

## GASC NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members,

Oktoberfest is just around the corner—can you believe it's less than 7 weeks away? As we gear up for our biggest celebration of the year, we need your help to make this Oktoberfest the best one yet!

For those of you interested in volunteering during Oktoberfest, keep an eye out for upcoming training dates. We want to make sure everyone feels comfortable and ready to jump into the festivities.

Your participation is what makes our club special, and I hope to see many of you around the club on Fridays as we prepare. Let's come together to create an unforgettable Oktoberfest for our community!

Don't forget, our Social Nights are in full swing every Friday at the club. It's the perfect time to relax, enjoy good company, and chat about all things Oktoberfest. I hope to see many of you there as we gear up for this exciting time.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the German American Social Club. Together, we'll make this year's Oktoberfest one to remember. Looking forward to seeing you around the club and at our upcoming events!

Bis bald und danke für eure Unterstützung!

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,  
Monica Hurwitz  
President, German American Social Club

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 06 @ 8:00 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 20 @ 7:30 p.m. Bartender Training
- 21 @ 10:00 a.m. Bartender Training
- 22 @ 10 – 4 Decorating for Oktoberfest
- 29 @ 10 – 4 Decorating for Oktoberfest

### Dinner and Social Nights

### MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 2024\*\*

- 06 Lamb shank with couscous
- 13 Schnitzel night\*
- 20 Lemon Chicken
- 27 Rolladen

\*Please note that Schnitzel night has been changed to the second Friday of the month in order to allow guests to stay later.

\*\*If you have special dietary needs or preferences, please advise the chef NO LATER THAN NOON ON THURSDAY. Chef Tano: 305-962-6418.



OKTOBERFEST MIAMI OCTOBER 11 - 13  
OCTOBER 18 - 20

**OFFICERS & TRUSTEES****Board of Directors****President:** Monica Hurwitz**President Emeritus:** David Bauer**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Norma Gangone**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Board Chair:** Andre von Bloedau Silveira**Directors:** Emilio Palma, Frank Rhodes, Sophia Wendt, Benjamin Maares**Other Officers****Treasurer:** Liselotte Seer**Treasurer Emeritus:** Maria Morarin**Corresponding Secretary and Recording****Secretary:** Linda Dunlap**Membership Secretary:** Olga Eckert**Parliamentarian:** Tony Sellers**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Andy Gast**Trustees:** Gary Malfeld, Gustavo Matzdorf, Alan Sielk, Timo Hurwitz, and Leah Magel-Sheremata.

**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 do not 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.

Phone: (305) 552-5123 (leave a message)

Email: [info@gascmiami.org](mailto:info@gascmiami.org)

## Mainzer's Delicatessen & European Market

(your go-to place for German foods)  
Serving South Florida since 1972

12113 S. Dixie Highway, Pinecrest, FL 33156  
Open Tuesday through Saturday  
11:30 – 6:00

**Our beginning German class  
meets on  
Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.  
If you are interested in joining the  
next class, please write us at  
[info@gascmiami.org](mailto:info@gascmiami.org)!**

**Changing your contact info? Keep in touch!**

**Whether you're moving to a new home, changing your email address, or changing or adding a new phone number, please let us know!**

**And now you can do it yourself by just signing into the GASC website! (The first time you'll have to use the email you used to join and tell the system you "forgot your password" in order to set the password. If that doesn't work, email or call us at 305-552-5123 (remember to leave a message.)**

**DAYS OF WORK:** There are also other workdays depending on availability. Call Frank at 786-402-1987 to volunteer! Lots of cleaning and “making pretty” the outdoor areas for Oktoberfest. Pray for good weather and no hurricanes! Activities planned:

**To be done:**

- ✓ And we always need to have people with trucks who are willing and able to load them and take things to the dump! If you look at the west side of the parking lot, there are a number of branches that need to be taken to the dump.
- ✓ Ceiling tiles still need replacing inside the hall. Some of the half tiles are difficult to reach.
- ✓ Some lighting still needs to be completed indoors.
- ✓ If you have a specific talent or ability that you would like to offer to the club, contact Frank “The Tank” Rhodes at 786-402-1987.



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Marisa Stephens, Julie Hochfelder    | 12 Clara Salazar-Vust                |
| 2 Joan Browder                         | 15 Joyce Schmidt                     |
| 3 Julio Prosopio, Analisa Joice        | 17 Christopher Martinez              |
| 5 Nicholas Arias, Joan Traenkle        | 18 Jose Sanjines, Carsten Polatschek |
| 7 Miguel Better                        | 19 David Solomon                     |
| 8 J. Terrence Kelly                    | 20 Tulio Garcia, Neil Jones          |
| 9 Tim Yeider                           | 21 Abel Folgar                       |
| 11 Constance Froelich, Linda Obermeier | 25 Frank Biedermann                  |
|  | 30 Seth Thompson                     |



**Men’s Soccer League –  
Saturday Soccer**

This league plays at the GASC nearly every Saturday of the year. Open to men aged 45 and older. To join, call Edgar Nivia at 305-297-7146.



**Sunday Soccer Club  
Sundays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

After a one-game trial period, GASC annual membership is required. For more information, please contact Sergio Jaramillo at 305-989-2279.



### SAFETY FIRST

In an effort to follow proper hygiene and food safety guidelines, we are asking people to **please not enter the kitchen area unless you are actually serving food**. We all know you want to say hi to Chef Tano, but please ask someone to have him step out of the kitchen to converse with you. Attempts have been made to put up signs etc. requesting people to not enter the kitchen and it is not being followed. This is a food safety issue, and we would appreciate EVERYONE following these rules. **Thank you!**

### FOLK DANCE GROUPS

***Want to learn traditional German dances? Contact the dance group leaders below:***

#### **Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler:**

Come learn the Bavarian schuhplattler on Tuesday evenings. Contact Andre von Bloedau Silveira, Vorplattler, at [andrevonbloedau@gmail.com](mailto:andrevonbloedau@gmail.com) or 305-431-6571 for more info on this group.

#### **Original Deutsche Volkstanzgruppe:**

For more information contact Mary Parsons at [MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com](mailto:MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com) or 305-776-0674.

#### **Edelweiß Schuhplattler:**

This Contact Christine Giniger at 305-726-6581 to sign up the **children** in your family. Christine will be in touch. The children practice on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

**Tai Chi classes** meet on Mondays from 10:15 am to 11:30 am. Tai chi is a traditional form of exercise that involves slow movements and deep breathing. Tai chi has many physical and emotional benefits. Some of the benefits of tai chi include decreased anxiety and depression and improvements in cognition. It may also help you manage symptoms of some chronic diseases, such as fibromyalgia or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). **The group that meets at the club currently has recently opened a new group, so if you'd like to join please contact Carl Bethel at: [CWBETHEL@MSN.COM](mailto:CWBETHEL@MSN.COM).**



Would you like to engage in some light aerobic activity while learning something new at the same time? If this sounds like you, then the **folk-dance group** wants you. We are looking for people of all ages to learn some easy dances to perform at Oktoberfest and beyond. No experience is needed. If you're interested in learning, please send an email to Mary Parsons at [maryparsonsgermanclub@gmail.com](mailto:maryparsonsgermanclub@gmail.com).





## In Memoriam



**Josef Köelbl**

Joe Köelbl passed away on August 23rd in the early hours of the morning. He was one of the founding members of the club and believed so much in its cause that he never cashed in his bonds issued for the building of the clubhouse. He was the Vorplattler of the Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler for over 20 years and served on the Board of Directors of the GASC. Joe was very devoted to carrying on the traditions of our German culture, always encouraging children and adults of all ages to continue to do their best.

Joe and his late wife Marie were married for over 60 years.

He was a great friend and always offered to help people broken down on the side of the road, even when wearing his lederhosen. Joe loved his Paulaner and St. Pauli Girl beer. His car radio was always tuned to AM sports radio talk.

He is survived by his son, "Pepi" (Joe Jr.), in North Florida, and his brothers, Alois Köelbl (wife Marianne) and Bernard Köelbl, in Germany.

At his request, no services were held.

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Recently two new German restaurants have opened, one in Miami-Dade County and one in Palm Beach County. Check them out!

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10% discount to GASC members



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German Consulate General Miami -  
Federal Foreign Office (germany.info)

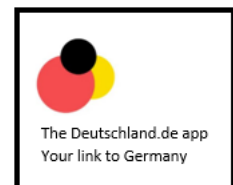


**DJ MACK and his  
VOLKSMUSIK "FIESTA"  
SHOW**

Call Mack to schedule him for  
your next event!

Cell: 612-289-5760

AndyMackAttack@gmail.com



## Miss Oktoberfest Miami

### Step 1: Apply Online or On-Site

- Be part of history by applying online in advance or meet our friendly volunteers at the festival to sign up in person.

### Step 2: Prepare Your Best German Attire

- Dress to impress! Make sure your Dirndl or Lederhosen is authentic, creative, and adds a touch of Miami flair—whether through vibrant colors, tropical patterns, or a mix of both cultures.

### Step 3: Show Off Your Oktoberfest Knowledge

- Brush up on your Oktoberfest trivia. Our judges will ask questions about traditions, history, and how you see the blend of Miami's culture with German heritage.

### Step 4: Compete in Fun Mini-Games

- Get ready for light-hearted challenges that add an extra layer of fun to the competition. These mini-games will bring together the best of both cultures, from traditional stein-holding to tropical twists that celebrate Miami's lively vibe.

## Bartender Training

- Bartenders are volunteers that help at the club all year long. We count on them to work on Friday nights, during club events, and at events where we allow others to rent the hall.
- This is a great way to get to know your fellow members and to have a good time, and see other cultures enjoy our clubhouse.
- Training will be held on Friday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. If you have not been trained, or need a refresher, be sure to attend!
- Learn how to pour a proper beer, measure a shot, open and close the bar, wash the glassware, and generally keep the bar clean and ready for business.
- We are currently looking for a few bartenders to volunteer on Friday evenings during our dinners and social nights. If interested, be sure to let one of the board members know!

## Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of our social club! We do everything from gardening and carpentry to bartending and marketing.

Do you realize that some people think that we hire a company to put on Oktoberfest for us? Yes, we do hire some companies to perform work, but all of the organization and 99% of the work is all done by volunteers.

Most of our high school and college volunteers receive community service hours. And during Oktoberfest we make sure that our volunteers don't go hungry or thirsty (and even on days of work we provide breakfast and/or lunch for all who are helping).



## Oktoberfest Tickets – available on Eventbrite



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