



51st Annual

October 10-12 and 17-19, 2025

Welcome

Mark Luft, Club President

Welcome to our 51st Oktoberfest! We are thrilled to celebrate with our community and share the joy of Bavarian tradition. From authentic German beers like Paulaner and Hacker Pschorr, served in Munich's Oktoberfest tents, to hearty dishes prepared by our dedicated members, every detail has been crafted to bring you a true taste of Germany. Our stages are alive with three incredible bands performing German music that will keep you dancing, singing, and toasting all festival long. A heartfelt danke schön to our amazing volunteers who make this celebration possible, and to you, our guests, for being part of this tradition with us. Raise your stein, enjoy the music, and celebrate with us. Prost!

Georg F. Ebinger, Club Biermeister

Willkommen, friends! As your Biermeister, I'm proud to present a curated selection of Germany's finest brews—each one a tribute to centuries of craftsmanship and culture. From crisp pilsners to bold dunkels, raise your glass and taste the tradition. Prost!

Holly Downs, 2025 Bierkönigin

As the club's Bierkönigin (Beer Queen), I'm honored to raise a glass in celebration of our heritage, our friendships, and the joy that Oktoberfest brings. It's a true honor to wear the crown and represent the spirit of our club—where German roots and American hearts come together. Let's make this Oktoberfest one to remember! Prost to laughter, tradition, and unforgettable memories!





Oktoberfest 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY



OUTSIDE PAVILION

ALL DAY

SqueezeBox (October 10)

The Alex Meixner Band (October 17)

7:15

Parade of Flags

INSIDE CLUBHOUSE

ALL DAY

King Guys Band

8:30

Bankltanz (Folk Dance Duo)

Event schedule is subject to change without notice

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Oktoberfest 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY



OUTSIDE PAVILION

ALL DAY

SqueezeBox (October 11)

The Alex Meixner Band (October 18)

4:45

Maßkrugstemmen (Stein Holding Contest)

- Men's and Women's Contests
- Sign up at WPEC Channel 12 Booth under the tent

5:00

Parade of Flags

5:30

Bier Keg Tapping

5:30

Bankltanz (Folk Dance Duo)

6:45

Palm Beach Sword School

INSIDE CLUBHOUSE

ALL DAY

King Guys Band

3:15

Maßkrugstemmen (Stein Holding Contest)

- Men's and Women's Contests
- Sign up at WPEC Channel 12 Booth under the tent

3:30

Volkstanzgruppe (Folk Dance Group)

7:45

Bankltanz (Folk Dance Duo)

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Oktoberfest 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY



OUTSIDE PAVILION

ALL DAY

SqueezeBox (October 12)

The Alex Meixner Band (October 19)

2:30

Palm Beach Sword School

3:45

Maßkrugstemmen (Stein Holding Contest)

- Men's and Women's Contests
- Sign up at WPEC Channel 12 Booth under the tent

4:00

Parade of Flags

4:30

Bier Keg Tapping

4:30

Bankltanz (Folk Dance Duo)

7:45

Closing Ceremony (October 19)

INSIDE CLUBHOUSE

ALL DAY

King Guys Band

1:15

Bankltanz (Folk Dance Duo)

2:45

Maßkrugstemmen (Stein Holding Contest)

- Men's and Women's Contests
- Sign up at WPEC Channel 12 Booth under the tent

3:00

Volkstanzgruppe (Folk Dance Group)

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About Us



The American German Club of the Palm Beaches was founded in 1967 by three friends who wanted to bring a piece of Germany to South Florida. Since then, our club has grown into a cherished hub of German culture, sharing traditions like food, drink, dress, language, craftsmanship, and entertainment with the community.

As a volunteer-run, nonprofit organization, we promote fellowship, or “Gemütlichkeit,” through cultural events like festivals, concerts, brunches, and dances. The American German Club strives to offer a sense of belonging, a connection to heritage, and the opportunity to create lasting relationships. At the heart of our club are the friendships and memories built around preserving traditions and honoring the history of our club and members. Celebrating these traditions—like Oktoberfest—keeps us connected to our roots, while building a community where everyone is welcome.

If you're interested in joining, email us at Membership@AmericanGermanClub.org



The History of Oktoberfest

IT BEGAN IN GERMANY IN 1810...

...when Andreas Michael Dall'Armi, a member of the Bavarian National Guard, proposed celebrating the 1810 wedding of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria (later King Ludwig I) and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen with a grand horse race. The wedding took place on October 12, and the official festivities lasted five days. The celebrations, called a "folk festival," concluded on October 17 with a horse race held on a meadow outside Munich's city gates.

Children dressed in traditional Bavarian costumes honored the royal couple with poems, flowers, and gifts of the harvest. In tribute to the bride, the meadow was named "Theresienwiese" (Therese's Meadow), still the site of Oktoberfest today and affectionately known as "the Wiesn."

Over time, Oktoberfest grew into a massive celebration of Bavarian culture. Today, the festival opens with a grand parade led by the Münchner Kindl (the symbol of Munich) and the mayor taps the first keg, declaring "O'zapft is!" ("It is tapped!"). Oktoberfest now spans two weeks and draws over six million visitors to Munich each year, where they gather to celebrate Bavarian heritage with time-honored traditions, music, food, and, of course, plenty of beer.



The History of Oktoberfest

IT BEGAN AT OUR CLUB IN 1974...

...when our founders decided to share the traditional festival with their community. For 51 years, it has become more than just an event—it's an honored tradition that brings us immense pride and joy. Every year, we invite our community to join us at our Club to experience authentic Bavarian culture, music, food, and dance.

Bringing this event to life is no small task. Our volunteers work for months to ensure every detail is perfect—from booking bands to perform German music, to preparing traditional dishes by hand, and, of course, making sure the German bier is cold and flowing. It's a labor of love, and sharing the enjoyment of our festival with 30,000 guests each year makes every bit of effort worthwhile.

We are deeply honored to carry on this tradition and grateful to share it with you. Thank you for being a part of this momentous celebration of our history and community!



Meet the Bands

SqueezeBox, The Alex Meixner Band, & King Guys Band



**OCTOBER 10-12
PAVILION**

SqueezeBox

SqueezeBox is head-lined by two Polka Hall of Famers: multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Mollie B, host of the Mollie B Polka Party TV show on RFD-TV; and two-time Grammy Nominee, Ted Lange. They have performed across the US to capacity crowds and have been recipients of multiple awards for their recordings and performances, including being named the 2019 Best International Band of the Year by the International Polka Association.

The Alex Meixner Band

Led by International Polka Association Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Inductee Alex Meixner, the band's high-energy shows feature everything from old-time polkas and waltzes to jazz and pop-influenced tunes. The band is equally skilled in traditional and contemporary styles, performing on over a dozen instruments—including the 12-foot Swiss Alphorn and Meixner's signature Button Box—and singing in English, German, Slovenian, Croatian, Czech, and more. From polkas and waltzes to Gypsy folk, Rocktoberfest parodies, swing, Latin, and country, their eclectic repertoire is a hit at world music concerts, folk festivals, and non-stop dance parties alike.



**OCTOBER 17-19
PAVILION**



**OCTOBER 10-12 & 17-19
CLUBHOUSE**

King Guys Band

This group of professional musicians from Central Florida is best known for performing as an authentic Oktoberfest Brass Band, as well as in a variety of other ensembles. Specializing in traditional German-style, the band features talented musicians with extensive experience at Walt Disney World, including performers from the renowned German Biergarten in EPCOT.

**THESE LIVELY PERFORMERS AND AUTHENTIC SOUND BRING THE SPIRIT OF
OKTOBERFEST ALIVE AT OUR HAUS!**

Entertainment

Volkstanzgruppe

Performing Saturdays & Sundays

Our very own Volkstanzgruppe (“folk dance group”) will perform traditional German dancing. They have performed at churches, schools, German festivals, and other German clubs. You’re invited to join in the fun during our audience participation dance!



The Bankltanz: Two Men, One Bench, Endless Laughs!

Performing Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays

Join Dieter and Hansi as they bring Bavarian flair to the stage with the Bankltanz—a traditional folk dance where one humble bench becomes the centerpiece of comedy, coordination, and charm. With clever footwork, dramatic sits, and synchronized antics, this duo turns every move into a moment of laughter.



Palm Beach Sword School

Performing Saturdays & Sundays in the Pavilion

Enjoy an authentic display of sword fighting by the Palm Beach Sword School, who train right here at our Club. Specializing in Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA), they are dedicated to preserving the traditional techniques of European swordsmanship. They are excited to bring this tradition to life!



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Shopping



Alpine Chic Boutique Tracht Shop – Visit our own pop-up tracht shop under the tent to purchase your authentic Bavarian lederhosen, dirndls, and hats! We import our clothing from Germany to give our guests a chance to fully partake in Oktoberfest with style. And of course, we have monthly events so you can wear them again!

Alpine Boutique Gift Shop – Looking for a traditional Black Forest Cuckoo clock or perhaps a bier stein? Don't miss our gift shop, located in the center of our grounds. We have a carefully curated collection of German goods, Christmas items, and home decor.

Upcoming Events



Looking for somewhere to wear that new dirndl? Did you know that the American German Club has events every month open to the public? We host events such as festivals, Bavarian brunches (Frühschoppen), dances, and more!

DEC 12

KRAMPUSNACHT

A frighteningly fun kind of grown-up Christmas party, based on German folklore.

DEC 13-14

CHRISTKINDLMARKT

A traditional Christmas market with vendors, crafts, music, and of course, Santa.

DEC 20

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A celebration of the season, with dinner and dancing inside our beautiful clubhouse.



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