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Summer Stammtisch!

Getting ready for warmer weather? Ready to try some new spots around Milwaukee with fellow German lovers? Join one of the many Stammtisch events taking place this summer. Learn more and see our schedule below! Spaß included!

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Dr. Angelika Henke!!**

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Our Goethe House Summer Sessions will begin this August @ Kegels Inn! We have Fall Classes starting in mid-September, and an Educators Workshop towards the end of the month! Make sure to check it out!

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Mark your calendars!

Check out our exciting summer events and plan ahead for this fall!

Monthly Stammtisch Gatherings

First Tuesdays | 6–8 PM

Estabrook Park Biergarten, Milwaukee

Second Tuesdays | 5 PM to close

Von Rothenburg Bier Garden, Germantown

Every Third Saturday | 10-12 PM

Aggie's Bakery, West Allis

German Fest

July 24–26

Henry Maier Festival Grounds

Celebrate a full weekend of Gemütlichkeit

Summer Session

Thursday, August 6, 13, 20, 27

@ Kegel's Inn 6pm

Educators Workshop

Saturday, September 26

@ Goethe House 9am

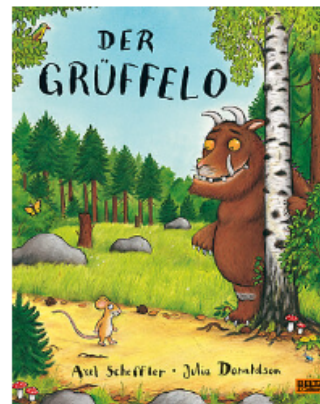
A special professional development opportunity for educators. Register on our website!

Story Time in the Galleries

Sat. June 20th - Tickets HERE

Sat. July 18th - Tickets HERE

@Milwaukee Art Museum 10:30am



DSSV Career & College Day

Wednesday, November 18th

@Brookfield Conference Center

<https://dssvwi.org/career-and-college-day/>

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The Badger State's German Connection - Bigger Than You Think



German American
Chambers of Commerce
Deutsch-Amerikanische
Handelskammern

The economic ties between Wisconsin and Germany run deeper than most people realize and the numbers prove it.

Nearly 5,800 German-owned companies operate across the United States, creating over 923,000 American jobs and more than \$619 billion in investment. Germany ranks among Wisconsin's top sources of foreign direct investment, alongside Switzerland, Canada, and the United Kingdom. One homegrown example: Krones Inc., a subsidiary of Krones AG that has headquartered its U.S. operations in Franklin, Wisconsin since 1966.

The German American Chamber of Commerce – Wisconsin Chapter (GACC-WI) exists to strengthen exactly these connections. As a nonprofit, GACC-WI links Wisconsin businesses, students, and German-culture enthusiasts to a network spanning 150 offices in 93 countries — offering members access to networking events, high-level speakers, publications, and a community of over 2,000 member companies across the U.S.

For details, visit www.gaccmidwest.org.

Some of my personal favorite Milwaukee-based German companies are:

- Pabst Brewing
 - Jacob Best Jr.(from Mettenheim, Germany) and his son-in-law Frederick Pabst created the iconic PBR TallBoy
- Usingers Sausage
 - Fred Usinger, originally from Wehen, Germany, came to Milwaukee with recipes and a dream!!

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ICATT Apprenticeship Program

A four-year college degree isn't the only pathway to a fulfilling career. For many students, an apprenticeship offers a valuable hands-on alternative - without the burden of student loan debt.

The ICATT Apprenticeship Program combines paid on-the-job training with related college coursework to prepare students for high-demand careers in advanced manufacturing, logistics, and business. Inspired by the German Dual Education System, the program allows apprentices to “earn while they learn” while working toward a debt-free Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and internationally recognized credentials.

Throughout the three-year program, apprentices alternate between classroom learning and on-site training at a sponsoring company, immediately applying knowledge in real-world environments. In addition to gaining valuable professional experience, participants benefit from competitive salaries, career advancement opportunities, and a two-year job guarantee upon successful completion of the program.

ICATT apprenticeship pathways include Mechatronics, Advanced Manufacturing, Industrial Electronics, CNC Machining, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, Warehouse Logistics, and Business Administration. By partnering closely with employers and community colleges, the ICATT Apprenticeship Program helps companies build a strong pipeline of skilled talent while providing apprentices with a direct pathway into sustainable, rewarding careers rooted in the German apprenticeship tradition.

You can check out the ICATT website - [ICATT – TRAIN. RETAIN. GROW.](#)

Program insight and description - [Program Overview – ICATT](#)

Krones is still looking for more apprentices! You can apply [here!](#)

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Meet a Board Member!



Dr Angelika Henke

Angelika is a German/American dual citizen, who has resided in the United States for over 25 years. She is married and mother to two amazing adult children. She has a PhD in Chemistry and a bachelor's in Business Administration from Universities in Germany. Her career spans roles as a Quality Manager, a Management Consultant for chemical, pharmaceutical and energy companies in Europe and the US, and an Adjunct Professor. She also owns a small business specializing in science education programs that engage and inspire learners of all ages. In 2019 she joined MilliporeSigma, the US Life Science Business of Merck KGaA Darmstadt, and currently works as the Quality Supervisor in a new Lateral Flow Membrane facility in Sheboygan, responsible for Quality Control, Quality Assurance and Validation.

Angelika maintains a strong and enduring connection to Germany, rooted in the fact that her extended family and many close friends continue to reside there. Since relocating to the United States, she has consistently volunteered with organizations and initiatives dedicated to preserving German traditions, culture, and language. Her efforts have included supporting German-language study programs for both students and adults, helping to create opportunities for ongoing language learning and cultural exchange. Angelika approaches these activities with both dedication and a sense of stewardship, recognizing the value of cultural heritage in a global society. In addition to her passion for Germany, she thrivingly embraces opportunities to engage with people from diverse backgrounds, fostering cross-cultural understanding and collaboration. Her inclusive outlook and volunteer work reflect a commitment to enriching communities through intercultural dialogue, language education, and shared cultural experiences.

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Executive Directors Corner

Greetings and salutations!

Our German classes for the Spring session are winding down as we begin to look ahead to the Summer. The Summer? Wie die Zeit vergeht! It is exciting to see that enrollment for our classes remain robust. Over the past year we have welcomed a few new students for each session. This Spring, for example, enrollment has swelled to 42, compared to 32 German language learners from the Winter session. To all who are learning German with Goethe House Wisconsin: **Danke Schön!**

Since many will enjoy their Summer vacations in the coming months, the Goethe House will not offer a conventional class in a classroom. Instead, we are offering a Goethe House Book Club for the four Thursdays in August, to be held at Kegel's Inn in West Allis. Taught by Herr McMullen, participants will explore "Café in Berlin", a collection of approachable and engaging short stories designed for beginning German learners. Build confidence in reading comprehension and enjoy conversational practice with Café in Berlin!

Another opportunity for casual German conversation is available with area beer gardens. Groups convene in various beer gardens around town to enjoy Stammtisch. Estabrook Biergarten in the summer (Von Trier the other months), Von Rothenburg Bierstube in Germantown and Aggie's Bakery in West Allis all host Stammtische at certain times of the month. See our website for more details.

Looking ahead, our Fall classes will resume in mid-September. Six classes will be available for a variety of levels. The classes will continue in a series progressing from the previous session. Those who took German 101 for the Spring can look forward to continuing with German 102 for the Fall 2026. Keep an eye on our website for updates: Language Courses – Goethe House.

Until next time, have a great Summer and we'll see you at Germanfest. Zum Wohl!

Alles Gute, Alles Goethe!
Tim Miller, Executive Director

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Presidents Column

Liebe Goethe House Freunde,

Endlich ist das Wetter warm genug, dass ich meine Blumen pflanzen kann. We continue to plan events for our members and guests. The partnership with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra has been very successful. The March Bach St. Matthew Passion concert was moving with the orchestra, Symphony choir, and guest soloists in the beautiful Bradley Symphony Center. The Laura Lootens concert in April was well attended and the audience had the privilege of hearing this very talented classical guitarist from Germany. As Tim Miller indicates, we will be offering a special summer session. Registration for that and our fall classes is open on our website!!

As we work to expand our partnerships, we are excited to have been contacted by the Milwaukee Art Museum to participate in their Story Time in the Galleries Series. Our newest teacher, Catherine Fink, teacher at MGIS, will be reading two entertaining children's books in German and English. Details can be found on the MAM website <https://mam.org/learn/story-time/#overview> Dates are Sat., June 27 and Sat., July 18.

German Fest will be July 24-26 at the Maier Festival Park. Goethe House and the German Language and School Society will again be hosting booths in the Culture tent with this year's theme is "Forestry to Industry" tying in with the 100th celebration for Stihl. We will be back on the south end this year close to the amphitheater. We hope you will come and enjoy one of the largest and most beloved German festivals in North America and stop in the Culture tent to visit our booths. German Fest is always looking for volunteers if you would like to be a part of the fun. Let us know [HERE](#). Check out the GermanFest website for more details.

The Goethe Institut-Chicago is again sponsoring an Educators Workshop at the Goethe House. Ingrid Zeller, Professor of Instruction, German Dept., Northwestern University, will return on Sat., Sept. 26 to present topics selected by teachers. We are working with her on the details.

Please stay in touch with any comments or suggestions for events at info@ghwisconsin.org What would appeal to you? What days and times are most desirable? And please consider supporting our mission by joining the Goethe House: <https://ghwisconsin.org/membership/>

**Mit freundlichen Grüßen,
Dorothy Smaglick,
President**