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Dear all,

Have you seen all the Oktoberfest videos lately?! We're not talking about Munich, we're talking about **Oktoberfest Miami!**
Our social media channels have been buzzing with excitement, and the response has been incredible. In just the last week, we've seen **more than double our ticket sales**, proving that the excitement for our 69th Oktoberfest is stronger than ever!

I cannot express how grateful I am to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy this year to help prepare our beautiful clubhouse. Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm have transformed our grounds and set the stage for what promises to be an unforgettable celebration. We are just days away from opening day!

As we count down to the big event, here are a few fun Oktoberfest facts to get you in the festive spirit:

Why Is Oktoberfest Beer So Special?
Did you know that in **1553**, a Bavarian decree prohibited brewing beer during the warm summer months? The rule was designed to prevent spoilage and reduce the risk of brewery fires.
Because of this, brewers traditionally produced a stronger beer in **March** called **Märzen**. This beer was carefully stored in cool cellars throughout the summer, often beneath what later became the famous biergartens.

When **King Ludwig I of Bavaria** celebrated his royal wedding in 1810, the remaining Märzen beer became the beer of choice for the festivities, helping establish the tradition that would eventually evolve into modern Oktoberfest.

Today, the famous Munich breweries, including **Augustiner, Paulaner, Hofbräu, Spaten, Hacker-Pschorr, and Löwenbräu**, primarily serve a lighter, golden beer known as **Festbier** in the festival tents. While the style has evolved over the years, the spirit of celebration remains exactly the same!

The Countdown Is On!
Great food, authentic German beer, live music, dancing, and unforgettable memories are just around the corner. Get ready to raise a stein, celebrate with friends and family, and enjoy one of Miami's most cherished traditions.
We'll see you at the 69th Oktoberfest Miami! Prost!

Andre von Bloedau
President, GASC Miami

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

09/27 @9:00 a.m. Move the artificial turf under tent
02 @ 8:00 Membership Meeting
03 Noon-7:00 p.m.
GIPA Oktoberfest
TBD TBD Move tables and chairs into the pods
07 @ 7:00 am Potato Boil
07 @ 9:30 am Potato Peel
09 @ 6 – 12 Oktoberfest Miami
10 @ 2 – 12 Oktoberfest Miami
11 @ 2 – 10 Oktoberfest Miami
14 @ 7:00 am Potato Boil TBD
14 @ 9:30 am Potato Peel TBD
16 @ 6 – 12 Oktoberfest Miami
17 @ 2 – 12 Oktoberfest Miami
18 @ 2 – 10 Oktoberfest Miami
29-31 Color Canary Show

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

November 21 @ 6-10p.m. St. Andrew's Day Ceilidh by the Scottish American Society of South Florida

Dinner and Social Nights $15/dinner

02 Chef's Surprise
09 Oktoberfest Miami
16 Oktoberfest Miami
23 Resting after Oktoberfest
30 Closed for the bird show

****If you have special dietary needs or preferences, please advise the chef NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY by emailing GASC at info@gascmiami.org Please do not call the chef. Prepay your dinner or make a reservation no later than 5:00 p.m. the Thursday of each week.**

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NEWS? QUESTIONS? Whether you have news to share with the club or a question you would like to have answered, we are always glad to hear from you. Although we do not have office hours, 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.

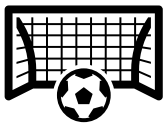
Three different soccer groups meet at the GASC every week.
Which one appeals to you?

Men's Soccer League

Saturday Soccer

This league plays at the GASC most of the year. Open to men aged 45 and older. To join or create a team, call Edgar Nivia at 305-297-7146.

GASC membership required.



Sunday Soccer Club

Sundays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This is an informal group that meets most Sundays for a friendly game. After a one-game trial period, GASC annual membership is required. For more information, please text Sergio Jaramillo at 305-989-2279.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:30 - 9 Folk Dance Group	2 **8pm Membership Meeting** 6:00 – 8:00 Dinner 7pm: Edelweiss 8:00 Schuhplattler	3 DAY OF GERMAN UNITY 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. GIPA OKTOBERFEST
4 9-11 Sunday Soccer call Sergio (305) 989-2279	5 10:15 Tai Chi Ask Carl for info: cwbethel@msn.com 6-7 & 7-9 Children's Soccer 786-901-1375 **8pm: Marinera Rehearsal**	6 **8pm: Marinera Rehearsal**	7 6-7 & 7-9 Children's Soccer 786-901-1375	8	9 6:00 – 12 midnight OKTOBERFEST MIAMI	10 2:00 – 12 midnight OKTOBERFEST MIAMI
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OCTOBER Birthdays

1 Walli Riechert
3 Betty Frankhouser
5 Bruce Bass
6 Elliot Vrana, Julia Merlos
7 Dieter Schins
8 Marina Wendt, Romy Biedermann, Oscar Schuller, Sebastian Eilert
9 Leticia Angel
10 Eddie Johnson
11 Lorraine Sweeney, Kei Shinano
12 Mary Parsons
14 John Bankston, Andres Marin
15 Hugo Schlicht
16 Ana Elder
17 Visa Schulz
18 Helga Laks
22 Paul Wunderlich, Yesenia Starinsky
23 John Engelke, Carlos Portillo
28 Bonnie Barnes, Richard McEwan, Kenneth Hernandez
29 Hubert Weichselbaumer
30 Nives Werner
31 Elizabeth Gulla

Wishing Well

Best wishes to Gisela Bosch Estopinales for a speedy recovery.

Work it Wednesdays

All members welcome!



Do you need to add some movement to your day? Join this informal member-led stretching group at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays. Do not overdo! Do bring any mat etc. you may have. No equipment? Come anyway! Afterwards, we can relax and have a beer!

BAVARIAN BRUNCH WILL RETURN AFTER OKTOBERFEST



K9 FRISBEE TOSS & FETCH MIAMI

Does your dog really like to play frisbee? Toss & Fetch Miami meets at the GASC on some Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Find them on Facebook or Instagram for more information! Or Call Elizabeth at 305-968-8659.

Become a GASC MEMBER!

Scan the QR code below or go to https://gascmiami.org 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.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society offers intermediate Tai Chi classes at GASC 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). Beginning classes are offered at other locations. For more information, contact Carl Bethel at: **CWBETHEL@MSN.COM**.

German Missions in the United States

For assistance in South Florida, contact the German consulate:

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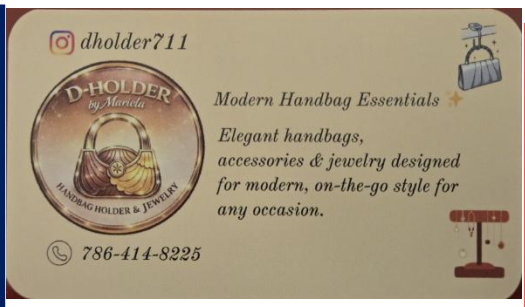


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GERMAN TEACHER NEEDED



Can you teach German classes? If not, do you know someone who can? The GASC is seeking someone to take over the German classes for adults that are held in the evening at the club. Please contact us at info@gascmiami.org or 305-552-5123 for more information.





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GASC Dance Groups

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 Deutschevolktanzundtrachentgruppe)

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. **We are looking for more children to join this group!**





The GASC's Home Brewery was created in 2025 by GASC Board Member Andy Gast. Classes are offered whenever Andy Gast's work schedule allows. Sign up for our emails to find out about the next brew class. Gascmiami.org

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!



This is my membership card as it appears in my phone wallet. If there is a new bartender at the bar who doesn't know me, I can show them my ID and they'll know that I have valid membership and am qualified to purchase alcohol at the bar.



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