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## Directory

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### Clubhouse Rules

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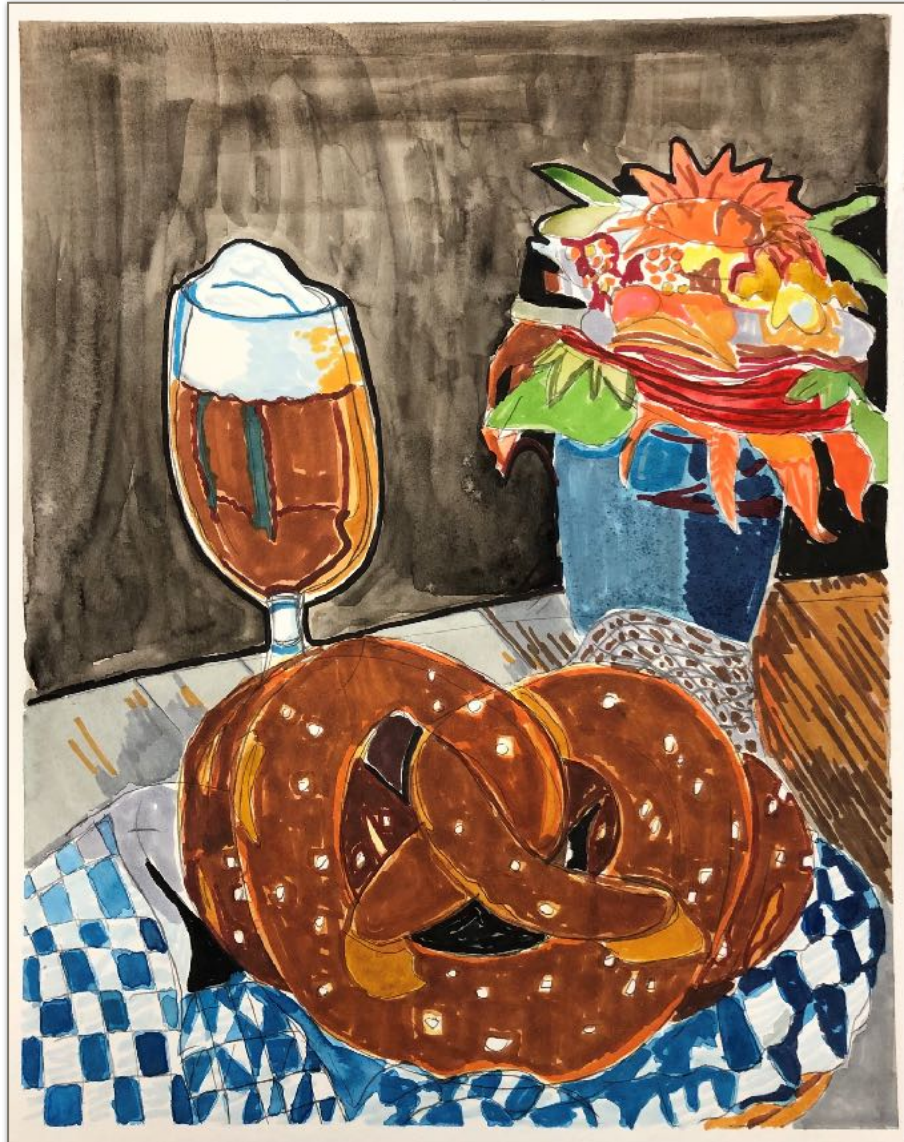
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Do you know the history behind the artwork that is supplied for the Oktoberfest from St. Madeleine Sophie's Center for our posters?

The relationship between the German American Societies/Okttoberfest in El Cajon and St. Madeleine Sophie's Center goes back a couple decades. Every year, one of the artists at SMSC paints an original picture for Oktoberfest, which we in turn use to create our collectible poster for the event. Several employees and supporters of SMSC have volunteered for Oktoberfest through the years, as well. After Oktoberfest, the club always makes a donation to SMSC, as part of our commitment to give back to our community. And SMSC is a great cause and wonderful center in El Cajon!

Check out the line up of paintings that are hung up in the hall every year for Oktoberfest! It is quite a collection of creative pieces!

Fall saw the successful return of **Oktoberfest**. It takes a village to put on this event. We thank every volunteer for their hard work and dedication!

New to our calendar was the **Weihnachtsmarkt** (Christmas Market). It was a beautiful two evenings with specialty beer and red wine based Glühwein. We will continue this new event this coming year!



**New Years Eve** was spent in our beautifully decorated hall. An elegant meal was served complete with Black Forrest cake for dessert. We enjoyed the live music of the Blue Birds and a Ball Dropping toast to welcome the New Year!

**Maifest** was a super fun afternoon! Maibock and Maibowle were the specialties served. This event is already in our calendar for May.

Our own **Blaskapelle** played to a full house at their first concert ever! They also played for the Schützenfest, and are learning some Karneval songs to support that under-group as well! Such a fun group of guys and gals!

The **Anniversary Ball** was a wonderful night with another grand German dinner. We look forward to a large crowd to celebrate our 60th Anniversary at next year's Bash! Make sure you do not miss this one!

In our Biergarten, we showcased some **Beer, Brat & Band** events to do what we like best - Socialize, Eat & Dance! The GAS Board is working on a solution to allow us to put them on again. Coming soon - keep your eyes on your emails!

Thanks to two volunteer teachers, we have started a **beginning/intermediate Skat** group that meets Friday nights to learn and practice the art of the Skat Card Game! Thank you to Ken & Frank for taking on the task of explaining this very involved card game! They meet **Fridays at 7pm**, with an inexpensive bite to eat being provided at 6:30.



We had a marvelous time at the **Padres** German Heritage Night with a number of our members and followers! The Padres won (a bonus for us).

During the month of June we had the Air Ducts replaced in the main hall and separated the Air Conditioning for the back room as well as the front bar. This will improve cooling of all spaces as well as make it so much more efficient. The Air Ducts were in desperate need of replacement. Due to their age, we had many leaks into the hall during those atmospheric rivers we all experienced!

Different seasons and different events bring different parts of our membership to the club throughout the year. Autumn brings us Oktoberfest and in May it is Maifest. Beginning in November until late winter Karneval keeps the club hopping while much of spring sees our German Theater Group preparing for their April production. Fridays belong to our Schützenverein, Wednesdays are the Kinder and Blaskapelle's, Sunday mornings has our BoogieTanz Kabarett and Tuesdays for much of the year are our German language group's and our work crew. Finally, the first Wednesday of each month sees our Damenkreis occupying the club hall and so it goes.

Most recently we've seen a different cross section of our membership (and friends) enjoying themselves at the club as Germany fields a strong team in this summer's 2024 UEFA European Football Championship, commonly referred to as UEFA Euro 2024 or simply Euro 2024.

At the instigation of our Zicke-Zacke-Fußball-Club, the GAS has opened "viewing parties" for each of the games featuring



Germany, projecting them on the club's large screen in the main hall as well as on the Kneipe's (bar's) wide screen television. With a large group in attendance, Germany's recent 2-0 win against Denmark in their "Round of 16 match" exemplified excitement in the way only international knockout soccer can. A furious start, a pair of disallowed goals

and a thunderstorm that saw the game suspended for 25 minutes. But Germany overcame it all to reach the quarterfinals - the kind of stirring performance that had the room up on their feet cheering. The kind of performance that will see more people believing Germany can win it all.

For these viewings, admission is free. Needless to say, the bar will be open and inexpensive brunch-fare available for purchase.

For example, during the Germany-Denmark game, Curry Wurst, Schnitzel and Pommes Frites (French fries) made up the day's menu.

Hope to see you there as we cheer on the *Deutsche Fußballnationalmannschaft* !



## Relationships Following Chance Visit to San Diego

The link below downloads a story provided to us that may be of interest to many members. It is about intergenerational relationships between German families and families of German descent living in San Diego. The origin of these relations lie in the chance event in which the German naval ship "Karlsruhe" docked and received needed repairs in the port of San Diego three years before the start of World War II. (Use this link to download story by Reinhard Blechschmidt [https://mcusercontent.com/ae85c00ec987cad01f8bc83de/files/5ec813bf-9fb8-26d8-6dae-f93313418a05/A\\_Ship\\_Docked\\_in\\_San\\_Diego\\_FINAL.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/ae85c00ec987cad01f8bc83de/files/5ec813bf-9fb8-26d8-6dae-f93313418a05/A_Ship_Docked_in_San_Diego_FINAL.pdf))

**For Karnevalists there are 5 seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall, but we like Karneval best of all!**

Of course there is always a good deal of behind-the-scenes preparation that goes into Karneval, so in a sense, the Karneval group is active year-round. However, things launch in earnest on 11/11 with the presentation of the bell and chain to our Elferrat-Präsident by the Club President. This past year saw Matt Geiszler installed as Elferrat-Präsident after which the ceremony proceeded to the swearing in of Karneval Royalty. As San Diego has done now several times over the past decade, rather than a Prinzenpaar the group elected for a Dreigestirn; the threesome of 'Prinz, Bauer und Jungfrau' as is the practice in Köln. But in a novel twist, San Diego's Dreigestirn this past year surprised many in being entirely female. Congratulations to Niki, Amy and Tracie on their adventuresome first.

No, there was no repeat of last season's visit to Köln by the group but don't think for a moment that this made for any less of a Season. To the contrary, with growing membership and fresh ideas, the season was full of excitement and enthusiasm. Crowning and the official start of our season is typically limited to our Karneval members, and this season was no exception. However, with the 11<sup>th</sup> falling on a weekend, the event was extended from what is typical for crowning to a full evening of dancing and partying after the traditional crowning ceremonies. A week later, Karneval festivities were



opened to all with a well-attended and fun filled "Red Carpet Ball" themed event. The evening featured a traditional Karneval march-in, presentation of the season's Dreigestirn, a preview of our KinderKarneval, a performance by the Prinzengarde, all followed by more music and dancing into the night.

December saw Karneval's annual Christmas Dinner, White Elephant Gift Exchange, & Ugly Sweater contest. For those of you familiar with this gift exchange, you may be disappointed to hear that the *Wall Eagle* has not returned. On the other hand, if you thought the ugliest sweaters possible must have already been seen, think again; the Christmas sweaters get uglier every year!

Once again, January saw Karneval traveling to Las Vegas for the German American Mardi Gras Association's (GAMGA) Gala. Here Karneval groups from throughout North America gather and share 3 days and 2 nights of Karneval pageantry and revelry. It is also a great time to share thoughts with other clubs and explore possible visits to or from other clubs. Contributing to the entertainment, San Diego's PrinzenGarde



along with the Dreigestirn entertained with an ABBA Medley dance routine while the Elferrat had the audience in stitches with their dancing to 'Disco Duck' - a song many of us older members had hoped to never hear again.

Late January saw our friends from the Anaheim KarnevalsGesellschaft (AKG) join us here in San Diego in what is always an evening not to be missed. The honor of their company was repaid several weeks later with a visit by San Diego to AKG's new home in Brea.

Sadly, the approach of Ash Wednesday signals the start of Lent and the closing of our favorite season. In our Fat Tuesday ritual, we saw the Elferrat-Präsident surrender his bell and chain, while the Karneval Nubbel assumed the role of scape goat for the various missteps, miscues, gaffs and hangovers (& there were many) during the preceding season. "Who is to blame? The Nubbel is to blame!" And so, with ample blame heaped on the Nubbel, he was duly taken out to the Oktoberfest grill and burned.



While Karneval comes to an unambiguous conclusion with the arrival of Ash Wednesday, the club's Karneval members manage to draw a few more good times out of the year. June saw the "Dreigestirn Pool Party" as the outgoing Karneval Royalty showed their appreciation to all of those that helped make the Karneval Season the success it was. Complementary tacos, an open grill, tables of side dishes and desserts and of course refreshments were available



between dips in the pool (Thank you Dreigestirn – Thank you Marsh family). Then in late July, San Diego will once again have a small contingent representing our club at German Fest Milwaukee. Among their many activities, the Milwaukee event conducts a Karneval show aimed at familiarizing visitors with Karneval culture and traditions and what to expect if you join in on the festivities. Sing-alongs, Schunkeln, a parade of the many groups attending and even a special battle of the bands are just some of the fun!

So here we are in mid-summer, almost sobered up and already looking forward to our next Karneval Season.

**San Diego Alaaf !!!**

# HELP WANTED!

## Willie's Crew needs YOU!

This band of men and women help keep this clubhouse looking good . . . they would LOVE a little more help! If you have even just an hour to so to give, they want you! They meet on Tuesdays from 8am to 2pm spiffying up the grounds, painting, minor repairs, cleaning, for all to enjoy!!

From the dirt lot to the parking lot, from inside the house and out . . . much maintenance needs to be done on a regular basis!



## For more info - just show up!

**Or Call /Claudia Jensen (619)922-1135**

BoogieTanz Kabarett: Summer Swing Special  
Greetings German-American Societies!

As the summer sun warms up the San Diego area, the BoogieTanz Kabarett is abuzz with excitement and rhythm! We're thrilled to share our latest updates and invite you to join us for some fabulous dancing adventures.

***BoogieTanz Kabarett: Where Tradition Meets Joyful Steps***

Our esteemed folk dancing group, BoogieTanz Kabarett, continues to enchant us with the timeless elegance of traditional German dance. Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., singles and couples alike gather to immerse themselves in the artistry of polka, waltz, schottische, and more. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or taking your first steps, there's a place for you in our welcoming circle.

But that's not all! BoogieTanz Kabarett is not just about tradition; we also learn ballroom, swing, and other social dances, making our members a hit on the dance floor at the next wedding reception! Our performances at club events such as Maifest, Oktoberfest, and Weihnachtsmarkt are always a highlight, showcasing the vibrant spirit of our



club.

***Prinzengarde: Unleash Your Karneval Spirit***

Prepare to don your regalia and let your Karneval spirit soar with Prinzengarde! Our Karneval dance group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with our admired choreographer, Virginia Tunnell. The energy in the room is electrifying as we diligently master new dances, fueled by laughter and camaraderie. Prinzengarde excites audiences with appearances at events such as Karneval opening night,

Oktoberfest, and GAMGA in Las Vegas!

***Join the Dance: Your Invitation Awaits***

Whether you're drawn to the elegance of folk dance or the festive spirit of Karneval, there's a place for you in our vibrant community. Don't miss your chance to be part of the magic—join BoogieTanz Kabarett today and embark on a journey filled with laughter, friendship, Gemütlichkeit and unforgettable dance experiences.

For more information on how to join or upcoming events, please contact [boogietanzkabarett@gmail.com](mailto:boogietanzkabarett@gmail.com).

Let's dance into summer together!

Warm regards,

*Tiffany*





**The German Theater Group San Diego (GTG)** is taking a production sabbatical during the 2024 season. We regret that, for reasons beyond our control, we were not able to put a performance on stage this year. But the production team and writing group have been busy throughout this season preparing for the next performance.

Our new production in April 2025 will feature skits and musical numbers from current and classic German authors who take a comic, sarcastic, and fresh look at modern life. In Act I, we will examine the topic of relationships, featuring the dynamics between people, the typical misunderstandings, hopes, and humorous ways to keep relationships fresh and lasting. We are sure that everyone can relate! In Act II, we will entertain you with a popular German and American pastime: Game Shows! The audience will be able to interact and participate with the performers. More information to come in future newsletters!

***We look forward to seeing you at our “Lach Mal Wieder 2025” show in April!***

In the meantime, the group has been meeting the last Friday of every month at the GAS Club House for a **“Theater Stammtisch”**. Over a few German beers and delicious food we use this opportunity to hash out the next GTG shenanigans, such as theater workshops/training, hiking trips, wine tastings, and pool parties. One of the highlights of these gatherings is the opportunity to mingle with other Club members including the Schützen, the Zicke Zacke Fußball Club and the Beginning Skat players. And thanks so much to the club management for reliably feeding us every time. We also had a booth at Maifest and marched in with the other Subgroups, and we are planning to have a booth again at Oktoberfest. ***So please come and visit us there.***



The GTG held board elections in May 2024. Christina Schaefer was re-elected as president and Larry Parme as secretary. Larry also absorbed the role of Club Liaison upon the departure of Manuela Seidl. The Board of Directors is nominating her replacement shortly and a fifth director will be announced in the next newsletter.

**We are looking for actors, singers, and back stage help.**

We invite all Club members of all (adult) ages and their friends and acquaintances to get out of their comfort zone and participate in our next show. You will be amazed at the therapeutic effect of acting, singing, and helping with the backstage creativity! Of course, this is German Theater and actors will need to be German speakers. If you are interested, please contact our Artistic Director, Astrid Ronke, at [aronke12@gmail.com](mailto:aronke12@gmail.com).

### **SPONSORS NEEDED!**

Like every year, we are looking for sponsors of our 2025 season. Your support helps us with set design, audio and lights, props, and costumes to ensure that we will continue to bring authentic German theater to San Diego. Your donations are 100% tax deductible. Sponsorship benefits vary by level and may include free tickets to our show, VIP seating, and a listing in the program. To learn more or to make a donation, visit [www.germantheatergroupsandiego.org](http://www.germantheatergroupsandiego.org). You may also send a check to: German American Societies, Attn. German Theater Group San Diego. For further information, please contact our Treasurer Barbara Lewis at [cababsi@hotmail.com](mailto:cababsi@hotmail.com) or 858-414-6340.



The Schützenverein air rifle shooting group has had a busy season. In addition to our weekly meetings where we compete and socialize, our group attended the Las Vegas Schützenfest in April, where our team took third place and our very own Donna Charlesworth, after a tie-breaker shoot off, took home the honor of top shot!

We recently wrapped up our San Diego Schützenfest, with a three-day celebration and competition. Our Schützenfest started with a Tiki themed party on Friday night, continued with a wonderful, formal meal and ball on Saturday, and culminated in our competition Sunday morning.

On Saturday, we presented a number of well-deserved awards and announced our new König, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ritter (Congratulations to Renato Fogliano, Peter Battaglia and Donna Charlesworth respectively). We were thrilled to have our own Germania Blaskapelle band play for us, with many rave compliments received on their performance. On Sunday, the adult teams as well as all the junior shooters competed. The team results were San Diego, second place, with Brea (Phoenix Club) taking first and Las Vegas third. Our big win was in the top shot competition, with Donna Charlesworth making a repeat from Vegas and taking top shot with an incredible 97 out of 100, one of her cards being a perfect 50!! And for the junior shooters, Reed Ganzer took the top shot with a 93. Congratulations to all our shooters!

Speaking of junior shooters, our Jungschützen (sub-group of our adult Schützenverein) has built up to 14 members who have been training and competing in both local and national competitions. Thanks to the dedication and leadership of Peter Battaglia, as well as a number of our other adult coaches, the team was able to have all of our 12 participating junior shooters place in the top 45 out of 548 competitors in the national Civilian Marksmanship Program competition! The Jungschützen held their own shooting competition and the Jungschützen Prinz, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ritter are Reed Ganzer, Vienna Marks and Katie Battaglia, respectively. Congratulations to our Jungschützen competitors, we are proud of you!

Our Schützenverein group is open to anyone interested in competitive or recreational air rifle. Jungschützen is open to anyone from 12-21. Guests are welcome to come and shoot with us before joining. We are at the club most Friday's starting at 6:30pm, but feel free to email

[sdgasschuetzenverein@gmail.com](mailto:sdgasschuetzenverein@gmail.com)  
to verify range dates.

*Dean Ganzer*

Chairman  
St. Hubertus Schützenverein



## Leadership

Chair : Dean Ganzer  
Vice Chair : Peter Battaglia  
Secretary : Donna Charlesworth  
Treasurer : Debbie Sandvig

Range Master:: Joel Contreras  
Equipment Custodian: Scott Charlesworth  
Youth Chair : Peter Battaglia  
Member at large : Virginia Tunnell



Brüderlichkeit, Schießen und Spaß

What a season! We have a great group of approximately 15 kids ranging in age from 5 to 12 years old! We have been busy performing at our own clubhouse, at Balboa Park and even in Las Vegas!

Our talented kids have performed for the club's Oktoberfest, Weihnachtsmarkt, Karneval events and of course the Maifest. For Oktoberfest we showcased many traditional dances as well as some interpretive pieces all in our traditional Trachten. For Weihnachtsmarkt we performed some German pieces as well as a very well loved traditionally American 12 days of Christmas, which seems to be a favorite of theirs to do.

Karneval time came around and we performed a very traditional German Karneval dance for our royal couple. Our specialty dancers performed their hearts out with a



Funkenmariechen and a Tanzpaar representing Kinder Karneval. A good number of the kids and parents traveled to Las Vegas to represent the German American Societies KarnevalsGesellschaft at the German American Mardi Gras Association convention. This brings together German Groups from all over North America from as far north as Canada and sometimes south from Mexico! There are over 30 German groups in GAMGA! The highlight is for them to be able to have their own performance day for themselves. We welcomed our friends from the Phoenix club as well as

children from our membership and beyond. The day was a rounding success and we look forward to the next one!

For Maifest we worked hard on the traditional Maibaum or Maypole. They always have a good time doing this one and being successful at the weave! Proud moments for sure!

*Claudia Jensen*



If you have an interested child or grand (ages 5 and up), contact either Tanja Sawicki ([tmsawicki@gmail.com](mailto:tmsawicki@gmail.com)) or Claudia Jensen ([germanclub@yahoo.com](mailto:germanclub@yahoo.com)) or find us on FaceBook KinderTanzGruppe.



## We are the GERMANIA BLASKAPELLE of the German-American Societies of San Diego, Inc.

### Let's make music!

We are a group of musicians who are dedicated to keeping our German heritage and traditions alive through our love of music and playing. We practice every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the G.A.S. clubhouse. Join us today! If you were lucky enough to attend our premiere concert in March then you know we have a good group going. We also played at the St. Hubertus Schützenverein dinner on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We play mostly German Schlager music; that good old oompah-pah music from Germany, Austria and Switzerland. We may throw in a few American favorites here and there just like they do at the Munich Oktoberfest. If you or your children have a desire to make music on a wind instrument then come on over and check us out. Our next rehearsals start in August. You need to be able to read music and have your own instrument and music stand. We are modeled after the small village bands from the Germanic countries; wind ensemble instrumentation and fun times are a guarantee.

For those of you who plan your life in advance, our holiday concert will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday evening at the clubhouse. Traditional German, Austrian, and Swiss carols and winter music. We may even throw in a few New Year's Eve songs as well.

If you are a sub-group here at the club, we may be interested in performing at one of your functions based on whether we could get the whole group together. Please contact director John Winkelman if you are interested in having us play : [germaniablaskapellesd@gmail.com](mailto:germaniablaskapellesd@gmail.com)



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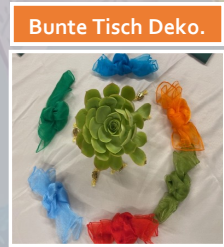
Bei unserem Damenkreis am 5. Juni hatten wir wieder viel Spass. Helga Schmidt war unser Ehrengast und wir feierten ihren 100. Geburtstag. Es stimmt, wenn es heißt: "It takes a Village" einen Damenkreis Lunch zu organisieren. ABER es gibt immer so viele Helfer die zusammen ein leckeres Mittagessen zubereiten. Es war wieder ein erfolgreicher Nachmittag in netter Gesellschaft. Diesmal hatten die 3 Hostessen: Margit, Ingrid und Stella, Hilfe von Ellen, Dagmar, Irene, Astrid, Andrea, Else, Claudia, John and David. Vielen, vielen Dank Euch ALLEN!!!!



Ellen kam und half uns mit der Tisch Dekoration. Danke Ellen!



Die Hostessen Ingrid, Stella und Margit mit Ellen und Dagmar in der Küche.



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Stella's Bownies, Mmmm!!



Unser Mittags-Buffer



Next Meeting:  
August 7th at 11:30  
Contact Dagmar  
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Dear Club Members,

We hope this message finds you well. Though it's been a while since you received your last newsletter, we work to keep you aware of the club and the various club happenings with informative emails. For club members without an e-mail address we try to stay in touch by telephone. Since September we have welcomed many new members, and we hope they are enjoying the club's many social and entertainment offerings.

I'm happy to report to you that for the last 3 years membership numbers have increased each year. Currently we have 882 members in good standing, and we look forward to seeing more membership renewals in the coming weeks.

We thank all our members for supporting our club and keeping it functioning for over 59 years!

As we welcomed new members, we have lost several longtime members since last September:

Fritz Neumann (early club member)	Stephen Gebert (Volunteer at Potato pancakes)
Lydia Werner (Virginia Tunnell's mom)	Irene Kraft (attended many dancing events)
Ralph Purves (Dagmar Purves' husband)	Eva Schneider (William Schneider's wife)
Peter Quint (Paula Quint's husband)	Herta & Dan Stokele (Damenkreis)
Anni Majeviskis (Choir & Damenkreis)	Jackie Linz (Karneval)

Our sympathies go to the families. Lost, but not forgotten!

Wishes for a speedy recovery to our members feeling 'under the weather'.

Finally, birthday greetings to all members who could celebrate another year and to those who will have a birthday soon.

Happy Summer und many greetings, *Monika Parme* – Club Membership Chair



Liebe Clubmitglieder!

Wir hoffen, dass diese Nachricht Sie in guter Gesundheit antrifft. Obwohl es schon eine Weile her ist, dass Sie Ihren letzten Newsletter erhalten haben, informierten wir Sie mit E-Mails über die diversen Clubereignisse. Vereinsmitglieder ohne E-Mail-Adresse haben wir telefonisch verständigt.

Seit September haben wir viele neue Mitglieder willkommen geheißen und hoffen, dass ihnen die vielen geselligen und unterhaltsamen Angebote des Clubs gefallen.

Ich freue mich, Ihnen mitteilen zu können, dass die Mitgliederzahlen in den letzten drei Jahren jedes Jahr gestiegen sind. Derzeit haben wir 882 zahlende Mitglieder und wir freuen uns auf weitere Mitgliedschafts-Verlängerungen in den kommenden Wochen.

Wir danken allen unseren Mitgliedern, die unseren Verein unterstützen und ihn seit über 59 Jahren am Laufen halten!

Während wir neue Mitglieder willkommen heißen, haben wir seit letztem September mehrere langjährige Mitglieder verloren. Unser Mitgefühl gilt den Familien. Verloren, aber nicht vergessen!

Wir wünschen unseren Mitgliedern, denen es nicht so gut geht, eine baldige Genesung.

Zum Schluss noch Geburtstagsgrüße an alle Mitglieder, die ein weiteres Jahr feiern konnten und an diejenigen, die bald Geburtstag haben.

Schönen Sommer und viele Grüße! *Monika Parme* – Vorsitzende der Klub-Mitgliedschaft



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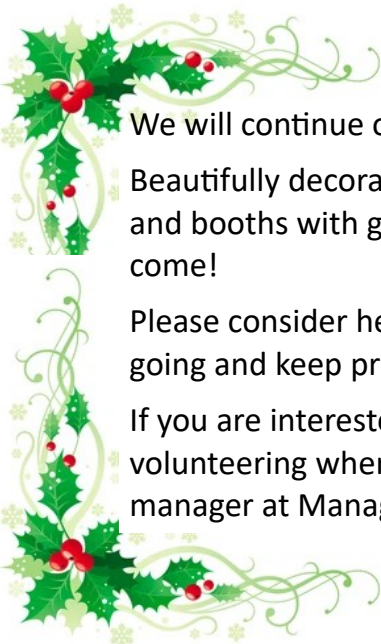
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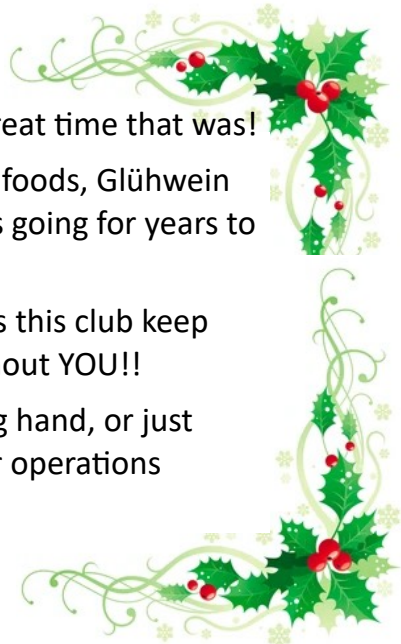
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## Weihnachtsmarkt 2024



We will continue our WeihnachtsMarkt outdoor event! What a great time that was!  
 Beautifully decorated, entertaining, well attended, super German foods, Glühwein and booths with goods for every budget and taste! Let's keep this going for years to come!

Please consider helping with this and every event - it is what helps this club keep going and keep prices low for all! We cannot do these things without YOU!!

If you are interested in a booth, helping with the planning, lending hand, or just volunteering wherever needed, please contact Claudia Jensen our operations manager at [Manager@germanclubsandiego.org](mailto:Manager@germanclubsandiego.org).

# December 7th & 8th



# OKTOBERFEST IN EL CAJON 2024

## KÖNIGIN APPLICATION



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICATION DATE \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2024

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_ HOME \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTIONS:

- Why would you like to be Oktoberfest in El Cajon 2024 Königin?
  
- Do you own a Dirndl? If not, do you need help finding one?
  - Yes     No     Yes, I could use help finding a Dirndl
  
- Describe your past participation in G.A.S. activities and undergroups.

### GUIDELINES

1. REQUIREMENTS - You need to be a G.A.S. Member and at least 21 years of age.
2. ATTENDANCE - The Oktoberfest In El Cajon takes place over 6 days; your presence will be expected daily. 2024 dates are Friday – Sunday, Sept 27-29; then Friday – Sunday, Oct 4-6.
3. CROWNING- You will be crowned on Friday afternoon Sept 27th during the opening ceremonies parade at 6:30 pm. At this time we would like you to have a brief (3-4 sentence) speech on why you are honored to be the Oktoberfest in El Cajon Königin (Queen) (feel free to ask for help).
4. DUTIES AT OKTOBERFEST – Include: selling raffle tickets, this is a major fund raiser for the GAS. In addition, you will be expected to help the Master of Ceremonies (Gitta) on stage during band breaks, coordinate intermissions, games, and contests. Socializing in the crowd is a must – talking about the activities and benefits of the German American Societies and promoting our facility and undergroups.
5. FOOD AND BEVERAGE – You will be given food and beverage tickets as a volunteer for the club. (1 ticket per 3 hours on the job).
6. OTHER VENUES – After Oktoberfest in El Cajon, there are other venues that would be nice to have you attend. We will give you ample advance notice.