


GASC NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 7:** 8 pm: Membership Meeting
(nominations from the floor)
30: 1-5pm
Raise the Maibaumfest BBQ

May

- 5:** 8pm Membership Meeting
6: 2-12 Maibaumfest (Open until 1
am, but bar closes at midnight)
17: Installation Dinner

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 April

- 5: Schnitzel and potato with vegies**
12: Beef Roulade
19: Chicken Florentine
26: Chef's Special Dinner

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:

No, we have not forgotten about you. This **Election Edition** Newsletter is purposefully late because we wanted to include all of the candidate's statements for the upcoming **election** for trustees and board of directors on **Friday, May 5, 2017**. Traditionally we don't send out the information until the May newsletter but we wanted to give everyone time to read the information about the candidates prior to elections.

With respect to the **parking lot**, we continue to gladly accept donations. I will postpone thanking you individually until next month's newsletter and provide a tally of our savings to date at that time. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.00 from donations by September 1. All donations will be spent exclusively toward parking lot construction/repair. Please consider giving. Any amount would be helpful.

We'll be holding a **Raise the Maibaum barbecue** with Miami Rugby on April 30 when we will raise the club's Maibaum outside. The Rugby Club will be grilling and food will be \$5: the bar will be open.

Finally, we need **volunteers** for **MAIBAUMFEST on Saturday, May 6, 2017**. This year is going to very special. **Herman "the German" Schultz will provide music. Many of you know his parents Rudy and Visa who are Wednesday night regulars. Please tell all of your friends and relatives to come.** Also, please **volunteer** so we can make the event a success. **We still need volunteers on the set-up and clean-up crews, parking, serving, and front entrance positions.** Contact Rheinilde at omalong@bellsouth.net or 305-387-3869 to sign up.

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 help with social media?

Our German library, the only one in Dade County, needs you if you are a German speaker able to organize and sort through our library.

If you want to volunteer for the club call us at 305 552 5123 and leave a message or email us at gasocialclub@gmail.com.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 Maria Luiza da Silveira, Barbara Zankl, Katharina Poerschke
- 2 Christa Collins
- 4 Helga Brown, Ines Reilly
- 9 Denise Stephens
- 10 Donald Wendt
- 11 Wesley Parsons
- 16 Edna Patricia Contreras Segovia Berger
- 19 Rosaura Sias-Pipenburg
- 20 Evelyn Susami
- 21 Anjenys Gonzalez Eilert
- 23 Louis W. Bloise, Anna E. Hester
- 24 David Berger, Marianna Dunmire
- 26 William Hacker
- 27 Paul Nemeth
- 28 Manuela Arrebola
- 29 Robert Jacobs

A thought for Easter from Inge Kopp

Love when days are glad and golden
 Love when sorrows make them grey,
 Love when health is ever splendid
 Love if it should slip away,
 Love when friends are fine and loyal,
 Love if any prove untrue;
 Whatsoever life may bring you,
 May the Lord give love to you

By Loreta Inman

Miami RFC Summer 7's Practice Schedule

Youth and Adults practice rugby at the GASC! **Youth teams** are going on summer break in May. See you back this fall!

Senior Men: Summer Season: practices will take place Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays 8-10pm.

All ages and abilities welcome.

Contact Dr. Christian "He-Man" Schlaerth for more information. Email is best: [\(786\) 999-2069](tel:7869992069) or email cschlaerth@yahoo.com. **BBQ** some Thursdays this summer. Check with Christian for more information.

Schützenverein or Marksman's Club

There are plans for this group to be active once again, but some of the assets are missing or unusable. Once they are functional, the group will announce its meeting times.

No information is available at this time regarding the start date.

WISHING WELL

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

Lifetime Member Judith Walters passed away on March 12th at the age of 94. She had lived with her granddaughter in Bronson, FL for the past few years. Our condolences to the family.

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.**

Erich Dietsch Memorial Fund

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 promotor 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

Five applications have been received as of April 6th and the winner(s) will be announced in May.

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.

Frank Biedermann -- Candidate for DIRECTOR



I became a member of GASC in 2006. I served as trustee during 2007, from 2008 through 2010, I was Second VP under Elke Kraushaar and First VP under Dr. Wieland Uchdorf, and from 2015 to today I was on the Board of Directors. Currently I am the Chairman of the Board. My wife Romy and I participate in the club's Volkstanz- and Trachtengruppe, dancing at every Oktoberfest and representing the club at outside events.

Seven years ago, we were blessed with a lovely daughter, Cyrice. She is basically growing up at and with the club, and many of our members know her since she was born.

I am a graduate of the Martin-Luther-University Alma Mater Hallensis et Wittenbergis, in Germany, founded in 1502, where I received my Masters Degree in Economics. I work for the U.S. inspector with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, a private non-profit organization overseeing auditing of public companies in the U.S. and overseas. Prior to that, I worked as a risk assurance manager at Pricewaterhouse Coopers for 13 years in Germany and in the U.S. I am also currently a Director of the German American Alliance.

My main goal, if you elect me, will be ensuring that the club continues with its recent success story under the new executive management. We have an ongoing mission preserving the German culture and the German language here in South Florida, and I will work for it. I want to continue to assist this management as a director on our successful path. Frank Biedermann.

Marina Urban -- Candidate for DIRECTOR



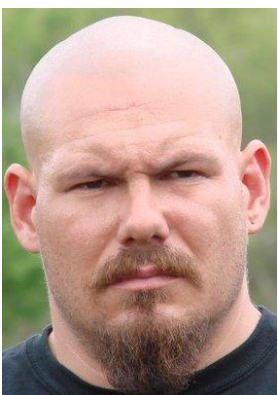
My name is Marina Urban. I was born and raised in Schwaebisch Hall (Baden-Wuerttemberg) Germany. In 1989 the company I worked for (Optima Maschinenfabrik) sent me to their branch office in Green Bay, Wisconsin. During my stay in Green Bay I met my husband Gary Urban.

Since my husband works for an Italian company and his sales area is South America, Mexico and the Caribbean, he opened an office in Coral Gables where we have been living for the past 27 years.

After the birth of our two children, Nicolai and Natasha,, I went to FIU and graduated with a bachelor's degree in teaching German as a Foreign Language and visual art. I taught German and visual art at different Miami-Dade public schools.

At this time I am teaching German at MDC, at GASC and private classes and I also participate in art exhibits.

Christian "He-Man" Schlaerth -- Candidate for DIRECTOR



Hello all. I am a sociologist who teaches at the University of Miami, Barry University, and Miami-Dade College, having graduated with my PhD from the University of Miami in 2014. I have been a member of the German American Social Club for 5 years, and currently serve on the board of directors, having been voted in unanimously in November. I am also the president of the Miami Rugby Football Club which has helped to increase the GASC's revenue through our field usage, memberships, and bar sales. I have used my position with the rugby club to ensure that we have plenty of volunteers for Oktoberfest and for the upcoming Maibaum fest. Also, in the recent months, I have

worked closely with Neil to remodel the bar and to make the club overall appear more inviting. I am here to serve the GASC in whatever capacity necessary in the future.

Hubert Weichselbaumer -- Candidate for DIRECTOR



Greetings fellow members.

I am presenting my candidacy as a Director of the Board for the German American Social Club of Miami and to its membership consideration to try and give all my efforts to help it remain a very enjoyable place where German traditions are observed. Descendant of a Münchener father and married to Birgit, my beloved wife, both sides German, we have raised our two daughters under German traditions, they attended all the 3 German schools and we were active members of GIPA for many years.

I studied Electrical Engineering and have post-graduate studies in finance. Currently holding a Senior VP position for an insurance company headquartered in Miami in charge of the company's expansion in Latin America.

Through my working experience, I have gathered a set of skills that will enable me to help the club both in and outside the roof and am sure my family will as always join me and help us make the best out of a position on the club board.

I hope that with your help I will be able to serve the club for another period.

Gary Malfeld – Candidate for Director



Dear Friends: I am Gary Malfeld and I am a candidate for the position of GASC Director.

My background: Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia; Navy officer in Vietnam; lawyer in Miami 42 years.

Since 1999 I am a Director of the GASC serving with Club presidents Hannelore Crothers, Heidi McGrew, Maria Willumsen, Elke Kraushaar, Ken Bricker, Oscar Willumsen, Thorsten Kling, and Jan Williams.

I have made and continue to make meaningful contributions to Board oversight and management of GASC activities. Details may be provided upon request.

I welcome your vote. Thank you.

Only regular members are allowed to vote at the elections to be held on May 5th. Be sure your membership dues are up to date! This is the LAST EMAIL you will receive if your dues have not been paid.

Nominees for TRUSTEE

(2 positions to be filled):

- Bill Kraushaar
- Edgar Prüess

Nominees for DIRECTOR

(4 positions to be filled):

- Frank Biedermann
- Gary Malfeld
- Christian "He-Man" Schlaerth
- Marina Urban
- Hubert Welchselbaumer


Additional discounts available for groups attending the opera. If you want to plan one email the club for the form and more information. A group night at the opera will also include donor lounge access and surtitle recognition of GASC prior to the performance.

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Miami 2017
Sat May 6, 2PM to 1AM

- Live Music
- German Beer
- German Food
- Free Rum Tasting
- German Dancing
- Kids' Rides
- Games

Adults \$10; U-21s Free
Free Parking

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

“Rain or Shine!”

It is that time of the year to start making the headpieces we sell at Oktoberfest to raise funds for the children’s Christmas party. Please bring your hot glue gun to Wednesday night social nights and join Erika Urban in this worthwhile project! See you there.