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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Erich Kohl

Dear Members:



With the arrival of September, we will start to see the return of our snowbird members for the winter. Our Friday Night events will be held in the Von Stueben Hall again starting on the 6th. Birthday & Anniversaries will be held on Sunday the 8th. With Oktoberfest just a few weeks away, preparations continue and are on track.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

Erich Kohl, President

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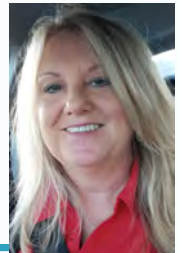
Mit Beginn des Septembers werden wir die Rückkehr unserer Snowbird-Mitglieder für den Winter sehen. Unsere Freitagabend-Veranstaltungen finden ab dem 6. September wieder in der Von Steuben Hall statt. Birthdays & Anniversaries werden am Sonntag, den 8. September gefeiert. Da das Oktoberfest nur noch wenige Wochen entfernt ist, laufen die Vorbereitungen auf Hochtouren und auch planmäßig. Ich hoffe, alle haben ein sicheres und schönes Labor Day-Wochenende.

Erich Kohl, Präsident

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If you would like to submit information for the newsletter such as photos, club updates, or have suggestions, please email to the editor at :
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And

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Submit the application along with all fees to
Our office Secretary Tammy Oosting or our
Membership Chair Holly Jo King

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2024 Oktoberfest - Bar Volunteers Needed

October 18th, 19th, 20th | October 25th, 26th, 27th

Most shifts are for serving beer or wine and purchases are made with tickets - no experience is necessary.

Go to capecoraloktoberfest.com and in the menu click "Volunteers." (Snap a photo of this page and text it to your family and friends.)

Thanks for volunteering! capecoralgasbar@gmail.com



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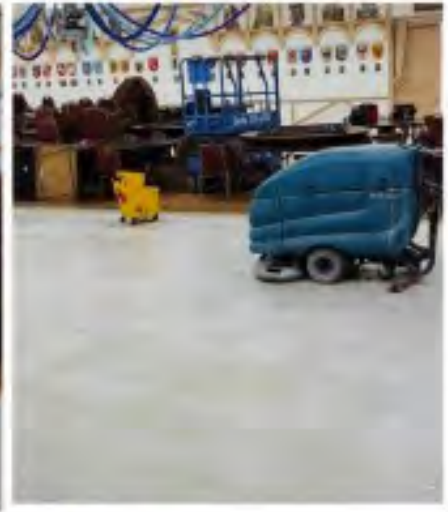
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VAN STEUBEN HALL FLOOR CLEANING - DONE!



This was on the To-Do list for a while and we are happy to report it's complete.

Enjoy the refreshed look - ready for the next 60 years of GASC!

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GERMAN MINISTRY

We will start our German Church Service again after our summer break on September 22nd at 2 pm in the First Congregational Church at Santa Barbara Blvd.

I would like to invite you to join and welcome you back. After the service we will have coffee and cake.

Wolf Ruediger Pech

GALS

The G.A.L.S. (German-American Ladies' Society) meet every Wednesday morning at the club for friendship and crafts. They mainly produce useful and also fun items in knitting, crocheting and beading etc.

The G.A.L.S. also arrange and conduct events for enjoyment, information, knowledge and fellowship.

G.A.L.S.

Chairperson: Karin Krueger

EDELWEISS CHORUS

Welcome to September! It is the beginning of the Fall season for the GASC. Many activities are happening, or are about to happen. The EDELWEISS CHORUS is right there too. Rehearsals will begin on Monday September 9th, at 7 P.M. Our calendar is quite full.

We begin with GERMAN AMERICAN DAY in October, then OKTOBERFEST Sunday church service, Memorial Sunday November 3rd, and of course, the CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Friday December 20th. New members are cordially. There are no "tryouts"... Just bring yourself and your voice to rehearsal ! You will be welcomed. We look forward to seeing you!!

Director: Barbara Wilken

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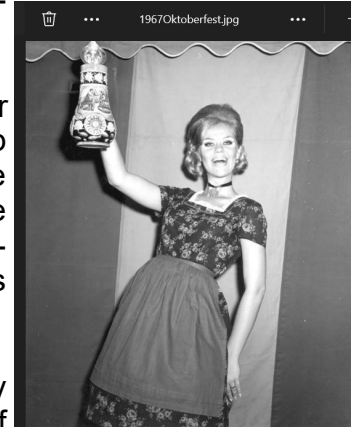
60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Time flies when you're having fun! This year, the German American Social Club is celebrating its 60th anniversary. In 1964, local restaurant owner Willy Gruetzenbach worked hard to bring



Cape Coral's German Americans together to honor their heritage and socialize among friends. The club started with 34 original members meeting at the Cape Coral Yacht Club, hosting dances and events to raise money for the club. Before long, with over 300 members, the club began searching for a spot to build its new home.

In 1969, the club found the perfect piece of property and began constructing its clubhouse in the "middle of nowhere" on Pine Island Road. After raising over \$124,000 from contributing members, the club broke ground on its original clubhouse in 1974. In the same year, the club introduced its annual New Year's Eve Ball, the first of many formal events the club would hold in the new Von Steuben Hall.



The 1970s were very prosperous for the club, as it recruited the city's number one attraction, Waltzing Waters, to relocate to Pine Island Road site. In return for renting space from the club, members worked as volunteers at the attraction until the partnership ended in 1982. By the mid-1970s, the club's membership had grown to over 700. In 1976, seeing the popularity of the



club, a member and former Cape Coral Mayor Bernie Langguth suggested that it host a celebration of the nation's bicentennial. The successful event made the club stand out, making it an important community staple over the next 45-plus years.



After the successful 1970s, the 1980s took the club to an entirely different level. Reaching club membership of over 1,000 in 1982, by 1986 the number was well over 1,300. Starting in 1982, the German American Social Club began hosting an annual Bierfest, which was so popular, it was held once a month from January through April. Given the crowds they attracted, far-sighted member and future president Klaus Kohl proposed hosting an annual Oktoberfest, an event widely popular in Germany. Many would consider the idea a no-brainer today, but it was far from it then. The original referendum only passed after months of negotiating in 1985, and in 1986, the club opened its gates for the first Cape Coral

Oktoberfest. It met with instant success and community recognition! So much so that the club had to install additional power lines to accommodate the crowds and clear 10 acres of its land for event parking. Today, well over 40,000 people attend the two-weekend annual festival, becoming Florida's largest Oktoberfest.

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60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In 1992, under President Uwe Kellner, murals were added to the front wall of the clubhouse, painted by distinguished German artist and member Josef Mahler. Also in 1992, Bodo Degenhardt fabricated the crests of German cities. They can be seen on the west wall inside the Von Steuben Hall. Mahler also created the painted carvings of Tracht representing the areas of the crests positioned above them. In 1993, Kellner and his team extensively upgraded the Edelweiss Hall based on Mahler blueprints. Additional Mahler artwork is proudly illustrated on the walls behind the upholstered benches in the Edelweiss Hall.



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Through the years, the German American Social Club has made a true impact on the community, building strong ties and far-reaching connections. It has remained a successful staple in Cape Coral, offering festivals throughout the year to an eager Southwest Florida crowd, except for forced shutdowns that everyone suffered during the COVID-19 crisis and after Hurricane Ian.



The German American Social Club has proudly given back a portion of profits from its events to the community, annually donating around \$30,000 to area clubs and non-profit organizations, thus hundreds of thousands of dollars given to worthy causes over the past 60 years.





Each of the Club's achievements is built on the tireless efforts of its committed members who, over the years, have pitched in funds, countless hours of hard work, and their hearts, to make it what it stands for today – Cape Coral's Best Social Club.



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September 2024 German American Social Club

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 GASC CLOSED 	03	04 8:00 am Beautification 9:00 am GALS 7:00 pm Hafenskapelle	05 Edelweiss Hall Bar Social 4:00 – 10:00	06 5:00 MEMBER/ GUEST NIGHT 7:30 General Meeting 5:00-7:00 Dinner CHICKEN SCHNITZEL 6:30-10:30 Music by: JOSEF WINTER	07
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BEAUTIFICATION

When you read this it's just 1 more month to Octoberfest. Besides the regular work on Wednesday preparation for Octoberfest is in full swing. A few month ago we bought a lot of wood, 1½ x 6 x 16, which we used for the gable of the painters shop. Now we still have enough wood to build a beautiful fence for the VIP area in the Octoberfest tent. Made from scratch without spending a lot of money. Talking about money.



Our electricians installed new power lines and connected some of our buildings with that. We could get rid of meters from LCEC for which we had to pay a monthly fee. That saves us a lot of money. And last but not least we got a new laser printer to print name tags, signs, labels and a lot more. We had to remodel some of the print shop and painters shop to have a safe work space for that printer.



Wenn man diese Zeilen liest ist es nur noch einen Monat bis zum Oktoberfest. Neben der regulaer anfallenden Arbeit sind die Vorbereitungen fuer Oktoberfest im vollen Gange. Vor einigen Monaten konnten wir guenstig Holz, 1½ x 6 x 16, einkaufen. Damit haben wir den Giebel der Malerwerkstatt repariert. Jetzt haben wir noch genug, um daraus eine schoene Abgrenzung fuer die VIP Area im Oktoberfestzelt zu bauen. Selbst gemacht mit vorhandenem Material, ohne viel Geld zu verbrauchen. Apropos Geld. Unsere Elektriker haben neue Erdkabel verlegt und einige Gebaeude damit verbunden. So konnten wir Stromzaehler, fuer die wir bei LCEC monatliche Gebuehren zahlen muessen, abmelden. Das spart viel Geld. Ausserdem haben wir einen neuen Laserdrucker als Ersatz fuer den alten und kaputten bekommen. Dafuer wurde die Malerwerkstatt und der Druckshop umgebaut um eine sicheren und sauberen Arbeitsplatz zu haben.



Wolf Ruediger Pech, Chairperson Beautification

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I am 'Sunshine Girl' so any illness &/or death please notify me.

Also, I am selling tickets for the dances throughout the year!

I can be contacted for either situation at: 239-850-7997 and also at oosting.carol.1942@gmail.com

Carol Oosting

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Music begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 10:30 PM on Friday Nights

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THE BUNDESLIGA IS BACK!

WATCH A GAME WITH US!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 AT 11:30AM
FC BAYERN VS SC FREIBURG

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 AT 12:30PM
HOLSTEIN KIEL VS FC BAYERN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 AT 9:30AM
WERDER BREMEN VS FC BAYERN

SATURDAY, SEP 28, 2024 AT 12:30PM
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Greetings **FC Bayern München** Fans,

■ Following the summer pre-season tour Bayern kicked off the new campaign under Manager Vincent Kompany with a win over Ulm in the first round of the DFB Pokal as well as a close victory away against Wolfsburg on Bundesliga Matchday #1.

■ September started with a win at home in the Allianz Arena over SC Freiburg on a day where striker Harry Kane (#9) was presented the Torjägerkanone trophy for being the Bundesliga's individual top goal scorer of the 2023-2024 season.

■ Bundesliga matches will resume against Holstein Kiel on 9/14/24, Werder Bremen on 9/21/24, and Bayer Leverkusen on 9/28/24. The first opponent in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League will be Dinamo Zagreb from Croatia on Tuesday 9/17/24.

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