

Der Botschafter

(the messenger), a monthly newsletter.

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

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

A People without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.

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The BOD's had a special workshop meeting and came up with ideas that may work. The Central Florida German Society clubhouse in Casselberry was chosen for the 2018 German Heritage Day celebration on Sunday March 11, 2018. (March 10 was wrong)

Michae Reis wrote: "Martin, everyone has some thoughts about the UGASF / Heritage. Mine are not too dramatic, but think this is a time where and when people of German heritage can be brought together and enjoy the camaraderie of each other. I do not think that bringing entertainment from Germany helps bring us together. Good German music, good German food, and forget all the speeches. The money we make should be reinvested in the next UGASF program. The practice to allocate a portion of our proceeds to put it into a scholarship program just seems like a waste of UGASF money. Is there a common motivation or a cohesive purpose for our events? Our German Heritage is something we should look to preserve. One last thought. Opening the Heritage to outsiders is good for income, but it has nothing to do with our heritage."

Michele Kager wrote: The newsletter is great, thanks for writing it. I think it is very helpful to read the information in this format.

Ilse Kearney wrote: I am so delighted that we have a newsletter for the UGASF again. I am welcoming all the member groups back to some good information and sharing thoughts. The thought of having a different style of German Heritage Fest is not so undesirable. That means – a club not having its own clubhouse – can hold the Festival just the same. That is not such a bad idea.

Club president Lillie Sdao is celebrating her 80th birthday this week. Happy birthday Lillie from all of us.

UGASF was started by John Lange of the American-German Club at the Palm Beaches in 1991. The first Heritage Day celebration was held in 1992 at the Miami German club, followed in 1993 Palm Beaches, 1994 Casselberry, 1995 Casselberry, 1996 Agricultural Hall a Kissimmee, 1997 Coliseum St Petersburg, 1998 Coliseum St Petersburg, 1999 Coliseum St Petersburg, 2000 Coliseum St Petersburg, 2001, Coliseum St Petersburg, 2002 Coliseum St Petersburg, 2003 Coliseum St Petersburg, 2004 The Palm Beaches, 2005 none, 2006 Coliseum St Petersburg, 2007 Coliseum St Petersburg, 2008 Coliseum St Petersburg, 2009 Coliseum St Petersburg, 2010 Coliseum St Petersburg, 2011 Wyndham Resort Orlando, 2012 Wyndham Resort Orlando, 2013 Palm Beaches, 2014 Cape Coral, 2015 Bahia Shrine Club, 2016 Casselberry, 2017 canceled, 2018 proposed for Casselberry. Susi Zimmer from the Cape Coral Club found in a copy of her club's newsletter of October 1972. It states that four official delegates traveled to the Pinellas Park German Club for the United German American Societies of Florida Inc., to attend its quarterly business meeting on September 9, 1972.

If anyone knows what happened to this organization please let me know and I will print an update next time.

Life is just a blink of an eye – Eternity is forever

Martin Grum, editor

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