



Holiday Open Haus

Saturday and Sunday, December 4+5 | 11 AM–4 PM

German Christmas traditions have traveled around the world and have become an important part of how Americans celebrate the holiday. At the GAI's Holiday Open Haus, everyone can experience some of the traditional aspects of German Christmas including traditional *Lebkuchen* cookies baked by the GAI Damenklub, Haus brewed *Glühwein*, and seasonal goods by German Specialty Imports and Guten Tag Haus.

For the kids, there will be craft activities in the Rathskeller and German model trains in the ballroom. The Minnesänger choir will perform on Saturday at noon.

In *Weihnachtsmarkt* style, RJ's Meats bratwurst, GAI *Glühwein*, and more will be sold and enjoyed outside. Vendors and activities will be indoors, and we ask that visitors wear a mask while in the Haus. Join us for this festive weekend!

Christmas Sing-Along with John Hoffacker

Online event | Thursday, December 16 | 6 PM

Back by popular demand! Led by Minnesänger Director John Hoffacker from the grand piano at the GAI Haus, we'll gather around virtually to sing traditional German Christmas carols. Register at gaimn.org/singalong.



GAI Christmas Dinner

December 18 | 5–8 PM | Ticket sales close December 13

We're back at the house for this beloved holiday tradition. Tickets are \$80 and include a holiday program with local flute ensemble, Flute Cocktail, a multi-course dinner catered by Lake Elmo Inn, and two beverages. Seating is family style but dinner is served plated. Please call the office to check availability or go to gaimn.org/ChristmasDinner.



EVENTS

DECEMBER 4+5
Holiday Open Haus

DECEMBER 14
Stammtisch

DECEMBER 16
Online Event | 6 PM
Holiday Sing-Along

DECEMBER 18
Christmas Dinner

DECEMBER 20
GAI Damenklub

DECEMBER 21
GAI Sprachklub

DECEMBER 22–JANUARY 2
GAI closed

LEARN GERMAN

ADULTS

Winter classes begin January 10

KIDS

Kinderstube German@home spring semester begins January 17

Samstagsschule resumes February 5



It's *Lebkuchen* time!

The GAI Damenklub is selling *Hausgemachte Lebkuchen* (home made gingerbread cookies) again this holiday season. All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the GAI.

Buy your *Lebkuchen* at Holiday Open Haus or order from Helga Parnell by calling 651.457.1590. We appreciate your support. \$2 each or 6 for \$10



February Austrian Alps Ski Getaway



Register by December 17! Trip dates are February 19 to 25, 2022

Is skiing in the Alps on your bucket list? Join Defined Destinations on a trip to Austria over President's Day 2022 weekend! Your five nights in the historic village of Kitzbühel, Austria, includes daily breakfast and dinner as well as lift tickets. Miles of cross country ski trails are also nearby and for non-skiers, lift tickets will not be charged. Enjoy free time to explore the village or take a convenient train ride to visit Innsbruck, Salzburg, and even Munich. Experience the thrill of an Alpine skiing vacation and join us!

The GAI will be hosting a free pre-departure mini class with Austrian culture and language tips. Ask questions, meet fellow travelers, and sample Austrian wine.

\$2,399 per person double occupancy, \$3,099 single, airfare is not included but free airfare quotes are available from Defined Destinations.

Registration closes and final payment is due December 17, 2021

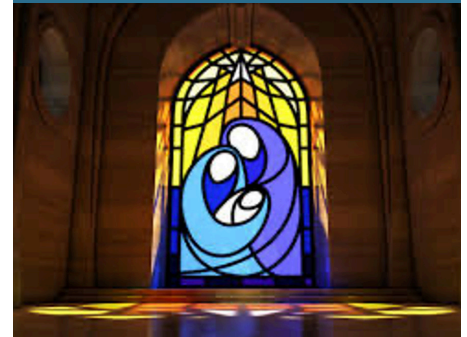
More information at DefinedDestinations.com



The holiday season is also Annual Fund season at the GAI!

The GAI is hitting its stride in very big ways—and as we do, we see costs increasing not only to keep our programs and classes running, but to keep growing. This is why we have another very ambitious annual fund goal this year of \$100,000 to keep our nonprofit running through another year. If you would like to make your gift, please visit gaimn.org/annualfund or call our office. *Vielen Dank!*

PARTNER EVENT



Weinachtsgottesdienst German Ecumenical Service Sunday, December 12 | 3–4 PM

This annual tradition at St. Paul's United Church of Christ includes hymns, liturgy, readings, special music, and a short sermon *auf Deutsch*. The service will be in person at 900 Summit Avenue in St. Paul. Due to COVID-19, all are asked to wear masks. *Glühwein* will be served outdoors after the service. spuconsummit.org

EXHIBIT

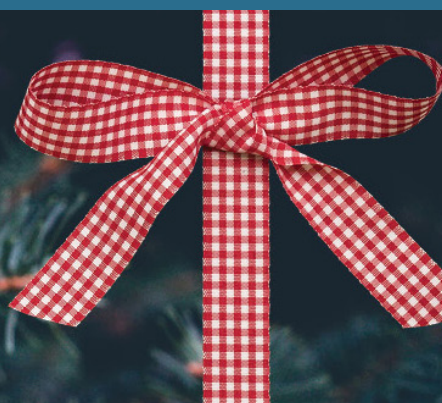
Transatlantic Connections: Celebrating the German-American Partnership November 8–January 3, 2022 At the GAI Haus | Free Monday–Thursday 9 AM–5 PM Fridays 9 AM–3 PM

Germany and the United States have a long history as allies, partners, and at times, adversaries. Today, the transatlantic alliance is strong as our governments and people work together to address global challenges. We are also connected by educational exchange, sports heroes, pop culture, and more. From the challenges addressing the *Energiewende* to Chancellor Angela Merkel's encounters with U.S. presidents, this exhibit will inform and entertain.



WINTER SESSION

German language classes



GIVE THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE LEARNING

Treat yourself or give a friend a GAI language class! Registration is open for online and in-person winter session classes. From beginners with no language experience to *Oberstufe* culture classes, we offer something for everyone. Winter session classes begin the week of January 10, 2022. Find more information at gaimn.org/adults.

SAMSTAGSSCHULE WINTER SESSION

GAI's creative and experienced language instructors make Samstagsschule a fun and interactive way to learn German. Online classes for ages 4 through 18 will return in January. We offer beginning to advanced levels for all ages. Sign up today at gaimn.org/samstagsschule.



KINDERSTUBE GERMAN@HOME WINTER SESSION

Kinderstube German@home is an online, self-paced German language program offering fun activities for kids and caregivers to do together. We are enrolling new students for the winter semester starting January 17. Sign up today at gaimn.org/preschoolathome.

STUDY ABROAD RESOURCES ONLINE

Why study in Germany? Reasons include high quality education, affordability, possibilities for career development with German companies, and opportunities for travel. While the process of figuring out how and where to study in Germany can be daunting, we have compiled a list of resources to help you get started. Go to gaimn.org/study-in-germany.



Hier & There Podcast Americans in Germany Drinking Whiskey (AGDW)

Hear from two expats, Geoff and Alex, on living and working in Germany, and the meaning of "home." Living in Berlin, they have inside knowledge, interesting perspectives, and also their own podcast. Listen to the interview at gaimn.org/podcast

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Language Teachers
Part-time (1-2 classes)
Teach adult and/or
Samstagsschule classes.
Contact language@gaimn.org

Kinderstube Teachers
Full- and part-time Minneapolis
and St. Paul locations. Contact
blarimer@gaimn.org

AROUND THE HAUS

Haus & Grounds

Haus and Grounds will not hold a work session in December but we will be supporting the Holiday Open Haus December 4 and 5. Please sign up to volunteer at gaimn.org/holiday. We will hold our Thursday morning work sessions as usual. New volunteers are always welcome! If you would like more information, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org.



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December Stammtisch

Tuesday, December 14

Don't miss this special holiday Stammtisch. *Das Menü:* Sauerbraten, Spätzle, Rotkraut, German style green beans, and for dessert, Herrentorte! For December, you can reserve your meal to go or enjoy it at the Haus.

Order pickup is in back of the Haus between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m., seated lunch begins at noon.

Note: proof of vaccination is required if eating in the Haus.

Please call Casey at 651.222.7027 to reserve your meal by Friday, December 10 at 3 p.m. \$15



SEEKING BOARD CANDIDATES

The GAI is seeking candidates for 2022 Board of Directors. Board candidates should have a passion for the mission and vision of the GAI, as well as the professional skills needed to advance the organization. Board members attend monthly governance meetings and participate in year-round fundraising initiatives. For more information, please contact the office at office@gaimn.org or 651.222.7027.

Application Deadline: January 10, 2022



December/January Member Deal

Close out the old year or toast in the new year with our partner Waldmann Brewery & Wurstery. Buy one half-liter beer and get one free! This deal can be used once during the promotion, which runs through the end of January. *More information at waldmannbrewery.com*