



Karneval Tanzparty

Saturday, February 8, 2020 | 8 PM –1 AM

Karneval celebrations have a different flavor depending on where in Germany, Switzerland, or Austria you live. Common to all celebrations are costume parties, parades, and parodies. Normally buttoned up Germans take to the streets in the traditional last hurrah before the fasting and reflection of Lent.

Burlesque + Drag = Naughty Fun

Returning to the GAI this year is a cabaret headlined by well-known local performers Elektra Cute and Victoria DeVille of Black Hearts Burlesque.

In a twist on the Karneval tradition, Tanzparty invites you to “come as you aren’t”. We’re hosting an amateur drag competition benefiting JustUs Health. A panel of judges including Elektra Cute and entertainment reporter Todd Walker will crown the winner Karneval Tanzparty *König/Königin*.

A food truck and special drinks will be available along with good German beer and wine, and as always, there will be dancing to Euro hits in the Rathskeller black light disco. Costumes are not required, but highly recommended—from traditional Karneval costumes or masks to drag.

21+, \$15 (\$10 members)

Tickets at gai-mn.org/karneval

Limited tickets at the door



CALENDAR

JAN 11: Haus & Grounds

FEB 8: Karneval Tanzparty

MAR 21: Salvatorfest

MAR 28: Kaffeestube and German Citizenship Presentation

ADULT LANGUAGE CLASSES

Winter/Spring classes
registration open

JAN 24: Freitag Feierabend

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Samstagsschule registration open

Classes begin January 11

GAI GRUPPEN

JAN 7, 21 Skatklub

JAN 12: Modelleisenbahngruppe

JAN 20: GAI Damenklub

JAN 21: Deutscher Sprachklub

2020 ANNUAL EVENTS

FEB 8: Karneval Tanzparty

JUN 13–14: Deutsche Tage

SEP 11–12: St. Paul Oktoberfest

DEC 5–6: Holiday Open Haus

DEC 12: Christmas Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS



Freitag Feierabend (Friday Happy Hour) Friday, January 24 | 5:30–7 PM

Spend some time with fellow language students and GAI community members practicing German conversation in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Registration includes instructor-led discussions and one beverage (we recommend beer!)

GAI Rathskeller, \$10, includes one beverage. Register at gai-mn.org/Freitag-Feierabend.



Stammtisch Luncheon Second Tuesday of the month 11:45 AM–1 PM

Where else can you find 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.

*\$12 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.*



Karneval Tanzparty Amateur Drag Competition Saturday, February 8

Strut your stuff to benefit JustUs Health. The winner will be crowned GAI Karneval Tanzparty *König/Königin* (King/Queen). For every competition entry (entries are free) the GAI will donate \$50 to JustUs Health, an organization that works for equitable health care access for people who experience injustice at the intersection of health status and identity.

More information and registration at gai-mn.org/drag.

A NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW MEMBER BENEFITS

GAI membership has tangible and intangible benefits. For 2020, members will see some fun new perks such as the **German Food & Beverage Pass**, a card that gives you discounts on food and beverages from local businesses. Coming soon in 2020!



PARTNER EVENT

Spielmannszug Kinder Karneval Sunday, January 12 | 2–5 PM

It's a costume party for kids with a costume contest, games, German interactive dancing, storytelling, Marionette theater, arts and crafts, and food. For more information, contact SZMinnesota11@gmail.com or visit Spielmannszug Minnesota Facebook page.

Free, at the Germanic-American Institute.



WINTER SESSION

German language classes

LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

START—Beginner German classes begin January 7, 2020

There's still time to sign up for Winter Session! Classes for beginners start on January 7. *More information and registration at gai-mn.org/winter.*

FUN AND LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Samstagsschule—Saturday School for kids begins January 11, 2020

GAI language programs for young kids and preteens are built around natural acquisition of language in an interactive, fun environment. German for Teens courses are designed for beginner, intermediate and advanced level German speaking teens in middle school and high school.

More information and registration at gai-mn.org/children.



SPRING SESSION

German language classes

SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Adult Classes Spring Session begins February 3, 2020

More information and registration at gai-mn.org/spring.

[NOTE: If you already know some German, but aren't sure which class to take, complete our online assessment. Details at gai-mn.org/assessment.]

AROUND THE HAUS

VOLUNTEER

HAUS & GROUNDS | Saturday, January 11 | 9 AM—noon

This month we'll work on general maintenance and repairs as well as planning for 2020. As always, work is followed by lunch, beer, and social time. Contact Jim Gruetzman at 651.783.2996 or jgruetzman@gai-mn.org.

MATCHING GIFTS

3M Employees and Retirees: You may be eligible for the 3M Matching Gifts Program. Check the 3M website under employee and retiree matching gifts.

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THE PODCAST YEAR-IN-REVIEW

The final podcast of 2019 reviews the year's programs, initiatives, and events and looks ahead to 2020! All the episodes are available online for listening at your leisure.

Send your questions or topic ideas to language@gai-mn.org.



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Einen guten Rutsch...ins neue Jahr!

Thank you Annual Fund donors for making it a “good slide” into the new year. We rely on every donation, large or small, to maintain our historic mansion, to keep up with the demand for language classes for children and adults, and to share Germanic culture in all its diversity with the Twin Cities and beyond.

Our goal is to be the most prominent center for German language and culture in the United States and you have helped us toward this goal. *Vielen Dank.*

P.S.: There's still time to donate and have your donation counted toward the 2020 budget and 2019 tax year! gai-mn.org/AnnualFund