



House of Germany

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages, Inc., Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101

Newsletter / Nachrichten

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Dear Members, Liebe Mitglieder,

We hope you celebrated a joyful Easter Holiday and you are looking forward to spring (which feels like summer) with all the activities planned for you in Balboa Park.

A big Thank You goes out to all participants and volunteers of our annual Springfest. Our choir under the direction of Jerry Marcu presented a wonderful program of traditional and popular German music. We also enjoyed the program of the Phoenix Gemischter Chor from Anaheim under the direction of Marshall Ramirez. But when both choirs AND former choir members present in the audience performed together on stage we witnessed a truly inspiring moment! We all had fun and enjoyed each other's company.

Our next event will be the international food fair on Saturday **May 23rd** and Sunday **May 24th**. Please, let us know if you would like to donate a home baked cake by **May 18th**. We will need enough cakes for two days. If you have a family recipe or know how to make a special cake (not just a pound cake) we would appreciate it. A reimbursement of \$ 10 per cake is available upon request. We will need your name and address. Please, deliver your cake to the cottage on Saturday May 23rd or Sunday May 24th starting at 11 am.

Please, make sure to attend our next membership meeting on **May 3rd** at 4:30 pm in the House of Germany at Balboa Park.

Hope to see you all there,

Liane Mende-Mueller



Combined Choirs at the 2015 Spring Concert

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Hosting at the Cottage

May		June		July	
5-3	Andre Klein	6-7	Ulla Castro	7-5	Sonja Metscher
	Gabi Pena		Bob Castro		Renate Shein
5-10	Angie Marcu	6-14	Brigitte Gilmore	7-12	Open
	Stefan Hegyi		Sonja + Jaqui Marchant		
5-17	Melita Hein	6-21	Sunny Menze	7-19	Dagmar Purves
	Harry Hein		Marilyn Boyce		Ingrid Buttner
5-23	Christa Petro	6-28	Open	7-26	Brigitte Gilmore
	Mike Grasso				Heidi Williams
5-24	Johanna Petosa				
	Lara Brown				
5-31	Dagmar Purves				
	Ingrid Buttner				

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember:

Important Dates

Next Membership Meeting will be held May 3rd at 4:30 pm in the House of Germany at Balboa Park. On Saturday, June 20th we are at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar. Our choir will be performing in the afternoon. Details will be posted on our website: www.houseofgermany.com

Recurring dates to remember:

Ladies Auxiliary:

Meetings are every 2nd Wednesday at 12:30 pm. During the time of HPR construction the Lady's Luncheons will be held at the Recital Hall. For more information contact Aileen Price at 619-427-1403.

Kaffeeklatsch:

Meets every month on the 3rd Thursday at 12:30 in the House of Germany in Balboa Park (unless a change was previously announced). The next meeting will be May^{21st}. Please contact Elsbeth Erler at 858-452-9797 for more information.

Kinder Workshop (by Anke Byrne):

The Kinderwerkstatt is offering a German language program for children ages 4 to 12 on two different days: Tuesdays in Clairemont and Fridays in Rancho Penasquitos. Please contact the Kinderwerkstatt co-ordinator Anke Byrne at 619-354-9991 or by email at kinderwerkstattsd@gmail.com for questions on enrollment.

The Kinderwerkstatt is back from Spring Break!

Students at both school locations in Clairemont and Rancho Penasquitos had a fun Easter Egg Hunt with lots of Easter related games before heading into their well deserved Spring Break.

More than 200 eggs were hidden by teachers and parents and all but one were found.



The Great Easter Egg Hunt 2015

House of Germany Choir (by Erika McCleave):

Presently our choir is working on a program for the San Diego County Fair on June 20th. If you would like to join us for practice, please contact Erika McCleave (619-462-0027). Sessions are held every Wednesday at 7:30 pm. During construction of the HPR Hall of Nations the choir will meet at the Ascension Lutheran Church, 5106 Zion Ave., San Diego CA 92120.



Pianist Terese Byrne



House of Germany Choir



Director Jerry Marcu

Deutsche Evangelische Gemeinde San Diego at the First Lutheran Church:

A German Service is offered on the last Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church, 1420 Third Ave., San Diego. A game time for young and old is planned before services from 1 to 3pm! The next service will be held on May 31st at 3pm. Questions? Please call Elsbeth Erler at 858-452-9797 or e-mail our pastor at Rev.Karin@yahoo.com.

Please, find the latest news on the following website: www.deutschekirchesandiego.com.

Queens Organization (by Katrina Surks):

In the next few weeks Queens will be having our normal meetings on every other Sunday. On April 25th we will be participating in the Liberty Station MS Walk.

Dingeman Elementary School World's Fair Report (Liane Mende-Mueller):

On Sunday April 26th our Kinderwerkstatt coordinator Anke Byrne and I participated in a Scripps Ranch Elementary School World's Fair. Besides House of Germany the Houses of China, Spain and Korea were also present. A variety of international cultural exhibits and performances were featured. The House of Germany did advertise for the German Language Program of our Kinderwerkstatt. We did find interest especially since the lessons are taught in Rancho Penasquitos, which is a convenient location for Scripps Ranch families. The children liked to learn about "Schnuppi" our Kinderwerkstatt mascot, a little stuffed dog, which goes home to one of our student's family for one week. The student then has to report back what Schnuppi did with them in this week. The diary entry has to be written in German. We had to stamp passports for the Dingeman students and if they could ask a question about Germany, they did receive a package with Haribo Gummibears. Hopefully, they will remember the House of Germany and will visit Balboa Park.

In Memoriam (by Liane Mende-Mueller):

As many of you know, our long standing member Reinhard von der Heide had passed away about two months ago at the age of 89. Sadly, Lilo von der Heide followed shortly after him; she passed away on April 13th, 2015.

Both Reinhard and Lilo had volunteered countless hours at the House of Germany and served in several functions. Reinhard was a Parliamentarian and later a Food Supply Chair. Lilo had served as Membership Secretary and was responsible for the decoration of our cottage. Lilo also served as the President of the Women's Auxiliary and was a member of our choir.

Both Reinhard and Lilo got married in Bremen. They arrived in the United States in 1955 and became US citizens in 1960. Both loved sailing the seas, so they moved to the Los Angeles area where they owned a home and kept their stately sailboat. In 1987 they moved to San Diego and soon thereafter they joined the House of Germany. In their early San Diego days they loved to discover the city by taking many walking tours to local sites and learning about the history of our finest city. Later, Reinhard became an active member in the San Diego Model Railroad Club and helped run model railroad displays in the San Diego Model Railroad Museum. My son Martin will never forget when Reinhard invited him for a look behind the scene. Reinhard gave him an insight on how the operating system functioned and even let him run one of the trains on display. And we all remember Lilo and her love for sharing pictures; she always had an envelope on her and you never knew which period of the House of Germany her pictures would cover...

The House of Germany is very sad about the loss of two of our "longest" members and we will not forget all they have contributed to our organization. They will be missed at our Christmas Parties and Spring Concerts!



Reinhard and Lilo von der Heide at the 2009 Christmas Party

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