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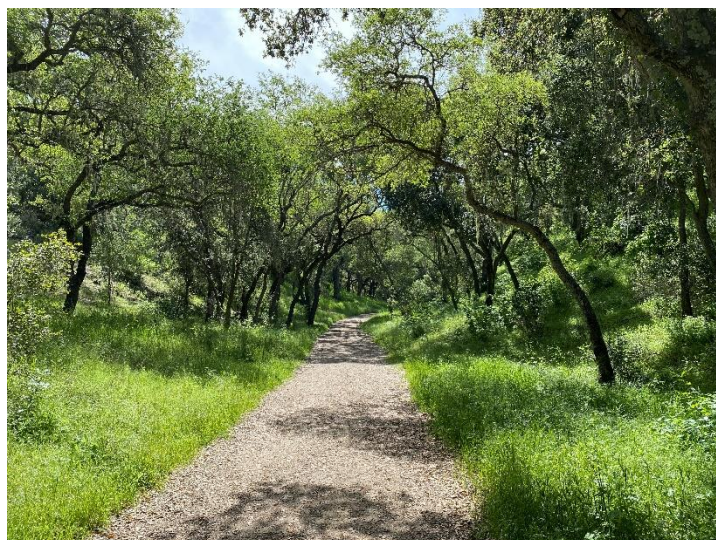
Dear Members, Liebe Mitglieder,

Time is flying and we are planning for a May Membership meeting on **Sunday May 5th** at 4:30 pm at our cottage in Balboa Park. This Year's International Food Festival had to be re-scheduled since there was a conflict with another event in the park. So the City suggested to have the festival also on May 5th. Unfortunately there was not enough time to apply for all the necessary permits, like the special events or health permits. Some of our Houses had already signed contracts with local caterers. The delegates of the HPR therefore decided to have a scaled down food festival where these houses could sell their food. Only four caterers are allowed, and the rest of the houses are not allowed to offer their usual refreshments. We are very disappointed by the action of the City. On the bright side, the House of Germany members voted not to participate in this event anyway, and we hope we will not get any fines. At this point it looks like the scaled down event will not interfere with our planned membership meeting. You are all invited to come and participate and enjoy our social hour afterwards!

The next big event will be our Springfest on **Sunday May 19th** at 12 noon at the German American Societies in El Cajon. If you have not signed up yet, please, send in your registration (see last page this Newsletter) until **May 8th**. We will charge more for late registration. We are looking forward to a great program, which was put together by our Vice President Michael Salazar and our two choirs under the direction of Claudia Lorenz. I hope to see you all there.

One very important message: We will discontinue sending out printed Newsletter copies after this issue. Please, contact Christiane Koenemund (619-246-3763) if you like to receive a printed copy in the mail. Our Summer break will start in July and the next newsletter will be published in September, all on-line.

Please, enjoy the beautiful spring in California and San Diego. Best wishes Liane Mende-Mueller



A Hike in Beautiful California: Atascadero

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Mother's Day is on May 14th



Father's Day is on June 16th



Hosting at the Cottage

Saturdays:

| MAY | | JUNE | |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 5-4-24 | Heidi Badger-Chrisman | 6-1-24 | Elke Riebling |
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| 5-11-24 | Open | 6-8-24 | Andrea Shaffer |
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| 5-18-24 | Christiane Koenemund | 6-15-24 | Natasha Van Doren |
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| 5-25-24 | Stella Kramer | 6-22-24 | Open |
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| | | 6-29-24 | Josephine Braun |
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Sundays:

| MAY | | JUNE | |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| 5-5-24 | Liane Mende-Mueller | 6-2-24 | Liane Mende-Mueller |
| | Fusseder | | Ariane Mohit |
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| 5-12-24 | Christiane Koenemund | 6-9-24 | Chris Peter |
| | Katharina Fuerst | | Stella Kramer |
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| 5-19-24 | FChristiane Koenemund | 6-16-24 | Christiane Koenemund |
| | | | Kim Warner |
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| 5-26-24 | Kaethe Krause | 6-23-24 | Gaby Ivany |
| | Andrea Salazar | | Open |
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| | | 6-30-24 | Katie Bender |
| | | | 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 will be on **Sunday May 5th** 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 19th** at the German American Societies in El Cajon.

Recurring Dates to Remember:

Ladies Auxiliary:

Meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 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 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 25th** 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

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

Kinderwerkstatt in Balboa Park was all about Spring and Easter. We did crafts and made an Easter card. We had plenty of time for fun games indoors as well as on the lawn. We worked on dictation as well as our listening comprehension. We will be learning lots about Summer and enjoying the warmer weather.

The Poway Kinderwerkstatt classes revolved once again around reading and speaking activities. We read more 'Tobi Fibel' and will continue with this book. The kids also practiced and presented with partners different situational scenarios, which enhanced their speaking abilities. Some arts and crafts projects with natural materials,-mainly wood-were made. Being with friends and having Gummibärchen as snacks brightens everyone's Wednesdays.

Our youngest group, die Knirpse, took a spring break and will end the school year in May by talking about spring and all the flowers and animals that come with it.

The full-immersion German Kinderwerkstatt Sommercamp will take place during the last two weeks of June and is currently full, with a waiting-list. In the first week, students aged 6-10 will "travel to" and learn about different countries and in the second week, we'll explore the different regions of Germany including their foods, traditions, buildings, and geography.

If you have questions, please contact us at houseofgermanysommercamp@gmail.com.

Kinderwerkstatt

Wer hat Lust mit Kindern zu spielen, basteln, singen und Deutsch zu sprechen?

Die Kinderwerkstatt ist eine Kultur- und Begegnungsstätte für Kinder und Eltern, die Wert darauf legen, die deutsche Kultur hier in San Diego lebendig zu halten.

Wir suchen interessierte und engagierte deutschsprachige „Lehrer“, die unser Kinderwerkstattprogramm weiterbringen.

Unsere Stunden finden wöchentlich statt und dauern 90 Minuten. Momentan brauchen wir Lehrer in Balboa Park und eine Person, die die Koordination übernehmen kann.

If interested please write to:

Houseofgermanykinderwerkstatt@gmail.com



The Kinderwerkstatt Flohmarkt on March 17th at the Hall of Nations was a big success! Nine House of Germany member families sold their items to an interested audience from the German community in San Diego as well as the public who was visiting Balboa Park that Sunday. Items ranged from baby's and children's clothes, shoes, toys, games, equipment like strollers and bassinets, and of course plenty of books, CDs, and DVDs. The fantastic House of Germany volunteers offered refreshments, coffee, cake, fresh yummy waffles, pretzels, and more. We hope to see you at the next Flohmarkt!



Hall of Nations: House of Germany Flohmarkt



Hall of Nations: Hosting for the Flohmarkt

Adult Language Class (Christiane Koenemund):

There is not much to report about the adult class since we didn't have classes for 3 weeks. The adult students would like to have classes on a more consistent basis without all the breaks in between. We had a productive, fun class again last week. The students are eager to learn!

House of Germany Choir (by Anna Johnson):

Both choirs have been practicing their programs for our Springfest on May 19th.

The adult choir keeps growing and we're looking forward to singing a few new songs for you!

The children's choir has been working on stage presence and some fun songs, choreography, and costumes.

After our Springfest, the choirs will take a summer break until August.

Please make sure to let me know if you are interested in joining one of the choirs in the fall!

For easier Springfest registration e-mail the form to Liane.germany.2012@gmail.com and pay electronically:



Zelle QR Code



Credit Card QR Code

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