

## THE EDUCATION ISSUE

### Learn German with us!

The GAI has an award-winning language program and for good reason! We offer learning opportunities for all levels from preschoolers, school age children and teens, to adults of all ages!

#### Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool

Start them when they are young—children learn easily when immersed in a new language and graduate to kindergarten with a solid base in German.

#### Samstagsschule for Kids and Teens

Our Saturday classes emphasize the natural acquisition of language in a fun and interactive environment.

#### Summer Camps

Kids can explore a variety of themes such as cooking, science, mystery, and art, while learning German at our week-long summer day camps.

#### Special Programs for Teens

It's hard to please teens, but our Mystery Abend, Swiss Night, and Escape Room adventures were all a big hit.

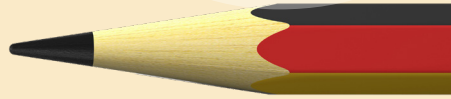
#### Classes for Adults

From the Start 1-2-3 series for beginners to culture classes for advanced learners, our 12-week sessions will put you on the road to learning German!

#### Special Programs for Adults

Check out our *Nordische Gemütlichkeit* immersion weekend, German for Lunch grammar and conversation review short courses, and German for Travelers classes.

Learn more at [gaimn.org/language](http://gaimn.org/language) or see page 3 of this newsletter.



## EVENTS

JANUARY 26

Kinoabend at Trylon Cinema

JANUARY 27 + 28

Immersion Weekend: *Nordische Gemütlichkeit*

## LEARN GERMAN

### Adults

Winter session classes begin January 9

### Kids and Teens

Samstagsschule winter classes begin January 14

## GAI GRUPPEN

JANUARY 16

GAI Damenklub

JANUARY 17

No Deutscher Sprachklub this month

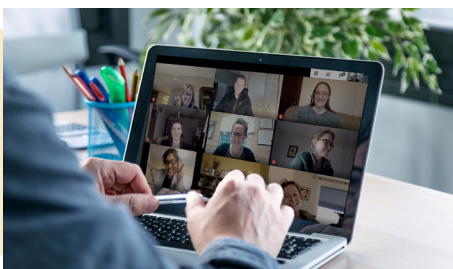


## January Stammtisch

Tuesday, January 10 | 11:30—noon

*Das Menü:* Sausage plate with three different sausages, sauerkraut, pureed peas, *Ukrainische Spätzle* (button-sized *Spätzle* sautéed in bacon and mushrooms), and dessert.

Pick up your meal between 11:30 and noon. Please call the office at 651.222.7027 or e-mail [office@gaimn.org](mailto:office@gaimn.org) to RSVP by 3 p.m. on Friday, January 6. \$13 for lunch and dessert.



## ANNUAL FUND 2023

### Support the GAI for a bright future in 2023

This past year at the Germanic-American Institute has been one filled with many milestones, but also a few challenges. It was a year to remember for many reasons.

We celebrated a full return to our in-person events and our friends, family, and neighbors joined us in record numbers. It was clear that generations young and old—from bright-eyed children in our Kinderstube, to young families and grandparents reconnecting with their roots—were all here to celebrate and reconnect with Germanic culture.

Each event, from **Kaffee und Kuchen** to **Deutsche Tage, St. Paul Oktoberfest**, our first ever **German Film Festival**, and **Christmas in Germany** were heartwarming, celebratory, and reassuring that the GAI is headed into a bright future.

Events large and small help us reach our financial goals every year, but so much of our work depends on support from you, our generous donors. This year, as we rebuild in the wake of pandemic-related shortfalls, we look to you, our community of supporters, to help us reach a successful end to our Annual Fund campaign.

To donate to our Annual Fund campaign, visit [gaimn.org/donate](https://gaimn.org/donate) or mail a check to: 301 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102

**Vielen Dank** for your support, now and always!

### IN MEMORIAM

Ron Machel, friend of many at the GAI and an accomplished accordionist who frequently played at GAI events, passed away on Dec. 16.

Jeana Anderson, GAI Executive Director says, *"I am so deeply saddened to learn of Ron's passing. He has been part of the GAI family for decades, always ready to bring joy through music and laughter. His spirit was nothing but gentle, kind, and loving. He will be dearly missed."*

Find more information at [mcnearneyfuneralhome.com](https://mcnearneyfuneralhome.com)



### UPCOMING EVENTS



### FILM *Ivie wie Ivie*

**German Film at the Trylon Cinema**  
Thursday, January 26 | 7–9 PM

Join us at Trylon Cinema for the German film from 2021, *Ivie wie Ivie*.

Two Afro-German half-sisters that never met before, get closer through their father's death, search their roots and find themselves.

Want to grab drink before the movie? Arbeiter Brewing, just down the street, is reserving their mezzanine for Filmabend attendees from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Advance tickets \$8 | day of tickets \$10**  
[gaimn.org/kinoabend-ivie](https://gaimn.org/kinoabend-ivie)



### Grapes to Glass: An Introduction to German Wines

Friday, February 17 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn about the 13 German wine regions and sample some of their wines! This first in a series of classes is taught by German wine ambassador Amy Waller, a sommelier and member of Les Dames d'Escoffier Minnesota.

**\$60/\$50 for members**  
Register at [gaimn.org/wine](https://gaimn.org/wine)





## Special classes for 2023!

### German for Lunch

Sample our new short courses held over the lunch hour. These 4-week-long mini-sessions are for students who would like extra practice with grammar or conversation. Level A1.2 to A2.1 begins in January with higher levels in February and March.

#### German for Lunch: Grammar

4 Tuesdays, noon to 1 PM | Online via Zoom

#### German for Lunch: Conversation

4 Wednesdays, noon to 1 PM | Online via Zoom

[Learn more at gaimn.org/adults](https://gaimn.org/adults)

### German for Travelers

Are you getting ready for a trip to Germany or a German-speaking country? This class will prepare you for your trip and enhance your experience. You will acquire basic German language skills and learn about the culture and everyday life of Germany and German-speaking countries. In a fun and interactive way, you will get ready for typical travel situations like meeting people, shopping, making reservations, eating at a restaurant, or using public transportation.

4 Saturdays beginning March 4 | 9:30–11:30 AM | Online via Zoom

[Learn more at gaimn.org/adults](https://gaimn.org/adults)



## Samstagsschule for kids and teens

We gear our Saturday classes to the child's age and learning level, making sure all students are challenged and have fun! Samstagsschule classes incorporate singing, crafts, games, and physical motion along with lessons at an age-appropriate level. Classes begin on January 14 and meet weekly. [Register at gaimn.org/kids](https://gaimn.org/kids)

### Praise for our classes:

*"The language instructors that I have had at GAI are top-notch and excel at creating a friendly learning environment. I am more confident in my abilities and I have a better understanding of how the German language works because of their teaching. I've also been introduced to a wonderful community of German language learners, and for that I am grateful."*

— Matthew H.



### WE'RE HIRING

#### Preschool Teachers

Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool is looking for full-time and part-time preschool teachers. Find more information at [gaimn.org/employment](https://gaimn.org/employment).

### AROUND THE HAUS

#### Haus & Grounds January work session

Haus & Grounds will hold their regularly scheduled work session on Saturday, January 14, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon with lunch and beer! This month they will be working on routine maintenance and some interior painting. If you would like to volunteer or to get more information about helping maintain the GAI Haus and grounds, please contact Jim Gruetzman at [jgruetzman@gaimn.org](mailto:jgruetzman@gaimn.org) or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.



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### ***Nordische Gemütlichkeit: Immersionswochenende***

German speakers at the B1/B2 level are invited to join us for an immersion weekend filled with entertaining language sessions, food, and *Gemütlichkeit*. Learn about Northern Germany's culture and traditions and participate in a traditional *Ostfriesenteezeremonie*.

The weekend will be spent speaking and hearing German—beginning with a casual dinner and a workshop on *Brötchen* (German hard rolls) making. We'll bake and enjoy the *Brötchen* for breakfast the next morning, followed by language sessions, a project-based learning experience, a cultural presentation, and a traditional East Frisian tea ceremony. The day will end with some trivia fun. We'll convince you that *Norddeutschland* can indeed be *gemütlich*!

Friday, January 27 | 6–8:30 PM and Saturday, January 28 | 8 AM–5 PM  
LEARN MORE at [gaimn.org/immersion-weekend](http://gaimn.org/immersion-weekend)



### **Member Deals**

#### **Buy one, get one at Waldmann Brewery**

Through January 31, buy one half-liter of beer and get the other free at Waldmann Brewery and Wurstery. Enjoy German-style beers and German inspired food at their historic St. Paul building, built in 1857.

***Please present your GAI member card or email at purchase.***

***Offer only available once per member.***

#### **MN Opera Ordway Series**

Get a 35% discount on up to four tickets to the opera, *The Daughter of the Regiment*, at the Ordway Theater from February 4 through 12. Donizetti's romantic comedy mixes hilarious snafus with vocal pyrotechnics in this witty and heartwarming production. Sung in French with English captions projected above the stage.

***Learn more at [gaimn.org/membership](http://gaimn.org/membership)***

***Promo code: GAI35***