



Der Botschafter

Uninformed members a good club do not make

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Have you ever thought about learning German? Reaching a level of fluency will take time and dedication, but it will pay off in the end.

German is one of the most useful languages to learn because it is the most common native language in the European Union. There are more than 100 million native German speakers in the EU with German being one of the official languages in Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Belgium – that's seven countries! German is also spoken in certain provinces of other countries.

Globally German is the eleventh most-spoken language in the world. It is the third most commonly taught foreign language in the US, following Spanish and French. German speakers can be found almost everywhere! In the US, one-fourth of all tourists are German-speaking.

Even in the workplace German comes in handy: specifically in the fields of medicine, business, culture, historical literature, theology and philosophy. It is the second most commonly used language for scientific terms.

English and German share a large percentage of their vocabulary. One survey found that 25% of the English words have been derived from the Germanic languages.

A Tourist's Prayer for your travels

Our heavenly father, look down on us, your humble, obedient servants, doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs, mailing postcards, and walking around in drip-dry underwear.

We beseech thee, oh Lord, to see that our luggage is not lost; that our overweight baggage goes unnoticed. Protect us from unscrupulous taxi drivers, porters and unlicensed English-speaking guides. Give us divine guidance in the selection of our hotels, that our reservations are honored, our rooms made up and hot water in the taps; that the telephone works, the operators speak English and there is no mail from loved ones needing money.

Lead us to good, inexpensive restaurants where the food is good, waiters friendly and wine included. Give us wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we don't understand, forgive us for under-tipping out of ignorance and over-tipping out of fear.

Give us strength to visit museums, cathedrals, palaces and castles listed as a MUST in guide books.

Keep wives from spending sprees and protect them from bargains we do not need or cannot afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do. Almighty Father **keep husbands from looking at foreign women, comparing them to us and save them from making fools of themselves. Do not forgive them their trespasses for they know exactly what they do.**

When our travels are over and we return to our loved ones, grant us the favor that someone will look at our videos and listen to our stories, so that

**HERE IS WHAT IS GOING ON
AROUND TOWN:**

GA Club of Central Florida:

Club on hiatus for June and July

Cultural Center of Tampa: Exhibition
May 1-July 4: Paintings “Women of the
Berlin Wall” by Susanne Nielsen; in
Freedom Pavilion, Citrus Mall, Tampa

Marion County: August 8 - 24th
Anniversary Dinner Dance featuring
Alex Meixner – Marion Oaks
Community Center 1-6 p.m.

New Port Richey: July 4th Celebration
at T.A.T. Civic Association – noon until 6
p.m. 2 bands. Entertainment on
covered patio and inside Hall.
Keep tuned for details of the
Oktoberfest and Christmas Party.

Palm Beaches: Bierfest June 19th
\$35 all inclusive.

Fruehschoppen June 27 – 10:30-2:30 all
items a la carte.
Watch for details on A Taste of
Oktoberfest.

G-A Society of Pinellas County:

Biergarten is on hiatus for the summer!
June 19 – Father’s Day Dance with
Manni Daum in Main Hall 7-11 p.m.

**June 19...Join us in the Bierstube for
the soccer game
GERMANY/PORTUGAL**



Sarasota: Watch for upcoming fall events

Treasure Coast: June 3,10,17 Stammtisch
Summer recess until September 10

More information to follow on Oktoberfest
events October 1,2



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Exciting things
coming up in fall!

**The Board is presently working to expand
our website... remind your members to
check out changes and restaurants at:
UGASflorida.org**

**Do you have a new suggestion you would like to pass
along? Please feel free to contact any one of our
Board Members..**

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