

Frohes Neues Jahr!

Happy New Year!

Learn German with us this New Year!

Join our growing community of language learners and gain insights into Germanic culture through the German language. We have options for all levels and interests—from classes and workshops for children and teens, to a wide range of classes for adults

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.

Deutsch? Lläuft! - German Teen meetup

All German-speaking teens (13-16 yrs) are invited for a casual get-together on the third Monday of each month during the school year. Come for games, table tennis, movies, and more!

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!

Learn more at gaimn.org/language or see page 3 of this newsletter.

Vielen Dank!

for joining us at Christmas in Germany!

From all of us at the GAI, we're so grateful to everyone who visited to celebrate the season with us. From attendees, volunteers, sustaining sponsors, and of course you, our friends and members.



EVENTS

JANUARY 20

German Storytime

JANUARY 20

Kinderstube Open Haus

JANUARY 20

Volunteer Appreciation

JANUARY 26 + 27

Immersion Weekend: *Mitten in Berlin*

LEARN GERMAN

ADULTS

Winter session classes begin January 9

KIDS AND TEENS

Samstagsschule winter classes begin January 13

GAI GRUPPEN

JANUARY 15

GAI Damenklub

JANUARY 17

Deutscher Sprachklub

JANUARY 20

Modelleisenbahn Gruppe



January Stammtisch

Tuesday, January 9 | 11:30—noon

Das Menü: Hähnchenschenkel nach Jägerart (hunter-style chicken thighs and rice, with dessert. Pick up your meal between 11:30 and noon.

Please call the office at 651.222.7027 or e-mail office@gaimn.org to RSVP by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3. \$14 for lunch and dessert

Year in Review

From language services to cultural programming, 2023 was a record year for the GAI. Here's a few of the highlights:

Deutsche Tage

June 10+11

2023's theme was German Innovation with a focus on advocacy in the areas of education and sustainability. With help from our generous sponsors and vendors, we were able to provide a well-rounded weekend of education, culture and entertainment.



St. Paul Oktoberfest

September 8+9

The grounds were packed for two days of festivities as only the Germans can provide. Carrying on the St. Paul tradition, it was a true celebration of German food, beer and culture, with a phenomenal list of entertainment for the whole family.



Kabaret Fundraiser

October 12

Our inaugural fall fundraiser was an evening to remember! We celebrated in the historic Schmidt Brewing Rathskeller with a social hour reception and silent auction, a three course German dinner, amazing cabaret performances from some of the Twin Cities' top theater talent, all in support of the Germanic-American Institute. The night was a big success that far exceeded our goals.



Twin Cities German Film Festival

November 2-5

This year's second-annual Film Festival highlighted the German capital city of Berlin. Seven films were shown at The Main Cinema, ranging from madcap humor to hard hitting topics.

Christmas in Germany

December 2+3

With nearly 5,000 people coming by to celebrate the traditions of a German Christmas with us, we had our most successful Holiday Open Haus to date. The Haus was decorated from the Rathskeller to the ballroom, with imported German and locally made good for sale. Outdoors was a warm crackling fire and plenty of space for merriment, with a new heated tent for delicious traditional food and drink.



Cultural Programming

Besides the larger festivals and fundraisers, our year-round Cultural Programming thrived during 2023. In the wake of the pandemic, our outreach and community-based approach kept the Haus packed all year long. From wine masterclasses, to Saturday Kaffee und Kuchen, to book talks and movie nights, there's something for everyone at the GAI!



Language Services

We had record registration numbers across all of our language classes, from beginners to advanced students. Unlike other institutions who continue to see a rise in virtual sessions, our post-pandemic numbers show an increased want and need for in-person sessions. And what better place to learn that our beautiful Haus!



Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool

Kinderstube preschool welcomed five new staff members and fifteen new families in 2023. Families have visited classrooms to share traditions and celebrations such as Rosh Hashanah, Martinstag, Santa Lucia, Hanukkah, and traditional baking. Laternenfest and Christmas in Germany and gave us opportunities to welcome members of the public to join the Kinderstube community when we sang and experienced aspects of German culture together.

Kinderstube Open Haus

Saturday, January 20 | 12-3 PM

106 E. Diamond Lake Road
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Families are invited to the Minneapolis Kinderstube for an Open Haus event welcoming prospective families in to meet teachers, see the space, and enjoy treats.

Kinderstube is a German language immersion preschool program of the Germanic-American Institute. The program focuses on a social-emotional approach that offers play-based learning in a fun environment, while also preparing children for future academics.

Kinderstube is a community-based approach. Families with children in the program have monthly get togethers and a parent group for support and friendship. They also have the wonderful GAI community of language and cultural events providing lots of social opportunities.

Register at gaimn.org/kinderstube-open-haus



German Language Classes



Winter Language Session

Register now! Winter classes begin January 8

Choose from in-person and online classes and you'll be on your way to improving your German language skills in 2024!

If you've never learned German, our Start 123 series is the place to begin. If you're not sure which level is right for you, take our online language assessment.

Learn more and register at gaimn.org/adults

Schnupperkurs (Intro to German)

In Person: Tuesday, January 2 | 6–7 PM

Online: Wednesday, January 3 | 6–7 PM

Sample our beginner classes—in person or online—before Winter language session begins. The \$10 registration fee may be applied to your full language session.

Register at gaimn.org/special-programs

Immersion Weekend: *Mitten in Berlin*

January 26 + 27

Are you interested in Berlin, Germany and culture and would like to know how Berlin has developed culturally? We invite intermediate and advanced learners to explore Germany's capital city, Berlin, through a cultural, historical and culinary lens while improving and polishing their language skills.

Register at gaimn.org/calendar/berlin

Märchenkurs: *Es war einmal...Once upon a time* (Level B1 and up)

Wednesdays, starting January 31 | 6:30 to 8 PM

In this course, students will read and listen to all sorts of fairy tales and discuss the variety of typical fairy tale characters and tropes. We will dissect why these stories are so important for children and adults alike and talk about our favorite tales.

This course is intended for students who have at least B1 level competency. Meets for 5 weeks via Zoom.

Register at gaimn.org/special-programs

Filmkurs: *Der Zweite Weltkrieg, die DDR, und Träume und Talent* (Level C1 and up)

Thursdays, starting February 15 | 6:30 to 8 PM

Schauen Sie gerne deutschsprachige Filme? In diesem Kurs besprechen wir: Das Leben der Anderen (2006), Goodbye Lenin (2003), Der Untergang (2004), Die Fälscher (2007) und Das Wunder von Bern (2003). Sie schauen die Filme vor den jeweiligen Unterrichtsstunden an, dann besprechen wir sie gemeinsam in der Stunde und machen Aktivitäten dazu!

This course is intended for students who have at least C1 level competency. Meets for 5 weeks via Zoom.

Register at gaimn.org/special-programs

Samstagsschule

German Classes for Kids and Teens



Samstagsschule (Sunday School)

Register now! Winter sessions start January 13

Samstagsschule immerses children in a fun, interactive environment that promotes natural acquisition of language. Classes incorporate story-telling, singing and dancing, playing games and doing crafts, along with lessons at an age-appropriate level. For ages 4 to 16, beginners, intermediate, advanced learners and native/heritage speakers.

Learn more gaimn.org/kids



301 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55102
gaimn.org

GAI Office

Staff offices located on 2nd floor of the Haus
Phone: 651.222.7027 | Fax: 651.222.6295
office@gaimn.org

Language Services

Phone: 651.222.7027 ext. 101 | language@gaimn.org

Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool

St. Paul: 612.703.9127
Minneapolis: 651.353.5147
preschool@gaimn.org

Connect with us!

- @GAIMN
- @GAIhaus
- @GAIMN



ANNUAL FUND 2024

A home for future generations

The GAI is a growing, thriving community. This year we have once again had milestone attendance at the Haus and in our classrooms.

Become part of a lasting legacy with a gift to the GAI Annual Fund, our end of the year fundraising campaign. Your support in any amount will ensure that the Germanic-American Institute remains a vital and enduring place to which future generations may return and call home.

Donate at gaimn.org/annualfund

GAI Member Deals

Brueske's Bread

Enjoy \$5 off your first order of artisan bread from Brueske's Bread. Pre-order by Thursday, January 18th at the link below and use discount code [gaimmember](#). Pick up your fresh German breads, rolls, or pretzels at the GAI on Saturday, January 20th between 10AM-12PM. **Pre-order at brueskesbread.com**

Waldmann Brewery and Wurstery

Buy one/get one beer at Waldmann Brewery and Wurstery—year round! One per member. Members must show their membership confirmation email with member ID and expiration date.

Language classes

Members get discounts on 12-week classes year-round. **Learn more at gaimn.org/language**

