



Join us at the GAI for St. Paul Oktoberfest!

Friday, September 10 | 4–10 PM

Saturday, September 11 | 10 AM–10 PM

Entertainment

Oktoberfest favorites playing in the Kaiser's Festzelt tent include the Alpensterne, Bavarian Musikmeisters, the Chmielewski Funtime Band and the Dr. Kielbasa Band. Traditional dances will be performed by the Edelweiss Dancers and Rivers Ballet. For those who would like to brush up on their polka skills, Jimi the Polka Pirate will provide dance lessons.

Activities

Other activities include a *Tracht* (Germanic folk wear including *Dirndl* and *Lederhosen*) contest for adults and kids (cuteness overload!), a best mustache contest, beer stein holding, and more. Visitors can also browse artisan and German goods and visit cultural and educational booths.

Food and Beverages

A variety of Paulaner beer will be available on tap and in cans, local beer from Utepils Brewing, along with other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Food will include RJ's Meats bratwurst, Aki's pretzels, and other fare. Details to come at gaimn.org/oktoberfest.



Become a super-supporter!

Introducing a fun opportunity for supporters who love St. Paul Oktoberfest and want to do more—Oktoberfest Fanklub! Sign up today to get special gifts and to support GAI cultural events and language programs throughout the year. Donations are \$80 per person. Find more information at gaimn.org/fanklub.

Volunteer!

Join the in-crowd—volunteer at St. Paul Oktoberfest!

You can be an important part of our biggest event of the year. Many hands are needed to put on this event and this year we'll be on home turf. Volunteer jobs will be similar to Deutsche Tage—without the heavy lifting and hauling. Find a link to the volunteer sign-up site at gaimn.org/oktoberfest.

EVENTS

September 10+11

St. Paul Oktoberfest at GAI

September 14

Stammtisch Curbside

September 15

GAI Sprachklub

September 20

GAI Damenklub

LEARN GERMAN

September 13

Fall Session begins

September 18

Samstagsschule begins



Stammtisch Curbside

Tuesday, September 14

Enjoy a classic home-cooked German *Mittagessen*. *Das Menü*: Schnitzel, German potato salad, carrot salad, and dessert. Order ahead and then pick up your meal at the GAI at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required—please call Casey at 651.222.7027 by Friday, September 10. \$13 includes your meal and dessert.



The long lasting impact of a lifetime learner

As the three year anniversary of the passing of Edward Taylor approaches, his impact on the Germanic-American Institute is ever present.

The Princeton chemist is mostly widely known for his development of an important cancer-fighting drug that stemmed from research into butterfly wing pigments; but the GAI also remembers Ted for the avid German learner that he was.

Ted joined the GAI in 2014 as a language student at the age of 91. He had previously been a self-taught learner of the language, and continued his lifelong learning at the GAI and Concordia Language Villages until he died at the age of 94.

Thanks to a \$100,000 donation from the Rick and Susan Taylor Spielman Family Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation in 2019, and subsequent donations thereafter, the GAI has been able to offer the Ted Taylor Lifetime Learner Scholarship Program.

"The Spielman's recent donation made in May 2021 of this year was particularly vital to the longevity of the GAI during the trying times of the pandemic," said Executive Director of the GAI Jeana Anderson. "The support of Susan and Rick, in honor of Ted, has made a tremendous impact on the GAI's mission and sustainability. It is people like them that help enrich our community."

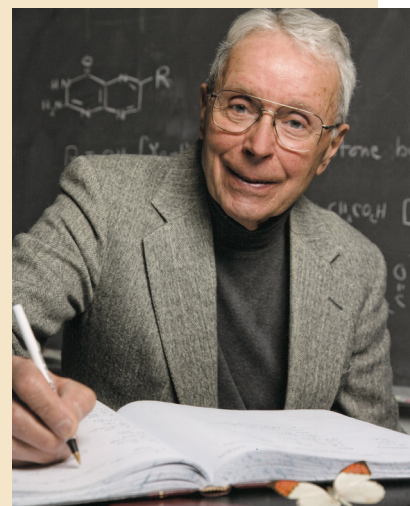
Also this past May, Sol Holsather received the Ted Taylor Scholarship and used it to better their German through a remote language course at the GAI.

"The Ted Taylor Scholarship enabled me to access a model of learning that is most conducive to my long-term retention of language," Holsather said. "A classroom environment with routine meetings, assignments, motivated students, and the direction of an instructor helped me to structure my ongoing German education."

As accessibility to language courses continues to be a challenge for many, Ted's contributions to the GAI help close that gap and make language learning possible for lifetime learners like Holsather.

"As someone who learns German with a desire to communicate with loved ones and as an intellectual

pursuit, the benefits of my continued engagement with the language and culture are many," Holsather said. "During the dregs of the pandemic, the class was a highlight of my week. It was not only an enhancement of the present but also an exercise in welcoming the joy and connection that the future holds."



Ted Taylor

Throughout his career, Ted wrote more than 460 academic papers and holds 52 U.S. patents. His academic prowess serves as an inspiration to lifetime learners such as Holsather, who sees himself attending graduate school in Germany once able.

"It's important to me, and so central to my personal values for myself, to stay learning intentionally," Holsather said. "Even outside of school, so I can not necessarily be a student forever, but keep my mind active and keep myself open to new perspectives."

Anyone with a financial need to learn German may apply for the scholarship through the form located on the GAI website. Students are selected each session and may have part or all of their tuition covered.

"Everyone who helped me through the process, who interviewed me, assisted me in getting my books, were just so wonderful and friendly," Holsather said. "I could tell they were really tuned into the education of all their pupils."

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— Sol Holsather, GAI language student



ELECTION SPECIAL: WAHL-SPEZIAL FOR LEVELS B1/B2

4 Thursdays beginning September 16 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. | Zoom

Did you know that the word *Kanzlerkandidat* (candidate for Chancellor) only appears in newspapers but doesn't exist as a technical term in the German election regulations? The reason is that the chancellor is not elected by the German people but by the members of the German Bundestag. You will learn interesting facts like this in our special class, "Wahl-Spezial".

Learn about the German electoral system as you follow along with the current elections that take place halfway through the course on September 26. The course will take place online over four weeks and is for people with intermediate and advanced German. Material will be provided. *Register at gaimn.org/adults*



REGISTER FOR FALL CLASSES!

From our beginner series, Start 1-2-3, to advanced topics, our fall classes lineup has something for everyone. Choose from online and some in-person options. Register today at gaimn.org/adults



"SATURDAY SCHOOL" FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Our creative and experienced language instructors make Samstagsschule a fun and interactive way to learn German. Beginning to advanced levels are offered for all ages. It's a great way to begin or advance your child's German language abilities.

Register at gaimn.org/kids



The Hier & There podcast and Storycast are in production and will resume later this fall after a short vacation. It's a great time to catch up on episodes you may have missed and if you have ideas for podcast topics or Storycast reading suggestions, please send them to podcast@gaimn.org. Listen at gaimn.org/podcast.

AROUND THE HAUS

Haus & Grounds—Oktoberfest!

Haus and Grounds will not hold a Saturday work session in September as we normally throw our support behind Oktoberfest. Find the volunteer sign-up link at gaimn.org/oktoberfest. We will continue our Thursday morning work sessions as normal. If you would like to be included in the weekly Haus and Grounds email update, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org.



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Introducing Kinderstube German@home

GAI's Kinderstube is excited to launch an online educational enrichment program for preschool-age children (ages 3–6) called Kinderstube German@home starting this fall.

Parents or caregivers will receive weekly content updates with four activities that they can do throughout the week or on the weekend with their children. Each activity has been designed to take 15 minutes to complete. Students and caregivers have the opportunity to meet virtually with their instructor once a month for a check-in.

Tuition is \$320 a semester or \$600 for the full school year. For more information, visit gaimn.org/preschoolathome, email kinderstubeathome@gaimn.org, or call our office at (651) 222-7027.

