

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 occur at the November meeting in Cape Coral. President Freiter appointed VanTam Nguyen (407.399.2598) from Casselberry as chairman of the nomination committee, and the UGASF members selected Steve Bauer (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. Let the nomination committee know if you are interested in running for a position.

The German Heritage Day Committee had their meeting on June 16, 2018 at the Pinellas County Club. Another meeting has been scheduled for sometime in August to work on unfinished items. Perhaps then, I will be able to report some good news.

A poster I received from Andres Vargas Gutierrez, NY, telling us about a Football game in Miami is attached at the end of the newsletter. When I see the word Football it reminds me and most Americans of an American Football game. But it really is a Fussball or soccer match between Bayern Muenchen and Manchester City that will take place on Saturday, July 28, at 7 PM at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. Tickets are available at 929.332.9142 from \$45 to \$600. Enjoy the game. Click either link below to purchase tickets online:

[Facebook link for Audi Football Summit](#)

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Independence Day, also referred to as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire. Congress actually voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2. Independence Day is the National Day of the United States and the American Flag is flown from many homes, businesses and government buildings on that day.

The well-known "**Star Spangled Banner**" written by Francis Scott Key is the national anthem of the USA. **Old Glory** is the nickname for the flag of the United States. The original "Old Glory" was a flag owned by the 19th-century American sea captain William Driver (March 17, 1803 – March 3, 1886), who flew the flag during his career at sea and later brought it to Nashville, Tennessee, where he settled. At age thirteen, Driver ran away from home to become a cabin boy on a ship. At age twenty-one, Driver qualified as a master mariner and assumed command of his own ship, the *Charles Doggett*. In celebration of his appointment, Driver's mother "and a group of young Salem female admirers" sewed the flag and gave it to him as a gift in 1824. Driver greatly prized the flag and ensured its safety from the Confederates, who attempted to seize the flag during the American Civil War. After the war, Driver's daughter and niece feuded over which of them owned the original Old Glory. In 1922, both flags claimed to be the original "Old Glory" became part of the collection of the Smithsonian Institution, where they remain at the National Museum of American History.

27 is the current version. The flag's design has been officially modified 26 times since 1777. The 48-star flag was in effect for 47-years, the 49-star version became official on July 4, 1959. The 50-star flag in July 1960.

50 is the number stars representing the states.

13 is the number of stripes for the colonies declaring their independence from Britain.

- 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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