



# House of Germany

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

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Newsletter / Nachrichten

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Dear Members, Liebe Mitglieder,

Once again we had to close the House of Germany for January and most of February. We re-opened on Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup>. Full operation has resumed. Our membership secretary will ask you for your help to host our cottage on Saturdays and Sundays. Our interest groups did continue to meet and we are already planning our next events. Spring will be here soon and we are planning for a clean-up of our closet. It filled up with a lot of items. If you have anything stored in our closet, please identify it. We will get together and see what needs to be kept and what can go!

This Newsletter is a reminder for you to attend our next Membership Meeting on **Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 pm at the House of Germany in Balboa Park. Our newly elected board has already met twice via zoom and we have a number of discussion points that we would like to get your opinion on.

The next planned event will be our yearly **Springfest**. It will be held at the German American Societies in ElCajon. Please, find a registration form on the last page of this newsletter. The Springfest will be on **Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

With best wishes, Liane Mende-Müller



House of Germany Christmas Program 2021

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## Hosting at the Cottage

### *Saturdays:*

MARCH		APRIL	
3-5	Open	4-2	
3-12	Sandra Rebock	4-9	
3-19	Open	4-16	
3-26	Chris Peter	4-23	
		4-30	

### *Sundays:*

MARCH		APRIL	
3-6	Dagmar Purves	4-3	
	Margit Lackmann		
3-13	Hede Wolf	4-10	Liane Mende-Mueller
	Else Kikullus		
3-20	Christiane Koenemund	4-17	Easter Closed
	Gisela Mueller		
3-27	Open	4-24	Earth Day Closed

All hosting dates can be found in our web site calendar. Click the „Cottage Open“ on proposed date and the host’s name will show up. Web site: [www.houseofgermany.com](http://www.houseofgermany.com)

# Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember:

## Important Dates

Next membership meeting is on **Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 pm at the House of Germany. We will have wine, beer, and appetizers after the meeting.

The Springfest will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the German American Societies in El Cajon: 1017 S Mollison Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020

You can now find us also on Facebook and Instagram.

## Recurring dates to remember:

### **Ladies Auxiliary:**

Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Hall of Nations. For more information contact Brigitte Gilmore at 858-487-8402.

### **Kaffeeklatsch:**

The Kaffeeklatsch group meets at the cottage in Balboa Park, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 12:30 pm. Please, contact Elsbeth Erler at 858-452-9797 for more information.

### **Kinder Workshop ( Diana Zachek):**

The Kinderwerkstatt finished 2021 with a highlight: performing at the House of Germany Christmas celebration. The younger students enjoyed sharing the German Christmas songs they had practiced while the older students loved sharing what “Weihnachten” means to them.

The leapfrog class, our young elementary students, started the new year off with learning about the months of the year and seasons through the “Jahresuhr”. They furthermore worked on exploring, reading and comprehending the story of the “Kleine Raupe Nimmersatt” (“The very hungry caterpillar”) through text and pictures. At the end of February they had a fun Faschings-celebration with costumes, treats, music and games.



The Middleschool group in Poway has been reading stories and worked on grammar and vocabulary related to them. They have started writing essays as well. The students enjoy having their own input on the curriculum and love exploring the German language through stories and literature.



**House of Germany Choir (by Anna Johnson):**

After our successful restart in the fall, the choir has been back in session since January. We have also expanded our rehearsals online via Zoom so everyone can participate. We have put together an exciting program for our Spring Concert on May 1<sup>st</sup> and are looking forward to presenting it to you. There will be familiar and new songs about our old and new Heimat. For our concert, we hope to have a guest choir for you to enjoy as well. Please contact me for any questions about the choir!

**Deutsche Evangelische Gemeinde San Diego at the First Lutheran Church:**

Pastor Mark Menacher from the St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in La Mesa will hold German Services at the First Lutheran Church for us. The time has changed to 2 pm for normal services. Please, stay for a social afterwards with coffee and cake. We are asking for your donations. If you have any questions, please call Elsbeth Erler at 858 452 9797 or Pastor Mark Menacher at 619 463 6633.

**Queen’s Organization (by Queen Sofia Huey):**

We have continued on zoom, although the discussion of going back to in-person meetings is being discussed regularly. We have continued with community service events. We created homeless care packages which included hand sanitizer, mouthwash, deodorant, and lip balm, which we then delivered. We also created cards for a hospital. Many of us wrote long paragraphs or drew pictures. The board really found this successful, considering how many people participated and we are planning on doing it again! We also had a bonding event!

**Birthdays:** Congratulations to all of you who celebrate their Birthdays in March and April.

MARCH		APRIL	
Dr. Brigitte Heimers	3-4	Robert Castro	4-7
Hans Straub	3-4	Sonja Marchant	4-9
Angela Wastrack	3-11	Erika McCleave	4-14
Sonja Metscher	3-12	Edward Becker	4-14
Reinhold Mueller	3-13	Gaby Ivany	4-15
Brigitte Gilmore	3-14	Melanie Frank	4-24
Gisela Mueller	3-19	Marie Louise Sczyrbowski	4-27
Dietrich Corts	3-30	Stephan Hegyi	4-29
		Johanna Petosa	4-29



Your invitation to

# The Springfest

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at noon

German American Societies

1017 S Mollison Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020

Entertainment by the House of Germany Choir

Let's all enjoy the food, entertainment, and each other's company!

**Program:**

11:30 AM Doors Open

12:00 Noon Lunch

Followed by: House of Germany Choir  
Cake, Coffee

Everyone is invited to Coffee and Cake  
following the choir performance.

**Lunch Menu:**



1. Green Salad, German Beef Rouladen and Red Cabbage

2. Vegetarian – Chef's Choice Vegetarian Dish

**Child Menu** (Under age 12):

Chicken fingers with French fries and milk. Dessert: Brownie (served right after lunch)

**Please write names, menu  
choices and other requested  
information on the form on  
the following page.**

**IMPORTANT:** Please send registration form with payment to be received no later than April 22<sup>nd</sup>

# House of Germany Springfest Registration

## May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Regular registration (registration form and check received by April 22<sup>nd</sup>):**

No. of members @ \$15 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Guests @ \$25 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12 @ \$8 each: \_\_\_\_\_

**Late registration (registration form and check received after April 22<sup>nd</sup> (space not guaranteed):**

No. of members @ \$17 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Guests @ \$27 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12 @ \$11 each: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of adult meals:** Rouladen: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_

**There will be 8 persons per table**

**If you have 8 people you would like to sit with contact Dagmar Purves (619-540-1095), she will assign a table to your party.**

Make check payable to: **House of Germany** and submit to:

**Chris Peter, 2450 Grafton St., El Cajon, CA 92020, Phone 619-258-8546, crpeter2450@yahoo.com**

Adult Meals						
		Member ?	Check Box (x)		Children Under 12	
Last Name	First Name	? Yes/No	Rouladen	Vegetarian	Last Name	First Name
<b>Totals</b>						

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