



*Enjoy
spring
language
classes
with us*

Spring classes begin April 11

Have you tried our German classes? If you are a beginner, our Start 1-2-3 series will put you on the road to basic communication. If you know some German but would like to take it to the next level, we also offer intermediate and advanced language and culture classes. It's never too early or too late to start learning a language! Contact Language Services at 651.222.7027 or view our class schedule at gaimn.org.

Willkommen, NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



Matthias Hinrichs



Jasmin Quiggle



Aaron Verdell Call

We're excited to welcome our three new board members and returning members and officers. For our five outgoing board members, it's not good bye, but *auf Wiedersehen* and *bis bald*! Thank you for your years of service to the GAI.

New Board Members

Matthias Hinrichs
Jasmin Quiggle
Aaron Verdell Call

Outgoing Board Members

Ryan Doubet
Ines Davis
Ron Gerdes
Jeff Jones
Dustin Massie

Returning Board Members

Danika Hoffmann, *Chair*
Gary Shipp, *Vice Chair*
Carla Passon, *Secretary*
Scott Bentrup, *Treasurer*
Andrea Bork
Miles Eakins
Carrie Hess
Laurence Resezetar

EVENTS

APRIL 9
Haus & Grounds

APRIL 12
Stammtisch Curbside

APRIL 15
Karfreitagsgottesdienst

APRIL 30
Pork & Kraut Curbside

JUNE 11+12
Deutsche Tage

LEARN GERMAN

ADULTS

Spring session begins April 11

KIDS AND TEENS

Summer Camp registration is open

GAI GRUPPEN

APRIL 18
GAI Damenklub

APRIL 19
Deutscher Sprachklub

Introducing the GAI Blog

We'll delve deeper into current topics and seasonal themes

Our first GAI Blog post marks International Women's Day and it's theme, #BreakTheBias. Learn about eight influential German women who have made an impact on Germany and the world. One

important woman was Clara Zetkin, who, among other things, proposed an annual "special Women's Day." Also, read about Germany's foreign policy related to Ukraine. Find it at gaimn.org/blog/!



Going Green

Electronic Membership Cards

Starting the month of April, our team is implementing some new changes to the GAI membership program to save resources and do our part for the environment!

Electronic memberships: We will be eliminating membership cards and instead provide proof of membership through email or letter acknowledgment. Members can use this confirmation as proof of membership for upcoming membership deals.

Email confirmations: Those who purchase memberships online will receive an email acknowledgment. Memberships purchased by phone or mail will still receive a mailed acknowledgment.

Email renewal reminders: In an effort to be green, we will send email renewal reminders to members instead of by mail. Members who choose to renew by phone or mail will still receive a mailed renewal reminder.

Holocaust Remembrance

This year, January 27 marked International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day to remember the six million Jews and five million others who perished in the Holocaust. The United States also commemorates the Holocaust for a week in April. In the U.S., Days of Remembrance begins the Sunday before Yom Hashoah, the Jewish Holocaust Remembrance Day, which this year begins at sunset on April 27 and goes through nightfall on April 28. Observances can range from formal ceremonies and vigils to Holocaust educational programs including lectures and film screenings. Holocaust remembrance is important to our community and the values of the GAI.

A few years ago, the GAI Board of Directors affirmed our commitment to social responsibility, declaring "The GAI will provide education on the full spectrum of Germany's complex and difficult past and offer a venue for respectful reflection and healing." The world must never forget the atrocities of the Holocaust and we remain vigilant in the rising tide of Holocaust fatigue and denial. Germany remains one of the most credible warning voices, to warn humanity of what can happen when fear, hatred, and xenophobia are allowed to take root in society. In today's disheartening geopolitical turmoil, it seems the world needs to hear this reminder more.

This month, we invite our community to revisit and reflect on recent programming dedicated to Holocaust remembrance, which has included:

- **Virtual Talk with Susan Neiman**, author of *Learning from the Germans*, about what Americans can learn from German "working off of the past."
<https://youtu.be/CJp83vltwpc>
- **Hier & There podcast interview with Professor Fred Amram** about surviving the Holocaust, the meaning of reconciliation, forgiveness, and more.
www.gaimn.org/podcast/s1ex1/
- **Hier & There podcast interview with MPR's Mindy Ratner** about her MPR program, *The Kaddish—Reflections on the Holocaust in Music and Words*.
Part 1: www.gaimn.org/podcast/s2ex2/
Part 2: www.gaimn.org/podcast/s2ex3/

Monthly Giving Gruppe



Help the GAI Thrive

You can show your support year-round and ensure that our cultural institute has sustainable, dependable revenue for operations by committing to make a monthly gift to the GAI.

Join the GAI Monthly Giving Gruppe with a sustaining gift of \$10 or the amount that's right for you today.

Each month, your gift will automatically be billed to your credit card.

To start monthly giving, sign up at gaimn.org/monthlygiving. Questions? Contact development@gaimn.org or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.

PARTNER EVENT



Karfreitagsgottesdienst

Friday, April 15 | 10 to 11 AM

This annual service at St. Paul's United Church of Christ will be in German, presenting in word and music, *Die Sieben Letzten Worte Jesu Christi am Kreuz*. Held in person and live streamed, the service will also be available online after Good Friday. Go to spuconsummit.org



SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURES FOR KIDS

Your child or grandchild can have their *Sommer Abenteuer* (Summer Adventure) through themes such as Kindergarten Safari, Science in the Kitchen, and *Umweltworkshop* for teens. With options for ages 5 to 18, we welcome German beginners to bilingual campers! Held in the GAI Haus and on the grounds, our week-long camps will run from June 20 through August 12. *Find the full camp list and registration at gaimn.org/camps.*

KINDERSTUBE FALL ENROLLMENT

Did you know the Kinderstube has two locations, one at the GAI in St. Paul and one in South Minneapolis? New enrollments are being accepted for fall and we especially have opens at our Minneapolis location.

We pride ourselves in providing a small classroom environment with a stimulating, caring, and exciting immersion preschool experience that will foster the love of another language and its culture in your child. Our trained and experienced teachers speak German as their native language or have obtained native fluency in German as a second language.

Our attending students come from diverse backgrounds and German language skills are not required for enrollment. Find more information at kinderstubepreschool.org or contact Babett Larimer at blarimer@gaimn.org or 651.353.5147.



AROUND THE HAUS

Haus & Grounds April work session

The next Haus & Grounds work session is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, beginning at 9 a.m. and working until noon, followed by lunch and beer! If you would like to volunteer or for more information on helping with gardening and maintenance, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.

Save the Date: Spring Clean-up

Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to noon, is Haus & Grounds Spring Clean-up day! We always need extra hands to clean out the flower beds, rake, prune, and prep the grounds for our summer event. Contact Jim Gruetzman with questions!

We're hiring
Wir stellen ein

Development and Engagement Intern

This paid position is perfect for college students who have an interest in nonprofit development, communications, and social media. The position is approximately 10 hours a week for 12 weeks, with flexible start and end dates. Apply by April 15. For the full position description, visit gaimn.org/employment.



World Events and Grammar

Günther presents an overview of actions and involvement by the D-A-CH (Germany-Austria-Switzerland) countries to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Then, Executive Director Jeana Anderson shares her love of the German language and answers questions from Günther and Audra. Listen at gaimn.org/podcast.



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Pork & Kraut Curbside

Feed your Pork & Kraut cravings with our annual dinner, again available for curbside pick up. Prepared in-Haus, your meal will include a smoked pork chop, Helga's secret recipe sauerkraut, sweet and sour green beans, potatoes, *Apfelstreuselkuchen*, and a can of Paulaner beer! Order ahead, then pick up your Pork & Kraut dinner at the GAI Haus and warm up at home. We can't wait to see members and friends stop by the Haus to continue this well-loved tradition. *Guten Appetit!*

Saturday, April 30 | Pick up from 1–3 p.m.

\$25 | \$20 members | \$7 for family-sized portion of additional sauerkraut

Buy tickets by April 24 at gaimn.org/pork or call the office at 651.222.7027

UPCOMING EVENT

Stammtisch Curbside

Tuesday, April 12

The April menu includes *Hähnchen Jägerart* (chicken thighs "hunter" style) with rice and 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, April 8**. \$13 includes your meal and dessert.

