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Ring in the Christmas Season with a German Christkindlmarkt

Oktoberfest was a success, and despite Hurricane Irma and Tropical Storm Felipe, brought huge crowds to the grounds of the German American Social Club on Pine Island Road in Cape Coral. Yet the club is not slowing down one bit – the next festival is fast approaching! It's time for **the Christkindlmarkt** – the German Christmas Market! This year, held on Saturday, December 2nd, from noon until 8 pm, the Christmas market has been entirely reorganized and will be bigger and better than ever. With more of everything! More German tradition, more trees, more ornaments, more music, more crafts, more gifts, more fun for the entire family!

This year, the German American Social Club has been working hard on making this free event more traditionally German – and bigger! The club is teaming up with vendors from the community, such as The Shell Factory, Cold Stone Creamery, The Doener, CW Fudge Factory, Geier's, Darvy Landscaping and local crafts makers as well as their in-house GALS crafts to offer something truly magical to the Southwest Florida community! There will be glass etching, woodworking, nutcrackers, unique gifts, Christmas ornaments, Advent wreaths and loom work on display. In addition to the club's very own Hafenskapelle, Edelweiss Chorus and accordion player Peter Dee, there will be music offered by the Teresa Mayer & Petra Klos, locals from Punta Gorda who appeared with Die Lustigen Almdudler at Oktoberfest, bringing older beloved German songs, plus the Hot Flashz Dancers will be there, a popular local dance troop.

Delicious aromas will fill the air with food options ranging from potato pancakes, schnitzel sandwiches, Currywurst, Leberkaese, Doener Kebab, German baked goods, ice cream, plus an assortment of German

Christmas goodies to take home with you, from Lebkuchen, Stollen, chocolate Nikolaus, rum cakes, fudge - and the list simply goes on!

The Shell Factory will have a petting zoo for the kids! Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride and all the other fun stuff to do, too!

Do you have a beer stein you have inherited or one that you cherish? Or just interested in beer steins in general? World renowned Master Steinologist George Schamberger, a member of Stein Collectors International, will be on site to talk steins! Bring yours along for an interesting discussion.

Enjoy some great German beers, a cup of Glühwein, some great food and holiday cheer! It will be a day of fun and will ring in the holiday season right! Oh, and you don't want to miss St. Nick & Santa Claus, too!

The German American Social Club is buzzing with excitement now as all of these festivities are being prepared. And with typical German Gemütlichkeit, of course, the South West Florida community is more than welcome to join in the Christmas cheer – German Style! Come on out and have a fun day!

