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And the Count down for the 70th Oktoberfest Miami has started!

What a rollercoaster last month was! I'm so glad our active Board members, amazing members, and volunteers were on the ride with me. We faced plenty of small challenges leading up to Oktoberfest Miami and during the event itself. Several providers we had used in the past were no longer available, so we had to find new ones—and fast! We found a new German baker in Wynwood and a new butcher in Broward. Both came through with delicious food and treats on very short notice.

In the middle of all the Oktoberfest activity, I took a few seconds to stop, look around, and take it all in. People were laughing, taking family photos, making memories, and enjoying themselves at our club. That was the reminder I needed: this is why we do it every year! When my mother was on the Board of Directors, I always felt that Oktoberfest Miami was about raising the funds we needed to maintain the club. This was my 29th Oktoberfest Miami, and going into it, I thought we needed a good event simply to keep the club open for another year. Now my perspective has changed. Keeping the club going means we get to welcome people back, share our culture, and create more opportunities for wonderful memories. My new motto?: We need a great Oktoberfest so we can have another one next year—and give even more people the chance to enjoy our club and our culture! To our Board, members, volunteers, and the community who come out to support our club year after year: I can never thank you enough!

So many people did amazing work before, during, and after Oktoberfest. I can't name you all here—Linda has only so much room in the newsletter for my rambling! But please know how much your work means to me. To all the Board members who came before me, thank you for everything you did for the club. Only now, serving as president, can I truly appreciate all the work you put in.

I hope to see everyone at the membership meeting on November 6!

Andre von Bloedau da Silveira
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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

06 @ 8:00 p.m. Membership Meeting
13 @ 6:30p.m. Oktoberfest Volunteer Thank You Dinner *Free to volunteers*
21 @ 6-10p.m. St. Andrew's Day Ceilidh by the Scottish American Society of South Florida *See advertising*
26 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

4 8:00 p.m. Membership Meeting
5 11:00 a.m.-8:00p.m. Christmas Market
12 @ 2-5 p.m. Los Amigos de la Música Christmas Carols with hot chocolate and panettone ($10 donation)
TBD Family Christmas Party

Dinner and Social Nights $15/dinner

06 Schnitzel night
13 Oktoberfest Volunteer Dinner
Choice of *Schweinebraten* (roast pork) or Lemon Chicken.
Make reservation to: https://forms.gle/iTPePWtTZVkLr9kP8 Cost to non-volunteers $15.
20 Beef goulash and noodles
27 Closed for Thanksgiving

****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.



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!





At least one parent of each child must join GASC.


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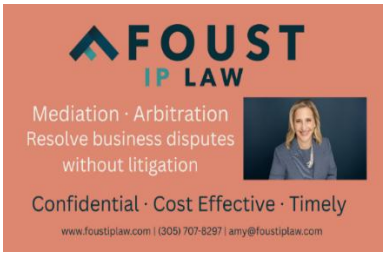

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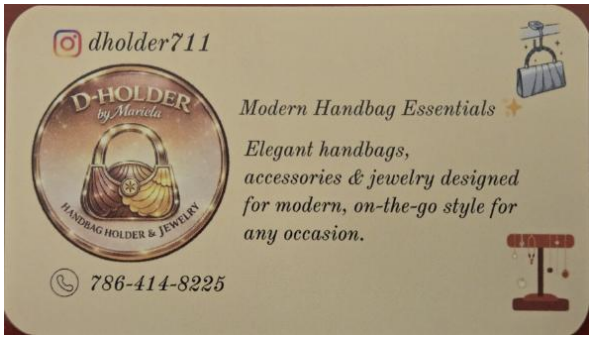

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Congratulations to GASC member Daniela Kuczurba as this year's recipient of the German American Friendship Award for her outstanding contributions to German American relations. This award was presented to her by Christopher Berger, Consul General of Germany at a recent event celebrating the Day of German Unity.





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.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Gilbert Serein, Eugen Klingenschmid
4 Michele Koelsch, Lucas Katz
5 Mayda Herrera, Andy Kershaw, Mary Tirb
6 Frieda Kruger, Jen Stine
7 Rebecca Hurwitz, Marion Mezar
8 Jose Nieves
10 Joseph Smith, Urvashi Ramlall
11 Wieland Uchdorf
12 Laura Maares, Margit Hyre
13 Ellen Clauss
15 Martin Glaeser, Christopher Strasser, Alice Hacker, Nicole Canavan
16 Christine Giniger
17 Francisco Jimenez
19 Erika Johnson
20 Guillermo Dutra
22 Mileydi Molina
23 Jeff Kraushaar, Danielle Bowen
24 Wayne Hediger
25 David Holguin, Zachary Brym
26 Rose Raudes
29 Maria Rodriguez, Sylvia Jones
30 Juan Carlos Parodi

Wishing Well

Condolences to Scott and Denise Stephens on the sudden passing of their sister-in-law on October 21. Although Scott's brother and sister-in-law lived out of town they helped GASC with a number of projects over the years.



Condolences to the family and friends of Maria Morarin on her passing at age 100 on October 23 at the Palace of Kendall. Maria was Lifetime member of the GASC and served as our Treasurer for over 20 years. Her dedication to GASC was truly inspirational. We anticipate that services will be held in November. Information will be emailed.



Congratulations to Nicole Rae Jackson who was crowned Miss Oktoberfest Miami

Latin American Christmas Carols 2026

"Los Amigos de la Música" ("Friends of Music") of Miami invite you to their annual Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 12th 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.

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.

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**.

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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 to be held in person on an evening at the club. Please contact us at info@gascmiami.org or 305-552-5123 for more information.

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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!


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2026



Christmas Market vendors contact Frank Rhodes at VP2@gascmiami.org to apply for a space.
The Christmas Market is FREE for shoppers!



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Except when we get a special license to open to the public, GASC membership is required to purchase alcohol at the club. This is not some strange whim of the club; it is Florida law.