



**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.

Ich möchte Ihnen dafür danken, dass Sie ukrainischen Familien geholfen haben, die wegen des Krieges ihre Häuser verlassen mussten. Es war eine schwierige Zeit für mich und meine beiden Söhne 5 und 7 Jahre alt. Es schien mir, als wäre mein heben für immer zerstört. Seine Reste passen in zwei Taschen und zwei kleine Hände meiner Kinder. Ich wusste nicht, wie ich damit leben sollte. Aber jetzt ist mein heben dank sehr netter Menschen in dieser schönen Stadt wieder bunt geworden.

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.



EVENTS

JULY 2–30
Kaffee und Kuchen

JULY 12
Stammtisch Curbside

JULY 26
Volksmarsch

JULY 28
Grillabend

LEARN GERMAN

ADULTS

Summer session begins July 11

KIDS AND TEENS

Summer Camps in session

Teen Intensiv begins July 18

GAI GRUPPEN

JULY 18
GAI Damenklub

JULY 20
Deutscher Sprachklub



Stammtisch Curbside

Tuesday, July 12 | noon

Our July menu: Pork Schnitzel "Pikant" with Spätzle, broccoli and cauliflower, and blueberry dessert with lemon sauce. Pick up your meal at noon and take it home or stay and eat on the patio. Call the office at 651.222.7027 to RSVP by 3 p.m. on Friday, July 8. \$13 for lunch and dessert.

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.

LANGUAGE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

We're hiring
Wir stellen ein

Director of Development

The GAI is seeking a Director of Development to create and lead all donor-based fundraising initiatives in a strong partnership with the Executive Director and the Board of Directors. Find more information at gaimn.org/employment

Preschool Teachers

Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool is looking for full-time and part-time preschool teachers at our Minneapolis and St. Paul locations. Find more information at gaimn.org/employment



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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.