



House of Germany

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

Newsletter / Nachrichten

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Dear Members, Liebe Mitglieder,

The new year has started, we had our first membership meeting in January and our next meeting will be Sunday **March 5th** at the House of Germany in Balboa Park at 4:30 pm. Our next big event will be the House of Germany Springfest. Heather Sander-Heinz, our new vice president and Anna Johnson, our choir liaison are planning for an exciting and entertaining program on Sunday **May 21st**. Please, find the sign-up form in the back of this newsletter.

Many of you will be surprised about the two wooden boards across the small round window which was removed by the City of San Diego. The House of Germany requested a repair several years ago. Now the window had to be removed because lead was found in its paint. The City will replace the window. We just do not know how long this will take. So far we had three other windows replaced by the City carpenters, and they look very good.

Best Wishes from Liane Mende-Mueller



Installation of the 2023 House of Germany Board:
Liane (President), Heather (Vice P.), Anna Johnson (Secretary), Chris Peter
(Sergeant at Arms), Angela Wastrack (Treasurer), Christiane Koenemund absent

2023 Board of Directors			
<i>Liane Mende-Müller</i>	President	858-536-7063	liane.germany.2012@gmail.com
<i>Heather Sander-Heinz</i>	Vice-President	858-405-8335	Houseofgermanyvp@gmail.com
<i>Anna Johnson</i>	Secretary	619-831-9360	annajohnson2015@gmail.com
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<i>Christiane Koenemund</i>	Membership Secretary	619-246-3763	ckoenemund@gmail.com
<i>Chris Peter</i>	Sergeant at Arms	619-647-0851	<u>Crpeter2450@yahoo.com</u>

Other Positions		
<i>Sofia Huey</i>	Queen	hueys1@cox.net
<i>Liane Mende-Müller</i>	Delegate	858-536-7063
<i>Heather Sander-Heinz</i>	Alternate Delegate	858-405-8335
<i>Arya Zeighamnia</i>	Delegate	619-584-7555
<i>Sandra Rebock</i>	Alternate Delegate	858-228-7702
<i>Heather Sander-Heinz</i> <i>Diana Zachek</i>	Kinder Workshop Liaison	858-405-8335 919-491-9129
<i>Anna Johnson</i>	Choir Contact	619-831-9360
<i>Joachim Wolff</i>	Food Supply Chair	619-286-4166
<i>Christiane Koenemund</i>	Hosting	619-246-3763
<i>Chris Peter</i>	Website Coordinator	619-258-8546



Kinderwerkstatt students performing at the 2022 Christmas Party



Hosting at the Cottage

Saturdays:

MAR		APR	
03-04	Astrid Brown	04-01	Ingrid Trogus
			Kaethe Krause
03-11	Dawn Rysdon	04-08	Barbara Salinas
	Mark Allard		Mary Goeckner
03-18	Antje Fechner	04-15	Sandra Bulock
			Christiane Koenemund
03-25	Astrid Brown	04-22	Klaus Kohl
	Wade Olson		Kaethe Krause
		04-29	Nina Seiler

Sundays:

MAR		APR	
03-05	Kaethe Krause	04-02	Ingrid Galchenko
	Karen Dolecal		Liane Mende-Mueller
03-12	Heather Sander Heinz	04-09	Easter
	Kim Warner		closed
03-19	Kaethe Krause	04-16	Angela Wastrack
	Karen Dolecal		Wade Olson
03-26	Chris Peter	04-23	Nora Beck
	Matt Flores		Christiane Koenemund
		04-30	Chris Peter
			Matt Flores

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

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Important Dates:

Next membership meeting will be on **Sunday March 5th** at 4:30 pm at the House of Germany in Balboa Park. We will have wine, beer, and appetizers after the meeting.

Recurring Dates to Remember:

Ladies Auxiliary:

Meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Hall of Nations. For more information contact Sarah Twamley at 619-515-1734.

Kaffeeklatsch:

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

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. We are celebrating our next service on March 26th at 2 pm. Come enjoy each other's company along with a cup of coffee. Please bring some of your most delicious home baked goods for sharing. Thank you for your donations. If you have any questions, please call Elsbeth Erler at 858-452-9797 or Pastor Mark Menacher at 619-463-6633.

Kinder Workshop (Diana Zachek, Heather Sander-Heinz): The Kinderwerkstatt is in full swing. Our Knirpse ages 0-5 along with their parents are singing, playing, dancing and crafting in German. One of our favorite songs is the "Body Parts Boogie" and "Meine Hände sind verschwunden". We made clown faces out of paper plates and ate donut holes for our Carnival-Fasching celebration. In the next few weeks, we will learn about colors, spring, and Easter.

Our elementary class continues to support the children practicing and speaking German freely with pride and confidence! Felix, a stuffed bunny, visits the children's homes and sends letters of his visits to the others. Kinder Carnival was fun with old fashioned games, costumes and decorating a special party hat. Next up we will be discussing Easter and Spring themes.

We are looking for high school students that would like to receive community service hours. For info please contact: Houseofgermanykinderwerkstatt@gmail.com

Bier und Basteln

Friday, March 10th, 6:30 – 8:30 We will kick off the Spring season with a crafting evening in which we will be decorating Easter eggs and crafting German spring faeries. This is a fun relaxed event where we can socialize, speak/practice German and craft together. Both of these crafts are classic German crafts. We will be using the German method of dying with natural dyes as well as the German Sorbian method which is similar to the Ukrainian, Pysanky, method. The faeries can be as simple or elaborate as you wish.. Please RSVP to Heather to coordinate materials. 858 405 8335

HoG FilmKlub:

On April 28th, at 7:00 PM in our cottage, we will be showing the comedic film *25 KM/H* which is about two estranged brothers re-finding their friendship for one another. All of our films are free for members and in the German language with subtitles when available. It is encouraged that everyone bring a snack to share. We hope you will be able to join us. Please visit and like our House of Germany Facebook

pages. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057485832588>

House of Germany – Kinderwerkstatt

House of Germany Choir (by Anna Johnson):

The House of Germany Choir has started the spring semester and is excited to present some new music at our Springfest concert on May 21. Under the fabulous guidance of our director Claudia Lorenz and professional accompanist Teres Byrne, we're having lots of fun learning new songs. Every last rehearsal of the month, we are socializing with a potluck. If you're interested in singing with us, please contact me or come to our rehearsal on Thursdays at 7.15pm at the Hall of Nations.



The House of Germany Kinderchor has started into the spring semester and is currently full. 30 children aged 5-10 are practicing fun songs while improving their German language. Director Claudia Lorenz is an experienced Kinderchor director who teaches stage presence and the children are not required to read music. We're all looking forward to hearing them at our joint concert at the Springfest. For any information on the Kinderchor, please contact me at houseofgermanykinderchor@gmail.com.



Kinderchor at the 2022 Christmas Party

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Your invitation to

The House of Germany Springfest

Sunday, May 21st, 2023, 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. Salad, Sauerbraten, red wine sauce, potatoes and dessert
2. Vegetarian –Salad, Vegetarian Schnitzel (Cauliflower), potatoes and dessert



Child Menu (Under age 12):
Wuerstchen, fries and dessert

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 May 10th

House of Germany Springfest Registration May 21st, 2023

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Regular registration (registration form and check received by May 10th):

No. of members @ \$20 each: _____ Guests @ \$25 each: _____ Children under 12 @ \$10 each: _____

Late registration (registration form and check received after April 22nd (space not guaranteed):

No. of members @ \$22 each: _____ Guests @ \$27 each: _____ Children under 12 @ \$12 each: _____

Total Number of adult meals: Sauerbraten: _____ Vegetarian: _____

There will be 8 persons per table

If you have 8 people you would like to sit with contact Heather (858-405-8335), 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						
Last Name	First Name	Member ? Yes/No	Check Box (x)		Children Under 12	
			Sauerbraten	Vegetarian	Last Name	First Name
Totals						

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