

# Der Botschafter

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## 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.*

**Election of Directors** will happen at the November meeting in Cape Coral. President Freiter appointed VanTam Nguygen, 407.399.2598, from Casselberry as chairman, and members selected Steve Bauerr, 239.283.5756, from Cape Coral and Michael Reis, 352.637.2042, from West Central Florida as assistants. The directors will serve for 2 years; 2019/20. Any member of a UGASF member club is eligible. If interested let the nomination committee know.

For the German Heritage Day, the committee will have a second meeting at the Hofbrauhaus in St. Petersburg to pick a location and work out the details.

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 for your club's newsletter.

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**2018 FIFA WORLD CUP** - Thank God it's over. My hiny was hurting from all that sitting.

The word FIFA told me that the game was soccer. A poster from my e-mail quoted: "Audi Football Summit" Bayern Muenchen vs Manchester City in Miami, FL. Now I was confused. It is no secret that the Germans like to use American English words instead of their own, and sometimes Germanize them. Since it is sponsored by Audi in Germany I thought it should read Fussball for Germany or soccer for the U.S. and Canada.

Records trace the history of soccer back more than 2,000 years to ancient China and Arabian countries, but it was England that transitioned **soccer**, or what the British and many other people around the world call "**football**," into the game we know today.

Curiously, it was not until nine years after the rules of association football had been first established in 1863 that the size and weight of the ball were finally standardized. Up to then, agreement on this point was usually reached by the parties concerned when they were arranging the match, as was the case for a game between London and Sheffield in 1866. This encounter was also the first where the duration was prearranged for 90 minutes.

For all the conflicting views on the origins of the game, one thing is incontestable: football has flourished for over a thousand years in diverse rudimentary forms, in the very region which we describe as its home, Britain. In most parts of the world, football is used as the name for the "chess of the green pitch", the biggest sport in the world. In the United States and Canada, however, soccer is used instead as a distinction from American football, which is more related to rugby. A more formal name sometimes used is association football, but in popular speech, it is either football or soccer. Football was for a long time a British phenomenon, but gradually spread to other European countries. The first game that took place outside Europe occurred in Argentina in 1867, but it was foreign British workers who were involved and not Argentinean citizens.

### **Extra Club activities:**

The West Central Florida Club members filled a bus and went to dinner at Hollerbach's Willow Tree Cafe in Sanford, and shopping.

The Central Florida Club set up two giant monitors at their clubhouse for members to watch the soccer games and enjoy a scrumptious lunch from the buffet the chef has set up.

The Pinellas County Club opened their Lunch Room for members to watch the games.

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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