



# House of Germany

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

Newsletter / Nachrichten

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**Auch Skifahren will gelernt sein  
Skischule in Warmensteinach am Ochsenkopf**

*Little tykes learning to ski  
Ski school in Warmensteinach at the base of the Ochsenkopf*

## Hello Members,

The first newsletter from the new president ... what a challenge. I decided to introduce you to the region of Germany that I am from – Franconia. Most of you are probably familiar with Nürnberg and its Christkindl's Markt, the dry white wine of Würzburg as well as Bayreuth with the Richard Wagner opera performances. But there is more, you can travel into the mystical world of the Franconian Switzerland in less than an hour. However, my favorite place is the Fichtelgebirge. Untamed nature is a hallmark of the Fichtelgebirge mountains. Mysterious, shadowy forests of beech and pine surprise you time and again with their dramatic rock formations and spellbinding ruins. If you love hiking, mountain biking, and skiing you'll love these myth-enshrouded mountains. Grey granite outcrops are strewn across the land as if placed there by the hand of a giant. A little further on, mountain ridges stretch into the distance and command some breathtaking views. The more you see of the harsh, almost wild landscape, the more you begin to understand why legends of ghosts and magical herbs persist so strongly today. So bringing an eye for flora and fauna, as well as an ear for fable and folklore pays dividends in the Fichtelgebirge mountains. The historic German-German border is not far, cultural events and entertainment are closeby as well as an abundance of castle ruins.



Eremitage in Bayreuth

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### Board of Directors 2010

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### Other Positions

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Hede Wolff,	Choir Contact	619 286-4166
Joachim Wolff	Food Supply Chair	619 286-4166
Gisela Müller	Sunday Hosting	619 234-1530

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### Host and Hostesses for Sunday Hosting

February 2010		March 2010	
2/7	Dirk Merkel, Theresia Mellor	3/7	Hamida Jansen/ ????
2/14	Irene Jenkins, Irene Geml	3/14	Marion Schmidt, Sabine Sprute
2/21	Giaela McGarry, Dagmar Purves	3/21	Michaela Zajonc, Birgit Neukirch
2/28	Astrid Witt-Laido, Michaela Zajonc	3/28	Marion Schmidt, Inge Glasner

If you have a Dirndl or a "Tracht" please wear it when you serve. It enhances the traditional image which we try to convey with our cottage since most of our visitors are not German.

**Should you not be able to come, please make sure you have a replacement and notify  
Gisela Müller at 619 234-1530**

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**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 1420 Third Ave. San Diego, Questions? Please call Elsbeth Erler at 858 452-979

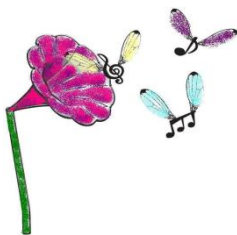
**Special Events:**

**FASCHING or KARNEVAL** at the German-American Society in El Cajon

- **Feb. 6 Themed Costume Ball "Fiesta Mexicana" w/ Blue Birds**
- **Feb. 7 Kinderkarneval in El Cajon**
- **Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday (Burial of the Prinz)**
- **Feb. 27 Lumpenball (Ragball) w/ Express**



*For more information, check [www.germanclubsandiego.or](http://www.germanclubsandiego.or) or contact German American Societies of San Diego, Inc, 1017 S. Mollison Ave. El Cajon, CA 92020, Phone: (619) 442-6637, Fax: (619)442-6611*

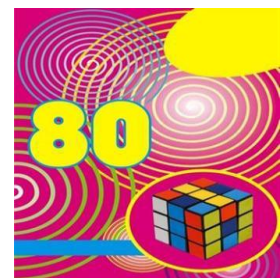


**House of Germany SPRING CONCERT  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

*The Heimatklang Chor will perform on this date – details will follow*

**1980's Disco Dance– Neue Deutsche Welle and more:** Käseigel, Wurstspiesse, Kalter Hund und Bowle laden ein:

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 7 pm to 10 pm in the Hall of Nations**  
*Organized with the help of Albert Einstein Academies*



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**Important Dates**

*Membership Meeting* - **March 7th, 2010 at 4:30 PM** - in the  
House of Germany

*Heimatklang Choir Spring Concert* - **March 28, 2010** –  
details to follow

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the Hall of Nations