



# 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,

Spring has finally arrived, and we are looking forward to meeting you all at our next membership meeting on **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 pm. Yes, we changed the date to Saturday, because Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> will be the HPR International Food Festival and little parking will be available. The House of Germany will not participate in the food festival and will not give out any food or drinks. The next big event will be our Springfest on **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** at the German American Societies in El Cajon. The deadline for sending in your forms is **May 10<sup>th</sup>** (NOT April 22<sup>nd</sup> as published in our previous newsletter). You will find a corrected form at the end of this newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the membership meeting and at our yearly Springfest.

We will take a summer break and the next Newsletter will be sent in September.

Best Wishes from Liane Mende-Müller



Easter Decoration at the Cottage

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Mother's Day is on May 14<sup>th</sup>



Father's Day is on June 18<sup>th</sup>



## Hosting at the Cottage

### *Saturdays:*

<b>MAY</b>		<b>JUNE</b>	
5-6	Astrid Brown Geri Srajer	6-3	Astrid Brown
5-13	Open	6-10	Open
5-20	Antje Fechner	6-17	Astrid Brown
5-27	Astrid Brown	6-24	Open

### *Sundays:*

<b>MAY</b>		<b>JUNE</b>	
5-7	Liane Mende-Mueller	6-4	Bettina Reinhold Maria Horsley
5-14	Anna Johnson Open	6-11	Heather Sander-Heinz Regina Sheffield
5-21	Christiane Koenemund (Springfest)	6-18	Christiane Koenemund
5-28	Heather Sander-Heinz Wade Olson	6-25	Anna Johnson Wade Olson

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 will be on **Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 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 May 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

### **Kinder Workshop (Diana Zachek, Heather Sander-Heinz):**

Our Kinderwerkstatt students continue to practice conversing in German through play, fun and games. For Easter we colored eggs, made an Easter card for loved ones and painted a see-through picture to hang in the window.

Springtime has been fun in the Knirps group where we have been learning about our body parts, colors and different animals and insects in song, games, and crafting. Last month we dyed Easter eggs to hang on our Easter Trees and made lucky ladybugs out of our hands.

We are offering two Summer Camps this year: Discover the world in Balboa Park - June 19-23 and Traveling around San Diego - June 26-30. There are only a few spots still available, so sign up quickly.

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

The House of Germany Choir is busy preparing for the spring concert at the Springfest. We are having a lot of fun at the rehearsals and are preparing some well-known songs and some new songs for you. The Choir has also been invited to sing at the Maifest of the German American Societies on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are excited to participate in a wonderful opportunity to sing Handel's Messiah on September 30<sup>th</sup> in Balboa Park which will be filmed for the big screen. Participation is free. If you want to join us and a 2,000 singer mass choir, please find more information and sign up on [Messiahfilm.com](http://Messiahfilm.com) .

The House of Germany Kinderchor is also preparing for the Springfest on May 21<sup>st</sup>. 30 children are enjoying to use and improve their German through singing. You can look forward to hearing solos and small groups as well as all voices together. The Kinderchor will also join the adult choir for a few songs at the Springfest Concert. We're looking forward to singing for you!

**2023**

**VACATION**

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

Each week we will explore a different theme through German songs, games and stories. We will discover Balboa Park auf Deutsch, cook delicious German lunch classics and end the day with a theme related craft or activity.

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

**Small groups, snack and lunch included  
\$350**

For sign-ups and more information contact;  
houseofgermanykinderwerkstatt@gmail.com

All camps will take place  
in Balboa Park

**June 19-23  
Entdecke die Welt - Discover the World in Balboa Park**

**June 26-30  
Reise durch San Diego - Traveling around San Diego**

**Queens Organization: (Sofia Huey)**

Over the course of the last couple meetings, we have had multiple speakers, cultural presentations, and activities at the Hall of Nations. The house of Philippines shared the history of the Philippines, cultural attire, pop culture, dances, and food! We also had a diaper drive for Father Joe's Village. It was very successful. We recently had a lawn program, many of us Queens worked at craft booths or food booths and promoted new members as well. Many crafts were created including paper tiaras, friendship bracelets and Norwegian paper hearts. Many girls were successful with taking in a few new members! We all wore our cultural attire including sash and tiara! Many of our queens played an instrument or sang a song representing their house. We will have our election meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>.





Home baked cakes in the cottage

Im Rückblick – In Retrospect  
Here a few photos from the International Christmas Festival 2022. Thanks to our volunteers we had a record year: We sold home baked cakes. Were very busy at the Sausage Grill and at the Beer Tent. The Bratwurst and the Glühwein sold out quickly, but we had some beer and Jägermeister left over.



Our team at the Sausage Grill



The Tent in the Beer Garden

## House of Germany Springfest Registration May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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

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

**Regular registration (registration form and check received by May 10<sup>th</sup>):**

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

**Late registration (registration form and check received after May 14<sup>th</sup> (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 try to 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 619-647-0851, crpeter2450@yahoo.com**

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

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