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German American Citizens Association (GACA)
Invite you to

Coronation of Our Lady Parish
13000 Bennington Ave, Grandview MO

Saturday the 18th of May 2024

Call Mary Jo Miller at 816.331.4937 by May 9 to RSVP and arrange pre-payment*

Admission \$20/adults;
\$10 children 14 and under

Doors open at 5:00 pm
German Dinner will be catered
and served at 5:15pm
Desserts provided by GACA

Music by Betty Jo Simon
and the Alpen Spielers
SV Blautaler &
May Queen Crowning

*Reservations are non-refundable.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Members are usually emailed about upcoming events. If you have not provided us with your email address, please check our website calendar at www.GACAofKC.org or check us out on Facebook at:

"German Klub of KC"

News and calendar events are posted for the year as they are planned and announced.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our St. Patrick's Day Crazy Hat party was fun for all attending, wearing their green and crazy hats...a nice selection of different pizzas, salad, awesome desserts, home brewed St. Patrick's Day punch, and of course a nice selection of some Irish music. About 28 in attendance, and Gabe Ward won the Crazy Hat gift card to Chipotle.

The Board will continue to host the social quarterly events for our members and guests.

Our 2nd quarter event will be May 18th, "Maifest and Coronation" in the Coronation of Our Lady Church Hall, 13000 Bennington, Grandview, MO from 5-9 pm in the Social Hall. A catered German buffet will be served with Schnitzel, Bratwurst, red cabbage, Sauerkraut, Ute's German potato salad and her Black Forest Cherry Cake, and Apple Cobbler will also be available. The event fee is \$20 per person, children under 14 years of age are \$10. Please call in your reservations to Mary Jo Miller at 816/331-4937 and send your payment to her address at 15400 White Avenue, Grandview, MO 64030. It must be received no later than May 9th. (*Please note: no refunds or cancellations after 5/9, for catering purposes). So, come and wear your favorite German attire, celebrate the crowning of our Maifest Queen (Maikönigin) Jade Fleming, then sit back and listen to music of Betty Jo and the Alpen Spielers. It should be a wonderful evening of socializing, great food, and music.

The summer social gathering will be our Annual GACA Picnic on Saturday, June 22nd at KC Bier's Biergarten (their outdoor event shelter) from 2-5pm... we all had a great time last year. They will provide their home-made Bratwurst, and GACA will provide drink ticket for your favorite beverage. Members and guests are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Pitchers of KC Bier Home Brewed Beer will be available, as well as your favorite beverage for purchase throughout the afternoon. The event is free to GACA Members, and guests will pay a nominal fee of \$15. (Please call Mary Jo at 816/331-4937 to guarantee your reservation. (*Please note: We must provide counts to caterers for our events. If you have made a reservation for the picnic but are unable to attend, please contact us to cancel in advance.

Plans are underway for an Oktoberfest in the fall. To be finalized and announced at a later date.

Don't forget the 2024 Ethnic Ball "Prelude to the Old World" is on Saturday, April 20th, featuring the host countries of Iran, Lebanon, and Türkiye at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom. Contact Cindy Pearson for more information at 913/449-7904 or 913/449-2709.

And, in closing, we remember the passing of GACA Member and past President, George Burden ('84-'86) who passed away in late March. And we extend our condolences to his wife Sharon and the family. We also send our thoughts and prayers to Ute Randolph on the passing of her special friend Duane Craig this past week.

Sincerely,

Patté Klaus Schreihöfer, President of GACA

Welcome to our new Members

*Wir heissen unsere neuen Mitglieder
herzlich willkommen!*

Stacy Seibert, Juliet Arndt (daughter of
Elke Arndt) & Lena

Membership Renewal

The Board and members decided at the last General Membership meeting that those who paid their membership dues for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 will automatically be renewed for 2024. If you are uncertain of your current membership, please email or contact Larry Lauen.

Become a GACA Member

To join GACA, please visit our website, www.gacaofkc.org, to complete the short online form. Membership is \$25 for single member or \$30 for family.

Please make check payable to "GACA" send to
Larry Lauen
1351 S Church St, Olathe, KS 66062

Board Meetings

GACA Board Members will meet via Zoom Meeting monthly or as needed. We usually meet on the 2nd Monday of each month; however, the next meeting is scheduled for April 29th at 6:30 pm.



In Our Thoughts



*Unser Tiefes Mitgefühl
Our Deepest Sympathy*

To the family of George Burden, past
GACA President ('84-'86)

To Ute Randolph on the passing of
Duane Craig

Gute Besserung

Get Well Soon

We send our best wishes and get well to:

Elfriede Reheard

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag

Happy Birthday

4/15 Elke Arndt
5/1 Bryon McKee
5/7 Jennifer McKee
5/15 Jim Nielsen
5/23 Juliet Arndt
6/5 Richard Koop
6/8 Stacy Seibert
6/27 Steve Pearson
6/28 Doris Ganser

Please let Joann know your birthday
to be included in our wishes!

IN THE NEWS

From Toby Von Der Heyde:

Germany just published the new "law to modernize citizenship" in the Bundesgesetzblatt. It goes into effect 3 months after publication. It allows Germans in USA to have dual citizenship, and foreign nationals to become German and retain the original citizenship. So starting end of June Germans in the US can file for US citizenship without filing for the permit to retain the German citizenship (Beibehaltungsgenehmigung).

<https://www.recht.bund.de/bgbl/1/2024/104/VO.html?nn=55638>

EREIGNISSE - 1ST QUARTER SOCIAL

Happenings

Wonderful time at this year's 1st quarter social themed St. Patrick's Day with Crazy Hat contest and birthday giveaway.



MAIKÖNIGIN 2024 JADE FLEMING

Dear GACA Members,

I have been involved with the GACA club since I was 3 years old, due to my Grandparents (Paul and Lynn Fleming) being board members. I was at the Friday night dinners as the Turner dance group was taking place. So I have been dancing with the Turners until I was about 10 years old. I have been helping out at all of the GACA functions that I was able to attend. I am currently attending Raymore-Peculiar High School as a Freshman. I enjoy playing sport such as soccer and softball, and I have been bowling since I was about 6 years old. About ten years ago I got to watch my older cousin ReAnna be crowned Maifest Queen and ever since then I've dreamed of being Maifest Queen myself. I would like to thank you all for this amazing opportunity and making my dreams come true.

Sincerely,
Jade Fleming

P.S. My 15th Birthday is May 16th.



SV BLAUTALER

The dancers are still performing. They have been to several small Ethnic Fests in the KC area this year as well as going to the Bezirksfest where the youth will be critiqued on Einzelplattlern.

Dance practices are on Sundays but not every week.

Contact Scott Kelley:
wskelley.nso@gmail.com for
more information about the
group.



BEKANNTMACHUNGEN

Announcements

Stammtisch German Conversation Meetup

If you want to keep up your German language, you are welcome to attend the following meetings.

The KC German Language Meet Up Group meets at Kansas City Bier Company 1st Tuesday each month from 6:00 to 8:00 PM (79th & Wornall, KCMO). And at Affäre (19th & Main, KCMO) every 3rd Thursday of the month, also from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. If somebody wants to sign up (it's free), check:

www.meetup.com/kcgerman-group

For more information, contact
Toby von der Heyde, 913.271.3180
tobyvonderheyde@gmail.com



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Ladies Auxiliary

From Elke Arndt

The ladies met in March at the American Legion Hall for Taco Tuesday and a short meeting to discuss future events in the club and with the Liederkrantz Singers.

For your information, the ladies meet every second Tuesday of the month at noon, alternating between the American Legion Hall in Overland Park, KS and Pinstripes Restaurant, at 135th and Nall Ave. in Leawood, KS. We ask kindly to make your reservations for lunch with Mary Jo Miller, 816-331-4937.

We will not get together in the summer months of June, July and August. Our next meeting with lunch will be at the American Legion Hall on May 14 at noon.

Members of the club, Liederkrantz Singers and their guests are all welcome!



Newsletter

If there is something you would like to feature in the quarterly newsletter, please send to Joann at joannanddarold@att.net

KC Bier

Live music every Friday night 6:00-8:00

3:00-5:00 PM Saturdays and Sundays
Polka and Jazz with Bram Wijnands
Free and family friendly

ETHNIC ENRICHMENT COMMISSION

45th Annual Ethnic Enrichment Festival

August 16, 17, 18, 2024

The 2024 Diplomatic Ball will be held

Saturday, April 20th

Please RSVP to Cindy Pearson or
Rosemarie Hedrick to ensure your seat at the
table!

Cindy Pearson Ethnic Commissioner
(913) 262-2291 Email: PearsonRR@aol.com

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Alternate
(913) 722-5308 Email: KEIKISOMA@aol.com



45th Annual Ethnic Enrichment Festival

Save These Dates!
August 16, 17, 18, 2024

**In Beautiful Swope Park
Meyer Blvd &
Swope Parkway**

Kansas City, Missouri

Free KIDS' WORLD, PLAYGROUND and SHELTER

Food, Music, Crafts and Dance

Sorry, No Pets Allowed

FOR INFORMATION CALL (816) 513-7553

or check our website at www.eeckc.org or www.kcparks.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

4/18 6:00pm - 8:00pm Stammtisch at Affäre
4/20 4:30pm Ethnic Commission Ball
4/29 6:30pm GACA Board Meeting via Zoom

MAY

5/7 6:00pm - 8:00pm Stammtisch at KC Bier Co.
5/9 Deadline to RSVP FOR MAIFEST
5/14 Noon Ladies Auxiliary at American Legion Hall
5/18 5:00pm GACA Maifest at Coronation of Our Lady
5/23 6:00pm - 8:00pm Stammtisch at Affäre
5/27 Memorial Day

JUNE

6/22 2:00pm-4:30pm GACA Annual Picnic at KC Bier Co.

Details
coming!





German American Citizens Association
1351 S. Church St
Olathe, KS 66062

April 2024

Annual Membership Picnic

June 22, 2024

2:00pm - 5:00pm

KC Bier Co. Biergarten

**Bring a dessert or side dish
to share**

**Make your reservation by June 14
with Mary Jo Miller 816.331.4937**

**Free for members *
Guests of members \$15**

***If you cannot make your reservations, please
contact us to cancel in advance.**

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