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German Naturalization Quiz

Throwing it back to Perspektiven Fall 2008 edition, Goethe House presents to you a German Naturalization quiz! Deutsche Welle selected ten questions - See if you've got what it takes to get German citizenship!

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Robert Von Neumann

If you're interested in German artists and Milwaukee art, give this article a read! Goethe House is sponsoring an event later this year that features the lovely works of Robert von Neumann. Check out this biography!

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Fall is just around the corner!

Fall German Classes!

Begins September 15th

@ Goethe House MKE

Our fall classes have officially opened! Beginning Sept. 15th we have six different A1, A2, and B1 courses available! Learn more and register

HERE!

German Artists in Wisconsin

Sunday, October 18th

@ 2:00 pm

Ric Hartman of the Gallery of Wisconsin Art is opening his house for an exhibit of early German artists in Wisconsin, including his collection of Robert von Naumann paintings. The afternoon will include a lecture from Cedarburg Art Museum Curator Nikki Ranney! Don't miss out on this FREE event, with freewill donations encouraged. More details coming to our website soon!

Educators Workshop

Saturday, September 26th | 9:00am

@ Goethe House MKE

Join Ingrid Zeller, Professor of Instruction at Northwestern's German Department, for "Solve the Case" - A 'whodunit' adventure through crime, espionage, and detective fiction from German-speaking regions. Then settle in for Österreich durch Film und Musik, a journey through Austria's rich film and music traditions.

Register **HERE**

Career and College Day for German Students

Wednesday, November 18th | 9:00am - 12:00pm

@ Brookfield Conference Center

Sponsored by the DSSV, this event features German companies with US facilities, US companies with German locations, universities with German programs and exchanges, and a panel of past study abroad participants!

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GOWA: Robert von Neumann



German born Robert von Neumann began studying art at the Vereinigte Staatsschulen für freie und angewandte Kunst (United States Schools for Free and Applied Arts) in Berlin.

At the school, he studied under German illustrator and designer, Bruno Paul, and Czech painter and lithographer, Emil Orlik, from the years 1910 to 1914.

When WWI cast a shadow over Europe, von Neumann served in the German Infantry. After the war, he taught in Berlin and moved to the United States in 1926. He moved to

Milwaukee and began working on the art staff of the Milwaukee Journal and as a lithographer. From 1930, he taught at the Layton School of Art and from 1930 to 1959, he was a faculty member of the Wisconsin State Teachers College. He was a founding member of the Wisconsin Watercolor Society and served as President of Wisconsin Painters and Sculptors.

Ric Hartman of the Gallery of Wisconsin Art is opening his house for an exhibition of early German artists in Wisconsin works. He recently purchased several of these works from the Goethe House. Curator of the Cedarburg Art Museum, Nikki Ranney, will be lecturing. Address will be provided upon registration!

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Board Member Check in

Sister Mary Alyce Lach

SSND, Ph.D. & Goethe House Member



Born in Chicago, attended the Academy of Our Lady, and there heard the call to become a School Sister of Notre Dame. I was professed in 1953. That call - to make Christ visible through education has since shaped every chapter of my life.

I graduated from Mount Mary College, now Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and earned my Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. For 27 years I taught child development courses,, and children's and adolescent literature at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin.

My classroom was always a place of questions and wonder. I served as a visiting professor in Japan, the Philippines, American Samoa and opened my students to teaching experiences in Europe, Africa, Central America and Japan. With a grant from the U.S. Navy I participated in a Sea Scholar program, instructing middle school teachers from across the United States, while sailing on U.S.A. Navy white ships. There we created a new integrated curriculum that inspired an appreciation for the many ways our Oceans impact our lives.

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Called by our SSND Congregation, I served six years on the Provincial Council. A sabbatical then led me to Brakel, Westphalia, Germany, where I wrote a book about Franciska Huber, the mother of our founders, Blessed Theresa Gerhrdinger. Living in Germany, I fell in love with its beauty and resolved to learn the language of my grandfather, a study I continued at the Goethe House of Wisconsin upon my return.

In retirement at Trinity Woods in Milwaukee, my mission continues. I read to children at the Hmong American Peace Academy, tutor children during the summer, and created "The Book Nook", a read to children program at Trinity Woods.

I continue to serve on various Boards of Directors for our SSND community. Over the last ten years, I have served as a board member of Goethe House of Wisconsin. This membership has greatly enriched my life, through the people I have come to know and regard, the many cultural and educational opportunities that have come my way as a board member. Most importantly, being a Board member is a ministry that allows me to carry forward the SSND mission, to unite and transform the world through education.

QUIZ FOR GERMAN NATURALIZATION

*A special throwback from our Fall 2008 Perspektiven -
See what you've got what it takes to get German nationality!
The answers are provided at the end - but don't peek!*

Question 1

What is Germany's form of government?
Please select one of the following answers:

- a. Dictatorship
- b. Principality
- c. Republic

Question 2

What is the building you can see in this picture?

- a. The Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe.
- b. The German Chancellory in Berlin
- c. The seat of Germany's lower house of parliament in Berlin.



Question 3

Germany is made up of federal states. How many?

- a. 17.
- b. 16.
- c. 15

Question 4

Who was required to serve in the military in Germany up until 2011?

- a. All male citizens at the age of 18
- b. All male and female citizens at the age of 18
- c. All male and female citizens at the age of 21

Question 5

A woman loses her job in Germany. What must NOT be the reason?

- a. She's expecting a child and her boss knows this
- b. She's often been late for work.
- c. She's been sick and unable to work for a long time.

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Question 6

What did Willy Brandt want to achieve by kneeling in the former Warsaw Jewish ghetto in 1970?

- a. He asked Poles and Polish Jews for forgiveness.
- b. He showed humility towards the Warsaw pact.
- c. He prayed at the grave of the unknown soldier.



Question 7

What are the colors of the German Flag?

- a. Red, white, black
- b. Black, yellow, red
- c. Black, red, gold

Question 8

When was the German Democratic Republic founded?

- a. 1949 b. 1953 c. 1947

Question 9

Which other country has a large German-speaking population?

- a. Spain
- b. Norway
- c. Austria

Question 10

Which religion has shaped German and European culture?

- a. Buddhism
- b. Islam
- c. Christianity

ANSWERS:

1. Republic. 2. The lower house of parliament in Berlin. 3. 16
4. All male citizens at the age of 18. 5. She's expecting a child, and her boss knows this 6. He asked the Poles and Polish Jews for forgiveness. 7. Black, red, gold. 8. 1949. 9. Austria. 10. Christianity.

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Executive Director's Corner

Greetings and salutations!

To use an excerpt from Rainer Maria Rilke: "...Der Sommer war sehr gross"

Indeed. We added a special Summer session for German learners in the form of a book club centered around "Café in Berlin", a collection of 10 short stories, led by Herr McMullen. The crowd collected at Kegel's Inn every Thursday evening in August. A motivated and enthusiastic group enjoyed the food, atmosphere and learning German.

Questions have already arisen in the form of "will there be another book club this Winter?" We will keep our eyes on the level of interest generated by this special Summersession. Looking ahead to Fall, we are excited to offer six classes reflecting levels from A1 beginners to B1 intermediate learners. Depending on which class you decide on taking, you could meet for two hours Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays for our 9-week Fall session. There is sure to be a time and class level appropriate for you!

See for yourself!: [Language Courses – Goethe House](#)

Be sure to use the available discount codes in all caps: Continuing Students: **HERBST**

Early Bird Discount (valid until September 4th): **EARLY**

Finally, we are beginning to transition some classes to be held in our office, providing another nice, cozy and quaint atmosphere for learning German. The transition should be complete once we get a coffee machine. So, with a fresh pot brewing, this is Tim Miller, Goethe House Wisconsin's Executive Director, signing off.

Alles Gute, Alles Goethe!
Tim Miller, Executive Director

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President's Column

Liebe Goethe House Freunde,

Schwer zu glauben, dass der Sommer schon zu Ende kommt. Ich hoffe, Sie hatten alle einen guten Sommer. Für mich persönlich war es sehr schön -zwei Wochen in Deutschland – teils für ein Familientreffen und Besuche bei Freunden, teils Sightseeing. The Goethe House has had a busy summer. We were excited to partner with the Milwaukee Art Museum for the Bi-lingual story time in the galleries. We visited with many old and new friends at our German Fest booth. Congratulations to the winners of our German class and World Cup Germany jersey! The special summer session was very successful.



We've been planning for fall. As Tim notes, classes will start soon. The topics have been selected by teachers for the Educators Workshop, sponsored by the Goethe Institut-Chicago. Ingrid Zeller, Professor of Instruction, German Dept., Northwestern University, will present two topics on Sat., Sept. 26: Solve the Case - Solve the Mystery and Österreich durch Film und Musik.

We are pleased to have found an appropriate home for our Robert von Naumann oil paintings, the Gallery of Wisconsin Art (GOWA). Join us on October 18 for a special exhibit featuring these works and others by German painters in Wisconsin, with a lecture from the Nikki Ranney, curator of the Cedarburg Art Museum. Follow us on Facebook and please consider helping us continue our work by joining the Goethe House:

<https://ghwisconsin.org/membership/>

**Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Herbst,
Dorothy Smaglick, President**