

German-American Social Club of Sarasota

Newsletter 4/2007

Greetings Fellow Club members,

It has only been a few months since our last newsletter and I am really pleased with the job our new secretary Rosemarie has done. She is doing a great job and as you are reading this, you obviously have seen the 2007 Membership directory that Brigitte and Rosemarie have put together. They have done a very professional job.

It seems that every which way the club turns, good things bestow it. Our dances and all of our functions have been super. I would like to reiterate that these things do not just happen by themselves.....it is through the dedication and perseverance of our wonderful volunteers that make these functions the successes that they are.

Our dance season is just rolling along as there are just 2 dances left until our "summer break". If you haven't noticed....all of our dances have been completely sold out. I also really appreciate our little "Stammtisch" by a group of our members in the bar that allows us to accommodate even more guests in the main room. Needless to say, reservations are a must and the earlier the better.

I could go on and on proclaiming all the merits of our volunteers, but think about it yourself and mention to one or two of them how much you appreciate their service at the next dance. You know who they are. Let them know! They certainly make my job easy.

*I am already starting to book bands for 2009 and I can promise more of the same ...
..FUN FOR ALL!*

God Bless,

Dennis

Our upcoming functions will be:

April 28, 2007	Sepp Diepolder	Western
May 12, 2007	Europa Band	Mai Tanz
August 4, 2007	Alpen Diamanten	Sommerfest

Oktoberfest Cape Coral

The GASC is offering its members a bus trip to the Oktoberfest in Cape Coral. This offer is contingent on the number of participants that we get. The bus will be leaving from the Knights of Columbus parking lot on Saturday, October 20th, 2007 at 1:00 pm and returning the same day leaving Cape Coral at approximately 9:30 pm (after the day's raffle). Members will have to pay the entrance fee (which is as of today \$6.00 per person) at the gate. The bus transportation to and from Cape Coral is free for members. Please contact Dieter Schneider if you are interested, see him at the dance or call (941) 966-6006.

Also at some distant future seems our next Christmas Party. We had decided not to continue to have it on a weekday, instead also move it to a Saturday night and we set aside December 1st as the date in our last schedule. However, due to a conflict at that date we moved our Christmas Party to Saturday, December 15th with Sepp Diepolder. Please mark/remark your calendars.

During our last Board Members Meeting on March 7th and again in the Business Meeting on March 14th, 2007, a few changes and additions to the club by-laws were discussed and accepted. They are basically just housekeeping issues. Please see an up-to-date version of our by-laws attached to this newsletter.

In the same Business Meeting two new Event Coordinators were appointed: Lloyd Koontz in charge of the picnics and Ron Stopperich in charge of the dances. This means all volunteers please report to Lloyd or Ron to be added to their lists, so that they may call on you for help as the need arises. At the chance that I sound politically incorrect, it will avoid all the confusion that come with "too many Chiefs, no Indians".



German-American

Our Sunshine Lady, Hilde Freitag, reports that a few of our members have been feeling poorly:

Paul Bergmann
Aurelio and Brigitte Ortiz
Adelheid Shillus

We will keep you as well as all those with chronic conditions in our thoughts and wish you a speedy recovery and/or peaceful and pain free days and nights.

Once again we have the pleasure of welcoming new members, this time in record numbers:

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James and Charlene Chaich
Emilio and Gisela D'Angelo
Horst and Margot Droscher
Werner and Fiona Fuerhaupter
Peter Ligas
Frank Padula
Joseph Pinter
Joan Roylance
Rainer and Verena Scheel
Julius and Connie Schmeltzer
Ewald and Rosemarie Schmidt
Dave and Shirley Schoepp
Patricia Stout
Leif and Angelika Wanless
Rudolf and Anni Zarzutski

We wish all you snowbird members a safe trip back to your summer residence and we hope to see you again next season.



Easter is just a week away. In Germany, Easter is the second most important holiday, after Christmas. So it may be appropriate to talk about "*Hares and eggs in German Idioms*". The hare plays various roles in German expressions. For example:

- "*Hasenfuß*" (hare's foot) is used as a symbol of cowardice.
- "*Haken schlagen*" is the technical term for the hare's way of abruptly changing direction when running, or the irritating habit of some people to change the subject suddenly.
- Precocious know-it-alls who try to outdo their elders are reproached with "*Das Ei will klüger sein als die Henne*". (The egg thinks it's smarter than the chicken.)
- To brood over problems before they arise is known as "*ungelegte Eier ausbrüten*" (to hatch eggs not yet laid).
- In English, if someone becomes easily afraid, he will be either a scaredy-cat or called "chicken" – but the hare enters the German phrase: "*Angsthase*"
- "*Mein Name is Hase, ich weiß von nichts!*" (My name is Hare and I don't know a thing!)



Happy Easter





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Did you know?

Chinese parsley is not parsley. It is another name for cilantro. —

Peanuts are not nuts. They are legumes, i.e. plants with pods containing edible seeds. Soybeans, green beans, peas and lentils are also legumes. —

Allspice is not a collection of spices. It is the berry of an evergreen pimento tree native to the West Indies and South America. Its name is derived from the fact that it tastes like a mixture of cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon. —
And just for the record, tomatoes are not vegetables. They are fruits. So are chili peppers, eggplants, cucumbers and even corn. The botanical explanation is lengthy, but for culinary purposes, if it's sweet, it's a fruit, and if it's not, it's a vegetable.—

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