



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,

This is the first Newsletter after a long time of silence. I hope you are all well and ready for a new start. We had re-opened the House of Germany on the 4th of July. Due to the second wave of COVID-19 we are still being very careful and the City of San Diego continues to ask that we wear masks in the cottage. The concerns and restrictions have also made it difficult to keep our cottage staffed with volunteers. Our lawn program on September 12th went very well. We heard many positive comments about the program. The **House of Germany Choir** performed for the first time under direction of our new choir director, Claudia Lorenz. The **Kindertanzgruppe** of the German American Societies directed by Tanja Sawicki and Claudia Jentzen was great as usual. DeAndre Simmons and Christopher Moreno masterfully performed two **arias** by Mozart. The afternoon with Mozart ended with the **Aztec Youth String Quartett** playing: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik. We wish to thank all of our members who so generously baked for the lawn program. The cakes were delicious and much appreciated by our guests and visitors.

This Newsletter is a reminder for you to attend our next Membership Meeting on **Sunday November 7th** at 4:30 pm (Daylight Savings ends, please set your clocks back one hour). At the November meeting we will hold our annual elections. A roster of candidates is published on page two of this Newsletter. You and your family are invited to our annual Christmas Party on **Sunday December 12th**. This is a wonderful end of year celebration where the Kinderwerkstatt students perform, the House of Germany choir will give their Holiday concert and our new board gets installed. Please order your and your family's luncheon in the form provided on page 7 of this newsletter.

With best wishes, Liane Mende-Müller



House of Germany Lawn Program 2021

| 2021 Board of Directors | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
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| <i>Sofia Huey</i> | Queen | | hueys1@cox.net |
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| <i>Brigitte Gilmore</i> | Alternate Delegate | | 858-487-8402 |
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Candidates for Board Elections: (by Reinhold D. Mueller for the Nominating Committee)

Candidate for President: Liane Mende-Mueller

Candidate for Vice President: Open

Candidate for Secretary: Anna Johnson

Candidate for Treasurer: Angela Wastrack

Candidate for Membership Secretary: Christiane Koenemund

Candidate for Sergeant at Arms: Chris Peter

Candidate Delegate: Aryia Zeighamnia

Candidate Alternate Delegate: Open

Nominations for Candidates from the floor will be accepted at the meeting.





Hosting at the Cottage

Saturdays:

| NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER | |
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| 11-6 | Christine Roche | 12-4 | Open |
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| 11-13 | Manuela Seidl Barbara Lewis | 12-11 | Open |
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| 11-20 | Diana Zachek | 12-18 | Open |
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| 11-27 | Friedericke Lipski | 12-25 | Closed |
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Sundays:

| NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER | |
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| 11-7 | Käthe Krause Indrid Trogus | 12-5 | Open |
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| 11-14 | Anita Bondurant Liane Mende-Müller | 12-12 | Closed |
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| 11-21 | Angela Wastrack Christiane Koenemund | 12-19 | Liane Mende-Müller |
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| 11-28 | Open | 12-26 | Open |
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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 is on **Sunday November 7th** at 4:30 pm at the House of Germany. This will be our election meeting. We will have wine, beer, and appetizers after the meeting.

The International Christmas Festival in Balboa Park was cancelled. We will have a Drive-by, where the HPR will offer baked goods on **December 3rd** and **4th**. Our annual Christmas Party will be **December 12th** in the Handlery Hotel. Please see the reservation form on page 7.

You can now find us also on Facebook and Instagram.

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 Brigitte Gilmore at 858-487-8402.

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.

Kinder Workshop (Heather Sander-Heinz and Diana Zachek):

Our Kinderwerkstatt classes are in full swing. We have three classes in session. There is still room for a few more toddlers and middle school students, so let your friends know.

Heather Sander-Heinz who has been directing the Kinderwerkstatt for the last several years, handed the leadership over to Diana Zachek at the beginning of the 2021/22 school year. Diana is a natural and has jumped into her new role as leader and teacher with ease. To ensure a smooth transition, Heather will continue to stay involved in an advisory and supporting role until the end of this year.

The leapfrog class, run by Diana Zachek and Heather Sander-Heinz, which is especially designed for young elementary students, is exploring the concepts of German language through stories, songs, and play, while celebrating German holidays and traditions. We have been learning about the seasons and are getting ready for our Laternenfest on November 11th by learning the story of St. Martin through song and play.

Young parents and their children have been exploring singing, clapping, playing, and crafting in our German parent and baby/toddler group led by Anna Johnson. This class is a great place for parents who are interested in expanding German language skills in their family through song and play.

Led by Gabi Zois, our German class in Poway is strengthening our students' knowledge of the German language through reading, writing, and speaking. At the moment they are working on German geography and how to describe things using adjectives. They are learning songs by Ewe Kind and preparing for St. Martin's Day and our holiday performance.

House of Germany Choir (by Anna Johnson):

After the involuntary break from March 2020 until August 2021, the choir is back in session and there is lots of news!

We have a new choir director, Claudia Lorenz. Claudia used to sing alto in our choir and is also the music teacher and Kinderchoir director at Albert Einstein Academies. With her experience and expertise, we are looking forward to a bright future for our choir! Again, Teres Byrne is our pianist, she has experience in working with Claudia. We also have quite a few new and rejoining singers and are finally running out of space in the Cottage. Choir practice is now on Thursday nights at the Hall of Nations in Balboa Park. We always welcome new singers if you are interested!

The choir has started to prepare for our Christmas program, and we are looking forward to finally being able to sing for you again.

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. Our Christmas Service will be held at 3 pm at the First Lutheran Church. The House of Germany Choir will sing for us. 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 Hueys):

We have continued with our zoom meetings, and we recently had a Beach Clean Up and were able to collect community service hours. There was a choice of participating in person or collecting trash alone and submitting an email with a picture of proof. We have also discussed the payment of sashes, flowers, and shirts. All positions have provided information regularly and made the zoom meetings enjoyable! We also have had Icebreaker activities and polls for all the houses input on urgent decisions. Overall, we have had FUN and have discussed many topics for future plans.

Birthdays: Congratulations to all of you who celebrate their Birthdays in November and December.

| NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER | |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Karin Bethke | 11-5 | Jack Hardy | 12-01 |
| Dr. Antje Fechner | 11-8 | Lara Brown | 12-02 |
| Sven Heinz | 11-11 | Mike Grasso | 12-02 |
| Daniel Gebreselassie | 11-19 | Alexander Schwarz | 12-05 |
| Helga Buehner | 11-23 | Ensie Blume | 12-08 |
| Christa Zittel | 11-26 | Hildegard Savage | 12-14 |
| Steffen Gauglitz | 11-27 | Martha Ehringer | 12-16 |
| Chris Peter | 11-27 | Joachim Wolff | 12-16 |
| | | Helmut Moeller | 12-29 |
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Wir Gratulieren

Your invitation to

The House of Germany Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12th, 2021 at noon

Handlery Hotel & Resort

950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

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



Program:

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| 11:30 AM | Doors Open |
| 12:00 Noon | Lunch |
| Followed by: | Children's Performance |
| | Installation of Officers |
| | House of Germany Choir |
| | Cake, Coffee |

Come and listen to the choir while the kids are entertained by our HoG Queen and members, Emily and Sara Heinz. The kids will have a "Bastelstunde" where they can do some holiday crafts while their parents enjoy the concert. Please RSVP for the crafting event even if you will not be joining us for the luncheon.

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

Lunch Menu:

1. Tri-Tip Steak - Burgundy Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Winter Vegetables
2. Salmon – Lemon Garlic Sauce, Wild Rice Medley
3. Vegetarian – Chef's Choice Vegetarian Dish

Child Menu (Under age 12):

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

House of Germany Christmas Party Registration, December 12th, 2021

IMPORTANT: Please send registration form with payment to be received no later than Dec. 5th

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

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Regular registration (registration form and check received by December 5th):

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

Late registration (registration form and check received after December 5th (space not guaranteed):

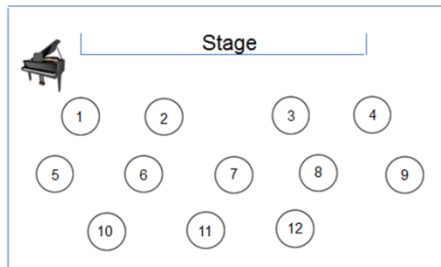
No. of members @ \$17 each: _____ Guests @ \$27 each: _____ Children under 12 @ \$11 each: _____

Total Number of adult meals: Tri Tip Steak: _____ Salmon: _____ Vegetarian: _____

There will be 8-10 persons per table. See table layout diagram below.

1st choice: table # _____ 2nd choice: table # _____ 3rd choice: table # _____

I prefer to sit with these person(s): _____



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

**House of Germany Christmas Party Registration
December 12, 2021**

| | | Adult Meals | | | | Child Meals | |
|---------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|--------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Last Name | First Name | Member ? Yes/No | Check one (X) | | | Children Under 12 Check one (X) | |
| | | | Tri Tip Steak | Salmon | Vegetarian | Last Name | First Name |
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| Totals | | | | | | | |

Please, mark if child will participate in Bastelstunde:

Number of Children:

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