



***Lasst uns gehen mit frischem Mute in das neue Jahr hinein!
Alt soll unsre Lieb und Treue, neu soll unsre Hoffnung sein.***

Let's go into the new year with a fresh heart! Our love and loyalty should be old, our hope should be new." —Hoffmann von Fallersleben

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:

Improve your brain with GAI language classes

Learning a second language can have many benefits:

- Enhanced problem solving skills
- Improved verbal and spatial abilities
- Improved long and short-term memory
- Enhanced creative thinking capacity
- More flexible and creative thinking

Join our community of language learners and gain insights into Germanic culture through the German language. Online and in-person classes offer options to fit your schedule. Spice up your winter and sign up today!

We have options for all levels and interests—from classes and workshops for children and teens, week-long summer language camps, and a wide range of classes for adults. Take our language assessment or if you are new to German, begin with our Start 1-2-3 classes.

More information at gaimn.org/language



EVENTS

JANUARY 1
Frohes neues Jahr!

JANUARY 3
GAI reopens

JANUARY 31
Transatlantic Connections Exhibit closes

FEBRUARY 10
Kinoabend at Trylon Theater

MARCH 10
Member Night

MARCH 27
German Night at Minnesota Wild

LEARN GERMAN

ADULTS

Winter classes begin January 10

KIDS AND TEENS

Kinderstube German@home spring semester begins January 17

Samstagsschule resumes February 5



Stammtisch Curbside

Tuesday, January 18

On the menu for January: Paprika Schnitzel with cream sauce, noodles, mixed vegetables, and carrot cake for dessert. 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, January 14. \$13 includes your meal and dessert.

Supporting our Connections



Scenes from the Holiday Open Haus, held on December 4 and 5, include St. Nikolaus (AKA Ron Okenfuss), families staying warm around the fire pit, food and beverage tents on the snowy grounds, and model train fans in the ballroom.

ANNUAL FUND 2022

As we start 2022, we cannot help but reflect and be thankful for the year we have shared together. Through all the tumult and strife, our community has remained strong and joyous.

A significant theme for us this year and our 2022 Annual Fund is "connections." It was the topic of our latest exhibit (*Transatlantic Connections: The German-American Partnership*) and the way we sought to connect with you through our programs such as Deutsche Tage, Oktoberfest, Holiday Open Haus, and our online and virtual language classes.

Our Annual Fund campaign makes these connections possible year-round. And we are over halfway towards our campaign goal of \$100,000! If you have not had the opportunity to make a donation yet, please consider making a donation by our annual fund deadline of January 31, 2022. *Vielen Dank!*

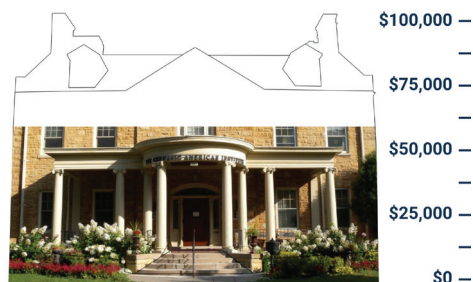
How to donate

You can donate to the Annual Fund online at gaimn.org/AnnualFund or mail your contribution to the GAI.

Employer Matching Gifts

Many companies and organizations offer matching programs—3M offers matching for employees and retirees. Check with your employer this year and double your impact!

Progress toward our goal



What is the GAI Legacy Society?

GAI Legacy Society members donate or pledge a minimum of \$5,000, or have remembered the GAI in their estate plan. Donors may choose to allocate their gift to specific funds, including Haus & Grounds, Education, Operation and Cultural Programming, and Endowment.

For more information about the GAI Legacy Society, please contact Olivia Felland at ofelland@gaimn.org or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Kinoabend at Trylon Cinema Thursday, February 10 | 7 PM

Hello Again—Ein Tag Für Immer, a German rom-com from 2020, will be screened at the Trylon Cinema just in time for Valentine's Day! Billed as *Groundhog Day* meets *My Best Friend's Wedding*, Zazie is trying to keep her best friend from childhood, Philipp, from making the biggest mistake of his life. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 members) at gaimn.org/kino.



German Night at Minnesota Wild Sunday, March 27 | 5 PM

Spielen wir Eishockey! Cheer on Minnesota's hockey team, including German player Niko Sturm, for a special event with GAI members and friends. This event will include a pre-game happy hour and photo on the ice—details to come soon at gaimn.org.



POSTPONED

Austrian Alps Ski Getaway

Because of COVID-19 concerns, the Austrian ski trip with Defined Destinations has been postponed.



JUMP START YOUR LANGUAGE LEARNING WITH OUR START 1-2-3 BEGINNER CLASSES

Learn the basics of communicating in German—from *Guten Morgen* to *ein Bier, bitte*. Class emphasis is on speaking, in a casual, fun, and supportive environment. Winter session classes begin the week of January 10, 2022.

More information and registration at gaimn.org/start

SAMSTAGSSCHULE WINTER SESSION

Samstagsschule (Saturday School) is school that's fun! Kids are immersed in the German language while participating in activities such as singing, crafts, games, and physical motion, along with age-appropriate language lessons. We offer beginning to advanced levels for all ages and classes are offered online and in person. *Sign up today at gaimn.org/samstagsschule*



KINDERSTUBE GERMAN@HOME WINTER SESSION

A new Kinderstube German@home cohort begins January 17, 2022! Parents or caregivers of preschool-age children (ages 3 to 6) will receive weekly content updates with four German language activities that they can do throughout the week or on the weekend with their children. *Register 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.

AROUND THE HAUS

Haus & Grounds

Haus & Grounds will hold our regularly scheduled monthly work session on Saturday January 8, beginning at 9 a.m. and working until noon. We will focus on routine maintenance and repairs. For information on this event and our weekly Thursday work sessions, please contact, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org.



Get to know the new TCGIS executive director

Meet Dr. Kirsten M. Christensen, the new Twin Cities German Immersion School's executive director. With almost seven month in her new roll, we'll learn about her impressions and plans for the future. Listen to the interview at gaimn.org/podcast



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January Member Deal

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

**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