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Can you believe it? December is here!

Dear Members,

As the year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank you for being part of our *wunderbar Gemeinschaft*. Your participation and friendship have made 2025 truly special. We have had some great accomplishments this year and it is all because of you.

As we start getting busy with the holiday season here are a few events happening, all of them can be very helpful and time savings.

Upcoming Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Market (Shop for holiday decorations and gifts.)

Date: 12/06/25

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Party (The perfect place to get a family photo with Santa)

Date: 12/14/25

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Santa arrives at 2:00 p.m. and lasagna will be served after Santa delivers presents.)

Join us for a festive afternoon with traditional holiday music, a delicious meal, children's activities, and friendly conversations. Please RSVP by Saturday, December 6.

Frühstück (Brunch with Friends to Celebrate the Season)

Date: 12/21/25

Time: 11:00 to 6:00 (food served until 3:00 p.m.)

Hope to see you all during the Holiday's celebration at the club,

Andre von Bloedau

Interim President

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 05 @8:00 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 06 @11:00-8:00 Christmas Market
- 13 @ 2:00 Los Amigos de la Música presents: Christmas Carols. \$10 donation
- 14 @1:00-4:00 Family Christmas Party
- 21 @1:00-6:00 Bavarian Brunch

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- 09 @8:00 p.m. Membership Meeting
(Date change from January 2)

Dinner and Social Nights \$15/dinner

THE DECEMBER MENU

- 05 Beef Rouladen with veggies and potatoes
- 12 Schnitzel night
- 19 Sauteed salmon or lemon chicken (your choice)
- 26 Closed for Christmas

**If you have special dietary needs or preferences, please advise the chef NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY. Chef Tano: 305-962-6418. Please prepay your dinner or make a reservation no later than 5:00 p.m. the Thursday of each week.



Oktoberfest Volunteer Thank You Dinner

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Andre von Bloedau Silveira

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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.

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

Email: info@gascmiami.org

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.

Latin American Christmas Carols 2025

"Los Amigos de la Música" ("Friends of Music") of Miami invite you to their annual Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m.

\$10 donation to benefit the Rehab Center for Mentally Ill Patients at the San Juan de Dios Clinic in Peru.

Hot Chocolate and panettone will be served from 2:00 to 2:30.

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). If you're interested, please contact Carl Bethel at: CWBETHEL@MSN.COM.

Are you moving? Do you have a new phone number? Email address? You can log into your account at gascmiami.org and make those changes yourself. Just use the email address you used to join and make the changes. Or if you're not tech savvy, call or email us to give us your new details. We want to stay in touch!



LEARN HOW TO BREW AT THE GASC'S HOME BREWERY!

The German American Social Club (GASC) has completed its own home brewery, thanks to Andy Gast's efforts. Beer making classes are now offered exclusively to Lifetime, Regular, or Associate members of a Florida German club who are aged 21 or older. The first session costs \$50, with repeat classes at \$20 each; different beers are made different months. We follow the German Beer Purity Law when making our beers.

Classes take place monthly on a Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and last until late afternoon or early evening, depending on the beer type. The fee covers the class session and all necessary ingredients. Attendees have the opportunity to enjoy the brewed beer (ready in 3-4 weeks) at no extra charge.

The microbrewery is reserved for these classes and is not available for rent or loan. To enroll in the next class, contact Andy Gast at 305-213-9157.

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.



Soccer training for children ages 4-16



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Ages 10-16: Mon & Wed, 7-9 PM

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New this year at Oktoberfest Miami:
The German soda **Spezi** is now available in the U.S. under the name "Sunset". Try some at GASC! Also at Mainzer's Deli!



R.A.D. Basic Physical Defense Class for Women

January 11th, 18th, and 25th (Time TBD)

The course is 3 hours each day for a total of 9 hours. Students will learn and practice basic self-defense techniques, which include striking, kicking, and other moves, as well as philosophies on how to avoid adverse confrontations and survive an attack.

The cost of the class is \$50, and it will be held on Sundays in January 2026. More info to follow.

For additional information please contact Amy Foust at foust@atalantaacademy.org or (305) 204-2471 or Christian "He-Man" Schlaerth at cschlaerth@yahoo.com or (786) 999-2069.

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December Birthdays

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3	Alice Hetzer	19	Erich Gressmann
4	B.B. Gould, Gudrun Brandl, Richard Parcell	20	Barry Ekle
5	Kyle Schuster, Emilio Palma-Huergo	21	Joe Ryan, Janette Sanchez
7	Arnold Perry, Scott Stephens	22	Donald Bickel
9	Destiny Duenas	23	Christopher Mahoney, Sophia Wendt
13	Benicio Martinez, Monika Sterothmann, Heidi Wigand	24	Tiffany Barker, Christel Smith, Virginia McGunagle
15	Christina Boitel, Mary Suarez Segura	30	Ole Wagenbach, Maria Willumsen
17	Judy Parcell	31	Roy Bauer

The Dance Groups at the Club

Contact the leaders if you would like to join!

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. Email Andre von Bloedau Silveira, Vorplattler, at Auerhahnofmiami@gmail.com or call 305-431-6571 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.



Welcome cooler weather and join us as we reopen our Biergarten Brunch!



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, December 21

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

Food served until 3:00 p.m.



German classes

- German language classes are offered every Monday at 7:30 PM at the Miami German Club
- Focus on basic conversational skills and foundational German grammar
- A fun and welcoming way to interact with fellow club members while improving your German, and we are also learning German songs
- Open to all levels – newcomers are always welcome!
- To join or learn more, contact the instructor, Craig Buehrig, at +1 (541) 999-7696.

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Thank you, Jackie, for your generous donation of these pillows to Oktoberfest 2025!

Wishing Well

Wishing good health to all in 2026!



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Do you want to stay in touch with the GASC? Be sure to sign up for our newsletters at gascmiami.org

Or better yet... join us!

Scan the QR code below and become a member!

It's only \$70 per person a year for those of German / Austrian / or Swiss descent and \$56 per person a year for those who are not.



Memberships are good for the calendar year from January 1 to December 31, but if you join now, your membership will continue through December 31, 2026!

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Start looking for your baby pics!

We are planning a fun evening in early 2026. We will try to match your baby pic to who you are today. Preferred ages: 1-4

It may take a while to find those pics so start looking now!

When you find it, email it to Rose Raudes rraudes215@hotmail.com

Miami Christmas Market

December 6th | 11 AM - 8 PM

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You are cordially invited to the German American Social Club's
Family Christmas Party!

Sunday, December 14, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Gifts from Santa, and Fun!

Santa arrives promptly at 2:00 p.m. Lunch follows.

Please complete the information below and return it to Elaine Walter: elainewalter@hotmail.com or 786-586-0785 (leave detailed message if she doesn't pick up).

All r.s.v.p.'s should reach us no later than Saturday, December 6, 2025.

Child's Name	<hr/> FIRST	<hr/> LAST	
Child is <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female	Child's Age _____ or Birth Date _____ / MONTH / YEAR		
Child's Gift Preferences (Limit: \$25 per child 12 and under. Be specific as to type of doll, game, book title, etc.) The club pays for the presents (this is what the funds from the head wreath sales go to). <i>If possible, email an Amazon link to Elaine at the email address above. If you email all the information to Elaine, please send all information requested.</i>	Child's Gift Preferences:		
Child <input type="checkbox"/> is <input type="checkbox"/> is not a member of the Edelweiss Schuhplattler.			
Name of sponsor:			
Sponsor's relationship to the child			
Membership type of sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime
<p>Sponsor MUST BE a Regular, Associate, or Lifetime GASC member. Join the GASC now to be able to sponsor children for the Children's Christmas party this year and in 2026.</p>			
<p>Number of adults and children 13 and up eating lunch (@ \$20.00): _____ NOTE: Children 12 and under eat free. Salad, lasagna, and dessert will be served to adults and children. Please advise any special dietary needs.</p>			
<p>High school and college students are welcome to volunteer for community service hours. Please contact Sophia Wendt at volunteer@gascmiami.org.</p>			
<p>There will be crafts and activities for the children. _____</p>			

