



The GAI has launched the **Communities for Ukraine** campaign to support refugees who have fled to our adopted "sister cities" of Plonsk, Poland and Zell, Germany. Together with many partners in our community, **we hope to raise** \$20,000 by May 21 to provide critical aid for housing and immediate economic support. There are now more than 300 refugees in Zell and nearby villages, with more arriving daily. Funds will go directly to the town of Zell to help them house more refugees. Donations are accepted in person, by mail, or at gaimn.org/ukraine.

# Join us at the GAI for a community gathering in support of Ukrainian refugees

Saturday, May 21 | 5–7 PM GAI Grounds | 301 Summit Avenue, St. Paul (in the GAI Haus in case of rain)

We invite our Communities for Ukraine partners and donors to join us for a gathering of support and thanks. Speaking at the event will be Danika Hoffmann, board chair of the GAI, Luda Anastazievsky, Ukrainian American Community Center, Mark Ritchie, Global Minnesota, and by video message from Chicago, Consul General Wolfgang Mössinger.

Guests will receive a food and beverage ticket redeemable for a Paulaner beer or other beverage, Kramarczuks' bratwurst, and a variety of German and Ukrainian side dishes and desserts. Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a video message to the Ukrainians living in Zell and write cards of support.

RSVP details will be provided to donors after a donation is made. Additional funds collected onsite at the gathering will go to the Ukrainian American Community Center to support their work for Ukraine. Please contact the office at 651.222.7027 if you have questions.

"Many Ukrainians were forced to leave home suddenly, walking long distances, bringing only what they could carry. When we learned our friends in Zell were welcoming refugees into their community, we knew we had to help."

Danika Hoffmann, GAI Board Chair



#### **EVENTS**

MAY 7 KinderKino

MAY 10 Stammtisch Curbside

MAY 14 Haus & Grounds Spring Clean-up

MAY 21 Ukraine Community Gathering

JUNE 11+12 Deutsche Tage

#### LEARN GERMAN

ADULTS
Summer session begins July 18
KIDS AND TEENS
Summer Camp registration is open

### **GAI GRUPPEN**

MAY 16 GAI Damenklub

MAY 18 Deutscher Sprachklub

# Stammtisch Curbside

Tuesday, May 10

Das Menü: chicken Schnitzel with German potato salad, carrot salad and coleslaw plus dessert.

Note that the new pickup time is noon. Reservations are required—please call Casey at 651.222.7027 by 3 p.m. on Friday, May 6. \$13 includes your meal and dessert.





#### Save the Date!

### Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12

Everyone's favorite German cultural event returns to the GAI grounds on June 11 and 12. Along with the required German beer, brats, and polka, look for special programming related to our theme, *Fairy Tales: Medieval to Modern. Tracht* (German folk wear) or fairy tale attire is encouraged! *Find more details at gaimn.org/DT.* 

#### Volunteers needed

Sign up to volunteer and get free beer! Many volunteers are needed to help Deutsche Tage run smoothly.

Find more information about volunteer opportunities at gaimn.org/DT or email volunteer@gaimn.org.

# Become a Deutsche Tage sponsor

See back page.



### KinderKino at Trylon Cinema

### Saturday, May 7 | 3-5:30 PM

Quatsch und die Nasenbärbande (Fiddlesticks) (2014) is about the average village of Bollersville. A town so average, in fact, that it is the perfect place for consumer research. The adults of Bollersville are proud of being average and enjoy trying new products before they hit the market, so much so that they do everything to remain average, including putting all the grandparents into an old folks home to keep their statistical average! The kids take matters into their own hands to avoid the same fate as their parents. Rieke, Max, Lene, Paul, Suse and Ben, team up with a Nasenbär (coati), named Quatsch, to set a world record and prove that their town is anything but average! 82 minutes long. In German with English subtitles. Recommended for ages 4 to 9. \$8.

Buy tickets at gaimn.org to guarantee your seat or at the door at Trylon Cinema.

### Musik im Mai Member Special

Bach's B Minor Mass Saturday, May 14 | 7:30 PM Ordway Theater

For the month of May, GAI members can get a discount for the Bach Society of Minnesota's May concert, "At the Summit: B Minor Mass," on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ordway. Visit their website for info and tickets at

bachsocietymn.org and use code "Bach30" for \$5 off your tickets, with a maximum discount of \$30.

For updates on our membership deals every month, check out the membership page on our website.

### **Springtime is SingTime!**

### Minnesänger Choir Rehersals Thursdays | 7–9 PM

The Minnesota Minnesänger are back to rehearsals in the GAI Ratskeller. The friendliest choir in town will welcome you whether you've had little experience or lots. We sing German folksongs, popular songs, and music by the masters. We have about 24 singers from high-school age to retirees, mostly amateurs, and everyone is committed to musical Gemütlichkeit. We've got your music, and we're saving you a place!

Contact John Hoffacker at johnhoffacker@gmail.com or 612.850.9208



### **GAI GERMAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**



### SUMMER CAMPS ARE FILLING FAST

Kids won't want to miss out on fun summer camps such as Science with Water, *Robotik*, and *Wir machen Theater*. For our youngest learners, we offer German for Kids through Song and Kindergarten Safari. 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

Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool is enrolling for fall at its Minneapolis location. Through daily play, music education, art and science exploration, as well as outdoor play time, Kinderstube students are exposed to all the concepts of early childhood education—while learning German! No language experience from the child or family is needed. Learn more about 2022–2023 enrollment at kinderstubepreschool.org or contact Babett Larimer at blarimer@gaimn.org or 651.353.5147.

# GAI Blog

In celebration of Earth Day, the latest post on the GAI blog focuses on Germany and what it's doing to reduce its carbon footprint. By using the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework for climate targets, Germany has created ambitious goals for the next ten years or so. Read about the country's plans for the future and the progress being made at gaimn.org/blog.







### **AROUND THE HAUS**



## Spring Clean-up Day

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 events. Contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.



Language Teachers
Part-time (1-2 classes)
Teach adult language classes
in person at the GAI. Contact
language@gaimn.org or call the
GAI office at 651.222.7027.



Coming to Amerika revisited Günther and Audra talk to four German students from the University of St. Thomas about the Coming to Amerika exhibit they participated in when they were freshmen. The soon-to-be graduates share their experiences about being a German major, their post-graduation plans and why they think German is a worthwhile language to learn. Listen at gaimn.org/podcast.



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Will you be our Gute Fee (fairy godmother or godfather)? You can make our dreams come true by supporting Deutsche Tage 2022 with a personal sponsorship!

Personal sponsors receive special gifts and recognition plus an alcohol wristband and two free drinks at Deutsche Tage, June 11 and 12. Sponsorship is \$80 per person. You may mail a check or pay securely online at gaimn.org/DTVIP. Herzlichen Dank im voraus.