



Spring is upon us! And with it, new beginnings for an especially wonderful year ahead. The GAI is celebrating our 30th anniversary as a leading language and cultural non-profit for Germanic languages—the only one of its kind in Minnesota and very few in the United States. We’ve become a leading institution in North America and that’s because of you. *Vielen Dank!*

Our staff and board have been busy finalizing a new strategic plan that lays the groundwork for our success from Summer 2024 to Summer 2027. It’s full of exciting new ideas and endeavors, including new and expanded cultural events like *Kulturküche*, our cooking class series, new concerts, advocacy events, our Kabaret fundraiser, and so much more!

To make all this possible, we depend on your continued support. Your contributions provide around 30% of our annual budget. Your support brings amazing talent to our large cultural festivals and makes our Haus a home for future generations of language learners and friends. Please consider a generous donation to help us raise the \$20,000 we need to raise by June 30th. *Make a gift today at gaimn.org/donate*

German Summer Camps

Weekly camps offered July 8–August 9

Add a GAI German camp to your child’s summer fun! Our half-day week long camps (with optional extended care) immerse campers in themes such as *Musiktheater*, *Küchenexperimente*, *Teens in der Küche*, *All Things Bauen*, and more! German beginners to bilingual children are welcome. Register at gaimn.org/camps



EVENTS

- MAY 2, 9 & 16
Polka & Pils Dance Class
- MAY 3
Kinderstube Spring Strudel Sale
- MAY 9
Stammtisch Curbside
- MAY 11+12
Kulturküche: Pretzels
- MAY 14
Stammtisch Curbside
- MAY 22
Challenges Facing
German Nationals info session

- JUNE 1
GAI Night with MNUFC
- JUNE 8+9
Deutsche Tage (German Days)

LEARN GERMAN

- Adults**
Summer A1.1 registration open
- Kids and Teens**
Summer camps registration open

GAI GRUPPEN

- MAY 15
Deutscher Sprachklub
- MAY 18
Modelleisenbahn Gruppe
- MAY 20
GAI Damenklub

Celebrating
YEARS
30
OF THE GAI

UPCOMING EVENTS



Kulturküche

Kulturküche: Pretzels

Saturday, May 11 | SOLD OUT

Sunday, May 12 | 1–4 PM

Join us for a hands-on German culinary workshop, led by expert baker Andrew Lawrence Schiff from Oak&Fig Baking. Dive into the history of pretzel making while mastering the techniques to create your own soft, golden-brown pretzels. [Learn more at gaimn.org/kulturkuche-pretzels](https://gaimn.org/kulturkuche-pretzels)



Spieleabend

Thursday, May 16 | 6:30–9 PM

May will be an open play night – bring your favorite game or choose from our library of German-style games and Spiel des Jahres winners like CATAN, Ticket to Ride, Rummikub and more! All ages welcome—children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children 12 and older may be dropped off. [Learn more at gaimn.org/spieleabend](https://gaimn.org/spieleabend)



Cradle to Grave—Challenges for German Nationals in the U.S.

Wednesday, May 22 | 6:30–7:30 PM

In this virtual presentation, Barbara Müller, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany, will cover topics of importance to German nationals living in the U.S. Learn about birth certificates, marriage certificates, divorce acknowledgments, dual citizenship, and inheritance law questions. The event includes a Q & A component—come with any questions you may have. [Learn more at gaimn.org/cradle-to-grave](https://gaimn.org/cradle-to-grave)



Deutsche Tage 2024

Saturday, June 8 | 11 AM–9 PM

Sunday, June 9 | 11 AM–5 PM

Come celebrate a remarkable milestone with us at our Deutsche Tage festival as we honor the 30th anniversary of the GAI! You'll also find the tried and true favorites that have us looking forward to Deutsche Tage all year: musical entertainment, cold Paulaner beer on tap, *Kaffee und Kuchen*, German food vendors, and old and new friends. Find the details at gaimn.org/deutschetage.

Volunteer at Deutsche Tage!

Join our crew of fun-loving and hard-working event volunteers. There are jobs for many interests and abilities—learn more by clicking on the volunteer link at gaimn.org/deutschetage.



Deutsche Tage Personal Sponsorship

Deutsche Tage is the anchor of the GAI's cultural programming and a cherished tradition for many.

Each year we rely on our Personal Sponsors to help us share Germanic culture with our region. Please consider becoming a Personal Sponsor for \$100 per person. Along with recognition at the event, sponsors will get one free drink wristband, two free drink tickets and one free Aki's pretzel. Sponsors may mail a check or pay securely online at gaimn.org/DTVIP. *Herzlichen Dank im voraus!*



Kinderstube Spring Strudel Sale

Friday, May 3 | 2-6 PM

Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool will be selling delicious Strudel from Ruhland's Strudel Haus in the Mayflower Church parking lot. Sweet and savory options will be available.

Available for purchase in-person only;
Sweet Strudels: \$18 each / Savory Strudels: \$25 each

Creekside Montessori will also be hosting a plant sale, with pre-order pick-up and public sale. Perennials, annuals, pollinator plants, hanging baskets, veggies, herbs and more will be available!

Learn more at gaimn.org/spring-sale



Fall Openings at Kinderstube Minneapolis & St. Paul

There are only a few spots remaining at our Minneapolis Kinderstube location for 2024-2025! Families looking for quality preschool should look no further than the GAI's German Immersion Preschool. The Kinderstube program focuses on a social-emotional approach that offers play-based learning in a fun environment, while also preparing children for future academics. [Learn more at gaimn.org/kinderstube](http://gaimn.org/kinderstube)

Hiring Kinderstube Head Teacher

Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool is hiring! We're looking for an experienced teacher who wishes to be a leader and mentor for other staff members and brings a positive attitude and joyful spirit to the program. [Learn more at gaimn.org/employment](http://gaimn.org/employment)

For adults

START 1 (A1.1) Summer Class

In-person, starting June 10 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Our A1.1 Beginner class is perfect for absolute beginners who are eager to kick off their journey to proficiency in German. Learn in a fun environment that focuses on communication and teaches important language skills for everyday life and contemporary professional aspects. [Learn more and register at gaimn.org/adults](http://gaimn.org/adults)



German Storytime

Every third Saturday of the month | 11-11:45 AM
Next storytime on May 18

Join for a fun-filled storytime *auf deutsch*. Children and their families will immerse themselves in stories, songs and activities that foster language skills. The storytime will be conducted in German and is geared towards children who have German as a home language, have been exposed to German through classes or immersion programs, or have at least basic knowledge of the German language.

[Learn more gaimn.org/storytime](http://gaimn.org/storytime)

AROUND THE HAUS

Haus & Grounds May Spring Clean-up

Haus and Grounds will hold their annual spring clean-up and work session on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon with lunch and beer! If you have not volunteered before this is a great opportunity to help the GAI and meet new people. Volunteering for Haus & Grounds saves the GAI a considerable amount of money, making more funds available for our programming. To volunteer, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.



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May Stammtisch

Tuesday, May 14

Eat on the Haus grounds or pick up your meal for this special May Stammtisch. On the menu: Pork Schnitzel with German potato salad, carrot salad and a blueberry dessert.

Curbside: Pick up between 11:30 a.m. and noon in the back parking lot. \$15

Seated Meal (outside): Meal begins at 12:15 p.m. \$20 (beverage, bread basket and coffee)

NOTE: **Please RSVP by Wednesday, May, 8** to allow enough time for preparations. E-mail office@gaimn.org or call 651.222.7027 to RSVP.

GAI Member Deals

Cirque du Soleil BAZZAR

Cirque du Soleil BAZZAR is coming to the Mall of America May 18–June 16. GAI Members can save up to 20% off select seats/dates, using the link at gaimn.org/membership

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/letter with member ID and expiration date.

German Specialty Imports

Save 7% on credit card purchases or 10% on cash purchases year-round on authentic and imported German goods at German Specialty Imports in Prior Lake, Minnesota. Offer valid in-store only.

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