

# Der Botschafter

(the messenger), a monthly newsletter. January 2018

## United German-American Society of Florida, Inc. (UGASF)

This short newsletter is created to keep information flowing between board members, club members, and among clubs. Keep the communication open.

Message from the President:

As one gets older it seems like the year just flies by quicker as was the case for me in 2017. As of the last UGASF membership meeting I am sad to report that two long time and founding German Clubs of UGASF have given up their Charters. As is the case with many clubs of UGASF regeneration through young new members seems to be an elusive dream and other clubs may follow this path. Hopefully not because that will also signal an end to the UGASF organization as we know it - this will be unfortunate.

As we now prepare for an exciting year in 2018 and German Heritage Day on March 11h to be held in Casselberry, I am encouraging all clubs to try their best efforts to sell tickets for this one-day event. As of the last report that I received from Charlotte, our UGASF Treasurer, there have not been any positive responses or requests for additional tickets. Therefore I have to assume that everyone at your individual clubs is busy with the festiveness' of the season and ticket sales efforts will go forth in January. I am hoping this is a safe assumption because the future of the UGASF Organization is dependent on the participation and outcome of this year's Heritage Day. I am hoping that we will have a full house at HD and that the organization will go forward in its mission statement. Wishing all of you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Kurt Freiter  
President

In November we had election of officers, and some changes had been made. Here is the result: **President, Kurt Freiter; Vice-President, Kerry Ann Bauer; Secretary, Susie Zimmer; Treasurer, Charlotte Kappel.** Martin Grum had the honor of pointing out their individual duties and swearing them in. They will serve the club for the years of 2018/19. Congratulations.

The next UGASF meeting is called for January 20, 2018 at the Casselberry German Club. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1pm.

Michael Reis and Martin Grum were appointed to audit the books of the Treasurer at this meeting.

As you read above in the President's Message, it is important that every club president and delegate make a special effort to help and encourage their membership to attend this special Heritage Day celebration at the German American Club at Casselberry on March 11, 2018.

The Castelberry Club, as you know, has a reputation for the best food, the best and low-cost German beer vom Fass, and German Gemuetlichkeit is at home there. So, let Charlotte Kappel know the status of ticket sales, so they can order food, drink and arrange tables so individual club members can sit together. The absolute deadline for tickets is February 28, 2018. Charlotte can be reached at 813.634.6662 or [cmk13@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cmk13@tampabay.rr.com)

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## Happy New Year to All

