

GASC NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season. First, I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped with our 3rd annual GASC Christmas Market. The event was truly magical, and all our vendors were asking to come back again next year. Special thanks to Sophia who coordinated the volunteers and to my mom Rebecca who was there to support me at every turn and with the vendors.

Other successful events in 2024 included Fasching, the GASC's 75th Anniversary, and Oktoberfest Miami, which was a record-breaking success in attendance and in income for the club. Many thanks to all our volunteers who worked hard and long to make these events a success! This year we instituted the 3rd Sunday Bavarian Brunches and created a portable beer garden which we used at Oktoberfest Miami and at the Animal Run at Metro Zoo. Many thanks to our fabulous Maintenance Crew for their creativity and hard work!

In 2025, we are looking at a Vintage VW show at the end of January, and possibly Zuper Ball and Fasching events in February (want to help? Leave us a message on 305-552-5123). In March, the club turns 76 and the Day of German Unity is celebrated. Oktoberfest Miami is scheduled for October 10-11-12 and 17-18-19. Be sure to reserve those dates and come to enjoy yourself and to volunteer! And every week we have Friday dinner and drinks and of course Bavarian Brunches on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Some of us would like to do a wine festival this fall but we need more volunteers.

To start off the year, there will be a membership meeting on Friday night, January 10th at 8 PM. All regular and lifetime members are invited to attend.

Is your membership on auto renewal or do you need to make a payment? Call or write to us to find out and we will be glad to assist.

Sincerely,

Monica Hurwitz,
President
GASC of Greater Miami, Inc.



It's membership renewal time
If your membership is on auto-renewal, your membership will automatically renew on January 1.
If you're not on auto-renewal, you will need to renew on January 1 or before. See page 2 for information on how to sign into the website and page 3 for additional membership information. Call or email the club if you need help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY ACTIVITIES
03, 04, 05: Days of work
10 @ 8:00 p.m. Membership meeting
26 @ 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vintage VW Show.

Dinner and Social Nights

MENU FOR January 2025**
03 Closed
10 Goulash and noodles
17 Schnitzel night
24 Smoked Pork
31 Chef's Surprise

*Please note that Schnitzel night has been changed from our meeting night 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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Does your dog really like to play frisbee? Toss & Fetch Miami meets at the GASC on some Friday evenings. Find them on Facebook or Instagram for more information! Or Call Elizabeth 305-968-8659.

Do you have old handwritten family documents that you cannot read? Would 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.

GASC MEMBERSHIP JOIN OR RENEW!

GASC memberships run from January 1 to December 31, so it's time to renew your membership!

Types of Membership

- **Regular Membership: For those of German, Austrian, or Swiss heritage - \$70/year**
- **Regular Family Membership: Includes two adults and minor children of German, Austrian, or Swiss heritage - \$140/year**
- **Associate Membership: For those without German, Austrian, or Swiss heritage - \$56/year**
- **Associate Family Membership: Includes two adults and minor children without German, Austrian, or Swiss heritage - \$112/year**

How to Renew your membership or update your contact Info:

Access the website by using the email you joined with and select “forgot my password” to create a new one.

Complete the requested information and press send. You will be emailed a membership card that you can add to the wallet on your phone.



If you are not yet a member of the GASC, you can use the QR code on the left to join.

**What kind of membership do you want or qualify for?
Check the Types of Membership listed above!**

The German American Social Club of Greater Miami, Inc. is a 501c7 corporation with a liquor license. By state law, you must be a member to purchase alcohol from us, except on the few occasions when we can request an exemption for a special event.

No outside liquor is allowed on the premises.

Please ensure your membership is current. If you are not a member, please do not expect to be served alcohol unless you are attending a special event.



Join us in our Biergarten for Weißwurst Frühstück und Frührschoppen (Weißwurst breakfast and morning pint, a popular German brunch).
 \$25 adult, \$15 child.
 Includes food only.
 Sunday, January 19



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.

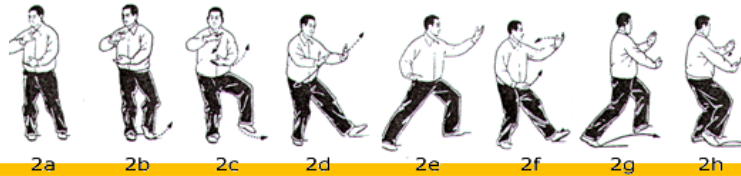


Men's Soccer League – Saturday Soccer

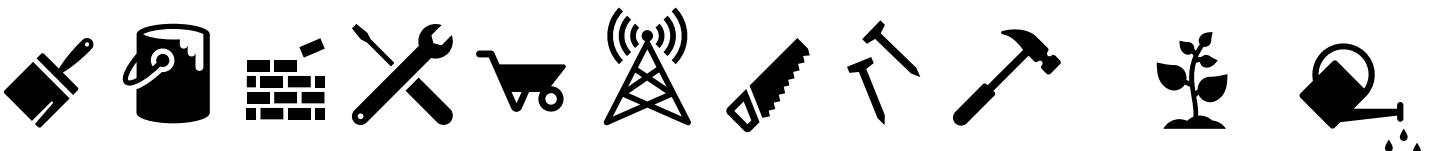
This league plays at the GASC nearly every Saturday of the year. Open to men aged 45 and older. To join, call Edgar Nivia at 305-297-7146.



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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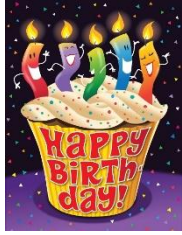
[German Consulate General Miami -
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GABC
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Did you know that prior to the Cuban diaspora, Germans made up the largest immigrant group in Florida?

Recently two new German restaurants have opened, **Cuckoo Clock** in Miami-Dade County and **Keb-up** in Palm Beach County. See ads above. Check them out!

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



January Birthdays



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|----|---|----|--|
| 2 | Gary Feder | 15 | Virgil Priestly, Inge Wendt |
| 3 | Bryant Capley | 18 | Christian Maeckle |
| 5 | Mohit Karpuram, Ada Carolina Wagenbach, Matthew Merritt | 22 | Christian Daly |
| 7 | Timothy Schrock | 23 | Floyd Collins |
| 8 | Blasé Cunningham | 24 | Marie Schuh |
| 10 | Diana Morrell | 28 | Edgar Prüss |
| 11 | Jose Antonio Valdes, Francisco Rogelis, Patrick O'Donnell | 29 | Vanessa Cambrelen |
| 14 | Oscar Williamsen, Jr., Robert Becker, Frank (The Tank) Rhodes | 30 | Gwen Young, Ramona Uritescu-Lombard, Anni Lampmann |
| | | 31 | Liselotte Seer |

The Dance Groups at the German American Social Club

Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler

This group practices a type of folk dance from Bavaria in which the men stomp, clap, and slap their shoes and thighs, and the women spin. The Bavarian schuhplattler practice on Friday evenings following the Kinder practice. Contact Andre von Bloedau Silveira, Vorplattler, at 305-431-6571 or Auerhahnofmiami@gmail.com for more information.



German International Folk Dance Group (formerly Die Deutschevolktanzundtrachtengruppe)

They perform folk dances from Germany and other areas of Europe. Everyone welcome. No experience or partner required. Practices are Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Mary Parsons at MaryParsonsGermanClub@gmail.com or 305-776-0674.



Edelweiß Schuhplattler

The Kinder or children's group dances the same type of folk dance as the Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler. 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.



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DAYS OF WORK

JANUARY 3, 4, 5 9:00 a.m. until?

Lunch will be served to volunteers!



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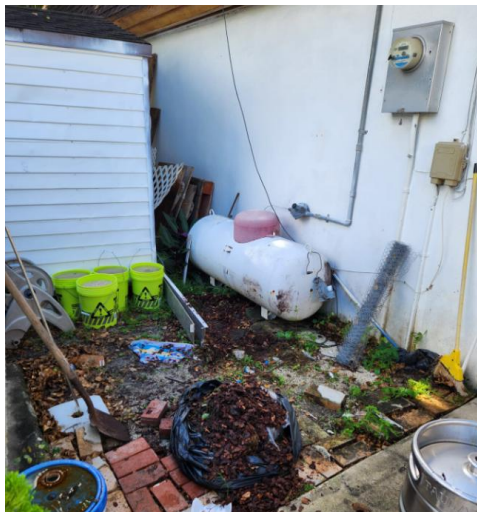


Can y'all stop asking Santa for the perfect man. I almost got kidnapped three different times today.

We really do have some great guys on the maintenance crew at the GASC!



Post Christmas Party



Before and after. One of many projects completed this year!



Andy gave out fast-food gift cards to the homeless.

THE BEST GIFTS IN LIFE WILL NEVER BE FOUND UNDER A CHRISTMAS TREE. THOSE GIFTS ARE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND THE ONE YOU LOVE.



Thank you for sharing this. Monika Sterothmann!