

German-American Social Club of Sarasota

Newsletter 12/2006

Greetings, fellow club members,

Unfortunately, it has been some time since we last had a newsletter. I am pleased to announce that the club has a new secretary and therefore a newsletter editor. Rosemarie Deutsch has graciously accepted the position at our November meeting. Normally, the incoming secretary would begin her term in January, but since Rosemarie is filling an unexpired term, she is starting right away with her regular term beginning January. Thank you, Rosemarie, for your service.

I don't want to try and catch up on all the happenings since the last newsletter, but I do want to say that the club is doing very well and we look for only good things in the future.

On a very sad note: we have lost some very near and dear members during the past few months, and they will be sorely missed.

As everybody knows, New Years is fast approaching and if you have not made your reservations by now, then it is **toooooooo** late. I do believe that most of our dances from now until April or May will probably be sold out, so it is to your advantage to make your reservations early. And please folks, if you make reservations, be considerate enough to attend unless it is completely unavoidable. We have to turn away people that want to attend for lack of room, only to have others that reserved a seat not show up. It is not fair to your fellow members, and it is not fair to the club.

It has been 2 years since I accepted the position as President of the club and I would like to say that it has been my honor for having done so. At this past business meeting during our election process I again enjoyed an unanimous vote of confidence and I look forward to offering my services to the club for the next 2 years. During the past 2 years the club has prospered and I dare say that we have all had fun. What more could I ask? My policy 2 years ago was that of an "open door" and I continue to hold to that philosophy. If any member has a question or a suggestion, please let me know. May God Bless you all.....

Dennis

Elections were held on November 8th during the quarterly Business Meeting. There will only be a few changes, taking effect January 1, 2007:

Officers: President	Dennis Myrick	926-1885
Vice-President	Dieter Schneider	966-6006
Secretary	Rosemarie Deutsch	358-5088
Membership Secretary	Brigitte Wetjen	371-7786
Treasurer	Ernst Shillus	351-1500

Our thanks go to Irene Moen, the outgoing Treasurer for the wonderful job she did for the last 3 years.

Barbara Kaiter is taking over the Club Directors vacancy left by Monika Glaesel.

To make a club such as ours a success we are always looking for volunteers. Help is needed in preparation of or at every function. So please come forward, ask where you might be needed and pitch in. You may find out that you enjoy it!

Hilde Freitag is still our Sunshine Lady. Please call her if you know of any member who is sick and needs a little cheering. Her telephone number is 378-4481.

Arthur Manz was unable to attend our recent dance and picnic and probably will not be coming to our dances for a while. His health leaves a lot to be desired. We wish you well, Arthur, and sincerely hope for some improvement. Johanna is the guardian angel watching over him.

We are sad to report that we recently lost three of our members:

Ursula Muehlbauer on June 17, 2006
Monika Glaesel on September 18, 2006
Louise Yadlowsky on November 11, 2006

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. These ladies contributed much to the club, each in her own way and we greatly miss them and the help they provided.

On a lighter note we warmly welcome the following new members:

Charlotte Hentschel
Werner and Lorraine Meudt
Peter and Marianna Junger
Anton and Rosa Hertle
Annarose Shwaery
Alfred Dietz

A new year will be upon us soon and that means the membership fee for 2007 is due by January 15, 2007. Brigitte Wetjen will collect the \$25.00 pp at the dances or by mail. Please pay by check to make it easier for her. Also please phone Brigitte @ 371-7786 if you change your address, telephone number or e-mail address.

On November 12th was our semi-annual picnic. We had a good turnout of 116 people and everybody had a great time.

On November 25th we enjoyed the Wiener Abend with the Alpen Diamanten for our dancing pleasure. Again we had a full house.

On December 12th will be our annual Christmas Party. We hope to see you all there. Peter Mueller will supply the music. Bring your singing voices so we can enjoy a full chorus of all the lovely Christmas carols.

The New Year's Eve Party is all sold out. This celebration has been so successful in the last two years, that tickets were snatched up in no time. For those of you who were not fortunate enough to make the cut, please plan far ahead next year.

Before I sign off for today I want to mention that we welcome comments, news or otherwise notables you wish to share with your fellow members. Please contact me by phone at (941) 358-5088 or by e-mail at rodesa2@gmail.com

Rosemarie

*In the spirit of the season we wish you all a very merry
Christmas and a happy and healthy year 2007.*

American Social Club of Sarasota German 2007 Events

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Band or Event</i></u>	<u><i>Theme</i></u>
January 17, 2007	Business Meeting 7 pm at	Gulf Gate Library
January 27, 2007	Alpen Diamanten	Winterfest
February 24, 2007	Europa	Fasching
March 11, 2007	Club Picnic	Longwood Park
March 14, 2007	Business Meeting 7 pm at	Gulf Gate Library
March 24, 2007	Alpen Diamanten	Anniversary
April 28, 2007	Sepp Diepolder	Western
May 12, 2007	Europa	Mai Tanz
August 4, 2007	Alpen Diamanten	Sommerfest
September 12, 2007	Business Meeting 7 pm at	Gulf Gate Library
September 22, 2007	Peter Mueller	Weinfest
October 27, 2007	Euro Express	Oktoberfest
November 11, 2007	Club Picnic	Longwood Park
November 14, 2007	Business Meeting 7 pm at	Gulf Gate Library
November 17, 2007	Peter Mueller	Wiener Abend
December 1, 2007	Sepp Diepolder	Christmas Party
December 31, 2007	Sepp Diepolder	New Year's Eve

All dances start at 7 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm and are being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4880 Fruitville Road, Sarasota. For reservations please call Brigitte Wetjen at 371-7786 or e-mail b.wetjen@verizon.net and as Dennis mentions time and again, please be considerate. If you have reservations and cannot make it, let Brigitte know so that someone else can enjoy the evening and if you wish to bring guests, please include them in your reservations. It is hard work to plan the functions for large crowds and a lot of last minute surprises can take the fun and enthusiasm out of anyone willing to coordinate groups and accommodate everyone's request. We are definitely bound by the Hall, for safety reasons, as to how many people we may admit. So, please, no surprises!