

House of Germany Membership

Information for New Members



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House of Germany website: www.houseofgermany.com

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The House of Germany is a non-profit, cultural organization, affiliated with the House of Pacific Relations in Balboa Park, whose purpose is to inform the general public about the music, traditions, history, and the culture of Germany. While most people join because they, their spouse or their ancestors were born in Germany, membership application is open to any person who wishes to learn about Germany or the German culture.

Located in beautiful Balboa Park in San Diego, California, the House of Germany is one of the International Cottages within the House of Pacific Relations which has members representing 33 countries or ethnic groups. The goal of the Houses is to further the pursuit of "pacific" or peaceful relations among nations. The House of Germany was founded in 1935 and to this day has a very active membership, long standing traditions and maintains strong ties to Germany. Members welcome guests to the **House of Germany Cottage** every Saturday and Sunday from 11 AM to 4 PM and serve refreshments. Members are obligated to serve as hosts at least one Saturday or Sunday each year. Special events are held during the year, including our **Springfest** and luncheon, the **Lawn Program** each spring or summer, **Ethnic Food Festival**, and the **International Christmas Festival** which celebrates the holiday season.

Membership: Persons aged 18 years or older are welcome to become members. Children under the age of 18 automatically become members when a parent becomes a member. To become a new member and receive the bimonthly newsletter please fill out the Membership Application available on our website (see above) and send with payment to the Membership Secretary as explained on the application.

Members are encouraged to attend **membership meetings** to share their ideas and suggestions concerning the House of Germany and its activities. Meetings are scheduled for the **first Sunday of odd months** in the House of Germany at 4:30 PM. Please see the latest newsletter on our website www.houseofgermany.com for notice of the next meeting.

All members are expected to **host in the House of Germany cottage** at least once per year on Saturdays or Sundays between 11 AM – 4 PM when the cottage is open to the public. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with locals and visitors from around the world who are interested in visiting our cottage and learning about the culture and people of Germany.

Our **Kaffeeklatsch Group** meets every third Thursday of the month. Further information is available from Elsbeth Erler, phone 858-452-9797

Our **House of Germany Choir** sings German songs throughout the centuries and across many genres. The Choir provides the program for our Springfest Concert and luncheon, our Christmas concert and luncheon party, and also performs at other venues during the year. New members are always welcome! Contact Anna Johnson for further information at 619-831-9360.

For children in 1st grade and older, we offer a **Kinder-Chor** during a spring session and a fall session. Children are taught German songs and stage presence and are not required to read music or words. The Kinderchor gets invited to perform at House of Germany events and other events in the community. Please email houseofgermanykinderchor@gmail.com for more information.

If you are interested in enrolling a family member in **Kinder Workshop** (Kinderwerkstatt), our educational immersion program for children ages 4 to 17 to become functionally proficient in German, please contact Diana Zachek at 919-491-9129 or houseofgermanykinderwerkstatt@gmail.com . Kinderwerkstatt now offers German language classes for adults, as well as children and teens.

All House of Germany members are welcome to join the House of Pacific Relations (HPR) **Ladies' Auxilliary** or attend their monthly luncheons, currently held on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Hall of Nations building. This organization promotes international communication and cultural exchange among members of the various House of Pacific relations member Houses. Different Houses host the luncheons each month and attendees pay a nominal fee (currently \$7) to attend. For further information or reservations, contact Sarah Twomley, phone 858-220-1501 or sarahtwamley@gmail.com .

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