

# MODERN APPRENTICESHIP

## The other four-year degree



The GAI has embarked on a multi-year project to raise awareness of the German dual education system. Beginning with a symposium on Friday, April 12, the GAI will bring together the four stakeholders who could benefit from this system: business and industry, government, educational institutions, and anyone interested in career development for young people that aligns with workforce needs.

Many people are not familiar with the concept of dual education and how apprenticeships are developed for the work force. The majority of Americans believe that an academic, four-year college degree should be the goal of every student, even if it means acquiring massive debt with little to no career training.

The symposium, Modern Apprenticeship: The other four-year degree, presents speakers from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry PIPELINE and Apprenticeship Minnesota programs, White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce and White Bear Lake Area School District, and the Industry Consortium for Advanced Technical Training (ICATT), Chicago, along with our own Jeana Anderson and Claudia Aurand. Join us in the GAI ballroom for an enlightening evening.

### SYMPOSIUM

**Modern Apprenticeship: The other four-year degree**

Friday, April 12, 2019 | 6–9 PM | Free and open to the public

More information at [gai-mn.org](http://gai-mn.org)



### CALENDAR

APR 9: Stammtisch

APR 12: Modern Apprenticeship

APR 13: No Kaffeestube

APR 19: German language Good Friday service at St. Paul's UCC

APR 20: Easter Egg Hunt

APR 27: *Rheinland* Member Night

### ADULT LANGUAGE CLASSES

Adult Spring Spezial registration open

### FOR KIDS AND TEENS

APR 27: Earth Day für Kinder

Samstagsschule in session

Summer camp registration open

### GAI GRUPPEN

APR 2, 16: Skatklub

APR 8, 22: TC Männerchor

APR 13: Haus & Grounds

APR 14: Modelleisenbahngruppe

APR 15: GAI Damenklub

APR 16: Deutscher Sprachklub

### 2019 ANNUAL EVENTS

FEB 16: Karneval Tanzparty

MAR 23: Pork & Kraut Dinner

JUN 8-9: Deutsche Tage

SEP 13-14: St. Paul Oktoberfest

DEC 7-8: Holiday Open Haus

DEC 14: Christmas Dinner

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Kinderstube Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday, April 20 Egg hunt begins at 10:30 AM

The German *Osterhase* visits each year and brings eggs filled with candy and tokens. Exchange tokens for fun prizes and toys at our *Osterladen* (Easter store). After the hunt, paint some eggs and try some fun Easter crafts. The event will go on rain or shine, so wear your rain boots if the weather is damp, and don't forget a basket or bag!

*For children ages 0–7 years old  
(separate hunt area for ages 0–2)*

*\$10 per child (benefits Kinderstube  
German Immersion Preschool)  
Tickets at the door*

**Come early for Kaffeestube European  
breakfast buffet and enjoy a special  
family-friendly Easter menu.**

*Kaffeestube: 8:30–11 AM  
Egg hunt and Kaffeestube for kids: \$15  
Adults \$12*



### **Earth Day für Kinder** Saturday, April 27 | 10:30 AM–1 PM

We're celebrating Earth Day at the GAI! Fun activities for kids include flower bombs, making your own compost, a super recycler sorting game, and an environmental scavenger hunt. Bring the whole family!

*Free, for children ages 4–12  
GAI Haus and lawn*

**Come early for Kaffeestube European  
breakfast buffet, 8:30–11 AM  
\$12 adults, \$7 children**



### **Rheinland Member Night** Saturday, April 27 | 6:30–8:30 PM

Travel to the *Rheinland* for an evening without leaving your chair. This immersive experience includes food and drink samples from the region and a cultural program presented by *Rheinland* native Bastian Treptau. For GAI members and their guests.

*\$20 members, \$25 non-member guests,  
\$10 children ages 5–18  
Tickets online at [gai-mn.org](http://gai-mn.org)*

### **German Language Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 19 | 10 AM

**This annual service is held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Avenue in St. Paul. Contact the church at 651.224.5809 for more information.**



**May 3 is the registration and down  
payment deadline for the GAI Trip  
to Germany. More information is  
available at [gai-mn.org](http://gai-mn.org).**

## **Deutsche Tage 2019**

**Das Moderne Deutschland | Modern Germany**  
June 8–9, 2019

As part of this year's Deutsche Tage theme, Das Moderne Deutschland, GAI will present two informational pavilions:

### **Apprenticeship Pavilion**

Part of a larger initiative highlighting modern apprenticeship, this trade show-style tent pavilion will educate visitors about the German Dual Education system and apprenticeship options locally. Participants include representatives from local businesses and industry, colleges and technical schools, and ICATT (Industry Consortium of Advanced Technical Training), an initiative of the GACC-Midwest that works with companies to establish apprentice training programs. The pavilion will also be at St. Paul Oktoberfest September 14–15.

### **Environmental Pavilion**

Visit informational booths to learn about "green" practices and advances in Germany and here at home. Topics include sustainable homes, LEED certification, renewable energy, and activities for kids.

Look for more details and volunteer opportunities in upcoming newsletters.



# SPRING SPEZIAL

Short courses and special topics

## SPRING SPEZIAL CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS

### START German for Beginners

Our classes are taught in a friendly and intimate setting (average class size is 10) by instructors who are native speakers or possess near native fluency.

More information about class options and fees at [gai-mn.org/Spring-Spezial](http://gai-mn.org/Spring-Spezial)

### Einfach Besser Deutsch (Intermediate)

Read and review current articles from *Deutsch Perfekt*. Discuss and practice grammar, vocabulary, and more.

6 Tuesdays, April 9–May 14, 6:30–8:30 PM

More information and registration at [gai-mn.org/Spring-Spezial](http://gai-mn.org/Spring-Spezial)

### Der deutsche Humor (Advanced)

*Wie und worüber lachen die Deutschen? Dieser Frage wird im Leistungskurs nachgegangen. Es werden verschiedene deutsche Witzarten besprochen, kulturgeschichtliche Aspekte des Humors werden berücksichtigt: worüber dürfen die Deutschen (nicht) lachen und wer wird zur Zielscheibe des Spottes.*

8 Saturdays, April 13–June 8 (no class May 25), 10 AM–noon

More information and registration at [gai-mn.org/Spring-Spezial](http://gai-mn.org/Spring-Spezial)



## SUMMER CAMP!

GAI summer camps are centered around a fun, highly-interactive theme. German beginners to bilingual campers are welcome. New this year are Intro to German and German and Science. More information and registration at [gai-mn.org/Summer-Camp-2019](http://gai-mn.org/Summer-Camp-2019).

### Auf Wiedersehen, Georgia!

Say farewell to Director of Event Services and Volunteer Coordinator extraordinaire Georgia Schneider Mundt. She's moving to Texas to join her husband Connor, who is training to be a pilot in the military. Her last day at the GAI is April 19. We'll miss you, Georgia!

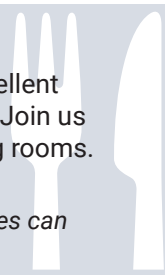


### Stammtisch Luncheon—every second Tuesday

Where else can you get a white table cloth with flowers, an excellent German home-cooked meal, and a program and conversation? Join us every second Tuesday beginning at 11:45 a.m. in the GAI dining rooms.

\$10 members and non-members

Please RSVP to the GAI office by the Friday before. Regular attendees can request to be added to the standing list at that time.



## VOLUNTEER!

### Haus & Grounds—Saturday, April 13, 9 AM–noon

This month we will be concentrating on the lawn and gardens as we recover from our very long winter. We will also begin normal outside repairs. Join us for lunch and beer after the work session. Contact Jim Gruetzman at 651.783.2996 or [jgruetzman@gai-mn.org](mailto:jgruetzman@gai-mn.org).



Now with a new name, Hier & There, the GAI podcast is filled with interesting cultural information and updates on GAI programs and events. Find it at [gai-mn.org/Podcast](http://gai-mn.org/Podcast).



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**RHEINLAND MEMBER NIGHT**

