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## Friendship Newsletter

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#### President's Message

Elliot Wagner

#### SPIFFS - St. Petersburg International Folk Fair

It happened on the heels of the biggest, best attended and most successful Oktoberfest we ever presented. The Folk Fair was also a record making event.

This multi-ethnic festival was located on the waterfront in the Vinoy Park. It opened for students on Thurs. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and continued through Sat. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, the only day open to the general Public.

As in prior years, we provided a cultural exhibit. Our theme this year was "Waterways of Germany." **Rosemarie Tegge** planned and created an excellent exhibit. With the help of **Fred Garfi**, they stamped passports for thousands of Pinellas and Hillsborough county students and answered hundreds of questions.

We sold lot's of German food; 10 cases of Gummi Bears didn't last 2 days; 500 potato pancakes prepared ahead of time were consumed by early Sat afternoon with every drop of apple sauce

available. I thought 120 lbs. of bratwurst would be enough but like everything else for this event, I under estimated the demand.

A **Helmut Drews** creation, the Apple Pancake Fritter was introduced on Fri. This was another big hit and by Sat. afternoon we ran out of all the ingredients. In the spirit of "what can I do to help", **Sigrun Wagner** fought her way through heavy downtown traffic to Publix supermarket and bought more ingredients to put Helmut's apple pancakes back in business.

**Horst Bliwernitz** made countless trips back and forth from the club, the bank and a variety of stores to ensure we had what we needed.

**Karl Klumpp**, with the help of Helmut Drews baked 20 strips of Apple Strudel. Those along with the 9 from our freezer couldn't satisfy the demand.

All our volunteers worked hard and did a great job. Thanks to: **Hilde Speidel, Ursula Gordon, Jim Rahe, Edda Howard, Gisela Whichard, Wally Eggelhofer, Manfred & Elke Langer, George White, Dave & Vest Loucks, Anne Allin, Helmut Beck, Don & Connie Fowler and Ilse Kearney.** Special thanks also go to **Greta Perry** and her daughter, **Karen Pappas** and son, **Kyle Eddy.**

This event is important for our club. SPIFFS is one of the most significant multi-cultural events in Tampa Bay. Our membership and participation is an opportunity to increase awareness of our society

and reach out to the community. And this year we actually made a nice profit, although not our primary goal.

#### SHARE A RIDE

We need a volunteer to help one of our long time members, Elizabeth Garrett. She can get to our club on Sat nights from her home in south Saint Pete, but she needs a ride home. For some time now we have advertised a **SHARE A RIDE** program, but not a sole has volunteered to help. Please reconsider and contact Greta Perry if you can help.

#### Christmas Party

*Oh, You Better Be Good!*

*Santa Claus is coming to Town*

Dec. 12th, noon—5 pm

A delicious buffet lunch is included; music by "Walter Kuhlman." Bring a dessert to share.

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#### New Years Eve Gala

Ring in the New Year with a grand celebration!

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Mistakes serve a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone. We know some people like to look for mistakes.

**DON'T FORGET!!**

**Membership Meeting** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**DUES** - Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

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ones in your life.

You'll dance the night away with the rhythmic music of Music by Sepp and Heinz. Dancing will continue to 1 am.

Advance sales reserved seats tickets are available: \$20 for Members and \$25 for Guests. All sales final, no refunds. Parking is free as always. Dress is Semi-Formal (Black Tie Optional).

Doors open at 8 pm and the music starts at 9 pm. Our kitchen is closed until 12 am, so bring your own favorite snacks.

## Heritage Festival

Tickets are on sale for the 19<sup>th</sup> German Heritage Day, Sunday, March 27, 2011 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Wyndham Orlando Resort 8001 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819.

Advance sale tickets only: \$25.00/Members - \$29/Non-Members; includes dinner, Ice Tea, Coffee - Kids 12 & under are free.

Our club may charter a bus, if there is enough interest. Tickets may be purchased now from Ilse Kearney.

Entertainment will include:

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Also new in connection with the Heritage day event on Sat before will be the SG Alpenrose 31<sup>st</sup> Stiftungsfest, a German Cultural Dinner & Dance Experience. It will take place Saturday, March 26, 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm, also at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. Admission includes dinner, Ice Tea, Coffee, Beer & Wine \$30.00/UGASF Member - \$35/Non Member. Sat. hotel accommodations are available at the Wyndham Orlando Resort for \$79.00 plus Tax per Room.

## 2011 Relay For Life of Pinellas Park

April 8, 2011 6 pm – noon April 9, 2011

**England Brothers Town Square Plaza Park**

The American Cancer Society

**Relay For Life** is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

At the Relay our German American Society team will camp out at England Brothers Town Square Plaza Park and take turns walking or running around a track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, the Relay will be an 18 hours overnight events.

Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 19 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Thanks to Relay participants, we are creating a world with more birthdays a world where cancer can't claim another year of anyone's life.

Anyone can participate in Relay For Life. No matter who you are, there's a place for you on our Relay Team. It is recommended that each participant set a personal goal to raise \$100. If you raise more, that's even better. Even if you do not raise \$100, you are still welcome to participate. If you don't want to be part of our Relay Team, you can still make a donation.

Please contact Elliot Wagner to join our team.

## Oktoberfest Committee Meeting

It's time to start planning next years Oktoberfest. If you were pleased with this years results you will appreciate that they did not happen without a lot of preparation and planning. Although, some members

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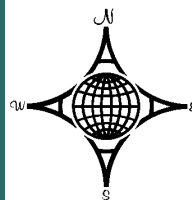
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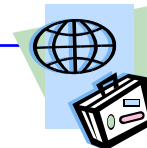
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## Sunshine Lady

Ilse Kearney

**H**ello Members and Friends,

Another month has passed and we have lost another member of our Society. **Horst Buller** had resisted and battled cancer for several years. Sorry to say that the cancer won. His wife, **Erika**, stood by him until the end. Erika, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

I have spoken with **Susan Wittstock** and she is doing her best and trying to overcome her illness. Susan, you have to eat to get your strength back. **Ingeborg Young** is back with all her strength again. Keep the faith, Ingeborg. **Hans Tegge** is not walking too well. I have not spoken with him to find out what is going on. Also, have not heard back from **Tom Suneri**.

**Otto Nöeding**, we all wish you a speedy recovery from your accident. I am so glad **Helmut Drews** is all right after his little stunt. I just found out that Mrs. Frieda Nolte has passed. The Nolte's have been members of our club for many, many years.

As we all know when people are get older the driving at night gets harder and therefore we don't see them any more at the club. In addition, **Rudolf (Rudi) Neumann** from Halifax can not come down this winter. Rudi had cancer many years ago and it has returned.

Please keep me informed should anything happen to any of our members or friends.

### Wenn über stiller Heide

Wenn über stiller Heide  
Des Mondes Sichel schwebt  
Mag lösen sich vom Leide  
Herz, das im Leiden bebt.

Das Ewige ist stille,  
laut die Vergänglichkeit;  
schweigend geht Gottes Wille  
Über den Erdenstreit.

Tritt vor aus deiner Kammer  
Und trage deinen Schmerz,  
Trage des Weltlaufs Jammer  
Der Ewigkeit ans Herz.

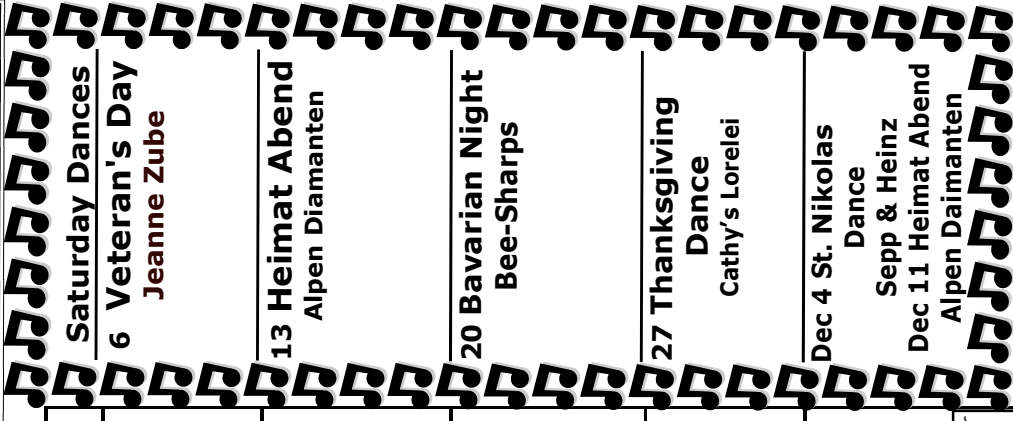
In deinen Schmerzen schweige,  
tritt in die stille Nacht;  
das Haupt in Demut neige,  
Bald ist der Kampf vollbracht.

**Wilhelm Raabe**

# German American Society Calendar November 2010

Smoking is Not  
Permitted Indoors

Doors open 6 pm - Dancing 7:30 pm  
For Reservations call Paula Barker  
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Dress Code Observed



| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                           | Friday |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|------------------------------------|--------|
|   | 1      | 2       | 3         | 4 Membership Meeting 7:30 pm       | 5      |
| 7   | 8      | 9       | 6         | 11                                 | 12     |
| 14  | 15     | 16      | 13        | 18 Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm | 19     |
| 21  | 22     | 23      | 20        | 25 Thansgiving Day                 | 26     |
| 28 German Services<br>Grace Lutheran Church 3 pm<br>1812 N. Highland Ave,<br>Clearwater | 29     | 30      |           |                                    |        |

**Nov 15:** Sun Museum of Fine Arts followed by an early coffee / strudel or dinner at Café Vienna  
**Nov** (TBA) Rainer Scheer's www.chilloungent.com St. Petersburg  
**Dec 5:** Sunday: St. Nikolaus brunch 11:30 am at Bon Appetit Restaurant in Dunedin www.bonappetit-restaurant.com 727-733-2151  
 Foreign films are shown at www.tampatheatre.org, the St. Petersburg Beach Theater and www.filmsociety.org. Occasionally German films are publicized to Cultural Center members, usually as events "dinner and a movie"

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Elections Day—Don't be Absent**  
**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> –Christmas Party**  
 GCESV - Gulf Coast Enzianer Schuhplattler Verien

**The Cultural Center for German Language**  
**2010 Program**  
**OPERA:** live opera on big screens: Metropolitan Opera Citrus Mall movies (Met/Scala season) Sat, Brandon movies Sat, Beach Theatre St. Petersburg live from La Scala Sunday nights

**Saturday Dances**  
**6 Veteran's Day**  
 Jeanne Zube  
**13 Heimat Abend**  
 Alpen Diamanten  
**20 Bavarian Night**  
 Bee-Sharps  
**27 Thanksgiving**  
 Dance  
 Cathy's Lorelei  
**Dec 4 St. Nikolas**  
 Dance  
 Sepp & Heinz  
**Dec 11 Heimat Abend**  
 Alpen Daimanten

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think it a waste of time to start early, they are in error. Thurs. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm before the membership meeting is a perfect time to start to discuss what was worked and what we could do better. I invite all members and non members to join me in kicking off Oktoberfest 2011. Please come and don't disappoint me.

## Club Elections

The next membership meeting of our society will be on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm This meeting sets the stage for the future of our organization. Membership is critically low. There is a serious lack of interest in running for office. It appears we are at a tipping point. Apathy toward the

operation and leadership of our club can move us down a path followed by many other social clubs which no longer exist.

The nominating committee has reported there is not one candidate for President or Treasurer. When asked to run members have just laughed and said no. All nominations will remain open until the Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> election meeting.

If you are reading this I hope I am correct in assuming some degree of interest. If you are a member and don't come to this meeting and are not willing to participate in the management of the club you may receive results not be to your liking. Participate now and avoid unhappiness later.

Seven positions need to be filled:

- President—**no candidate**
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP—Paula Barker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP—Horst Bliwernitz
- Recording Secretary—Rosemarie Tegge
- Corresponding Secretary—Greta Perry
- Treasurer—**no candidate**
- Financial Secretary—Hilde Speidel

So what may happen!

If no one runs for president the position becomes vacant. The First VP, becomes President. Then the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Horst Bliwernitz will move up to 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Two officer positions (2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Treasurer) will then be vacant.

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According to the By-Laws it is the responsibility of the VP to assume the duties of the office of the President, when it becomes vacant. This is the primary reason for the VP position. It is irresponsible to run for a Vice Presidential candidate to be unwilling to serve as President.

Come to meetings, make your voice heard, volunteer and vote!

## Community Participation Update

A lot of our members might be unaware of the fact that for the past two years our Society has belonged and actively participated in the Pinellas Park/Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

Jerry House has been our liaison, representing the Society at monthly Chamber gatherings along with President Elliot Wagner. Our Society is probably the community's oldest business in terms of length of operation, a fact that we remind people of whenever we can.

Recently, before our Oktoberfest, we held a "Chamber Mixer" at the clubhouse to promote good will and the then-upcoming O-fest. Several members of the chamber got to see our facility and were served beverages by our charming hostess, Vesta Loucks. We thank Vesta for assisting in the event.

Many members of the Chamber also were at the O-fest. In addition, the Chamber graciously loaned us one of the huge fans we used under the big tent.

Our club received a proclamation from the City of Pinellas Park Mayor Bill Mischler at a council meeting in September. Jerry House represented the Society and received the document (which was read at several of the opening ceremonies at Oktoberfest) and was televised over the Bright House cable network.

## SHARE A RIDE


There are those who would love to attend our functions, but are unable to drive.

Members & guests who need a ride and those willing to "give a lift" to someone in need call **Greta Perry**, 727 789-1335 with names, addresses & phone numbers. We will facilitate arrangements.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Nov. 15, 2010

**Guenther Michaelis (90) Passed Away**



**Guenther was born Aug. 14, 1920 in Bremen and moved to Cleveland where worked at the Michaelis Bakery for 40 years. He loved to sing and was a United States Army veteran.**

**Our sympathies to Margaret, wife of 67 years, and family.**

## Clubhouse Rental Policy

All members and friends might not be aware they can rent the Main Hall or Back Hall for special occasions, such as weddings, receptions, parties, memorials, meetings and other events. Tell your friends!

Club members receive a reduced price not offered the general public.

Hold your next gathering at the club! Contact Elliot Wagner for details.

**FOR SALE** Vintage German Cameras Praktiflex, Contaflex, Retinas, Steinheil Munchen, lens, Kodaks, Minolta; Jerry House 727-867-5565

## November Milestones!

We love to celebrate life achievements and significant milestones. If you're not mentioned, perhaps we **don't know**, have incorrect information or just made a **mistake**. Contact

### Happy Birthday

- 1** Virginia Chrzanowski
- 9** Victor Haul
- 13** Julie Grzywna
- 14** Ruth Bliwernitz
- 14** Hugo Hintz
- 19** Donald Fowler
- 20** Gerda DesJardin
- 24** Giovanna Quarrella
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### IN MEMORY OF

#### Margo Braun

Paula Barker  
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Martha Reiter  
Hilde Speidel  
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#### Ed Chryzanowski (Husband & Father)

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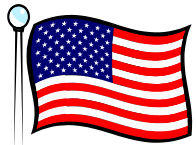
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