



House of Germany

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages, Inc., Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101

Newsletter / Nachrichten

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Das Holstentor in der Hansestadt Lübeck The Holsten gate in the free city of Lübeck



**Weltberühmt für Marzipan, dass uns an Winter und
Weihnachten erinnert**

World famous for marzipan which reminds us of winter and Christmas

**Marzipan aus Liebe.
Seit 1806.**



Dear Members,

What reminds us more of Christmas than Marzipan, a delicacy that made the northern German city of Lübeck world famous. Marzipan has its origins in the Orient, where the fine almond-sugar delicacy was served at the caliph's table to crown the meal.



The sweet specialties were introduced to Europe during the Crusades via the trading centre of Venice, making its way to Spain, Portugal and also Lübeck. At the beginning of its history, marzipan was produced by chemists and considered a healing remedy well into the 18th century.



In the 14th century, marzipan became a dessert on the noblest dinner tables and it served as a luxury gift for the empire's highest dignitaries. Following the discovery of the New World and the worldwide cultivation of sugar cane, Europe benefited from easier access to sugar than ever before. As a result, confectioners took over the production of marzipan and magically transformed the once plain marzipan loaves into works of art by creating hand-modelled figurines.

I am honored to have a great team serving on the Board of Directors which will represent and support the House of Germany for the next year. I want to say a heart-felt THANKS to Irmgard and Mike for their tenure on the board.



Please, don't forget that we have our annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 12th in the Handlery Hotel. If I do not see you at that event, I want to wish you Frohe Weihnachten und ein gesundes Neues Jahr – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,
Heike

Board of Directors 2011

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Gisela Müller	Sunday Hosting	619 234-1530

INTERNET: You can reach us online – the newsletter, the events, choir and other information can now be found under: www.houseofgermany.com

Recurring dates to remember:

Ladies Auxiliary meetings: Every 2nd Wednesday in the Hall of Nations 12:30 PM

Kinder Workshop: For information regarding classes and enrollment, please contact Gisela Muller 619 234-1530

Heimatklang Choir: Practice sessions are every **Wednesday 7:00 PM in the Hall of Nations** in Balboa Park, please contact Hede Wolff 619 286-4166

First Lutheran Church: Offers a German Service on the last Sunday of every month at 3pm at 1420 Third Ave. San Diego, Questions? Please call Elsbeth Erler at 858 452-979 or e-mail the pastor at Rev.Karin@yahoo.com

2010 Events:

German Church Service – 1. Advent Gottesdienst – Sunday, Nov 28th at 3 pm in the First Lutheran Church at 3pm at 1420 Third Ave. San Diego



DECEMBER NIGHTS -

December 3rd and 4th, 2010 starting at 5 pm on Friday and 11 am on Saturday in

BALBOA PARK -

PLEASE CALL JOACHIM to sign up for a time slot to help out ... THANKS.



Wreath Making Class – Saturday, December 11th at the Stein Family Farm in National City. 1808 F Avenue – please make your reservation by calling: 619-477-4113. Cost: \$10.- per wreath to cover material purchases.

Christmas Party - December 12th, 2010 from noon to 4 pm at the Handlery Hotel - please make

your reservations before December 7th, 2010 and send your payment to Joachim Wolff at 7957 Hemingway Ave, San Diego, CA 92120. **Make check payable to HOUSE OF GERMANY.**

The Board of Directors wishes you ...

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Frohe Weihnachten und ein
gesundes Neues Jahr**

Events in 2011 – mark your calendar!

Anyone interested in getting a group together to see and listen to *Der Rosenkavalier*? San Diego Opera has enjoyed working with the House of Germany in past seasons and we are wondering if your group is interested in coming to see our production of *Der Rosenkavalier* by **Richard Strauss**. It will be performed in the Civic Theatre next spring: April 3, April 6, April 9 and April 12 and will star one of Germany's greatest sopranos, Anja Harteros as the Marschallin. [San Diego Opera | Der Rosenkavalier](#) If you are interested, please call me at 619-894-2697 or e-mail at paulsen_heike@yahoo.com by December 10th, 2010.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - January 9th, 2011 in the cottage at 4:30 pm.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - March 6th, 2011 in the **Hall of Nations at 4:30pm**. We will be serving food and beverages after the meeting, so bring some time to socialize.

Easter Fountain - come decorate the fountain on the stage in front of the cottages on Saturday, April 16th at 4pm in front of the House of Germany.

Frühlingsfest - date to be announced - sometime in April

1970's Disco - ABBA, Bee Gees, Supertramp, etc. - Let's dance, let's see those platform shoes and bell-bottoms! **Saturday, April 30th, 2011 starting at 7pm in the Hall of Nations**. \$15.- for one ticket, \$25.- if you buy two tickets.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - May 1st, 2011 in the cottage at 4:30 pm.

House of Germany Picnic - May 21st, 2011 at 4pm - Location to be determined.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT FOR 2011 of \$10.00 PER MEMBER IS DUE NOW.

Please complete and return this entire form with your payment

Name (First, last): _____

Name (First, last): _____

Address: Street: _____ Apt/Unit. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please, send the **Newsletter** by e-mail _____ as a hard copy by mail _____

Group (Mark all that you attend)

Kaffeeklatsch

Choir

Kinderwerkstatt

General

Are you over 75? Yes No

Hosting Service at the Cottage in Balboa Park:

**WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING ENOUGH VOLONTEERS TO HOST ON SUNDAYS. PLEASE PLAN TO FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT!
IT SHOULD BE FUN AND AN HONOUR TO REPRESENT "GERMANY AND OUR CULTURE" ONE SUNDAY PER YEAR.**

Why not call **Gisela Muller at 619-234-1530** and tell her when it would be convenient for you to fulfill your membership responsibility and host on a Sunday.

Remember, the House of Germany is reimbursing you for your expenses \$20.00 for the Sunday.

We would also love to see you at our bimonthly membership meetings to get your ideas and input concerning the House of Germany! Meetings held on the first Sunday of odd months in the House of Germany at 4:30 PM. Watch bulletin for notices.

Total membership payment: _\$ _____ Payable to: **House of Germany**

Thank you!

Without returning this filled-in form your membership is in a limbo. So, please send this form and payment to:

Gisela Mueller, 2400 Sixth Ave., #301. San Diego, CA 92101



Your invitation to
The House of Germany Christmas Party
 Sunday, December 12, 2010 at noon. 950 Hotel Circle
 North, San Diego, CA 92108
Handlery Hotel & Resort - Crystal Ballroom

Entertainment by the Heimatklang Choir and the children of the Kinder Workshop
 The Executive Board for 2010 will be installed.
 Lets all enjoy the food, entertainment and each others company.

11:30 Doors open **12:15** Lunch **1:30** Kinder Workshop & Choir
3:00 Installation of Officers **3:15** Cake, Coffee

Lunch Menu: **London Broil**, Marinated Flank Steak with Port Reduction served with
 Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Vegetables.
Poached Salmon, Lemon Infused Salmon Filet Served on Shrimp
 Ravioli with Vodka Sauce and Sautéed Spinach
Vegetarian Wellington, Portobello Mushroom and Marinated Grilled
 Vegetables Wrapped in Puff Pastry Served with Red Pepper Coulis
Coffee and Desert served at 3:45 PM

Children Menu: Chicken Tenders, French Fries and Milk, Cookies and Brownies

IMPORTANT: I have to have form with payment no later than Dec. 7th 2010

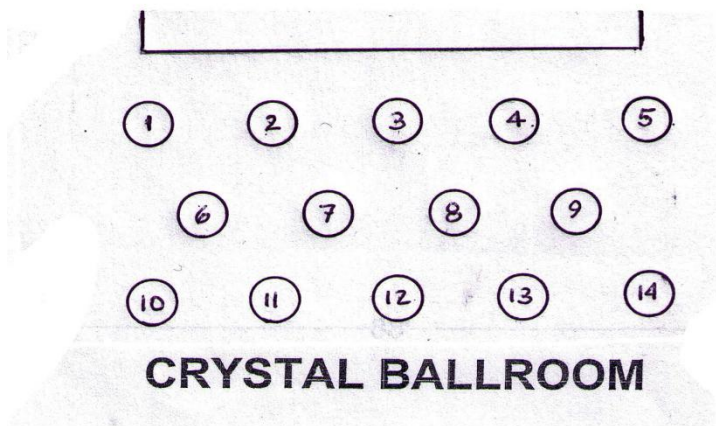
Please reserve ____ Adult Memb. @ \$7.00 ____ L. Broil ____ Salmon ____ Veg.
 ____ Children @ \$3.00 ea (under 12 years old)
 ____ Children from the Kinder workshop (free of charge)
 ____ Guests @\$17.00 ____ L. Broil ____ Salmon ____ Veg.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

There will be 8-10 persons per table

1st choice: table # _____ 2nd choice: table # _____ 3rd choice: table # _____

Make Check to: **House of Germany** and submit to
Joachim Wolff, 7957 Hemingway Ave, San Diego, CA 92120



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