



Deutsche Tage 2020—a new kind of celebration!

We are happy to announce that the GAI's popular summer festival, Deutsche Tage, will be held as a new kind of celebration this year—with the theme "Celebrate What Unites Us." Our team has been hard at work organizing a series of virtual events and activities you can participate in safely from home from Monday, June 8 through Saturday, June 13.

As St. Paul's longest-running ethnic festival, we are excited to uphold our tradition of celebration while coming together to help local businesses and bring joy to our neighbors near and far. Join us virtually this year and connect with some of the GAI's best-loved programs and traditions: lifelong German language learning, Germanic culture and food, and summer fun activities for all ages. Further details and registration information coming soon on our website and social media @GAIMN.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

JUNE 8 Participate in a virtual *Fahrradtour* (bicycle tour) on your own time and share photos of your bike ride (or your favorite bike trip in *Deutschland*) with us on social media!

JUNE 9 Enjoy German food and support our local Deutsche Tage catering partner, Black Forest Inn, by ordering takeout and enjoying a festive meal at home.

JUNE 11, 6:30–8 PM Tune in for the first-ever Hier & There podcast live event. Bring the German grammar questions that have always stumped you, hear about others' cultural missteps and "bloopers", and join in some language and culture trivia to win prizes!

JUNE 12, 7 PM Sing along with Minnesänger Director John Hoffacker as he introduces and plays popular *Volkslieder*.

JUNE 13, 11 AM–2 PM Pick up your Haus Party Kits at the GAI and start your celebration! At 7 p.m., accordionist Joey Johnson will take your requests on Facebook Live. Find all the details at gai-mn.org!

You can celebrate at home with our Deutsche Tage Haus Party Kit!

More info on the back page.

CALENDAR

Check the GAI website for upcoming online events

JUNE 8–13

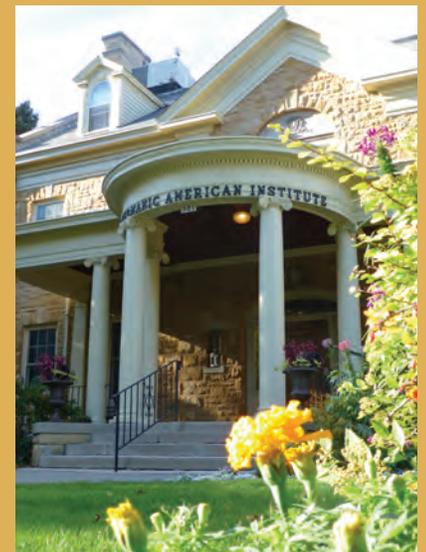
Virtual Deutsche Tage

ADULT LANGUAGE CLASSES

See page 3 for our Summer Session class offerings

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Summer camps registration is open



Thank you, Haus & Grounds

While we have all been away, Jim Gruetzman and the Haus & Grounds crew (adhering to social distancing) has continued to work on needed maintenance and grounds projects—including Spring clean-up. You can admire the grounds next time you are driving down Summit Avenue.

Deutsche Tage Masks: One-of-a-Kind!

While we are all looking forward to the day when we don't need to wear facemasks, we are grateful to our super supporters who have put in hours of sewing to make Deutsche Tage 2020 facemasks. Volunteers from our board and the Damenclub have brought their decades of sewing expertise to this huge project—making over 300 masks! Our face masks are made from vintage shirts, *Dirndl*, aprons, and event banners that have been donated to the GAI over the past few decades. This makes them not only sustainably made, but also durable and soft. (And don't worry, we have many *Dirndl* left in our supply at the GAI, as we regularly receive donations from friends and members). In addition to our Haus materials, our mask-makers have continued in the GAI's tradition of resourcefulness and creatively drawn from their own collections of fabric, thread, and elastic. They expertly followed a pattern recommended by North Memorial Hospital, which are contoured to the face and have a pocket to include a coffee filter for increasing the efficacy of the mask. Thank you to our mask-making volunteers for helping make Deutsche Tage 2020 safe and fun for everyone!

Buy a Haus Party Kit today and receive your Deutsche Tage facemask with our other treats and party supplies. Order at gai-mn.org/deuschtage or call the office at 651.222.7027.



Meet our Members—Part 1: Coming to Amerika

Since our founding in 1957, we have been lucky to have creative and resilient members and volunteers keep everything from our Haus grounds to the longest-running ethnic festival in St. Paul thriving. While we can't all get together at the Haus yet to meet members, students, and event visitors, we are excited to launch a new series for our newsletter to introduce and connect our diverse community from home!



Call for photos: We are looking for some great photos to share from past Deutsche Tage festivals. If you have a few photos you would like to share, please send them to photos@gai-mn.org with the subject "Deutsche Tage". *Danke schön!*

Helga Parnell

June is Deutsche Tage season, which means many of us are thinking about the celebrations and friends we love at the GAI. Helga Parnell has been a treasured friend and volunteer for countless programs and events at the Haus. Originally from Bamberg, Germany, Helga lived through the devastation and aftermath of World War II, moving to the countryside with her family to escape bombings during the war. She met and married Frank Parnell, an American soldier stationed in Bamberg, and moved to the U.S. after their marriage. Starting a new life far away from family was difficult, but Helga noted right away how she felt welcomed by neighbors in Minnesota. She and Frank built their home in Mendota Heights, where she has lived for over 42 years. Helga was originally introduced to the GAI through a friend, and after consistently helping with events, she was asked to take on the role of catering director. Today Helga is still an incredibly active member at the GAI. She continues to help out whenever she can, cooking for *Stammtisch* or helping make hundreds of *Lebkuchen* for the holiday season. From the Damenklub to Deutsche Tage, Helga's warmth and generosity have touched thousands of lives at the Haus.



SUMMER SESSION

German language classes

Continue your German learning this summer!

Registration open | Classes in July and August

Travel to Germany by studying conversation and pronunciation, grammar and writing, or literature. We plan to offer in-person classes (following social distancing protocols) in July and August. Our new online-only classes will also continue.

Register at gai-mn.org/Summer-2020



SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMPS

Summer camps update

The GAI will continue to follow the recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC and will adjust summer camps as needed, but at this time we plan to offer camps as scheduled. To ensure safety and observe social distancing, the number of campers will be limited.

Register at gai-mn.org/Summer-Camp-2020

Hier & There podcast goes "live" for Deutsche Tage

Thursday, June 11 | 6:30–8 pm

Tune in for the first-ever Hier & There podcast live event. Bring the German grammar questions that have always stumped you, hear about others' cultural missteps and "bloopers", and join in some language and culture trivia to win prizes!

Find it at facebook.com/GAIMN



Discounts and payment plans for adult classes

We want you to continue your language studies! To help those who may be dealing with income reductions, the GAI is offering special discounts, payment plans, and scholarships. For more information, contact Language Services at language@gai-mn.org or leave a message at 651.222.2979.

LANGUAGE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



Claudia, Katrin, and Michael connected virtually to discuss strong verbs, German music, and upcoming virtual events. Listen at gai-mn.org/Podcast

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Deutsche Tage Haus Party Kit



Have your own Deutsche Tage Haus Party!

For this year's Deutsche Tage, we are preparing a party starter kit with the essentials for your party at home! For only \$20, the Haus Party Kit will include two Paulaner beers, a small bottle of Jägermeister, an Aki pretzel, a sweet treat, a German-themed face mask, plus a party surprise.

Pre-order only starting June 1, while supplies last.

Kits will be available for curbside pickup at the GAI Haus between **11 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturday, June 13**. Order one for yourself and one to thank a friend, teacher, or anyone who needs a dose of German fun! Order your kit at gai-mn.org/DTkits or call the office at 651.222.7027.



Be a VIP (Very Invested Patron) this year

Deutsche Tage participants who would like to support the festival and the GAI's cultural programs with a sponsorship can purchase a **VIP Haus Party Kit** for \$100 (individual) or \$150 (couple). In addition to the items above, our VIPs will receive a 6-pack of Paulaner beer, a bottle of wine, a Black Forest cherry cream cheese bar, and more! Thank you for helping us keep the spirit of Deutsche Tage going strong during these unprecedented times!

Order your VIP kit at gai-mn.org/DTVIP or call the office at 651.222.7027.

