

# GASC NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members,

It may feel like we just wrapped up Oktoberfest, but believe it or not, we're only seven months away from doing it all over again! While we count down the months, let's keep the club alive and thriving by coming together for all the great events happening in the meantime. The survival of the German American Social Club depends on its members—your support, participation, and willingness to lend a hand make all the difference. Whether you're attending events, volunteering, or simply stopping by for Social Night, every effort helps keep our traditions alive.

We're also thrilled to welcome The Emerald Society back for their St. Patrick's Day Festival! This will be their third time hosting it at our club, and we're excited to celebrate Irish heritage alongside our German traditions. It's always a fantastic event, so mark your calendars and come out for some fun!

Another important reminder: Elections for the Board of Directors are this month. If you're interested in running or nominating someone, now is the time to step forward. It has truly been an honor to serve this club and work alongside my fellow board members—past and present. The dedication of our leadership and members is what keeps our club strong, and I look forward to seeing who will help shape the future of the club.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I hope to see you around the club soon!

Warmly,  
 Monica Hurwitz  
 President, German American Social Club



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH ACTIVITIES

- 02 @ 6:00 p.m. Oscar Night!
- 07 @ 8:00p.m. Membership Meeting
- 08 @ 12 noon Irish Festival
- 16 @ 11:00 a.m. Bavarian Brunch
- 25 @ 6:00 p.m. Private Event
- 29 @ 10:00 a.m. Bartender Training

### Dinner and Social Nights

Price change: \$15

#### MENU FOR March

- 07 Corned beef & cabbage
- 14 Schnitzel night!
- 21 Smoked pork chops with sauerkraut and potatoes
- 28 Sauerbraten

\*\*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**Immediate Past President:** 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, 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, 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.

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

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

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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](http://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](mailto:nathan@thegermantoenglishconnection.com) --or check out [atanet.org](http://atanet.org).



GASC c. 1975

Does the mural above look a little different from what you're used to seeing? That's because this is from a postcard that was made shortly after it was painted the first time.

The club mural was originally painted in 1975 by Roger "Frenchie" Dehon. At that time, the trees at the front of the club were just saplings, so the mural made the clubhouse really stand out when people drove by. Sadly, Frenchie didn't qualify for Medicare and returned to his home in France a few years later.

Don Wendt Moved to Miami after the original mural had been painted but was involved in getting it re-done when he was on the GASC board in the late 1990's. After buying a lot of paint at Home Depot, a local high school, which may have been Coral Reef Senior High, had their art students re-paint the original mural, doing their best to bring it back to life. Today we see the high school students' artwork, although a faded version of the original can still be seen in some areas.

At this point in time, the mural is no longer visible from the street and there are now cracks in the mural that run from just below the roof all the way down to the ground. This is starting to damage the building itself. It is time to do something else to the front of the building.

Pictures have been taken of the mural as it is today.



GASC 2025



Join us in our Biergarten for Weißwurst Frühstück und Frühschoppen (Weißwurst breakfast and morning pint, a popular German brunch).

\$25 adult, \$15 child.

Includes food only.

Sunday, March 16

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Food served until 3:00 p.m.



### Men's Soccer League – Saturday Soccer

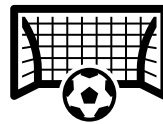
This league plays at the GASC nearly every Saturday of the year. Open to men aged 45 and older. To join, call Edgar Nivia at 305-297-7146.



### Sunday Soccer Club

Sundays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

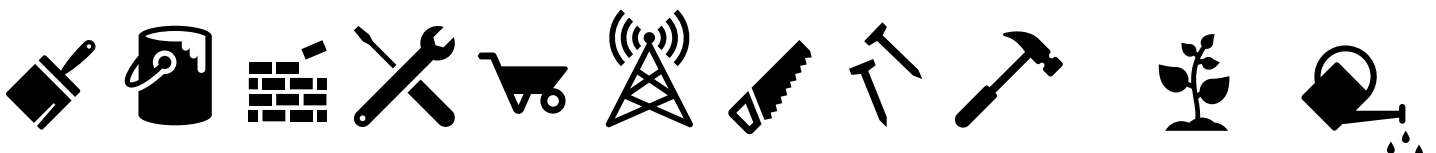
After a one-game trial period, GASC annual membership is required. For more information, please contact Sergio Jaramillo at 305-989-2279.



**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](mailto: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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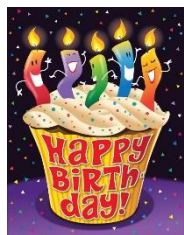
## **ELECTIONS AT THE GASC**

**The Nominating Committee will make an announcement of their candidates at the Membership Meeting on March 7 and then be discharged.**

**Anyone else who would like to run for office may be nominated from the floor at the Membership Meeting on April 4.**

**Elections will be held at the Membership Meeting on May 2.**

**The newly elected officers and trustees will be installed at a date to be determined in May.**



## March Birthdays



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|----|--|----|---|
| 2  | Barbara Milledge, Michelly Wei, Piper Mahoney              | 18 | Leland Burns, Gloria Nellen                                 |
| 3  | Christopher Hammon   | 19 | Andre Gast  |
| 4  | Donald Menker  | 20 | Stephan Folkert Raab, Jane Theede                           |
| 6  | George Elder   | 21 | Marcela Alvaro, Elizabeth Cepero, Rickee Mahoney            |
| 7  | Lesja Garcia   | 23 | Roswitha Pearson, Brandon J. Stewart, Birgit Weichselbaumer |
| 8  | Mariela Malfeld  | 24 | Christian Von Schoettler, Carl Laks                         |
| 10 | Catherine Ball, Daniela Kuczurba                           | 25 | Tony Sellers  |
| 11 | Sandra Willumsen Jones, Ray Rosales                        | 27 | Anthony Placeres  |
| 12 | Teresa Buschbom Kurack, Rafael Vieites, Richard Hochfelder | 28 | Dennis G. King  |
| 14 | Linda Dunlap   | 30 | Curtis Cooper   |
| 15 | Thomas Druck, Marlene Spath                                | 31 | Glenda Ibanez, Tina F. Von Gonten                           |

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.





German American Heritage Night

The Miami HEAT invites you to the German American Heritage Night at Kaseya Center when the Miami HEAT host the Atlanta Hawks on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 7:30 PM!



Come out and enjoy a fun, action-packed night, cheering on your Miami HEAT as they battle against one of the top teams in the NBA!

**Special Experience:**

The first 90 tickets purchased will include access to the Miami HEAT's early entry program to watch select players warm up!

To access discounted tickets starting at \$28 visit <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/germanHEATnight>

Tickets are fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions? Contact Miami HEAT Ticket Sales Representative, Andrew Morris at [Andrew.Morris@HEAT.com](mailto:Andrew.Morris@HEAT.com)

**Deadline to purchase: Thursday, March 6, 2025**



All ticket sales are final. There are no refunds or exchanges.  
 Tickets are subject to availability. Lost or stolen tickets will not be replaced.  
 Orders are filled on a first come first serve basis.

### Wishing Well



The German American club offers its sincere condolences to Gisela Boch Estopinales on the death of her brother in Germany.

# Save the Date

for the 43rd Annual  
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