As many of our community members know, the GAI’s Annual Fund is essential to running our nonprofit’s programs and classes throughout the year. And once again, our members and supporters have helped us raise crucial funds during this year’s annual fund season. Vielen Dank to the hundreds of donors who contributed this year! Your gift goes directly to supporting pivotal programs such as the GAI’s new study abroad and apprenticeship resources, educational programming for teens, and expanding our virtual and onsite cultural programs.

We are thrilled to look ahead to a bright new year of connections with our community. Our team is excitedly working on Membership Appreciation Month coming up in March 2022, which will include fun social media giveaways, an in-person member get-together, and culminate in an exciting game with the Minnesota Wild on March 27. Stay tuned for more information next month! And after an unforgettable Christmas Dinner and Holiday Open Haus, we are looking forward to bringing back some of our treasured cultural programs in the spring and summer.

Thank you again for your support and helping the GAI thrive in 2021!

Stammtisch Curbside
Tuesday, February 15
On the menu for February: 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, February 11. $13 includes your meal and dessert.
Ein Rezept von Helga Parnell

A hearty German Eintopf (one-pot meal or stew) is just the meal to warm you on a February evening. This recipe can be prepared with a variety of meats or replace the meat with cooked beans for a vegetarian meal.

**German Eintopf**

1 tablespoon margarine  
1 medium onion, peeled and chopped  
4 tablespoons fresh Suppengrün*  
1 pound meat (beef, lamb**, or chicken***), cut into bite-size pieces  
2 to 2 ¹⁄₄ cups water  
2 medium potatoes  
2 pounds vegetables (any combination of cabbage, carrots, and green beans)  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1 medium tomato  
2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley

1. In a large pot, melt margarine over medium-high heat. Add onion and soup greens and sauté until onion is transparent.
2. Add meat and brown lightly, 10 to 15 minutes.
3. Cover pan, reduce heat to medium-low, and cook until meat is tender, about 15 minutes for chicken and about 45 minutes for beef or lamb.
4. Peel potatoes and carrots and cut into bite-sized pieces. Cut remaining vegetables into bite-size pieces.
5. Add 2 cups water, salt, pepper, tomato, potatoes, and remaining vegetables. Cover and simmer over low heat for about 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
6. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

* Suppengrün (soup greens) is a combination of minced carrots, celeriac, leeks, and parsley. It’s the German version of mirepoix, a flavor base for soups and stews.
** For lamb, use shank or shoulder
*** For chicken, use either white or dark meat

Kinoabend at Trylon Cinema  
Thursday, February 17 | 7 PM  
Hello Again—Ein Tag Für Immer, a German rom-com from 2020, has been rescheduled to February 17. 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.

SAVE THE DATE  
Member Night at Utepils Brewing  
Thursday, March 10  
Happy Hour 5–6:30 PM | Trivia 6:30–8 PM  
Enjoy trivia, prizes, and discounts on beer!  
Register at gaimn.org/membernight

German Night at Minnesota Wild  
Sunday, March 27 | 2 PM—pregame activities | 5 PM puck drops  
Eishockey spielen! Cheer on Minnesota’s hockey team, including German player Nico Sturm, for a special event with GAI members and friends. The event will include a pre-game happy hour and photo on the ice! More info at gaimn.org/hockey
SAMSTAGSSCHULE WINTER SESSION BEGINS FEBRUARY 5!
Online classes begin February 5 | In-person classes will be postponed to February 12
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. There's still time to sign up at gaimn.org/samstagsschule

FAIRY TALES SHORT COURSE: ES WAR EINMAL...ONCE UPON A TIME
Fairy tales are a part of our growing up. In this course, students will read and listen to all sorts of fairy tales and discuss the variety of typical fairy tale characters and tropes. We will dissect why these stories are so important for children and adults alike and talk about our favorite stories. For level B1 and above. 4 Tuesdays beginning February 8 | 6:30–8 PM Register at gaimn.org/fairytales

SUMMER CAMPS REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 7
Kids will have the run of the GAI Haus and grounds this summer, exploring interactive themes while learning German. Beginners to bilingual campers are welcome at GAI’s summer camps. The week-long camps will run from June 20 through August 12. More info at gaimn.org/camps

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS: KINDERSTUBE TEACHERS
If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, enjoy creating relationships with families, love German culture and value being part of an amazing teaching team, we would love to have you join our Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool team!
• Full-time, part-time, and substitute teaching positions are open
• Candidates should possess near native fluency as a German speaker and have experience working with young children, preferably 3 to 5 years olds
• Post-high school education preferred
More information at gaimn.org/employment

AROUND THE HAUS
Haus & Grounds February work sessions canceled
Haus & Grounds will continue to work only on a limited basis in February. We will not hold regularly scheduled work sessions but we hope to return to our regular schedule in March. For more information or to receive the weekly Haus & Grounds email update, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org.
2022 COLOGNE KARNEVAL LIVES UP TO IT'S SLOGAN: "EVERYTHING HAS ITS TIME"

It will be another subdued "fifth season" in Cologne and the rest of Germany as COVID-19 again puts a damper on Karneval celebrations.

You may hear a few shouts of "Kölle Alaaf!" but the Rosenmontagszug (Rose Monday parade), planned for February 28, was canceled in December. In Düsseldorf, the parade has been moved to May 29.

Fans of Karneval can drown their sorrows in a Kölsch, the official beer of Cologne, or some Fastnachtskrapfen (jelly donuts), and put their sights on next year!

February Member Special

Save $5 dollars on admission to our Kinoabend at the Trylon Theater on February 17. Bring a special-someone to see Hello Again—Ein Tag Für Immer, a German rom-com from 2020, for only $5! Tickets at gaimn.org/kino

BOARD ELECTIONS

Members will be receiving their paper ballots in the mail early February. Ballots may be returned by mail (postmarked February 28) or dropped off at the GAI by February 28, 2022.