

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 path of communication open.

Please, someone come forward and talk to me. This is what I wrote last month, and Michele Kager talked to me and good things are happening. Michele will compile upcoming events from clubs and send the sheet to me and I will send it out to clubs with the newsletter. In order to make it easy on Michele, clubs should forward their club happenings to Michele. Michele also upgraded the UGASF website – its chuck full of interesting info now. A link to Facebook will take you to a page with more than a hundred pictures from the German Heritage Day event. The pictures were provided by Klaus Wilkens. (Thank you Klaus) Check them out, you may find one of yourself.

The H.D. committee has set March 10, 2019 for next year's fest. The committee will meet in June to work out details, and especially the location. Van-Tam Nguyen, president of the Casselberry Club promised, if his club house is chosen again, it will have a smother operation. President Freiter ask me to check for a location in The Villages, but the largest indoor place will only sit about 200. The Polo Club could accommodate about one thousand, but no air conditioning, so it will not work. The most interesting place that I would prefer is the Hofbrauhaus with beer garden in St. Petersburg. Don't know if it could be worked out. Keep sending your choice to the president, Kurt Freiter. Don't forget to check out the website and let Michele know that good work is appreciated. It would help Michele and me if you add us to your list of recipients of your club's newsletter.

Flag Etiquette:

Many club members are not sure about handling of the American Flag. Here is a short take that may help: The United States Flag code, first adapted in 1923 and later amended, prescribes flag etiquette for a variety of situations ensuring our national symbol a position of honor and respect. The flag code is not law, but a guide for civilians who wish to properly honor the United States of America's principal emblem. The American Flag should always be treated with the outmost care and respect. It represents a living country and, as such, is considered a living symbol. Always keep the flag clean and safe. Always display the flag with the blue union field up – never display the flag upside down, except as a distress signal. Always carry the flag aloft and free – never carry it flat or horizontally in processions or parades. The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right: that is, the flags own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line. Flags of different nations are flown at the same height.

Websites of German Clubs in Florida that could be useful:

Pinellas County: germantampa.com

UGASF: ugasflorida.org

West Central Florida: germanamericanclubwcf.org

Venice: gafcvenicefl.org

Cape Coral: gacsc-capecoral.com

Marion County: gacmarioncounty.com

Palm Beaches: americangermanclub.org

Sarasota: sarasotagermanclub.org

Casselberry: OrlandoGermanClub.com

Cultural Center: germanradioshow.com

Deutscher Club: villagesdeutscherclub.com

Spring Hill: germanclubspringhill.org

New Port Richey: angelfire.com/fl4/germamnpr/

Hollywood: germanamericanclubhollywood.org

Naples: german-american-club-naples.org

Alpenrose Schuhplattlers: sgalpenrose.com

Auerhahn Schuhplattlers: orgsites.com/fl/auerhahn/index.html

Miami: gascmiami.org

The November 17, 2018 meeting is scheduled at the Cape Coral clubhouse.

The 2019 German Heritage Day is proposed for March 10, 2019.

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