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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*Erich Kohl*



Dear Members:

We have made it to the month October which is possibly our clubs busiest month thanks to Oktoberfest. Speaking of Oktoberfest, preparations for our event continue in earnest. We are looking for people to help set up and breakdown and there is still a need for various shift work volunteers as well. We ask anyone willing and able to please volunteer because your club needs your help.

Friday the 11th we will be celebrating German American day, with music provided by the Edelweiss Chorus and the Hafenkappele. At the upcoming general meeting, the slate of candidates wishing to serve as a director, will be nominated/ presented for your consideration prior to the election to be held in December.

Erich Kohl, President

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*Scott Parsons*



**Secretary:**  
*Karin Schmidt*

**Past President:** Vacant

## GASC POLICY

The purpose of the German American Social Club of Cape Coral according to its **Bylaws** is “to promote good fellowship (Gemütlichkeit) and provide its members with the opportunity for group enjoyment of activities based on songs and traditional celebrations of German social life. GASC is open to all persons without regard to race, creed, culture or ethnic background. Any discrimination, racial comments, bigoted remarks by members or guest, theft, and want on destruction to club assets will not be accepted or tolerated! Members are expected to adhere to this policy of respect towards other members and the club itself both inside Club property as well as in any public forum, including online forums hosted by and representing the Club. Failure to abide by this policy will result in disciplinary action stated in section VIII, F 5\* of the GASC Bylaws.

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*Tom Isham*



**Director:**  
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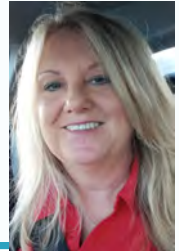
Wir haben den Monat Oktober erreicht, der dank des Oktoberfests wahrscheinlich der geschäftigste Monat unseres Clubs ist. Apropos Oktoberfest: Die Vorbereitungen für unsere Veranstaltung laufen auf Hochtouren. Wir suchen Leute, die beim Auf- und Abbau helfen, und es werden auch noch verschiedene freiwillige Helfer für die einzelnen Arbeits-Schichten benötigt. Wir bitten alle, die dazu bereit und in der Lage sind, sich freiwillig zu melden, denn Ihr Club braucht Ihre Hilfe. Am Freitag, den 11. Oktober feiern wir den Deutsch-Amerikanischen Tag mit Musik vom Edelweiß Chorus und der Hafenkapelle. Bei der kommenden Monatsversammlung werden Ihnen die Kandidaten, für die im Dezember stattfindende Direktoren-Wahl, vorgestellt.

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

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Birthday**

The G.A.S.C. honors members' Birthdays and Anniversaries with a dedicated party.

**Happy  
Anniversary**

The following were celebrants at our September event:

**BIRTHDAYS**

Carol Oosting, Sept.27  
Helmi Gilman, Oct. 16  
Steve Eichner, Sept. 23  
Frank Regalado, June 30  
Ursula Meyer, Aug. 21  
Maria Schmidts, Sept. 4  
Renate Bachmann, Aug. 26  
Rita Dacko, July 21

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Steve and Hannelore Eichner, 56 years  
Karl and Ursula Meyer, 61 years  
Tom and Hannelore Isham, 59 years  
Otto and Renate Bachmann, 61 years  
Rolf and Inna Koehler, 60 years

If you wish to participate in this celebration, please notify  
**Teresa Kohl**  
to make your reservation

**The next B&A event is scheduled for November ..**

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## GERMAN MINISTRY

The next German Church Service will be held on October 27th at 11 am in the big tent at the Oktoberfest.

The Edelweiss Chorus and members of the Hafenkappelle will participate at the service.

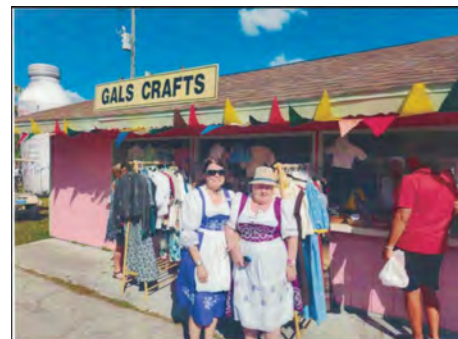
We would like you to join our service.

Wolf Ruediger Pech, President German Ministry

## 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.

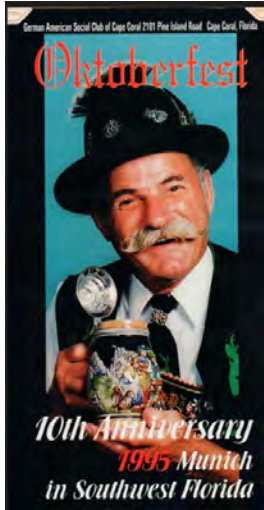
New members are cordially. There are no "tryouts"... Just bring yourself and your voice to rehearsal ! You will be welcomed. We look forward to seeing you!!

Director: Barbara Wilken

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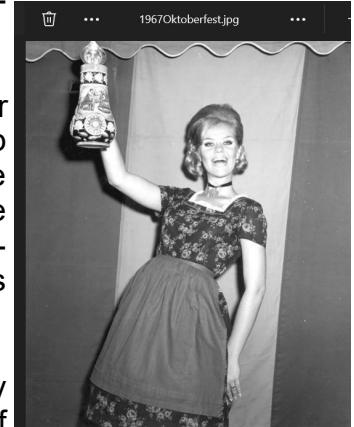
## 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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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*October 2024 German American Social Club*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	01 8:00 am Beautification 9:00 am GALS 7:00 pm Hafenskapelle	02 8:00 am Beautification 9:00 am GALS 7:00 pm Hafenskapelle	03	04 5:00 MEMBER/ GUEST NIGHT 7:30 General Meeting 6:30-10:30 Music by: SEPP DIEPOLDER 5:00-7:00 Dinner STEAK	05
06	07	08 7:00 pm Board Meeting	09 8:00 am Beautification 9:00 am GALS 7:00 pm Hafenskapelle	10	11 5:00 pm German American Day 6:30-10:30 Music by: HAFENKAPELLE and PROGRAM BY THE EDELWEISS CHORUS 5:00-7:00 Dinner BAKED HAM	12
13	14 7:00 pm Edelweiss Chorus	15	16 8:00 am Beautification 9:00 am GALS 7:00 pm Hafenskapelle	17	18	19
20	21 7:00 pm Edelweiss Chorus	22 7:00 pm Board Meeting	23 8:00 am Beautification 9:00 am GALS 7:00 pm Hafenskapelle	24	25	26
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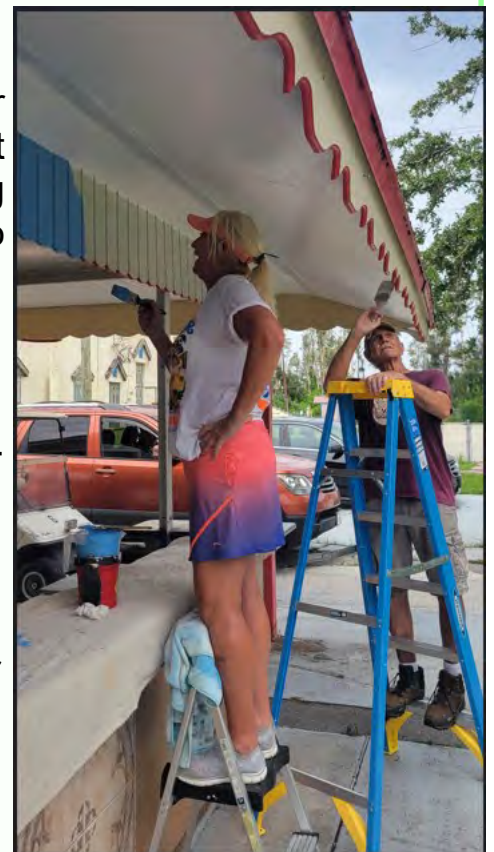
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## BEAUTIFICATION

October, the busiest month of the year has arrived. We are preparing for a successful Oktoberfest and we need a lot of help. We need help October 1. through October 3rd from 8 to noon when all the parking areas are set up. October 5th and October 6th from 10 am the vendor tents will be set up and we need help for that, too. On October 15th the VIP area in the big tent will be set up. On October 16th all chairs and tables will be set up in the big tent and need to be cleaned. Everybody is welcome. Please bring a bucket when helping to clean tables and chairs. We will have breakfast and lunch available.

Just in time for Oktoberfest Jennifer Horn and Ken Winkler painted the bandstand bar and surrounding tables and it looks beautiful. Thanks for that. And now we are all looking for a great and successful Oktoberfest. And again, thanks to all for helping.

Oktober, der arbeitsreichste Monat des Jahres ist gekommen. Wir sind bei den letzten Vorbereitungen fuer Oktoberfest und benoetigen viel Hilfe. Vom 1. Bis zum 3. Oktober jeweils von 8 Uhr bis mittags werden die Markierungen fuer die Parkplaetze aufgebaut. Am 5. Und 6. Oktober ab 10 Uhr morgens werden die Zelte fuer die Verkaufsstaende errichtet und auch da benoetigen wir Helfer. Am 15. Oktober wird die VIP Aerea im grossen Festzelt eingerichtet und am 16. Oktober werden alle Tische und Baenke aufgestellt, die dann auch sauber gemacht werden muessen. Dazu brauchen wir viele Helfer. Bitte bringen sie zum Saubermachen einen Eimer mit. Fuer Fruehstueck und Mittagessen ist gesorgt.



Rechtzeitig zum Oktoberfest haben Jennifer Horn und Ken Winkler die Gartenbar neben der Aussenbuehne und Tische daneben gestrichen. Vielen Dank dafuer. Wenn alle diese Vorbereitungen erledigt sind koennen wir uns erwartungsvoll auf ein gelungenes Oktoberfest freuen. Vielen Dank an alle, die dazu beitragen.

Wolf Ruediger Pech,  
Chairperson Beautification

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

**Events may be added or changed without notice.**

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# **SOCCER IS BACK!**

## **WATCH A GAME WITH US!**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 3:00 PM**  
**ASTON VILLA VS. FC BAYERN (CL)**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 11:30 AM**  
**EINTRACHT FRANKFURT VS FC BAYERN**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 12:30 PM**  
**FC BAYERN VS STUTTGART**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 3:00 PM**  
**BARCELONA VS FC BAYERN (CL)**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 10:30 AM**  
**VFL BOCHUM VS FC BAYERN**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 3:45 PM**  
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