



Greetings from the GABC of South Florida

Dear GABC Members and Friends,

2013 has only started but the GABC has started with already several great events: one which was our joint event with the European chambers in Miami at Nikki Beach Club in South Beach in January to kick off the New Year with this reception.

Over and over again these events turn out to be very successful as we, the GABC and the European chambers are very careful to select great locations for these receptions and we always have a delightful group of people, mainly from the European countries and the US. These events turn out always no less than 300 people, and we are proud that we have come so far and have a very strong bond with the other European chambers which are based in Miami and beyond.

Not only do we host and organize networking events on a regular basis but also informal and educational seminars and presentations with members of the community that included commissioners from counties and cities but also representatives from governmental offices including the European Union delegation in Washington and ambassadors from various countries as well as business leaders from well known corporations.

Another event we hosted was a breakfast seminar in February with topic: Latest Trends in the EU Energy and Transport Policy with guest speaker Christian Burgsmueller, Counselor, Head of the Energy, Transport and Environment Section of the Delegation of the European Union in Washington. These kinds of seminars and presentations are held monthly.

The executive committees of the chambers host monthly meetings to discuss future events and possible collaborations; anything that can be of interest to our members. It has been now more than 3 years of the collaboration efforts, and we look forward to continuing to offer these events to our members as a benefit of the membership. If you have any suggestions or feedback, we always like to hear from you.

We hope you enjoy spring time in Florida and look forward to seeing you at one of our next events.

With regards, the GABC Team

A Word from the Consul General



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GERMANY



Dear Members and Friends,

Things are looking up for the German Economy in 2013: the President of the Confederation of German Employers' Association (BDA) and the German Council of Economic Experts (GCEE) are predicting slow, but stable growth;

thanks to about 150,000 new jobs planned by small- and medium-sized businesses, unemployment should not have any recognizable growth. Inflation is also expected to be contained.

In the transatlantic context, we hope to see concrete progress toward a transatlantic free trade agreement between the United States and the European Union, which would boost growth on both sides of the Atlantic.

This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Elysee Treaty which was signed on January 22, 1963 and has successfully carried out reconciliation between the German and the French people. The Franco-German friendship has been a cornerstone of the European Union.

I invite you to come and see an exhibition about the Elysee Treaty and 50 years of Franco-German friendship and cooperation which we are showing right now in the German Consulate.

Wishing you a beautiful springtime.

With kind regards,

Eva Alexandra Kendeffy



New Trustee Member: Old Heidelberg Deli

Old Heidelberg Deli has been proudly serving South Florida for over 15 years with the finest selection of high-quality, homemade German and European deli classics.

Owner Mark Kuehl purchased the Ft. Lauderdale deli in 2010 and recently opened a second location with co-owner Johanna Bihr in Key Biscayne. Both deli owners have extensive years of experience in the food industry and are passionate about German cuisine. Supported by their experienced team of German cuisine chefs, bakers and butchers the deli provides a true 'taste of home' for traditional German and European audiences living in South Florida, as well unique new taste treats for those looking to experience new culinary delights.



Old Heidelberg Deli offer's the best-tasting and freshest products produced onsite at their Ft. Lauderdale factory including Homemade Sausages, Meats, Hams, Salads, Soups, Sauerkraut, Fresh Baked Breads, Schnitzels, Sandwiches, Cheeses, Sweet Treats and more. They also offer a variety of imported specialty food items including European Chocolates, Beer and Wine. The deli specializes in event planning and catering for events of all types and sizes, and can create a special catering menu to suit your needs.

For more information on **Old Heidelberg Deli** visit www.oldheidelbergdeli.com or call the Ft. Lauderdale store at 954.463.3880 or Key Biscayne at 786.334.6175.

New Corporate Member: Bilzin Sumberg Bauna Price & Axelrod LLP

Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP is a commercial law firm in Miami with extensive experience in the areas of Corporate & Tax, International, Litigation, Real Estate, Government Relations & Land Development and Restructuring & Bankruptcy. We are trusted legal advisors to a range of clients, from individual investors and entrepreneurs to some of the nation's leading public and private companies. Our clients' industries range from financial services to healthcare, hospitality, real estate, manufacturing, transportation, media – and more.

Attorneys Alan D. Axelrod, Ruben S. Fogel and Jeffrey L. Rubinger are pleased to join the GABC.

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New Individual Member: Joachim Mensing



Upcoming GABC Events

Please find always updated information at www.gabc.us under upcoming events as well as pictures of past events in the photo gallery

Thursday, February 21st - "GABC After Work—Happy Hour" at Vapiano Brickell, Details TBA

Wednesday, March 13th - European Business Seminar. Details TBA

Thursday, March 21st - European Cocktail Reception at Epic Hotel. Details TBA

Get the 2012/2013 German American Chambers National Membership Directory!

The German American Chambers have launched the 2012/2013 Membership Directory!

The hard copy directory is published once a year and contains all member companies of all German American Chambers of Commerce in the US including all chapters and affiliates.

Navigate through 2,500 member companies linked to our offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and the GABC Miami using our index of industries.

The directory's structure is based on industry categories, closely resembling the Yellow Pages, enabling you to find your contacts quickly and efficiently. Employee-specific contact details give you phone, fax, email, street address and website. An index organizes firms by industry

Over 6,000 key decision-makers in government and industry across the U.S. and Germany will use the Membership Directory throughout the year. Issues are available at the GABC office now.

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The German Consulate General and the French Consulate General
will be hosting a

Friendly Soccer Tournament

between teams from both Consulates

celebrating the

50th Anniversary of the Treaty of Elysée

On Saturday, February 9th

from

10.00am – 1.00pm

at

Midtown Indoor Soccer

370 NW 24th Street

Miami, FL 33127

*Free food & beverages including German beer will be provided
together with lots of give-aways !*

Bring your family and friends to cheer on your favorite team!

For questions and info send an email to pr-100@miam.diplo.de or call 305 373 9578.

Do you have a story for our next newsletter? We want to hear it! To
submit a story for next month's edition please send an email to:
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Treaty of Elysée

On 22 January 1963, French General Charles de Gaulle and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer committed to embark on the road of reconciliation between France and Germany to steer towards mutual understanding and closer cooperation.

For the two countries it was a historic moment, charged with emotions. General de Gaulle and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer knew that they would be shaping the future course of Franco-German relations, and of European integration.

In 1963, Adenauer said in French: "Without this treaty, there would be no union in Europe. The methods may change, but the most important thing has been laid down, and that's why we may never lose the trust of friends".

Since then, Franco-German relations have grown exponentially in all fields: politics, security, economy, youth exchanges, cultural and intellectual exchanges and sports!

The 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Elysée provides a good opportunity to look back at the success of this Franco-German cooperation which paved the way to European integration as a whole, but also to set new objectives to the bilateral cooperation for the next decades.

Many events will take place during the year 2013 In Miami, organized jointly by both the Consulates of France and Germany, one of the first events to take place is a Franco-German SOCCER GAME.

German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern U.S. – Events

Events:

February 12, 2013 (Houston, TX) - German Business Roundtable - Establishing Business in Central or South America

February 26th (Atlanta, GA) - 3rd European American Solar Deployment Conference PV Rollout

February, 26th (Houston, TX) - Business Seminar "Economic Outlook 2013"

March, 3rd (Houston, TX) - 5th German American Energy Efficiency Conference - The Future of "Green Buildings"

March 7th (Huntsville, AL) - AlabamaGermany Partnership (AGP) 15th Annual Celebration Dinner

March 19th, 20th (Atlanta, GA) - Georgia Logistics Summit



Past GABC Events:

On January 17th, 2013 the GABC and the European chambers of Commerce celebrated the Annual New Years Reception at Nikki Beach.

More than 300 people enjoyed delicious appetizers and mohitos far away from the cold temperatures in Europe surrounded by palm trees, the sandy beach and a warm summer atmosphere people enjoy when at the Nikki beach. Our thanks goes to Nikki Beach for hosting our members. To a prosperous New Year 2013!





Past GABC Events:

On January 29th, 2013 The German American Business Chamber in collaboration with the European Chambers of Miami and the European Union Center of Excellence FIU hosted a breakfast seminar at the Beacon Council.

The guest speaker was Mr. Christian Burgsmüller Counselor, Head of the Energy, Transport and Environment Section of the Delegation of the European Union. He reported about the latest Trends in the EU Energy and Transport Policy.

Thanks to the Beacon Council for providing us their location and the FIU European Center of Excellence for their collaboration efforts.

The next business seminar will be held on March 13th, 2013





Take Advantage of the GABC Member Benefits

GABC Members can receive great discounts while dining, traveling, shopping and much more.

Since the German American Business Chamber shares all member discounts with other European Chambers in Miami (the Italy American Chamber of Commerce, the Spain-US Chamber of Commerce, the French-American Chamber of Commerce and the British-American Business Council Miami) the list of benefits has grown tremendously.

The list of member discounts for all businesses including all member benefits is available for members in the login area at <http://gabc.us/members.php>

Example of our benefits:

Beacon South Beach



All members receive a 10% discount on standard hotel room rates.

Offer cannot be combined with any other offer or promotion.

Must present Membership card and mention discount at time of booking.

Please contact Christopher Regalado.

Call: 786 389 5705

www.BeaconSouthBeach.com

If you are interested in offering discounts to the members of the GABC Miami and other European Chambers in Miami contact us for more information at miami@gabc.us. We look forward to working closely with all of you in making your business more visible through all the options that the GABC can offer to you.



GABC Miami offers Assistance to Member Companies to find Interns from Germany

The GABC receives resumes and CV's on a regular basis from interested students from Germany who are looking to perform an internship in the US. If you are a business member of the GABC Miami and you are interested, please get in touch with us for information on students who are currently seeking internships or if you want to offer an internship in the future. This service is free of charge for our business members. Contact Miami@gabc.us for more information.

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German Consulate General Miami: http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/de/03_Konsulate/Miami/00/Start.html

GASC: German American Social Club Miami

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