

# GASC NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March

2 @ 8pm Membership Meeting  
16 @ 8pm GoT Reunion

### Wednesday Social Night

Social hour from 6:30pm  
Dinner, only \$11, served 7-8 pm

### March Menu\*

7 Pork Schnitzel, potato and veggies  
14 Irish Stew St. Patrick's Day Celebration  
21 Crown roast pork with stuffing  
28 Chicken with roasted lemon green olives and capers

\*Are you a vegetarian? Have specific dietary issues? Call Chef Tano at (305) 962-6418 to ask if he can help (provide 24 hours advance notice if you need something special).

*Please keep a copy of the current newsletter. It is emailed in pdf and a copy can be saved to your smart phone or computer. We don't always hear your request for tonight's menu until a day or two afterwards!*

Dear all,

It's been a busy month and a successful one.

February saw a great Schnitzel night, Fasching BBQ and Blues and Valentines Day.

A special shout out to the team that put together Fasching - the Honey Badgers were amazing, the food was fantastic, the decorations were beautiful and our surprise guest DJ got the dancing going with his tunage! Everyone who was there had a great time — those of you that weren't there missed a great evening.

So onwards - March brings us St Patrick's Day and a Game of Thrones Reunion and it's only 2 months until Maibaumfest, featuring the return of Grammy nominee Alex Meixner.

As its the month of St Patrick - let's adopt an Irish phrase at the Club this month "Céad míle fáilte" - One hundred thousand welcomes!

Neil Jones  
First VP

If you are out and about and see silk flowers about 1/75-2.5" in diameter that are relatively flat (roses and other "fluffy" flowers don't work well) we need those flowers! Contact Erika Urban at 786-863-3179 as she needs flowers in all colors for the head wreaths. They seem to be getting harder and harder to find!

A note from the Corresponding Secretary...

January and February 2018 have been months of cleaning and sorting in the office and in storage areas behind the stage and in the attic. Part of the sorting process has included scanning in of photographs from past years and events as well as the scanning and saving of the club's minutes. If at some time in the past you took home some of the club's documents for safe keeping, please note that we are in the process of creating safe spaces for them here at the club and we would like to have them back! Please contact me at the club (you can leave a voice mail message on the club's phone 305-552-5123 or email me at gasocialclub@gmail.com) and I'll get back with you.

Thanks to all.  
Linda

## Officers & Trustees

### Board of Directors:

President: Jan Williams –

First V.P.: Neil Jones –

Second V.P.: Emilio Palma.

**Directors:** Frank Biedermann,  
Christian Schlaerth, Marina Urban,  
and Hubert Weichselbaumer.

### Other Officers:

Treasurer: Maria Morarin -

Corresponding Sec.: Linda Dunlap

Membership Sec.: Linda Obermeier

Recording Sec.: Torsten Tyralla -

Parliamentarian: Elaine Walters -

Sergeant-at-Arms: Joe Koelbl -

**Trustees:** Bill Kraushaar, Edgar  
Prüss, Pastor Alan Sielk,  
Tony Sellers.

### Info change? Moving?

You can edit your information with the club by signing onto our website <http://gascmiami.org>. If you have never signed in, choose "forgot password" and you can sign up that way. You will need to sign in with the email address you used when you joined (or the current one through which you get your GASC emails).

### NEWS? QUESTIONS?

Whether you have news to share with the club or a question you would like answered, we are always glad to hear from you. Although we don't have office staff, and we all have jobs that take up a good part of our day, most of our calls and emails are answered within 24 hours.

## Soccer at the GASC

Originally started by the German consulate, the soccer players that practice at the club are all members of the club. They practice 9 to 11 Sunday mornings. Players tend to be between 15 and 60 years of age. A \$5/game fee is collected to cover field maintenance. A few new players can be accommodated; this is a great way to make new contacts in the German community.

### 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 305-776-0674 or [MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com](mailto:MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com).

**Edelweiß Schuhplattler:** This children's dance group now meets on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Contact Christine Giniger at 305-254-8932 to sign up the children in your family!

### Schützenverein or Marksman's Club

This group welcomes all comers. We continue to work on our accuracy every week. Practices take place on Friday evenings starting at about 8pm.

The Club owns an air rifle and an air pistol which we take turns using. First timers welcome. (No time for dinner? We often order pizza when no other events are planned.)

### RUGBY RFC

The GASC hosts practices and socials for the oldest Rugby team in Florida, Miami RFC. Rugby is a tough physical sport that grew out of soccer and is a precursor to American football. In rugby, all passes are lateral, and players kick the ball forward. Play is continuous like soccer and basketball. There are 15 players to a side, and the game is divided into two 40 minute halves with a 10 minute halftime.

We welcome players of all skill levels (no skills or experience necessary) and all age groups. We have both men's and women's rugby. Practices are at the GASC on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Youth (U8-U19) practice 6:30-8:00 pm. Senior men and women practice 8:00-10:00pm.

**Come join the fastest growing sport in America!**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

The birthday list is downloaded from our online information. Only the month and day are required if you wish us to recognize your birthday!

- 3 Rose Himmenger, Edith Schneider
- 4 Alton Bolster, Donald Menker
- 6 George Elder
- 7 Charles (Buddy) Traenkle
- 8 Mariela Malfeld
- 10 Daniela Kuczurba
- 11 Sandra Willumsen Jones, Ray Rosales, Ray Rodriguez
- 12 Richard Hochfelder, Teresa Buschbom Kurack, Victor Valdivia
- 14 Linda Dunlap
- 15 Lorenz Prüss, Marlene Spath, Mark Crofton, Stephan Tuschen
- 17 George Brown, James Landers
- 18 Robert Blanton, Leland Burns, Gloria Nellen
- 19 Sandro Rastelli
- 20 Marie Koelbl, Jane Theede, Carolyn E. Johnson
- 21 Roswitha Pearson
- 23 Brandon J. Stewart, Birgit Weichselbaumer
- 24 Carl Laks, Patrick Scanlan
- 25 John Schumacher, Johanna Edelman, Horace Brown, Tony Sellers
- 26 Josef Hosemann
- 27 Ernesto Ortiz
- 28 Fred Obermeier, Dennis G. King
- 30 Johanna Krenold
- 31 Tina F. Von Gonten

**WISHING WELL**

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

Dr. Leah Magel became a grandmother for the third time. Her daughter gave birth to a boy, Kyle Anthony, on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the parents David and Summer Sheremoto and Oma Leah.

Horace Brown is celebrating his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 25<sup>th</sup>. His wife Helga says he speaks about our club often, and of all the good memories he has from being a member for so many years. Happy Birthday, Horace!

Gloria Nichols had surgery on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Mt. Sinai. She is now home and recovering.

**German Classes are up and running**

- Advanced Class      Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 pm
- Intermediate Class      Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 pm
  
- Beginning Class      Fridays, 7:30 to 9

Classes for those with no knowledge of German are held Friday evenings. For additional information on these or any of the German classes, contact teacher Marina Urban at [murba002@fiu.edu](mailto:murba002@fiu.edu).

The United German American Society of Florida  
Presents  
**German Heritage Day**  
Sunday, March 11, 2018  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy the Musical Entertainment of  
*Eva Adams & Matthias*

Celebrate our German Culture and Heritage  
Ticket Price: \$35

Admission Includes: Buffet Style Dinner:  
Pork Roast, Chicken Schnitzel, Spaetzle,  
Red Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables  
Apple Strudel for Dessert and Free Coffee all Day  
Two Drink Tickets: good for Well Drinks, Beer, Wine or Soda

To be held at the clubhouse of  
The German American Society of Central Florida  
381 Orange Lane, Casselberry, FL 32707

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT YOUR CLUB REPRESENTATIVE FOR TICKETS & EVENT INFORMATION OR CHECK THE WEBSITE BELOW  
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK [WWW.UGASFLORIDA.ORG](http://WWW.UGASFLORIDA.ORG)






**Invitation**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**of The Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler of Miami**  
**at the Stiftungsfest (Dinner & Dance)**

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**  
**6 p.m. - 12 a.m.**  
**German-American Social Club of Greater Miami**  
**11919 SW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33175**

**Music by Bob Houston Band**  
**Schuhplattler and Folkdance Performances**  
**Dinner served at 7 p.m.**  
**Adult meal: Choice of Jäger-schnitzel or Würste Platter\***  
**Child's meal: Hot Dog, Bag of Chips, Child Beverage**

**Tickets:**  
Admission for Adults is \$10.00 ea.;  
Admission for Children Age 12 & Under is Free  
Food for Adults is \$10.00 ea. (by advance purchase only until April 7, 2018);  
Food for Children Age 12 & Under is \$7.00 ea.  
\*Please specify dinner choice(s) at time of ticket(s) purchase / reservation(s)

**For ticket information and reservations:**  
**Mr. Josef Koelbl (305-247-6948**  
**Group e-mail: auerhahn@bellsouth.net)**  
**Mr. Andre Von Bloedau Silveira (305-431-6571**  
**Email: andrevonbloedau@gmail.com)**

**Welcome to our New Members for 2018**

Ulf Gamradt  
Robert and Jo Ann Graessel  
Timothy and Silvia Schrock

Corporate Member:  
Miami International Ecuador Lions Club

First of all, thank you to all of you who took time out February 24th to help us on our Club's 2nd Cleanup Day of this year. We tackled reviewing the items stored in the attic, office and back room storage. We were able to remove a great amount of items and nearly 15 old boxes of stuff went to recycling. Many other items that were trash were also moved out of our office and storage areas. We reorganized a portion of our back storage room and set up a new 5-shelf rack which had been donated by Mr. Prüss. We were also able to clean up a portion of our west field next to the storage container. We had a good showing of dedicated volunteers and I truly wish to thank those who came out to include those that brought their family members.

Many thanks to all!

Emilio J. Palma  
2nd Vice President

Be sure to get your tickets to the Stiftungsfest dinner **NO LATER THAN April 7<sup>th</sup>**. After that date, you can still attend, but no dinner will be available for purchase.

The Nominating Committee reported the following nominations at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting:

President:	<i>No nominee</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> VP:	Neil Jones
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP:	Emilio Palma
Recording Secretary:	Torsten Tyralla
Treasurer:	Suzanne Gilmore
Corresponding Secretary:	Linda Dunlap
Membership Secretary:	<i>No Nominee</i>
Trustees:	Elaine Walters, Tony Sellers

Nominations may be made from the floor at the April Meeting. Elections are scheduled to take place May 4<sup>th</sup>.

NOMINEES for officer and trustee positions are asked to submit a maximum 200 word resume to Linda Dunlap **NO LATER THAN MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>** so that the information can be sent to the membership prior to elections.

**MAIBAUMFEST: May 18-19-20, 2018**  
**OKTOBERFEST MIAMI®: October 12-13-14 and 19-20-21, 2018**

Please put these dates on your calendar. Sign up to volunteer with Reinhilde: omalong@bellsouth.net or (305) 951-1252. This is a great way to get to know your club members!

**The following motion was made at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and will be discussed further (and possibly voted on, I'm not sure) at the April membership meeting:**

*Underlined text represents language to be added. Stricken through text represents text to be removed.*

Motion Title Amend Article IV

Mover: Tony Sellers

I move to amend the ByLaws Article IV, Section 9 by adding language as follows:

**ARTICLE IV – Officers and Duties of Officers**

Section 9 The Treasurer shall pay all bills, be custodian of the funds of the organization, shall keep a complete and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, shall submit a monthly report at the General Membership meeting, and when requested by the President or Board of Trustees, the Treasurer shall advise the Board of Directors in financial matters as able.

All originating checks shall be signed by two (2) of the following:

1. President
2. First Vice President
3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall report all unauthorized transactions, in conflict with these by-laws, to the Board of Directors and the Membership at the next Membership meeting.

All financial records, receipts and disbursements are Club property.

The President shall appoint and fill vacancies of the Deputy Treasurer with confirmation of the appointment by the Board of Directors. The Deputy Treasurer shall serve a one year term, renewable in the same manner as the original appointment.

The Treasurer shall keep the Deputy Treasurer appraised in all aspects of the position to act in his or her absence or incapacity and may delegate responsibilities thereto. In so much as there is personal liability to the governing bodies, any time the Deputy Treasurer acts on behalf of the Treasurer they shall be considered 'acting treasurer' and subject to the bookkeeping standards of the organization and state and federal regulations . The Deputy Treasurer shall succeed the Treasurer upon the Treasurer's vacating the office and complete the current term of office until and unless an election is held to elect a Treasurer. The Deputy Treasurer is eligible for election as Treasurer.