

German-American Social Club of Sarasota

Newsletter

October/November 2013

Dear Club Members,

Summer is officially over and here we are ready for a new season with dances and fun. The bands I have lined up will give us good entertainment and Peter and Edith proved that at our Oktoberfest-Dance last weekend. Like always Peter kept us dancing almost nonstop and once in a while I had to let him know taking a break would be for his own good.

Don't forget to make your reservations early for our upcoming Picnic on November 3rd. I expect a huge attendance since it is a free event for our members; guests will have to pay \$10.00. We're always in need of volunteers who help to set up tables and alike. If you can spare a little time to do that, please show up at 09:30 AM at the picnic site in Longwood Park. It makes it so much easier for everybody involved.

You might have noticed from our event schedule that there will not be a New Year's Eve dance this year. This is because the band we had agreed on canceled on us.

At our upcoming Membership Meeting on Oct. 30th we need to elect one Club Director. If you want to be on our board and have influence on what happens in our club, consider running for office. Please contact Lloyd Koontz (941) 952-0832 for details.

Hope to see you all at our next dances.

Dieter

Upcoming functions:

October 26, 2013	Klement & Michal	Weinfest
October 30, 2013	General Membership Mtg.	Fruitville Library
November 3, 2013	Club Picnic	Longwood Park
November 23, 2013	Peter Müller	Wiener Abend
December 7, 2013	Manni Daum	Christmas Party

Dances start at 7 pm (unless otherwise indicated) at the VFW, Post 3233, 124 South Tuttle Avenue., Sarasota, FL 34237. For reservations for the dances as well as dinner call Brigitte at (941) 371-7786 or e-mail her at b.wetjen@verizon.net and the deadline is the Wednesday before the event unless otherwise indicated.

Klaus and Gudrun Schymanek (our chefs) ask for your cooperation by making reservations for dinner with Brigitte when you call her (941) 371-7786. It is just too difficult, if not impossible, to estimate how much food might be needed for those who wish to eat, but didn't reserve.

<p><i>Menu for October 26, 2013</i> <i>Weinfest</i></p> <p><i>2 Nürnberger Würstchen, Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, German Bread</i></p> <p><i>\$6.00</i></p> <p><i>Cake - \$2.00, Coffee - free</i></p>	<p><i>Menu for November 23, 2013</i> <i>Wiener Abend</i></p> <p><i>Leberkäse (Veal Loaf), Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Pickles, German Bread</i></p> <p><i>\$6.00</i></p> <p><i>Cake - \$2.00, Coffee - free</i></p>
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We warmly welcome our

New Members

Isolde Grant
Ingrid Campbell
Craig and Beth Hullinger
Werner and Briana Knoop
Mary Kurtz
Godfrey McLean and Nettie Ibold
Troy and Elke Scott
Karel and Maria Stipek

Our hearts, thoughts and get-well wishes go out to our sick, those who ended up in the hospital, needed surgery and rehab: Irene Carlon, Horst Droeschler, Ellie Funk, Charlotte Hentschel, Lloyd Koontz (twice), Erika Lawall, Martin Link, Don Moen, Adelheid Shillus, Fred Von Husen and Jerry Wach. We will see some of them back in circulation and sincerely hope the rest will follow soon and all in improved health.



Emilio D'Angelo

On May 7th, 2013, we lost a long-time member who just loved to dance. Emilio was born on May 28th, 1934 in Asmara, Ethiopia of Italian parents. In 1960 he came to the United States. He met Gisela in Washington, DC and they married in December of 1962. While living in Potomac, MD they ran a business in Washington. He had a long struggle with cancer and some of his many treatments he took in New York with his family, but the final days were back here in Bradenton. He is mourned by his wife Gisela, a son, a daughter and 4 grandchildren and we are sad to know that we will not see that elegant couple on the dance floor again.

Gerhard Glorius

On May 27th, 2013, we lost our member Gerhard Glorius. Born in Göttingen, Germany on July 2nd, 1933, he came to the United States in 1954 via Canada. He chose New York City as his new address, probably attracted by the large German community in Yorkville. There he also met his wife Rosa. They married in 1957 and lived and raised their family mostly in or around New York City, however spending a lot of time in Clinton Corners, NY in a house that Gerhard built. After he retired they moved there permanently.

In 2009 they called Sarasota their winter residence and became GASC members in early 2011. Unfortunately, Parkinson disease bound him to a wheelchair for much of his last year of life. Pneumonia brought him to the hospital, where he stayed for 19 days and on Memorial Day he slipped away peacefully. He is mourned by his wife Rosa, a son, a daughter and 6 grandchildren.

IMPORTANT

Besides offering these snail-mail Newsletters 4 times a year, our club maintains an excellent website that you may want to peruse every so often for updates, and it also sends out once or twice a month via internet a brief but very informative “E-News” to keep our members informed about the latest happenings in our community. For our many new members and friends that have access to the internet, as well as for the ones that have not done so as yet, you can subscribe to Brigitte Wetjen’s E-News that informs you not only about our dances and picnics, but also about other happenings related to our community that you may find interesting. They will not overburden your In-Box and we will not sell your e-address.

To subscribe to Brigitte’s E-News go to our club’s website either by keying it into your favorite browser: <http://www.sarasotagermanclub.org> or search for “German American Club Sarasota” which will get you to this mentioned website.

Click on “E-NEWS” listed on the right hand side of the HOME page. In the next page just Click on SUBSCRIBE, no need to key in your email address yet, since a new security step was introduced making it obsolete.

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Let me know if you have comments or questions by writing me at elgauchol@gmail.com
Erwin Deutsch

For some extra fun and your dancing pleasure, check out the schedule of events for the

German-American Friendship Club of Venice

October 19, 2013 / OKTOBERFEST → Harmony with Mary Ann
 November 2, 2013 / PICNIC-NORTH JETTIES → 12 Noon
 November 16, 2013 / "SOUTH OF THE BORDER" → Peter Müller
 December 8, 2013 / CHRISTMAS PARTY - 5pm → Sepp Diepolder at the American Legion
 January 18, 2014 / COUNTRY WESTERN → Manni Daum
 February 14, 2014 / "UPTOWN EXPRESS" (Concert) → At Lakeside Lutheran Church
 February 15, 2014 / MARDI GRAS → Alpine Express
 March 1, 2014 / PICNIC-NORTH JETTIES → 12 Noon
 March 15, 2014 / ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE → Sepp Diepolder
 April 12, 2014 / "UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN" → Manni Daum
 Dances start at 7pm - 4425 Yacht Club Drive, Venice
 For Reservations call: Sonja - 497-2692

GASC Members Travels

Four GASC couples boarded a transatlantic ship in Ft. Lauderdale headed to Kiel, Germany with stops in New York, the Azure Islands, Lisbon, La Coruña, and Dover. Angie Overdieck and J.J. Harkins were picked up in Kiel to return to Angie's hometown nearby. The rest of us boarded a bus which would take us to Eschborn (a suburb of Frankfurt) for 5 days. Sightseeing day trips included Frankfurt, Cologne, Strasbourg (France), Rothenburg, Würzburg, and a Rhine boat trip. Each family thereafter extended their stay for personal reasons. Rosemarie and Erwin Deutsch departed to celebrate Rosemarie's stepsister's 100th birthday jubilee. Phyllis and DeWain Swathwood drove off to explore Germany and Belgium's treasures. They dropped Janet and Martin Link off to pick up their new car. What a multi-faceted travel adventure for all of us during April-May 2013!

Janet Link

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Liebe deutschsprechende Freunde in Sarasota und Umgebung!

Im Oktober beginnen wieder unsere monatlichen Gottesdienste in deutscher Sprache. Dazu möchten wir Sie ganz herzlich einladen! Unsere kleine Gemeinde ist ökumenisch offen:

Protestantisch oder katholisch, Christ oder Nichtchrist - jeder ist bei uns willkommen.

Wie in den vergangenen Jahren, so wird auch 2013/2014 die Faith Lutheran Church, 7750 Beneva Road, ein Block nördlich von der Westfield Mall (früher Sarasota Square Mall), unsere Gastkirche sein. Tel: 924-4644, Lynn ist die Sekretärin. Wir werden in dem kommenden Kirchenjahr wieder von Herrn Pastor Karl Käfer aus Bradenton, FL betreut.

Die Gottesdienste finden am 2. Sonntag des Monats von Oktober bis April um 13 Uhr statt mit Ausnahme des Weihnachtsgottesdienstes im Dezember (4. Sonntag). Anschließend der Gottesdienste folgt eine gesellige Kaffeestunde im Gemeindesaal.

Hier sind die Daten der kommenden deutschen Gottesdienste:

<u>2013</u>	Oktober	13,	13 Uhr
	November	10,	13 Uhr
	Dezember	22,	13 Uhr - Weihnachtsgottesdienst
<u>2014</u>	Januar	12,	13 Uhr
	Februar	9,	13 Uhr
	März	9,	13 Uhr
	April	13,	13 Uhr - Ostergottesdienst

Wir freuen uns wenn Sie kommen und Freunde und Verwandte mitbringen. Im Namen der deutschsprechenden Gemeinde, grüßen Sie ganz herzlich,

Karl Käfer, Pastor
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Edith Dean, Sekretärin
Tel: (941) 921-6410

Germans Celebrate Sausage and Wine at the World's Oldest Folk Festival

Germany produces a large variety of sausages, many of which are sold at the annual Wurstfest in Bad Dürkheim. More than 600,000 people will hungrily flock to Bad Dürkheim this year for the city's annual *Wurstmarkt* (sausage market) – a tradition that has occurred every September for nearly 600 years and marks the world's oldest folk festival. Since the 15th century, the world-famous market has attracted sausage and wine enthusiasts eager to indulge in some of Germany's most celebrated dishes.

The *Wurstmarkt* takes place during the second and third weeks of September and features many types of wine, champagne and sausages. According to some estimates, Germany produces more than 1,500 types of sausages, including the popular *Leberwurst*, *Weißwurst*, *Bratwurst* and *Knackwurst*. Although the annual celebration is named after Germany's renowned *Wurst*, it is most famous for its wide selection of exquisite wine.



Bad Dürkheim's *Wurstmarkt* is currently the largest wine festival in the world, usually featuring more than 150 different brands from over 50 regions. With 292 types of wine this year, the 2013 festival promises a wider array than usual. Each year, the Southwest German city constructs large wine halls, as well as 36 small traditional wine stands called *Schubkärchler*, which each have seating for about 120 people under small tents.

The event also offers an assortment of family-friendly activities and entertainment. The *Wurstmarkt* features a fairground with rides, a ferris wheel, games and food stands. Visitors can also take a look at the Dürkheimer Riesenfaß (giant cask) – the largest wine barrel in the world, which was built in 1934, had a diameter of 13.5 meters and holds 1,700,00 liters (nearly 450,000 gallons) of wine. Today it is no longer used to store wine, it is a restaurant.

Throughout the nine days that the Wurstfest is open, 35 different orchestras, singers and bands will perform, including German *Schlager* and opera singer Tony Marshall.

Marie-Luise Dreyer, Governor of the Rhineland-Palatinate, celebrated the opening of the festival on Sept. 9, noting that she has visited the *Wurstmarkt* since her childhood. And the event's popularity continues to grow over time: around 147,000 people flocked to Bad Dürkheim during the first two days of this year's festival alone. "As a local, I have come to the *Wurstmarkt* since I was a child and have many fond memories regarding the world's largest wine festival", Dreyer said in her speech. "It is an even greater pleasure as Minister-President to have the privilege to open this event. The festival and its guests are ambassadors of the candor and welcoming nature of our home". The 2013 *Wurstmarkt* is the 596th annual celebration of sausage and wine in the Bad Dürkheim district.

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