

# GASC NEWSLETTER OKTOBERFEST MIAMI



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Dear Members and Friends,

Guess what? It's finally October again! You know what that means—Oktoberfest is back, and we couldn't be more excited! This is hands down the most memorable time of the year for our club, where the sound of laughter, the aroma of great food, and lively voices fill the air.

We're counting down the days to the festivities and can't wait to see all your smiling faces. Whether you're pouring beer, serving pretzels, or just enjoying the tunes, your energy makes this event unforgettable!

So dust off those lederhosen, practice your best "Prost!", and get ready for a fantastic time. We hope you'll join us in creating more cherished memories and, of course, having a blast. Don't forget to bring the whole family!

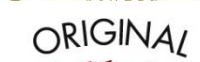
Here's to a great Oktoberfest!

Warmly,

Monica Hurwitz  
President, German American Social Club



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

- 04 @ 8:00 Membership meeting
- 05 @ 12:00- 7:00 GIPA Oktoberfest
- 09 @ 6:30 a.m. Potato Boil
- 09 @ 9:00 a.m. Potato Peel
- 11 @ 6:00 p.m. Oktoberfest Miami
- 12 @ 2:00 p.m. Oktoberfest Miami
- 13 @ 2:00 p.m. Oktoberfest Miami
- 16 @ 6:30 a.m. Potato Boil
- 16 @ 9:00 a.m. Potato Peel
- 18 @ 6:00 p.m. Oktoberfest Miami
- 19 @ 2:00 p.m. Oktoberfest Miami
- 20 @ 2:00 p.m. Oktoberfest Miami

### Dinner and Social Nights

### MENU FOR OCTOBER 2024\*\*

- 04 Chef's Surprise
- 11 Oktoberfest Miami
- 18 Oktoberfest Miami
- 25 Closed to recover from Oktoberfest

\*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

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**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.

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**Our beginning German class meets on**

**Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.**

**It is currently full, but we will be starting another one in 2025.**

**Please check back with us then.**



**Oktoberfest Tickets – available on Eventbrite**



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### 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.

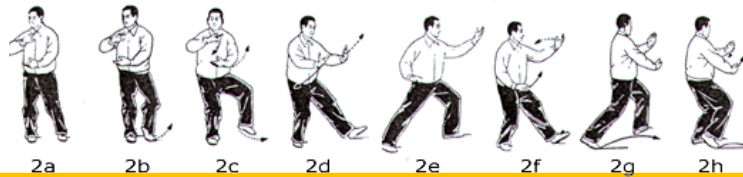


### Men’s Soccer League – Saturday Soccer

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.



**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).*



**The Maintenance Crew** volunteers donate their time and talents on various projects around the club. If you enjoy making repairs, creating things, and spending time with other people who do that too, or, 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.



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Did you know that prior to the Cuban diaspora, Germans made up the largest immigrant group in Florida?

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

The German American Social Club extends its sincere thanks to Miami-Dade County for their continued support of our club and of Oktoberfest Miami!



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 the organization and 99% of the work is all done by volunteers.

Our student volunteers receive community service hours. All of our Oktoberfest volunteers receive food and drink vouchers.

We are currently looking for a few trained bartenders to help on our social nights and at events held here at the club. The club provides training for all volunteer bartenders.

Oktoberfest Miami volunteers will be treated to a special dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

### SAFETY FIRST

- Please stay out of the kitchen unless you are cooking or serving.
- Remember that only service animals should be at the club unless there is a specific animal event.
- The CrossFit equipment on the west side of the club belongs to CrossFit and should be used by Fit Zone members only.
- Be careful when you drive around the traffic circle. Avoid the blocks and the yellow posts.

## German Christmas Cards

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## The Dance Groups at the German American Social Club

### Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler

The **Schuhplattler** is a traditional style of folk dance popular in the Eastern Alps, originating in Upper Bavaria, Tyrol, and Salzburg. In this dance, the performers stomp, clap, and strike the soles of their shoes (*Schuhe*), thighs, and knees with their hands held flat (*platt*). 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

The Deutsche Volkstanzgruppe dances various folk dances from German speaking countries and areas where Germans settled. Unlike the schuhplattler type dances, the folk-dance group performs waltz, polka, and mazurka style dances which are traditionally performed at various folk festivals. Interested participants need not have any experience or a dance partner. Practices are generally held on Thursdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. If you're interested in attending, contact Mary Parsons at [maryparsonsgermanclub@gmail.com](mailto:maryparsonsgermanclub@gmail.com).



### Edelweiß Schuhplattler

This is the children's group for dancing the Schuhplattler dances. Many of our adult dancers started in this group and some now have their own children (or grands) continuing the tradition. If interested in having your children participate, contact Christine Giniger at 305-726-6591 to sign up. All nationalities and ethnicities welcome. This group generally practices on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.



Q&A

Matzdorf from Guatemala? Weichselbaumer and Sterothmann from Venezuela? Seer and Prüss from Peru? Von Bloedau and Klingenschmid from Brazil? Rhodes from Puerto Rico. Wendt from Colombia? Gast from Costa Rica? Streitenberger from Argentina?

What do they all have in common? Their German heritage and a membership in the German American Social Club of Greater Miami, Inc. Join today!

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

- Regular membership for those of German / Austrian / Swiss heritage - \$70/year
- Regular family same as above but includes two adults and minor children - \$140/year
- Associate membership for those of no German / Austrian / Swiss heritage - \$56/year
- Associate family for those of no German / Austrian / Swiss heritage but includes two adults and minor children - \$112/year

Join during Oktoberfest and your membership is good thru December 2025!

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