



Meetings are held at the Knight of Columbus Hall at:

2389 West Norvell Bryant Highway (CR 486), Lecanto, FL 34461.

Every second Monday of the month, at 4pm (no meeting in June, July and August)

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Purpose

The purpose of the club is to encourage all residents of German ancestry and those who are interested in German culture and tradition to band together and promote those ideals that are an integral part of our American society. The general nature of this corporation is social activity among its members, uniting in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, mutual understanding and good citizenship. The objective is to promote and perpetuate those German customs, traditions and ideals that are an integral part of American

Directors

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Newsletter		



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The Presidents Message: April 2019

I want to thank everyone that attended our 2 March Spring dance. For those that attended our meeting on 11 March, I told everyone it doesn't matter what my expectations for a function are, the members of our club go for more than expected. Everyone worked and brought such a variety of food. It was just overwhelming. Normally I don't like to single individuals out, when I do, I miss many others. But here, I must give recognition to Karl-Heinz Latendorf for his great Bienenstich (I finally got a piece) and to Dieter Cinch, I thought he brought the entire meat market to the dance. Please, my appreciation to all. Eva Adams was a refreshing voice and I think most of the audience enjoyed her.

This year has been a little difficult matching our performers with specific dates and locations. For the remainder of this year we will have our Anniversary and Christmas dances at the Tuscany on the Meadows. I know this is not the normal agenda for our activities, but we need to work through this year and next year we will be better prepared. We need all the member support we can get this year. I appreciate your understanding.

We went to the Heritage Day celebration on 10 March and we had 27 members in attendance. We rented a bus, but it was not totally filled, which equates to lost revenue. Those that traveled had a good time. The Heritage Day celebration was a fun day, but there were only 229 UGASF members in attendance. Not too many years ago we had 1400 at St. Pete. I guess a sign of the times. The music was great and the food was good and the beer cold, what more could we ask for. I just hope the Heritage will continue to be supported.

Next up on the agenda will be our annual Anniversary Dinner Dance on 28 April. I am not counting, but it will be the club's 48th official year. We will only have the April meeting to purchase tickets directly from Sigi Strak. Sigi will be taking telephone requests for the dance up to a few days prior. Please don't wait too long, remember Vera must provide Tuscany on the Meadows with a head count of how many people will be attending.

It's only April, but the planning for this year's Oktoberfest is also in jeopardy. The same reasons as I started with, not being able to match our performers with specific dates and locations. The Oktoberfest date had to be postponed until 23 November, which will make it a Herbstfest. We will have it at the Knights of Columbus to downsize. If everyone supports the change this year I think it will be a fun day. More will come on this as we work through it. As always, don't forget to visit our Website at www.germanamericanclubwcf.org and see the information that Hans Kott maintains for us. A lot of good work and good information. I think the Email version was a good idea and I thank Hans for taking the lead on this. While we are on the topic of the website, at our last meeting I asked if anyone would be willing to take on the task of soliciting potential advertisers that would pay the club for their businesses to be advertised in both "Die Stimme" and also the website. If you are interested in helping the club, please let me know. So far no takers.

As I mentioned, tonight we will be having potluck and Horst Spangenberg will provide us with good German music throughout the evening. Remember, with the Pot Luck there is more work than usual. We no longer have assigned members for the preparation and cleanup, so all the help we get is appreciated. Danke Bis zum nächsten Mal,

Michael J Reis

April Birthdays

Helga Forbes, Gerda Kolbe, Grace Snyder-Donahoo, Gabriele Reins,
Gerhard Skellwies.

ANNIVERSARIES

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Karin & James Coburn – 47 yrs., Harry & Rosanne Detlefs – 3 yrs.,
Tom & Karin Logsdon – 35 yrs., Wolfgang & Gerda Kolbe – 53 yrs.

New Member



Welcome Mary Blakley

German History

The name Germany is used in three senses: first, it refers to the region in Central Europe commonly regarded as constituting Germany, even when there was no central German state, as was the case for most of Germany's history; second, it refers to the unified German state established in 1871 and existing until 1945; and third, since October 3, 1990, it refers to the united Germany, formed by the accession on this date of the German Democratic Republic (GDR, or East Germany) to the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG, or West Germany). The name Federal Republic of Germany refers to West Germany from its founding on May 23, 1949, until German unification on October 3, 1990. After this date, it refers to united Germany. For the sake of brevity and variety, the Federal Republic of Germany is often called simply the Federal Republic.

The Federal Republic of Germany consists of sixteen states (Laender; sing., Land). Five of these Laender date from July 1990, when the territory of the German Democratic Republic was once again divided into Laender. For this reason, when discussing events since unification, Germans frequently refer to the territory of the former East Germany as the new or eastern Laender and call that of the former West Germany the old or western Laender. For the sake of convenience and variety, the text often follows this convention to distinguish eastern from western Germany.



The German American Club of West Central Florida, Inc.



Invites you to celebrate our club's

48th ANNIVERSARY

With a Dinner & Dance

Tuscany on the Meadows

Quality Inn Conference Center
350 E. Norvell Bryant Blvd.
Hernando, FL 34442

Sunday, April 28, 2019

12:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Tickets: \$ 29.00 (donation) per person

Attire: Semi Formal or Traditional German



Music: **The Diepolder Brothers**

Cash Bar – Unlimited soda service

Buffet: Chicken Florentine
Butter crumb Whiting
Roasted Potatoes
Fresh vegetables

Dessert: Tiramisu

ALL MEALS INCLUDE:

Caesar Salad, bread sticks & butter served hot to the table
Iced Tea and water on tables
Coffee Station on Lanai



For tickets & information, call or write:

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2019 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE	ACCOUTERMENTS & Entertainment	HOST
Apr-08	2:30-4:00PM 4:00-6:00PM	Board Meeting Membership	KOC	Pot luck/share the bounty	
Apr-28	12:30-5:00PM	Anniversary Dinner / Dance	Tuscany on the Meadows. Music by The Diebold Bros.		Michael Reis
May-13	2:30-4:00PM 4:00-6:00PM	Board Meeting Membership	KOC	Sandwiches- BOYB Bingo	Tom Logsdon
Jun, Jul & August	NO MEETING	Happy Summer	VAC	-----	-----
Sept-09	2:30-4:00PM 4:00-6:00PM	Board Meeting Membership		Cheese, Salami a. Crackers w. Fruit BYOB	
Oct-14	2:30-4:00PM 4:00-6:00PM	Board Meeting Membership	KOC	Cake & Coffee-BYOB	
Nov-11	2:30-4:00PM 4:00-6:00PM	Board Meeting Membership	KOC	Horse Races Cheese & Fruit - BYOB	
Nov-23	12:30-5:00PM	Herbstfest	KOC	Music – Eva Adams	Michael Reis
Dec-09	2:30-4:00PM 4:00-6:00PM	Board Meeting Membership		Christmas Cake & Candy -BYOB	
Dec-14	12:30-6:00PM	Christmas Dance & Dinner	KOC TBD	Toys for Tots Music – Eva Adams	

All food for meetings to be purchased by Ursula and Vera with the exceptions of 8 of April.