Get ready for the Holidays at the GAI

**Holiday Open Haus**
Saturday and Sunday, December 4–5 | 11 AM–4 PM
Come experience some of the traditional aspects of Germanic culture during the holiday season, including Glühwein, hearty food, delicious Lebkuchen, and vendors with German and seasonal goods for sale. This year, GAI Glühwein can be ordered in advance for pick-up at Holiday Open Haus. Order your Glühwein at gaimn.org/holiday.

“Glüh Brew Crew” Glühwein Making at the GAI
Friday, November 19 | 6–9 PM
Saturday, November 20 | 9 AM–3 PM
Have you always wanted to know the secret to making the best Glühwein in town? Join our “Glüh Brew Crew” for a fun Glühwein-making experience. We'll bottle over 500 of our famous mulled wine, for sale at our Holiday Open Haus! Sign up at gaimn.org/holiday or call the office at 651.222.7027.

**Kinderstube Winter Greens Fundraiser**
Order by November 15
Decorate your home this year with beautiful spruce top bundles and planters, fragrant wreaths, gorgeous poinsettia plants, and several other items—all while supporting the GAI’s Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool! Orders must be made by November 15 for pick-up after Thanksgiving. Brochures and order forms are at gaimn.org/WinterGreens.

**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 German holiday favorites. Register at gaimn.org/singalong.

**GAI Christmas Dinner**
December 18 | 4–8 PM
By the time this newsletter goes to print, we might be sold out of tickets to this beloved holiday tradition at the Haus. Our Christmas Dinner features delicious food, drinks, music, and singing to celebrate the holidays. Please call the office to check availability or go to gaimn.org/ChristmasDinner.

**EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER 6**
Virtual Event: Study in Germany for English Speakers

**NOVEMBER 9**
Stammtisch Curbside

**NOVEMBER 15**
GAI Damenklub

**NOVEMBER 16**
Annual Membership Meeting (online)

**NOVEMBER 17**
GAI Sprachklub

**NOVEMBER 19+20**
“Glüh Brew Crew” Glühwein Making

**LEARN GERMAN**

Winter session registration opens mid-November

**ADULTS**
Fall classes in session

**KIDS**
Samstagsschule in session

**Stammtisch Curbside**
Tuesday, November 9
*Königsberger Klopse* (German meatballs with caper cream sauce), along with *Apfel-Streuselkuchen* are on the menu for the November Stammtisch. Order ahead and pick up your meal at the GAI at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required—please call Casey at 651.222.7027 by 3 p.m. on Friday, November 5. $13 includes your meal and dessert.
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. spuccconsummit.org

Austrian Alps Ski Getaway
February 19–25, 2022
The GAI is again partnering with Defined Destinations, this year on a ski trip of a lifetime! Stay and ski in the historic village of Kitzbühel, Austria. You’ll get tips from local legend and ski guide Peter Sulzenbacher. There will be time to explore the area and easy access to Munich, Innsbruck, and Salzburg. More information at DefinedDestinations.com

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.

November Member Deal
For November, we are partnering with Trylon Cinema, a classic film movie theater in Minneapolis, to promote their film series on Werner Herzog, a prolific German filmmaker. This series focuses on Herzog’s early work in film running from the 1970s to the 1990s. The series begins on October 31 and runs until November 30. GAI members who show their membership cards at the Trylon box office will receive a free popcorn with each $8 admission. More information at trylon.org

Bach Society Christmas Oratorio Offer
GAI members can get a 10% discount for the Bach Society of Minnesota’s December concert. The Bach Society and VocalEssence Ensemble Singers will collaborate on a concert performance of Bach’s Christmas Oratorio in a stunning setting, at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, on Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. Visit their website for info and tickets at bachsocietymn.org and use code BACH2122 to get a discount for 10% off!

Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 16 | 6 PM
Online via Zoom
We look forward to engaging with our members at our Annual Membership Meeting. Given public health concerns this fall and winter, we will host the meeting virtually via Zoom. Please register at gaimn.org/AnnualMeeting.
**WINTER SESSION**

**WINTER LANGUAGE SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 10**
Registration opens November 15
You can hole up in your residence and take German classes this winter! No travel through chilly streets—just the comfort of your home. For those hearty folks who like to get out of the house, we’re also offer select in-person classes. **Class selection and registration will be available beginning November 15 at gaimn.org.**

**STUDY IN GERMANY FOR ENGLISH SPEAKERS INFO SESSION**
Saturday, November 6 | 9–10:30 AM | Zoom
Germany’s universities are among the best in the world. From science and technology, to business and the humanities, German universities have a long history of providing the highest-quality education. What many students in the U.S. don’t know, however, is that there are exciting new opportunities to take advantage of this quality education through English-speaking programs in Germany. Study options range from full degree programs to a semester abroad at both graduate and undergraduate levels—with no German language skills required on application.

The GAI invites high school students, college and university students, and their families to a virtual information session with four participating German universities on Saturday, November 6, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The event is free but pre-registration is required. **Registration and details at gaimn.org/germany-study-event.**

**KINDERSTUBE GERMAN@HOME WINTER SESSION**
Registration now open
Kinderstube German@home is an online, self-paced German language program offering fun activities for kid and caregivers to do together. We are enrolling new students for the winter semester starting January 17. Sign up today at gaimn.org/preschoolathome.

**AROUND THE HAUS**

**Haus & Grounds Fall Clean-Up**
November is fall clean-up time and we’ll need all hands on deck! Work begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 13 and ends around noon with lunch and beer. We will finish cleaning out the flower beds, raking leaves, and putting everything away for the winter. New members are always welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org.
Step by step, the flow of our daily lives includes more of the people and places we hold dear. Here at the Haus, we have welcomed new students, met many new and old friends at Deutsche Tage and St. Paul Oktoberfest, and look forward to new seasons of connection.

We hope you will be able to help us reach our $100,000 Annual Fund goal and ensure that our treasured programs, classes, and community services continue to grow and thrive.

Watch for your Annual Fund letter in the mail or donate online today at gaimn.org/AnnualFund