Luise Sliger
- 21- Frank Johnson, Michael Snavely
- 23- Thorsten Kling
- 24- Terry Thiele Kohl
- 26- Carey Mallard
- 27- Margaret Eadie, Peter Gemuerr

Wishing Well by **Tonie Camp**

Congratulations to **Elke and Bill Kraushaar** who are celebrating the arrival of their second great grandchild. Parents are their grandson Michael (Silvia's son) and wife Page.

Gary and Mariela Malfeld who have just become grandparents. Congratulations!

Wishing **Betty Germann** well as she recovers from her 1/26 surgery.

Condolences to friends and family of lifetime member **Fritz Hentschel** who passed away January 7. A long time member of GASC, he served as 1st VP for several years.

Condolences to friends and family of lifetime member **Bob Schmidt** who passed away 1/25. An exemplary volunteer, Bob spent many hours working at the club even after turning 90.

Fritz and **Bob** will both be missed.

Are you an active member—
 The kind that would be missed?
 Or are you just contented
 That your name is on the list?
 Do you attend the meetings
 And mingle with the flock?
 Or do you stay at home
 And criticize and knock?
 Do you take an active part
 To help the work along?
 Or are your satisfied to be
 Of those that just belong?
 Do you ever voluntarily
 Help at the guiding stick?
 Or leave the work to just a few
 And talk about the clique?
 Come out to meetings often
 And help with hands and heart
 Don't be just a member;
 But take an active part.
 Think this over, member,
 You know right from wrong;
 Are you an active member?
 Or, do you just belong?
 This applies from day to day
 To everything you cherish—
 To God and faith and prayer,
 To your home and parish.

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Additional Info...

Rule and Regulation Reminder

Just a reminder to all that purchases made at the GASC bar must be made by members ONLY per Florida state law. Pursuant to our bylaws, all members should expect to show their membership card at the door.

Hop in the Pool-The Bartender Pool, that is...

We are in need of **bartenders** at the GASC for Saturday soccer, events and use of hall -- no experience necessary! If you are willing to learn some basic bartending skills or are interested in assisting, please let one of the board members know or email maryparsonsgermanclub@gmail.com.

Thank You

A big thank you to those of you who assisted with taking down the Christmas decorations and the Saturday soccer players who assisted with putting the Santa's sleigh back in the storage container. Also, a big thank you goes out to Tano for cleaning out and organizing the storage containers and buffing the dance floor.