

Be our Valentine

February events offer delicious food and sweet music

February Stammtisch

Tuesday, February 14 | 11:30—noon

Eat at the Haus or pick up your meal for this special Valentine's Day Stammtisch. On the menu: *Kohlrouladen* (beef and pork stuffed cabbage rolls), rice, green beans, and *roter Samtkuchen* (red velvet cake).

Curbside: Pick-up between 11:30 a.m. and noon in the back parking lot. \$13

Dine-in: Meal begins at 12:15 p.m. \$17 (includes lunch, dessert, and one beverage)

A Valentine's Day themed program including romantic German traditions and songs will follow lunch.



NOTE: Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 7, to allow enough time for preparations.

E-mail office@gaimn.org or call 651.222.7027 to RSVP.



*Du meine Seele, du mein Herz,
Du meine Wonn', o du mein
Schmerz...*

*You my soul, you my heart,
You my rapture, O you my pain...*

From *Widmung (Dedication)*, a poem by Friedrich Rückert set to music by Robert Schumann.

Du mein Herz concert

Sunday, February 26 | 4–5:15 PM

Come to the GAI for an afternoon of love songs as Joshua Diaz, Victoria Erickson, Jimmy Finch, and Eryn Tvette serenade you, *auf Deutsch*, with art songs by a variety of classical composers. Accompanied by Emily Urban on the piano.

Held in the GAI third floor ballroom (not ADA accessible)

The concert will be 75 minutes with no intermission. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

\$10 members/\$15 nonmembers

Buy tickets at gaimn.org/concert, call the office at 651.222.7027, or at the door.

EVENTS

FEBRUARY 17
Grapes to Glass

FEBRUARY 26
Du mein Herz concert

MARCH 4
Spieleabend: CATAN

MARCH 5
Vienna Soiree concert

MARCH 11
Kulturküche: *Maultaschen*

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German for Lunch
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Samstagschule in session

GAI GRUPPEN

FEBRUARY 11
Haus & Grounds

FEBRUARY 18
Modelleisenbahn Gruppe

FEBRUARY 20
GAI Damenklub

FEBRUARY 21
Deutscher Sprachklub



Get on board! The Modelleisenbahn Gruppe is welcoming new members. Only an interest in model trains is required. The group meets at the GAI most third Saturdays of the month. Email bahnguppe@gaimn.org for more info.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Spieleabend: CATAN Saturday, March 4 | 5–8 PM

It's CATAN night in the GAI Ratskeller!

Play the world-famous German board game CATAN and compete to win fun prizes! Beginning at 5 p.m., we'll explain the rules and how to play the game. At 6 p.m., take what you learned and put it into action!

Tickets to this family-friendly board game night include one drink and bar snacks. No previous CATAN or German language is required. All are welcome!

\$10 per player

Pre-registration is required

Register at gaimn.org/spieleabend



Partner Event **Concert: Vienna Soirée**

Sunday, March 5 | 4 PM

Vienna, The City of Music, has given the world such rich treasures! Come celebrate the songs of Franz Schubert and Johannes Brahms, the operettas of Johann Strauss and much more!

Join us for this delightful soirée performed by the Minnesänger choir and featured soloists.

In the third floor ballroom,

not ADA accessible

FREE

Doors open at 3:30 PM



Kulturküche

Kulturküche: Maultaschen Saturday, March 11 | 1–3:30 PM

Learn how to make *Maultaschen*, a traditional Swabian meat-filled dumpling, as part of our new in-person cooking series. Along with hands-on cooking, you'll also learn about the history and cultural significance of *Maultaschen*. Sample them in class and bring home enough for a meal! Held in the GAI kitchen.

\$70 member/\$80 nonmembers

Register by March 5 at

gaimn.org/Maultaschen

danke!

ANNUAL FUND 2023

Dear GAI Friends and Supporters,

You have done it again. YOU have shown an unwavering dedication and love for the GAI and helped us reach new heights this year during our Annual Fund 2023.

Because of your steadfast support for the German language and cultural programming you enjoy year-round, we are able to share that we've reached our fundraising goal of \$110,000—our biggest Annual Fund campaign ever.

2022 was a year of reconnection and exciting growth. We were thrilled to welcome record numbers of attendees at Deutsche Tage, St. Paul Oktoberfest and Christmas in Germany. 2023 is no exception. Our winter language classes have exceeded our

goals for attendance with over 30 new beginning level German speakers in our classes—online and in-person. It's a joy to see this return to pre-pandemic activity at the Haus.

Vielen Dank. We're poised for a strong year ahead with many wonderful and exciting cultural events already on the calendar leading up to our 65th Deutsche Tage on June 10 and 11. We hope to see you at many of these events.

YOU are what makes the GAI a wonderful place to connect with one another and to the world—through German language and culture.

With gratitude,

The GAI Staff and Board of Directors



Kinderstube Registration

Current families registration begins February 1.

New family enrollment begins March 1.

Mid-year enrollments are welcome!

Families looking for quality preschool should look no further than the GAI's German Immersion Preschool! The Kinderstube program focuses on experiential learning in a play-based, German immersion preschool setting modeled after a combination of the German Kita and the American licensed preschool program.

Special classes for 2023!

German for Lunch

Our German for Lunch classes will continue with more levels in February and March. Level A2.2 to B1.1 classes run in February and Level B1.2 to B1+ in 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)

UPDATE

Praise for our classes:

“The adventure we signed up for with GAI ended up exceeding our expectations. We quickly progressed from the beginner to the intermediate level through a series of classes with some wonderful teachers who were all able to utilize the class materials and other available resources to make the experience fun and interactive.”

— Adam S.



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.

AROUND THE HAUS

Haus & Grounds February work session

Haus & Grounds will hold their regularly scheduled work session on Saturday, February 11, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon with lunch and beer! This month they will be working on some interior painting and general repairs. 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 or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.



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SAVE THE DATE
Pork & Kraut Curbside

Saturday, April 29

Feed your Pork & Kraut cravings with our annual dinner, again available for curbside pick up. Prepared in-Haus, your meal will include Bavarian "soul food" staples—a smoked pork chop, Helga’s secret recipe sauerkraut, and more!
Detail to come.



Member Deals

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
Promo code: GAI35*