



Meetings are held every second Monday of the month at the Knight of Columbus Hall at: 2389 West Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Lecanto, FL 34461.

No meetings in June, July and August.

### 2019 Board of Directors & Officers

#### 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 bond 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 America.

None of the German states had American colonies. In the 1670s, the first significant groups of German immigrants arrived in the British colonies, settling primarily in Pennsylvania, New York, and Virginia. Immigration continued in very large numbers during the 19th century, with eight million arrivals from Germany.

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#### Standing Committees

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Newsletter		

## **The President's Message: September 2019**

**Welcome back everyone. I hope everyone had a safe and healthy summer. From what I have heard a least half of our club members have been traveling this summer. Between the traditional cruises, visiting family and friends both here and in Germany. The most important thing to me is that we had a good summer and now we are back home and can enjoy Florida and the second half of our club year.**



**I want to thank, Sandra & Viktor Keller and Ava & John Kohnken for their individual donations of \$200.00 to our club. It doesn't stop there Joyce Stumpf donated \$100.00 to upgrade our electronic equipment that provides our music each month and Veronica Bont followed with her donation. A big thanks for taking such a serious interest in our club.**

**As usual we have our first meeting on 9 September. This year we will not have our traditional Oktoberfest in the September / October time frame. Hopefully by next year we will be able to bring our facilities and performers back to the Oktoberfest timeframe. This year our fest had to be moved to 23 November. We will have the same basic agenda as before, just a little later. I will provide more information at our meeting.**

**During our summer break members of the fest committee met to work on and finalize the many areas of the fest that needed to be addressed. The majority of the areas seem to be well in hand, and with the fest falling in November we still have time to work on the various volunteers that will be needed.**

**In accordance with our Bylaws, the month of September is dedicated for the identification of a new "Nominating Committee Chairman" for our follow-on elections in November. Once again I have asked Erika Reis if she would volunteer for the duty and he accepted. The slate or list will be read at the October meeting. This year the election will be for the Directors of the Club and when elected will serve for a two year term starting in January. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. Anyone interested in being nominated for a Director position should contact Erika Reis.**

**I continually mention at our meetings that we are always in need of corporate advertisers to help support Die Stimme. If you know of someone that is willing to advertise with us, just let Hans Kott know and he will coordinate the process with the vendor. Thank you.**

**As always, don't forget to visit our Website at [www.germanamericanclubwcf.org](http://www.germanamericanclubwcf.org). and see the great information that Hans Kott provides us.**

**This month we will be having Cheese, Crackers & Fruit at our meeting, so let's enjoy the afternoon.**

**Bis zum nächsten Mal,**

**Michael J Reis**

## **BIRTHDAYS OF CLUB MEMBERS 2019**

### **June**

**Dieter Cinch, Lili Babiarz, Rosanne Detlefs, Viktor Keller, Erika Krueger, Tom Logsdon, Anita Lorenz, Helga Menke, John Nabet, Barbara Rudzinski-Skellwies, Horst Spangenberg.**

### **July**

**Eleonore Aron, Frank G. Burghardt, Frank Gardner, Peggy Wolf.**

### **August**

**Lisa Aron, Mary Blakley, Ted Bruns, Norbert Galle, Christel Galvin, Irene Gerstenberger, Erika Heuschen, Wolfgang Kolbe, Ursula Malone, Christa Nabet, Rita Staats, Hannelore Templin.**

### **September**

**Alfred Gemler, Gerhard Lorenz, Ulrike Padgett, Michael Reis, Christa Rose, Volena van Gunst.**

## **Anniversaries 2019**

### **June**

**Dieter & Rosemarie Cinch – 61 yrs., Marko & Christel Rajcic – 62 yrs., Gerhard Skellwies & Barbara Rudzinski-Skellwies – 34 yrs.**

### **July**

**Karl-Heinz & Edith Latendorf – 67 yrs., Hugo & Elisabeth Schafrick – 44 yrs., Helmut & Siegrun Strak – 33 yrs., Walter & Peggy Wolf – 37 yrs.**

### **August**

**Fredric & Beverly Brockschmidt – 54 yrs., Richard & Lynne Frutiger – 62 yrs., Norbert & Louise Galle – 60 yrs., Hans Kott & Anne Storan/Kott – 11 yrs., Harry & Joyce Stumpf – 53 yrs.**

### **September**

**Gerald & Christel Galvin – 59 yrs., Michael & Erika Reis – 56 yrs.**

# 2019 CALENDAR1

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 Diebolder 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 KOC	Cake & Coffee-BYOB Horse Races	
Nov-11	2:30-4:00PM 4:00-6:00PM	Board Meeting Membership	KOC KOC	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	KOC	Christmas Cake & Candy -BYOB Toys for Tots	
Dec-14	12:30-6:00PM	Christmas Dance & Dinner	TBD	Music – Eva Adams	