



# 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,

We had a very successful lawn program in September. Everyone liked our Brats in a Roll and our home baked goods. We were sold out completely. Heather Sander-Heinz had prepared a great program for us, and we had a good visitor attendance. A big thank you to all volunteers who helped to make this event so much fun. If you would like to help us again, please, sign up for the International Christmas Festival on **December 1<sup>st</sup>** and **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please contact Christiane Koenemund by phone or email.

We have an important membership meeting coming up on **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will conduct our Board elections and ask you all to attend, as we need a quorum for the elections. You will find a slate of the candidates on the next page. Thank you to our nomination committee for the difficult work to contact all candidates.

Please, also find our Christmas Party registration at the end of this Newsletter. Our Christmas Party will be on Sunday **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 12 noon in the Handlery Hotel. Now I wish you all a great autumn season and a Happy Thanksgiving.

All the best from Liane Mende-Mueller



Lawn Program 2023: House of Germany Choir and Kinderchor

<b>2023 Board of Directors</b>			
<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>

<b>Other Positions</b>		
<i>Zoe Vowinkel</i>	Queen	zoevowinkel@yahoo.com
<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 Rebok</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

The House of Germany Nomination Committee (Reinhold Mueller, Kathy Imhoff, Astrid Brown) present the following candidates for the 2024 Board and Delegates elections:

President:	Liane Mende-Mueller
Vice-President	Heather Sander-Heinz
Secretary	Anna Johnson
Treasurer	Manuela Seidl
Membership Secretary	Christiane Koenemund
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chris Peter

Delegates to the House of Pacific Relations:

Delegate	Liane Mende-Mueller
Alternate Delegate	Heather Sander-Heinz
Delegate	Arya Zeighamnia
Alternate Delegate	Sandra Rebok



Eric Seidl and Arno Kikillus grilling 12 of 500 sausages

The House of Germany Lawn Program was a great hit. The bratwurst was delicious, and the homemade cakes were divine. Everyone had a great time seeing each other again after the long "Covid - break". Our musical talents, Bert and Dorothea Barth and The San Diego Sax Quartet played very lively fun German music for us ranging from classical and musicals to beer tent oompah-pah music. The House of Germany's children's choir and adult choir made us very proud this year bringing German Choral music up to date with their beautiful music and fun stage presence.



German American Societies' Kindertanzgruppe

We also hosted the German American Societies German Theater Club and the Children's Dance Group. They entertained the audience with song and traditional German dancing. We thank everyone for coming and we give a big shout out of appreciation to all our amazing volunteers who made this event possible.



San Diego Sax Quartett

# Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

## Important Dates:

Next membership meeting will be on **Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 pm at the House of Germany in Balboa Park. After the elections we will have wine, beer, and appetizers. The International Christmas Festival will take place on **Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** in Balboa Park. We'll celebrate the House of Germany Christmas Party on **Dec.10<sup>th</sup>** at the Handlery Hotel.

## 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 **November 26<sup>th</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! A special German Christmas Service will be held on **Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30pm. 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)**

The Queens Organization is preparing for the Coronation on **November 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Chula Vista Siesta Hall. Everyone is quite excited about the event.

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

About ten little Knirpse meet on two Fridays per month. We are singing and dancing to German songs, reading books, and hearing about traditional seasonal events. Every session, we're crafting and spreading the fun of speaking German.

Our first month of Kinderwerkstatt classes in Balboa Park and Clairemont were filled with getting to know each other, crafting Schultüten and Lanterns and learning lots about apples and our families. The next few weeks we will continue building on these themes with fun interactive activities all while getting ready for our Laternenumzug and the Christmas season. All in German - of course.

The Kinderwerkstatt class in Poway provides all the little ones an opportunity to learn German, to speak German, to write German and to have fun doing some 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. At the moment all the students are eagerly creating their own Laterne for the upcoming St. Martin's walk.

### **Adult Language Class (Christiane Koenemund and Heather Sander-Heinz)**

Our adult language beginner class is going great. We have 3 lovely ladies. Two of them are married to a German and eager to learn some phrases to use when they visit family in Germany. The third lady learned German from her grandfather, and she simply loves to continue with the language "in his memory".

Everyone is eager to learn, and we laugh a lot.



Our Kinderwerkstatt Lantern Fest will be on **October 16<sup>th</sup>** please RSVP to  
[houseofgermanykinderwerkstatt@gmail.com](mailto:houseofgermanykinderwerkstatt@gmail.com)



The House of Germany supported the German Currents-Film Fest this month. The event was a great success. Three prize winning films were shown. Everyone who came said they would like to see more German films in San Diego. A larger film fest is planned for next year. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or sponsoring the event should contact Heather or Anna.

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

The House of Germany Choir was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Renate Schloh this summer. Renate founded the choir as Heimatklang Choir in 1985 and was an active member of the choir for several decades. She made the choir look great in hand tailored dirndl outfits and contributed lots of music to our repertoire. She will be missed, and we remember her fondly.

In the past weeks, the choir sang at the Lawn program and at the Multicultural Festival at Albert Einstein Academies. After the summer break, the choir has welcomed quite a few new members and I'm happy to report that we have well over 20 singers now at each of our Thursday rehearsals. Our director Claudia and our pianist Teres lead us through the rehearsals with patience and humor and everyone is enjoying the music and company. We are busy preparing for our Christmas concerts on **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at our Christmas party and at the German Christmas Eve church service. The choir was also asked to sing at the new German Weihnachtsmarkt in El Cajon on **Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. We are looking forward to singing for you at our upcoming concerts!

The Kinderchor is up and running for the Fall semester! The young singers are learning German songs about lanterns, sharing, and Christmas, just by listening and repeating. You can look forward to hearing individual solos and all voices together at our upcoming concerts at the Kinderwerkstatt Lantern Walk on **November 16<sup>th</sup>** and at our other concerts in December. The Kinderchor will also join the adult choir again for a song.

Your invitation to  
**The House of Germany Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at noon

Handlery Hotel & Resort

950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

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



**Program:**

11:30 AM	Doors Open
12:00 Noon	Lunch
Followed by:	Officers' Installation
	Kinderwerkstatt performance
	House of Germany Choirs
	Cake, Coffee & Tea

**Lunch Menu:**

1. Tri-Tip steak with whiskey mushroom sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, and winter vegetables
2. Salmon with lemon garlic cream sauce, wild rice, and winter vegetables
3. Vegetarian – Tofu stir fry with vegetables, tangy teriyaki sauce, and jasmine rice

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

Chicken fingers with French fries and milk, brownie for dessert.

# House of Germany Christmas Party Registration, December 10th, 2023

**IMPORTANT:** Please send the registration form with payment to be received no later than **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

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

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

**Regular registration (registration form and check received by December 2nd):**

No. of members @ \$20 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Guests @ \$30 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12 @ \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_

**Late registration (registration form and check received after December 2nd **space not guaranteed**):**

No. of members @\$25 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Guests @\$35 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12 @ \$15 each: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of adult meals:** Tri tip steak: \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_

**There will be 8-10 persons per table.**

I prefer to sit with these persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Write 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](mailto:crpeter2450@yahoo.com)**

**Please write names, menu choices and other requested information in the table below**

## House of Germany Christmas Party Registration December 10th, 2023

Adult Meals						Child Meals	
Last Name	First Name	Member	Check one (X)			Children Under 12	
Last Name	First Name	Yes/No	Tri Tip Steak	Salmon	Vege- tarian	Last Name	First Name
<b>Totals</b>							

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