


GASC NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 3: 8pm membership meeting
- 12: 1:30 Advanced schutzenverein
- 15: 7pm Celebrate St. Patrick's day!
- 16: 8pm schutzenverein for beginners
- 22: 8pm schutzenverein for beginners
- 29: 8pm schutzenverein for beginners
- 31: 8pm Nosferatu - 95th Anniversary

April

- 7, 8, and 9: 25TH Heritage Day
Anniversary of the United German
American Society of Florida, Inc.
- 30: Raise the Maibaum

May

- 6: Maibaumfest

October

- 13, 14, 15: Oktoberfest Miami:
60 years of Oktoberfest!
- 20, 21, 22: Oktoberfest Miami:
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Wednesday Social Night

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

Menu for March

- 1: Schnitzel and Fish
- 8: Churrasco Steak
- 15: Irish Stew
- 22: Fish
- 29: Chicken Parmesan

Officers & Trustees

Board of Directors:

President: Jan Williams –
First V.P.: Neil Jones –
Second V.P.: Emilio Palma.

Directors: Frank Biedermann, Gary
D. Malfeld, Christian Schlaerth, and
Hubert Weichselbaumer.

Other Officers:

Treasurer: Maria Morarin –
Corresponding Sec.: Linda Dunlap
Membership Sec.: Linda Obermeier
Recording Sec.: Torsten Tyralla –
Parliamentarian: Sam Salton –
Sergeant-at-Arms: Joe Koelbl –
Trustees: Bill Kraushaar,
Emma Blanton, Edgar Prüss,
Pastor Alan Sielk, Tony Sellers.

Liebe Freunde/Dear friends:

What a great Fasching event Saturday! If you were at *Fasching Meets Bourbon Street* you will know what I mean. The Club was beautifully decorated, the food was excellent, we had several creative costumes, and the Glades Jazz Band, the best middle school jazz band in the country, entertained us for three full sets. Glades Middle School is our Club's neighbor and I am particularly happy that we could forge this special connection. I hope we can do more collaborative projects with our neighborhood organizations in the near future. A special thanks to those of you members (you know who you are) who volunteered your time and sweat to make the event such a success.

And events just keep on coming. During our Wednesday social night on **March 15** we will celebrate **St. Patrick's Day**. Please wear green and try the Irish drink specials at the bar. On **March 31**, in honor of its 95th Anniversary, we will be showing the 1922 German horror movie **Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror**. Please come join us and bring guests.

The Club is also attempting to revitalize the **Schützenverein**. Schützenverein is German for **Marksman's Club** and the group enjoys the sport of ten meter air rifle competition shooting. The Club has had this sport for many years, but participation has recently languished. To help jumpstart it again the Club has purchased a German-manufactured Walther .177 air rifle and German RWS Meisterkugeln. The **advanced group** practice will take place **every second Sunday at 1:30 PM**. If interested, please contact Tony Sellers or Gary Malfeld. There will also be a **beginners group** that will meet **every Thursday at 8:00 PM** (with breaks for Easter, Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving & Christmas). Please contact Neil or Sandra Jones for details.

As far as volunteering, if you **read German** and would like to volunteer, please come see me about assisting with our **German library**. We need one or more people to assist with categorizing and general organizational tasks. Additionally, those of you that volunteered for the **Oktoberfest committee**, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 22 at 8 p.m.

And finally, as most of you know (since you are reminded every time you drive into the Club) the **parking lot** is in pretty bad shape. There are significant pot holes, especially in the main driveway leading to the Club house. Over the years the Club has gotten several informal quotes on fixing it and the cost was somewhere in the \$10k to \$15k range. One of our members of many decades has encouraged me that we ought to attempt a fund drive similar to the stove/oven project last year. I agree that the parking lot would be a worthy, concrete project that we can and should devote our fund raising efforts toward. While it will be a tall order, if there is even a chance that we can accomplish this before our 60th anniversary Oktoberfest, I think it is worth the effort. Consequently, I will be seeking more formal quotes for the repair and I am calling upon all Members (**Gold members**, please consider donating if you have not given yet this year) to **donate toward repairing the parking lot**. The **goal** is to **raise \$10,000.00** from donations by **September 1**. All donations will be spent exclusively toward parking lot construction.

Thank you all and see you Wednesdays.

Gruß,

Jan Timothy Williams
President

Seeking member volunteers...

The German American Social Club of Greater Miami is a membership-driven organization. Nothing is planned or accomplished without the participation of its member volunteers.

Can you bartend or do you want to learn how? Can you do a load of laundry (the club has a washer and drier)? Can you upload photos to Facebook? Use social media to promote GASC events? Do you like helping with setup and tear down of events? Can you work on a computer or on a website? Scan documents? Do you read German and have experience working in a library? Or perhaps you simply love books. Our German library, the only one in Dade County, needs you if so.

Can you organize an event? Would you like to help us organize one? Can you help decorate the hall? Do you like to garden? Please email the club or leave us a voice mail message on the club number so that we can connect. Working with fellow club members is a great way to get to know one another better. We look forward to hearing from you!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Iris Borsch
- 3 Mieko Avello, Rose Himmenger, Edith Schneider
- 4 Donald Menker
- 6 George Elder
- 7 Charles (Buddy) Traenkle
- 8 Mariela Malfeld
- 10 Daniela Kuczurba, Gene Harris
- 11 Sandra Willumsen Jones, Ray Rosales
- 12 Richard Hochfelder, Teresa Buschbom Kurack
- 14 Linda Dunlap
- 15 Lorenz Prüss, Mark Crofton, Marlene Spath, Stephan Tuschen, Consul General Annette Klein
- 16 David Behar
- 17 George Brown
- 18 Robert Blanton, Leland Burns, Gloria Nellen
- 19 Sandro Rastelli
- 20 Maximilian Grisar, Carolyn E. Johnson, Marie Koelbl, Jane Theede
- 23 Roswitha Pearson, Brandon J. Stewart, Birgit Weichselbaumer
- 24 Carl Laks
- 25 Horace Brown, Johanna Edelman, John Schumacher, Tony Sellers
- 26 Josef Hosemann, Herbert Noll
- 28 Dennis G. King, Fred Obermeier
- 29 Gregor Fiabane
- 30 Johanna Krenold
- 31 Tina F. Von Gonten

The birthday list is downloaded from our online information. No birth **year** is required if you wish us to recognize your birthday!

The Erich Dietsch Memorial Fund is named after the first president of the German American Social Club of Greater Miami. Mr. Dietsch was a strong promoter of German language and German culture studies. It is in his memory and thanks to his generosity that the Scholarship Committee is now able to provide scholarships.

Scholarship applicants must:

- Be graduating high school students in Miami-Dade County
- Have at least 2 years of German language studies
- Plan to attend a US college or university
- Plan to continue their German language studies in college
- Complete the application form and essay (in English or German)
- Submit to an in-person interview in German with committee personnel

Those interested in applying should contact the scholarship committee at the club to request an application form (which is due back by April 4th).

WISHING WELL

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

Our lifetime member Fred Obermier had the flu recently. He was in the hospital for a week and now is at St. Ann's Rehab Center on Quail Roost Drive. Fred, we wish you a speedy recovery.

German Classes

Wednesday night German classes have started.

Advanced Classes are from 6 to 7 pm.

Beginner Classes 2 are from 7 to 8 pm.

Beginner Classes 1 are from 8 to 9 pm and started February 1!

Classes are held in an open setting with a focus on conversational German. Marina Urban teaches the classes. She is a native German speaker and has extensive teaching experience. For additional information, contact the teacher Marina Urban at murba002@fiu.edu.

Moving? Changing phone number or email address? Just have a question? Be sure to let us know! **Be sure to call or email us with your new information.**

GASC MOVIE NIGHT NOSFERATU FRIDAY MARCH 31ST DINNER AT 7 PM: MOVIE AT 8PM



Come and celebrate the 95th anniversary of F. W. Murnau's landmark vampire film. The movie begins in the Carpathian mountains, where real estate agent Hutter has arrived to close a sale with the reclusive Herr Orlok. Despite the feverish warnings of the local peasants, Hutter journeys to Orlok's sinister castle. Hutter soon discovers that Orlok is no ordinary mortal.

According to the critics this is the second best horror movie of all time and the second best non-American movie ever.

Dinner will be Goulash (or should we say Ghoulash!) and priced at \$8. If you'd like dinner, please reserve in advance at <http://gascmiami.org/event-2460981>.



25th ANNIVERSARY
A Weekend Celebration
German Heritage Day
25th ANNIVERSARY EVENT
Preserving German Heritage
 Hosted by The United German American Society of Florida
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017
 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the American-German Club of the Palm Beaches
 5111 Lantana Road, Lake Worth, FL 33463

ADMISSION: \$30 - CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: \$10
 INCLUDES ENTERTAINMENT, DINNER, COFFEE & DESSERT
 Meal Choice: Schweinehaxen (Pork Shanks) or Rostbraten (German Pot Roast)
 FRÜHSCHOPPEN FROM 10 TO 11:00 AM (Purchase at event)

Heimatabend!
 A Folkloric Evening of German Traditions
 Admission \$35
Saturday, April 8, 2017
 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm (same location as above)
 Hosted by the American-German Club of the Palm Beaches
 Band: Bob Houston
 Includes Dinner & 2 Drink Tickets for Bar

Special Singing Performance by Heidi Eckhardt
 Musical Entertainment by Eva Adams & Matthias

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CONTACT YOUR CLUB REPRESENTATIVE FOR TICKETS & EVENT DETAILS



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER
 MARCH 15th 7PM
 IRISH STEW
 GUINNESS
 IRISH CAR BOMBS

German-American Social Club
 11919 SW 56th St, Miami, 33175

Schützenverein or Marksman Club is starting up again in March. Practice opportunities available for beginners as well as advanced shooters. Check calendar for more information.

A thought from...

Inge Kopp

It only takes a moment
 To watch a butterfly
 Glide gracefully on gossamer wing
 Across the blue of sky

But oh, the sheer enjoyment
 That such a moment brings
 Its beauty lifts my spirits high
 All day my glad heart sings

It only takes a moment
 To give a friendly smile,
 To pay a lovely compliment,
 Or share a thought worthwhile

Yet, little acts of kindness
 Can cheer some soul along,
 And plant within a lonely heart
 A joyous, vibrant song.

Folk Dance Groups

Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler: Come learn the Bavarian schuhplattler on Wednesday evenings. Contact Joe Koelbl, Vorplattler at 305-247-6948 for more info on this group.

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.

Classical music lovers please note:

Chopin for All -- Free Concerts

Granada Presbyterian Church
 950 University Drive
 Coral Gables, FL

Sundays at 3:00 pm (free, first come first serve seating)

For the latest information, check their website:

<http://www.chopin.org/events.html#CE>

INFORMATION FOR 25th HERITAGE DAY ANNIVERSARY UNITED GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETY OF FLORIDA, INC.

Tickets for this event are available from Joe Koelbl. For more information, call him at 305-247-6948 or see him on a Wednesday night at the club!