



# 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,

Although the weather has been cold and rainy, we are going towards spring in California. Daffodils and hyacinths are in bloom and our hills are green. The House of Germany is busy to prepare for our annual Spring Concert in May.

Please, find the registration form for the Spring Concert on the last page of this newsletter. We will meet at the German American Societies in El Cajon on **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at noon. I am sure our choir and the Kinderchor are already busy with preparing a great program. Please, submit your registration as soon as possible and send it to my address (see last page).

Before our Spring Concert we have a membership meeting planned for Sunday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 4:30 pm. We will have appetizers, wine and beer after the meeting. I hope to see you all there.

All the best,

Liane Mende-Mueller



Spring 2024

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San Diego Music Consortium Woodwind Trio

Christmas Party 2023



## Hosting at the Cottage

### *Saturdays:*

<b>MARCH</b>		<b>APRIL</b>	
3-2	Open	4-6	Open
3-9	Open	4-13	Open
3-16	Antje Fechner	4-20	Antje Fechner
3-23	Open	4-27	Open
3-30	Natasha Van Doren		

### *Sundays:*

<b>MARCH</b>		<b>APRIL</b>	
3-3	Liane Mende-Mueller	4-7	Liane Mende Mueller
	Open		Open
3-10	Christiane Koenemund	4-14	Christiane Koenemund
	Open		Open
3-17	Chris Peter	4-21	Michael Salazar
	Open		Open
2-24	Kathy Krause	4-28	Manuela Seidl
	Andrea Salazar		Christina Schaefer
3-31	Closed for Easter		

All hosting dates can be found in our website 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 will be on **Sunday March 3rd** at 4:30 pm at the House of Germany in Balboa Park. After the meeting we will have wine, beer, and appetizers.

The House of Germany Spring Concert will be on **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at the German American Societies in El Cajon.

## **Recurring Dates to Remember:**

### **Ladies Auxiliary:**

Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>** at 1:30 pm. Come enjoy each other's company along with a cup of coffee. Please bring some of your most delicious home-baked goods to share. 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.

### **Queens Report (Zoe Vowinkel):**

In November we had the Queens Coronation – this made me an official house of Germany queen! Then in December we volunteered with the December Nights, which was quite a busy and exciting event. And most recently we have been working on creating baskets for the homeless that include diapers, wipes, and other important items. These were distributed to the homeless throughout San Diego.

### **Kinder Workshop (by Diana Zachek, Heather Sander-Heinz and Anna Johnson):**

Die Knirpse (0-5y) have been reading and singing about vehicles of all kinds and took a train ride on the Balboa Park tram. We're exploring shapes and colors and will finish the school year with spring themes. The Kinderwerkstatt Kids (5-9y) with Frau Sabine in Balboa Park had fun learning, singing and crafting about the seasons and months of the year. We celebrated Valentine's Day with origami hearts and learned to read and pronounce the most common syllables in German and had fun with games on the lawn. At our Faschingsfest (Carnival party) we played typical old fashioned German children's games like the egg relay and hit the pot and danced to "Kinder-Hits".

The class in Poway with Frau Marion (5-10y) provides an opportunity to learn German. We speak and write in German and have fun doing arts and crafts projects. My students are absolutely wonderful and they enjoy each other's company as well as the weekly writing and speaking tasks. Our next projects are centered around Spring and Easter. All are eagerly awaiting the "pastel-colored activities"!

The Kinderwerkstatt will hold their second KINDERSACHENFLOHMARKT on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hall of Nations. From 12-3 pm, please come and browse what German families are selling to make space for new things! We will offer coffee, cake, waffles, and pretzels and there will be plenty of German books available. If you want to participate and sell at your table, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/3Ppbihj> A few tables are left at the time this newsletter was printed. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you can help during set-up, take-down, or during the event.

The Kinderwerkstatt SOMMERCAMP will be two weeks long this summer! Session 1 is June 17-21: "Travel around the World in Balboa Park" and Session 2 is June 24-28: "Discover Germany". The summer camps are full-immersion German and geared towards elementary school children. Camp times are 9 am-4 pm daily and we'll offer extended-day options. We will learn together while cooking, singing, playing, crafting, and visiting places around Balboa Park. Please email [houseofgermanysommercamp@gmail.com](mailto:houseofgermanysommercamp@gmail.com) for more information.

**Adult Language Class (Christiane Koenemund):**

Our adult German class seems to be a fun event for everyone. We laugh a lot. Each student is eager to learn and participate, and they all like the stress free environment.

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

The House of Germany Choir enjoyed the Christmas concerts in December. We were invited to the German Christmas Market in El Cajon and to the Christmas Party for the volunteers at Mission Trails Regional Park. We also sang at the German church service on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, many of us caught COVID or other illnesses during concert season but everyone recovered well.

After our Winter Break, we welcomed quite a few new singers! We started the spring semester learning new songs and we are excited to present some new music at our Springfest concert on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Under the fabulous guidance of our director Claudia Lorenz and professional accompanist Teres Byrne, we're having lots of fun learning new songs.

At every last rehearsal of the month, we are socializing with a potluck. If you're interested in singing with us, please contact me!

The House of Germany KINDERCHOR also started into the Spring Semester. The children are 6-10 years old and are practicing fun songs while improving their German language. Director Claudia Lorenz is an experienced Kinderchor director who teaches stage presence. The children do well, even without knowing how to read music. We're all looking forward to hearing them at our joint concert at Springfest. For any information on the Kinderchor, please contact me at [houseofgermanykinderchor@gmail.com](mailto:houseofgermanykinderchor@gmail.com).



Christmas Party 2023

House of Germany Kinderwerkstatt



# Baby- und Kindersachen Flohmarkt

March 17th

12:00-3:00 PM



Kaffee und Kuchen Verkauf

Balboa Park - Hall of Nations  
2191 West Pan American Road  
San Diego

Standgebühr Mitglieder \$5.00 pro halber Tisch

Nicht-Mitglieder \$20.00 (incl. Jahresmitgliedschaft und \$5.00 Standgebühr) pro halber Tisch

Anmeldung zum Verkauf an:

<http://bit.ly/3Ppbihj>



Deutsche Kinderbücher

**2024 Summer**

**House of Germany Kinderwerkstatt's German language summer camps**

Come explore the world in German with us.  
 Week 1 - we will discover the world- cottages  
 Week 2 - we will travel around Germany - Hamburg to Freiburg. Everyday we will sing songs, play games, cook & eat delicious food, tell stories and enjoy theme related activities.

Write to us for sign-ups and information  
[HouseofGermanySommerCamp@gmail.com](mailto:HouseofGermanySommerCamp@gmail.com)  
 All camps will take place in Balboa Park  
 \* Early- & Aftercare are also available

**Full German immersion summer camp**  
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM \*

**Small groups, snack and lunch included**  
 \$375

June 17-21 Entdecke die Welt - Discover the World  
 June 24-28 Reise durch Deutschland - travel through Germany

**Registration for 2024 House of Germany Springfest**

Noon, Sunday, May 19, 2024

**German American Societies**

1017 S. Mollison Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020

Entertainment by the House of Germany Choir and Children’s Choir  
Let’s all enjoy the food, entertainment and each other’s company!



<b>Program:</b>	
11:30 AM	Doors Open
12:00 Noon	Lunch
Followed by: Choir performances	
Cake, Coffee, Tea	



**Menu choices:**

Item #1: Salad, Goulash, Spaetzle, and Red Cabbage

Item #2: Vegetarian Meal: Salad, Cauliflower Schnitzel, Potatoes, and Red Cabbage

Item #3: Child’s Menu (age 12 or under): Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Apple Sauce, Dessert

**Regular registration fees** (registration received by **May 8<sup>th</sup>**.)

House of Germany Member \$20, Guest \$25, Child (under 12) \$10

**Late registration fees** (registration received **after May 8<sup>th</sup>** (space not guaranteed):

House of Germany member \$25, Guest \$30, Child (under 12) \$15

Menu Item #	Name	Check One (X)			Amount (\$)
		Member	Guest	Child	
<b>TOTALS</b>					

If additional space is needed to register attendees, please attach a list with the above information.

**Seating:**

Some tables will be reserved for choir and board members. Most tables will be for open seating. If you wish to sit with certain persons, arrive early to save seats for yourselves and your friends.

**Payment:**

Make checks payable to **House of Germany – DEADLINE: to be received by May 8th**

Mail to: Liane Mende-Mueller, 10309 Pinecastle St., San Diego CA 92131

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