Gratitude and thanks all around—
Fundraising for Ukraine exceeds expectations

The outpouring of support from the GAI community has been impressive! We more than doubled our goal of $20,000, ending with a total of almost $50,000! The donations have already been used to buy appliances and stock food shelves, with weekly updates coming from the Bürgermeister’s office in Zell. A note from Rosemarie Mandernach about the food shelf is one of many expressions of thanks from Zell:

“We took care of more than 100 Ukrainian people, young ladies with children, old people, families with 5 or 6 members. All of them are very grateful. We are very proud to do this kind of work [and] we are grateful [to you] too.”

Look for more updates from Zell over the summer.

An excerpt from a touching letter thanking Bürgermeister Döpgen and Zell for providing a washing machine, written in German by Ksenia, a mom of two boys. Read the full letter at gaimn.org/blog.
Deutsche Tage royalty: our volunteers

Our amazing volunteers filled 104 volunteer shifts and at least 312 hours for Deutsche Tage and we can not thank them enough. Twenty seven kegs and countless bottles of wine and cans of pop later, volunteers are the ones that make our events possible.

From long-time volunteers, Manfred and Sieglinde Wormuth, who have been working in the GAI kitchen for Deutsche Tage since the 1960s, to first-timers such as Randy Dorn, it’s incredible what we can achieve when we work together.

Here’s what first-time volunteer Randy had to say after Deutsche Tage:

“Thank you! To the staff and volunteers of the GAI—you made my first time volunteering at the GAI a great time. I hope to work with you all again.”

Want to join the fun and volunteer, too? We would love to have you! Sign up to be on our volunteers e-mail list at gaimn.org/volunteer.

UPCOMING EVENT

July Grillabend (Grill Evening)
Thursday, July 28 | 5–9 PM

You asked for the return of the Grillabend—a relaxing evening of eating and drinking on the GAI lawn. We’ll set up the Biergarten tables, provide some acoustic music for “Stimmung”, and grill up a sausage-lover’s and a vegetarian dinner option. Food purchase is not required to attend—stop by for just a beer and some good company. Beers are $5, $3 for members. Dinner tickets must be purchased by July 22 at gaimn.org/grill or call the office at 651.222.7027.
Summer session begins July 11
Improve your comprehension and conversation skills this summer and work towards fluency during our 6-week sessions, offered for levels A1-B2/C1. The summer Buchclub class features the book, Die unendliche Geschichte, by Michael Ende for levels A2/B1. If you would like to revisit some grammar topics, join us for Cases, articles, word order, oh my!, a 4-week class at A2 level. Register at gaimn.org.

Summer camps are filling fast!
Don’t miss out on fun summer camps such as Butterfly Squad, Robotik, and Wir machen Theater. For our youngest learners, we offer German for Kids through Song and Kindergarten Safari. German beginners to bilingual campers are welcome! For ages 5 to 18. Register at gaimn.org.

TEEN INTENSIV: Umweltworkshop (Environmental Workshop)
This advanced course is for teens with at least an A2 level of German. Current TCGIS 7th and 8th graders and graduates of TCGIS are especially encouraged to enroll. Register at gaimn.org.

AROUND THE HAUS

Haus & Grounds July work session
Thank you, Haus & Grounds crew, for your hard work at Deutsche Tage!

The next Haus & Grounds Saturday work session is July 9. Work sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon with 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.
Saturday **Kaffee und Kuchen**
June 18–July 30 | 9:30 AM–2 PM
A favorite summer tradition returns on Saturdays in July from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by the Haus for coffee and a piece (or two) of home-made German cake or torte. This GAI Damen fundraiser is the best way to start your weekend. And our extended hours work for early risers and those who like to sleep in. Priced à la carte. See you on the porch!

**Partner Event: Volksmarsch**
Tuesday, July 26 | 9:45 AM
Twin Cities Volkssports, a local walking group, invites you to join them in a 5 kilometer Volksmarsch (group walk) to the State Capital. Put on your walking shoes and meet at the GAI Haus at 9:45 a.m. for Apfelsaft and rolls prior to the walk. There is no cost, but please register with the GAI office at 651.222.7027 so that Twin Cities Volkssport knows how many people will be coming.