

GASC NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members,

We did it! Oktoberfest has wrapped up, and what an amazing celebration it was! This event was truly a testament to the hard work and dedication of our incredible members and board. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success. From setup to teardown and everything in between, Oktoberfest wouldn't have been possible without each of you.

If you couldn't make it to the festivities, be sure to check out the event photos. They capture the vibrant energy, laughter, and joy that filled our club throughout the festival.

As we step into November, I'd like to take a moment to wish everyone a Happy Veterans Day. Let's keep our veterans close to our hearts this month and show our appreciation for their service.

We're also thrilled to be hosting our second-ever Friendsgiving celebration! This tradition allows us to come together and enjoy everyone's delicious home cooking. I'm already looking forward to sampling the wonderful dishes you bring and enjoying an evening of community and friendship. Mark your calendar—more details are on the way!

Remember, the club is open every Friday for Social Night. These evenings are a perfect way to unwind, catch up with friends, and connect with fellow members. I hope to see you there!

And lastly, don't forget: our Christmas Market is just around the corner! This festive event is a magical way to welcome the holiday season, complete with unique gifts, seasonal treats, and holiday cheer. We'll keep you posted on the details so you don't miss out.

Thank you once again for making this Oktoberfest unforgettable. I look forward to seeing each of you around the club as we close out the year together.

Warmly,
Monica Hurwitz
President of German American Social Club



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 8 @ 8:00 p.m. Membership meeting for all Regular and Lifetime members
- 15 @ 5:00 p.m. Volunteer appreciation dinner
- 17 @ 11 a.m. Weißwurst Frühstück und Frühschoppen (Weißwurst breakfast and morning pint)
- 21 @ 5:30 p.m. Friendsgiving

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 6 @ 8:00 p.m. Membership meeting
- 7 @ 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Christmas Market
- TBA Christmas Party

Dinner and Social Nights

MENU FOR NOVEMBER 2024**

- 01 Closed for bird show
- 08 Small pork chop
- 15 Volunteer appreciation dinner: Rouladen
- 22 Schnitzel night
- 29 Closed

*Please note that Schnitzel night has been changed 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.

OFFICERS & TRUSTEES**Board of Directors****President:** Monica Hurwitz**President Emeritus:** David Bauer**1st Vice President:** Norma Gangone**2nd 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.

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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.**

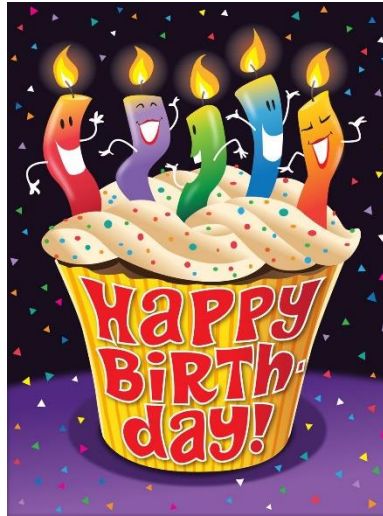
Do you have old handwritten family documents that you cannot read and you like to know what they say?

The American Translator's Association atanet.org is the recognized association of professional translators in the United States. The GLD or German Language Division has a specialty group that translates these old documents into English. The main contact for old documents is Nathan Wiegand. Contact him for more information. nathan@thegermantoenGLISHconnection.com

...or check out atanet.org

**Happy belated birthday
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Walli Riechert
- 2 Louis Holzberg
- 3 Betty Frankhauser
- 7 Dieter Schins
- 8 Vanessa Kirch, Romy Biedermann,
Sebastian Eilert
- 12 Mary Parsons
- 16 Ana Elder
- 17 Visa Schulz
- 18 Helga Laks
- 21 Matthew Klein
- 29 Hubert Weichselbaumer
- 30 Nives Werner
- 31 Andrew (Mack) Wold, Elizabeth Gulla



**Happy birthday!
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Eugen Klingenschmid
- 4 Lucas Katz
- 5 Mary Tirb
- 6 Jen Stine
- 7 Rebecca Hurwitz, Holly Marulanda, Marion Mezar
- 11 Wieland Uchdorf
- 12 Margit Hyre, Laura Maares
- 13 Ellen Clauss
- 15 Alice Hacker, Nicole Canavan, Christopher Strasser
- 16 Christine Giniger, Tatiana Soukup
- 19 Erika Johnson
- 20 Guillermo Dutra, Gustavo Matzdorf, Juan Chils
- 25 Zachary Brym
- 26 Donald Roskind
- 29 Sylvia Jones, Magnolia Ortiz



Daniela Champney, the Native Plant Network Manager, helped Jen Stine pick out the plants and also helped with the layout. They donated some of the plants, but the club paid for most of them and the mulch. Maria Louisa and Jen did the planting. Rachelle helped with the sand and setting the pavers by the flagpole.



Wishing Well



Juan Chils and Ron Mazzaroppi continue to recover.
Reinhilde Long is home from the hospital and was able to attend Oktoberfest.



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

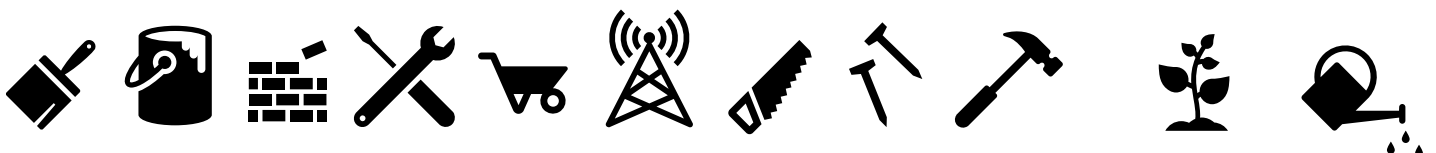
This league plays at the GASC nearly every Saturday of the year. Open to men aged 45 and older. To join, call Edgar Nivia at 305-297-7146.



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.**



The Maintenance Crew volunteers their time and talents on various projects around the club. If you enjoy making repairs, creating things, and spending time with 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!

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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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 15th.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER THANK-YOU DINNER

Oktoberfest Miami 2024 was an outstanding success.

But we could not have done it without our fabulous volunteers!

This is why we will have a thank-you dinner for Oktoberfest volunteers on November 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Rouladen and lemon chicken will be served.

Die Polka boys will perform

Be sure to respond to the email from Sophia Wendt to make a reservation.

FRIENDSGIVING

Because we tend to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families, but sometimes it is nice to celebrate with our friends, too!

It's a covered dish dinner (everybody brings a dish to share).

Wednesday, November 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

Please let us know

- what you plan to bring and
- how many are in your party.

Lisa Young: securacat@juno.com

or: 305-213-9077



GASC MIAMI NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				31 Halloween Reformation Day in Germany BIRD SHOW Setup	1 BIRD SHOW Opens	2 BIRD SHOW 11-5 Saturday Soccer
3 BIRD SHOW cleanup 9 – 11 am Sunday Soccer 3-4:30 Folk Dance practice	4 10:15 Tai Chi Ask Carl for info: cwbethel@msn.com 	5 ELECTION DAY	6 8pm German class	7	8 5-7 Dinner 8pm Membership Meeting	9 11-5 Saturday Soccer
10 9 – 11 am Sunday Soccer 3-4:30 Folk Dance practice	11 VETERANS DAY 	12	13 Last day to rsvp for Friday's dinner 8pm German class	14	15 5pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	16 11-5 Saturday Soccer
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Join us in our Biergarten for Weißwurst Frühstück und Frühschoppen (Weißwurst breakfast and morning pint, a popular German brunch).

Sunday, November 17
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



20. DEUTSCHER Weihnachtsmarkt
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Please make sure that your membership is current.

Memberships run from January 1 to December 31.

If you renew now, we can extend your membership to December 31, 2025.

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, specifically 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 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, but in November they will meet Sundays 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. If you're interested in attending, contact Mary Parsons at 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 between now and your membership is good thru December 31, 2025!

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