

GASC NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members,

Can you believe it? The first month of the year has already come and gone, and we are one step closer to Oktoberfest season! Time moves quickly, but there is so much to look forward to in the months ahead.

I want to take a moment to remind everyone how vital your participation is to the club. Our events, activities, and overall success depend on the support of our amazing members. Whether it is attending Social Nights, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about the club, every little bit makes a big difference. The survival and growth of the German American Social Club rely on all of us coming together.

As we head into February, it is also time to think about the future leadership of the club. Elections for the Board of Directors are coming up soon. If you are interested in running or want to nominate someone, please let the Committee of Nominations know. You can reach them at info@gascmiami.org. Without our dedicated members and board directors, the club wouldn't be what it is today—a vibrant community where we celebrate German culture and create lasting memories.

And don't forget the events we have planned for February. The Zupper ball party (bring a dish to share) on February 9 should be a lot of fun. The Valentine's dinner promises to be a real treat, and the Bavarian Brunch on February 16th will also give us a chance just to hand out and to get to know one another more.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the club. Let's make this year one to remember. I hope to see you around the club soon!

Warmly,
 Monica Hurwitz
 President, German American Social Club



It's membership renewal time.
 If your membership is on auto-renewal, your membership automatically renewed on January 1.
 If you are not on auto-renewal, you will need to renew online, send in a check, or pay at the bar and make sure Olga knows that you paid. 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

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES
 07 @ 8:00p.m. Membership Meeting
 09 @ 5:30 Züper Ball game
 14 @ 6:00 p.m. Valentine's Dinner
 16 @ 11:00 a.m. Bavarian Brunch

Dinner and Social Nights

MENU FOR February 2025**
07 Schnitzel night
14 Valentine Special! ***
 Appetizers, Shrimp Wellington with crab meat stuffing in a puff pastry with rice or N.Y. Steak with baked potato, dessert
21 Jägerschnitzel
28 Lemon chicken
 **If you have special dietary needs or preferences, please advise the chef NO LATER THAN NOON ON THURSDAY. Chef Tano: 305-962-6418.
***** Valentine Special: \$25, rsvp no later than 2/13 at noon. Dinner served 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

OFFICERS & TRUSTEES**Board of Directors****President:** Monica Hurwitz**Immediate Past President:** David Bauer**1st Vice President:** Norma Gangone**2nd Vice President and Board Chair:** Andre von Bloedau Silveira**Directors:** Emilio Palma, Frank Rhodes, Benjamin Maares, Andre Gast**Other Officers****Treasurer:** Liselotte Seer**Treasurer Emeritus:** Maria Morarin**Corresponding and Recording Secretary:**

Linda Dunlap

Membership Secretary: Olga Eckert**Parliamentarian:** Tony Sellers**Sergeant-at-Arms:****Trustees:** Gary Malfeld, Alan Sielk, Timo Hurwitz, Leah Magel-Sheremata, and Rose Raudes.

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 is 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 16



Men's Soccer League – Saturday Soccer

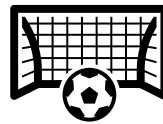
This league plays at the GASC nearly every Saturday of the year. Open to men aged 45 and older. To join, call Edgar Nivia at 305-297-7146.



Sunday Soccer Club

Sundays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

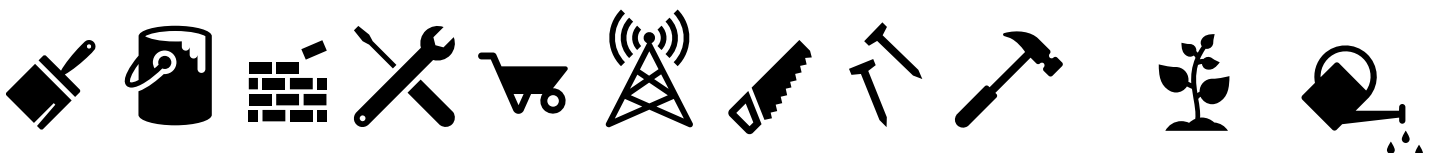
After a one-game trial period, GASC annual membership is required. For more information, please contact Sergio Jaramillo at 305-989-2279.



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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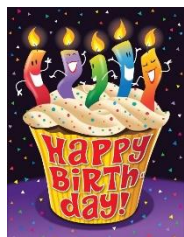
GABC
**GERMAN AMERICAN BUSINESS CHAMBER
OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

IT'S A ZUPER BALL PARTY!

Sunday, February 9

Club opens 5:30 p.m. Game starts 6:30 p.m.

**Bring a dish to share and watch the
the Chiefs vs the Eagles**



February Birthdays



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| 2 | Blake Fezza, Margaret Araujo | 18 | Mirella Powers |
| 5 | Silvia Willumsen | 21 | Frank Johnson |
| 7 | Edward Clauss | 22 | Peter Gemuerr |
| 11 | Jack Lipsky, Louise Davidson-Schmich | 23 | Philip Wachter |
| 12 | Joseph Miller, Reinhilde Long | 24 | Terry Thiele Kohl |
| 13 | Olga Eckert | 25 | Rodrigo Castro |
| 15 | Irmgard Wolf, Doris Miranda-Becker | 26 | Ana Rivas, Carey Mallard |
| 17 | Eduardo Sunol | 27 | Margaret Winsauer |

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 7:30 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.



THE GERMAN CLUB CATS

By Denise Stephens

The club grounds have been the home for several community cats for years. Most of them have been spayed/neutered to prevent more kittens. In the last couple of years, new cats have shown up. Efforts have been made to trap them and get them fixed. Last year, one of the white cats who had not yet been caught, had at least 2 litters of kittens. Shortly after, she was killed on club grounds by some kind of animal. I have been working to get the kittens fixed and was making headway, when last week, 2 of the white kitties (who I had already fixed), tragically were killed; one of them I had just spayed and brought back to the club on Sunday. The few of us who are taking care of the club cats are very worried about our older, permanent cat residents.

We are going to build a food shelter for them, so they can have some kind of safe space, but we also want to try to find homes for the kitties that we can. We, who are taking care of these cats, all already have many pets and are unable to bring more into our homes. (I took in the white calico last year and renamed her Phoebe!). We are reaching out to the club population to see if anyone might be able to make a home for the few cats who are friendly and would make good pets. There is the orange boy, known as Big Red or Tubby. There is the sweet, talkative Tortoise cat, I call Tortie. There is an all-black cat, who is besties with Big Red. These cats are all adult cats, who have been fixed. There are at least 3 more kittens I am trying to trap. If they were brought inside, they would make wonderful pets! One white kitten, a cute black and white, and a sweet tabby who loves to talk! Please contact Denise at 305-926-6882 or denise_stephens@msn.com if you are interested in adopting!

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Wishing Well:

Lifetime member Joyce Schmidt passed on December 31, 2024. Condolences may be sent to: **Alan Day 1077 Shepherd Lane Riley, MI 48041.**

Associate member Gloria Nichols died on December 19, 2024. Condolences may be sent to her sons: **Frank and Brad Nichols, 1131 S.W. 102 Court, Miami, FL 33175**

Gerald Giniger, Keith's dad. Died December 23, 2024. Condolences may be sent to: **Keith Giniger, 9076 SW 203 Terrace, Miami, FL 3389**

Friday, February 14th, 2025

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Whether you choose to spend Valentine's Day with your sweetheart, your family, or friends, we hope you will choose to be at the

German American Social Club!

Dinner will be served from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

MENU

Appetizers

Main dish: Choose between

Shrimp Wellington

**(shrimp with crab meat stuffing in a puff pastry)
with rice**

or

N.Y. Steak with baked potato

Dessert: Tiramisu

\$25.00/person

Prepayment or reservation required by noon Thursday, February 13.