



O'zapft is! Let St. Paul Oktoberfest begin!

Friday, September 13, 4–10 PM | Saturday, September 14, 10 AM–10 PM

At Schmidt Brewery, 900 West 7th Street, Saint Paul

Opening Ceremony (Friday, 6 PM)

This year, St. Paul Oktoberfest begins with a horse-delivered keg of Oktoberfest beer to the festival grounds, followed by a keg tapping ceremony with local dignitaries (*der Anstich*). Be there to get the first taste of Paulaner Oktoberfest Wiesn, brewed once a year for Oktoberfest and imported directly from Munich. Additional beer options are Paulaner Oktoberfest Märzen, Paulaner Hefe-Weizen, and Hacker-Pschorr Münchner Dunkel (dark).

Entertainment Stage (Friday and Saturday)

Dance or tap your toes to traditional polka music by the Bill Koncar Band and Dale Dahmen & The Beats. Other entertainment includes The Concord Singers, the traditional men's chorus from New Ulm, the Edelweiss Dancers, and concertina virtuoso Josh Eidsor. *Full entertainment schedule at stpauloktoberfest.org.*

Oktoberfest Wedding Vow Renewal (Saturday, 5 PM)

The original Oktoberfest in Munich celebrated a historic royal wedding. Rather than celebrating a wedding, we invite you to renew your vows, Oktoberfest-style. Held on the Cultural Stage, followed by a polka dancing lesson and a wedding dance in the main tent. *Register to renew your vows at bit.ly/2ZhloCB.*

See page 3 for Oktoberfest **volunteering** and the back cover for the **Kaiser's Festzelt sponsor opportunity**.

Membership special at Oktoberfest

Get two free beers when becoming a member at St. Paul Oktoberfest!

CALENDAR

SEP 2: GAI closed

SEP 10: Stammtisch Luncheon

SEP 13-14: St. Paul Oktoberfest

OCT 4: Annual Meeting

OCT 11: A Night with the Opera

OCT 19: German Genealogy Workshop

OCT 25: Bier und Bingo at Summit Brewing

ADULT LANGUAGE CLASSES

Fall classes begin

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

SEPT 14: Samstagsschule begins

GAI GRUPPEN

SEP 3, 17: Skatklub

SEP 8: Modelleisenbahngruppe

SEP 9, 23: Männerchor

SEP 16: GAI Damenklub

SEP 18: 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



Steinheben returns to Oktoberfest

UPCOMING EVENTS



Behind the Curtain with Minnesota Opera's Elektra

Friday, October 11 | 5:30 PM

This special program with the Minnesota Opera and the Wagner Society will feature a moderated conversation with artistic director Dale Johnson and Maestro Elias Grandy, and a performance of Elektra's monologue by Alexandra Loutsion. Hosted by MPR's Julie Amacher. After a break, musicologist Daniel Freeman will explore Wagner's influence on the compositions of Richard Strauss. Coffee and dessert will be served. **Tickets: \$30 (includes program, hors d'oeuvres and one beverage)**

More information and registration at gai-mn.org



Kaffeestube and Intro to German Genealogy Workshop

Saturday, October 19 | 10 AM

What is genealogy? How do you do it? What is different about German genealogy? You'll learn how to research your German relatives.

Kaffeestube Breakfast Buffet: \$15
Workshop plus Kaffeestube: \$25
Register at www.gai-mn.org

Note: The new format for Kaffeestube requires advance tickets. Rather than every Saturday, it will be held quarterly, paired with an optional educational or informational program.



Bier und Bingo at Summit Brewing

Friday, October 25 | 6–9 PM

In round two of this popular event, play Bingo for fun prizes and to support the GAI. Proceeds go to GAI's cultural programming. This event will again be held at Summit Brewing's Ratskeller so you'll be able to quench your thirst with Summit draft beer. No registration required. Details coming soon to the GAI website.

Summit Brewing
910 Montreal Circle, St. Paul

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Annual Meeting | Friday, October 4 | 3–4 PM

Join the GAI Board of Directors and Executive Director for GAI's Annual Meeting. The program includes updates to the strategic vision for the future of GAI, results of the 2018–2019 audit, and a preview of upcoming events and programming for 2020. Complimentary *Kaffee und Kuchen* will be served. Held in the main floor dining room.





FALL SESSION

German language classes

FALL SESSION REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS

Fall is in the air—sign up for language classes today!

GAI German language programs for adults offer something for everyone—from beginners (START German) to advanced (*Oberstufe Leistungskurs*). Classes begin early to mid-September. *Details and registration at gai-mn.org/adults.*



Samstagsschule

German Classes for Kids and Teens

SAMSTAGSSCHULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

For young kids and preteens

The emphasis of language classes for kids is natural acquisition of language in an interactive, fun, environment. *Register at gai-mn.org/German-for-Kids.*

For teens (age 13+)

Students build reading, writing, listening comprehension, and speaking skills in a fun, interactive, and age appropriate environment. *Register online at gai-mn.org/German-for-Teens.*

LANGUAGE PROGRAMS FOR AGES 3 TO 93



GAI KINDERSTUBE

Learn about what parents can expect from GAI's Kinderstube German Immersion Preschool in this interview with Kinderstube Director Babett and Assistant Director Emily.

OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest is celebrated around the world. This episode focuses on the origins of the festival and GAI's version, St. Paul Oktoberfest.

Listen at gai-mn.org/Podcast

VOLUNTEER!

Haus & Grounds

Haus & Grounds will not hold a regular work session in September as we normally throw our support behind the St. Paul Oktoberfest. Please look at the schedule for help and sign up as you are able. This event requires all of our help. During September we will continue our normal Thursday work sessions and continue to maintain our facilities and grounds. Thanks for your help! Contact Jim Gruetzman at 651.783.2996 or jgruetzman@gai-mn.org.

St. Paul Oktoberfest

St. Paul Oktoberfest is a cornerstone of GAI's programming and budget and we rely on our fabulous volunteers to make it happen. Tasks include set-up and tear-down, food and bar service, info booth, and wristband booth.

Sign up at Stpauloktoberfest.org/volunteer or contact Rachel Leiphon at rleiphon@gai-mn.org if you have any questions.

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Get the royal treatment in the *Kaiser's Festzelt* at this year's St. Paul Oktoberfest. This all-inclusive experience includes seating near the main stage, complimentary specialty German beer, wine, and cocktails, and a Bavarian buffet with a roasted whole hog stuffed with sausage and sauerkraut by K'nack sausage company, Aki's Breadhaus breads, and German pickles, relishes and spreads.

The *Festzelt* is named in honor of the late Bruce Larson, the quirky St. Paul philanthropist and supporter of the GAI known as "the Kaiser". Your sponsorship supports the GAI, a non-profit whose work and mission keep German culture alive and thriving in Minnesota.

\$150 individual, \$200 couple

Friday, September 13 or Saturday, September 14

Kaiser's Festzelt hours are 5–10 PM both nights of St. Paul Oktoberfest

Buy tickets at Stpauloktoberfest.org



"The Kaiser", Bruce Larson