

GAC NEWS

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Frohes Neues Jahr (Happy New Year!) from Cathy Reynolds, GAC President



Happy New Year 2025. A new beginning to a new year. There have been some changes to the GAC Board, please welcome our new board members and thank them for taking this opportunity for the club. They are Joe Parson, Alex Huffman and Tanya Schantz. We also have some new officers this year, Megan Marks, as Secretary, Johnathon Marks, as Treasurer and Karin Naumowicz as Vice President. Please welcome them as your new officers of the club. For without members stepping up to fill this position we could run the club.

The Christmas Concert was wonderful. Our Choir is great and does a great job singing their heart out. Justin Romney brings the best out of them all. The Kinder Choir was adorable and has come a long way in just a few years. Dane Waters has done a wonderful job with our Kinder Choir and shows a lot of patience with the children. Thank you to all the Choir members and to Justin and Dane for doing a great job. The video of the concert will be on YouTube once it is edited and ready.

Ashlyn Ackerman is working hard on the plans for the children's playground, getting bids and working out the details. We will have it on our new web site to donate to the playground if you so desire. The board is working hard to provide a safe space for the children to play and have fun just like the adults do while here at the club. We do have the playground equipment ordered after getting a few quotes and checking online on prices. Ashlyn has talked to many of what we needed, and I feel we have made a good choice. We hope to have this project done in time for Mai fest.

I know that we have many retired people that are members of GAC. If you are looking for something to do, please consider being a part of the Honey Doer that meet on Tuesday morning 9 to 12. Lunch is provided. Also, don't worry about not knowing how to do things around the club, we will help with that.

We are also looking for good members to help with the Arrangement Chair and other committee members to help with Mia fest, Oktoberfest, and other festivals we are planning this year. We will help you with what needs to be done for these events. Don't worry if you have not done any of these before. We all had to learn how to get it done the best we can. So please, if interested contact me or one of the officers or board members. May we have a great year in 2024!

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Ladies Auxiliary

Ashlyn Ackerman, 2025 Ladies Auxiliary President

Happy New Year! The Ladies Auxiliary is looking forward to another great year of family-friendly events and activities. All members are welcome at our meetings. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. After a short meeting, we usually have an activity, dessert, and socializing. Come get to know your fellow members in a smaller, more relaxed setting. Great for new members to get plugged into the club!

2025 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Dates:

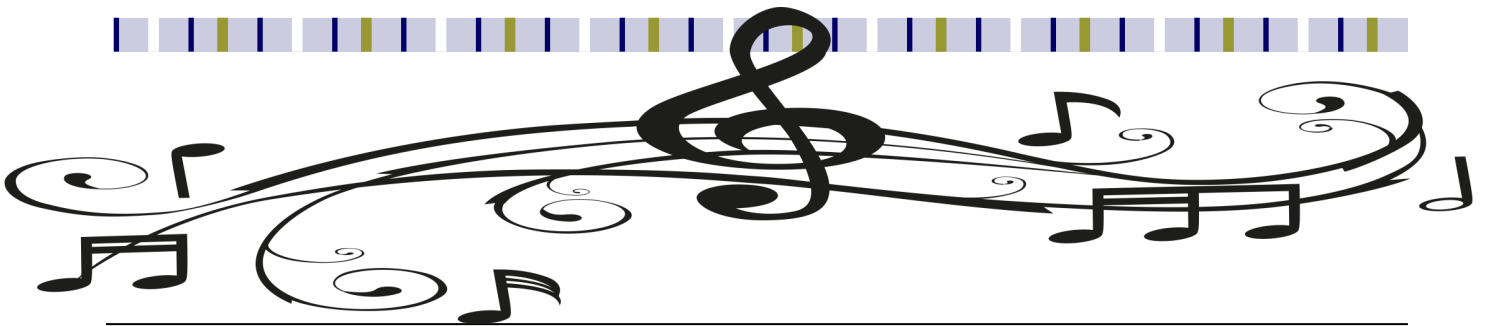
January 20
February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

Save the Date!

Children's Easter Party - Sunday, April 13
Children's Christmas Party - Sunday, December 7

2025 Ladies Auxiliary Officers:

President - Ashlyn Ackerman
VP - Connie Menz
Treasurer - Lana Wingham
Secretary, Tim Redmon



CHOIR NEWS

JOE PARSONS

Hallo zusammen! This has been quite the year for the choir. We just had our annual Christmas Concert which was one of our best and most challenging programs to date. Thank you to everyone who participated, came to see the concert, and to those that worked behind the scenes from both a technical and culinary field to make it such an amazing evening for everyone!

We will be resuming practices on January 9th at 7:30 pm. All current members are welcome to

join the choir regardless of skill. We enjoy spreading the tradition of German singing and encourage anyone with that same passion to join us. We will be having our first Trivia Night of the year on February 7th, and you will be getting more information about that after the holiday. All funds from our events go to help support the choir in hosting the SOKII Sangerfest in 2027.

ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

Hello Fellow Members!

I want to thank everyone who came out for the December events. The Christmas party was busy and fun, sorry for any traffic issues.

The Choir did an amazing job, the concert was great. Tanya served a lot of great food. Hope everyone had a great holiday season, here are the upcoming events for January 2025.

Arrangement Events:

Thursday, January 2nd – General Meeting – 7:00pm.

Saturday, January 4th – GAC Installation Party.

Doors open at 4pm.

Ceremony promptly starts at 5.

Food and entertainment following ceremony.

Monday, January 6th – Arrangements Meeting – 6:30pm.

Wednesday, January 8th – Board Meeting – 6:30pm.

Monday, January 13th – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30pm.

Saturday, January 18th – Bier Halle (first Bier Halle of the year).

Doors open at 4.

Pretzels.

Full Kitchen Service 6pm-8pm.

River City Polkatz 6pm-10pm.

Congratulations to everyone who was elected for 2025. Once again, I would like to thank everyone that helped out this pass year. Please stay involved, there are lots of great events

IN MEMORY OF

Please pray for all, members, and family members, who have passed on.

Pray for Comfort for friends and family.

- Joe Cruz passed away on December 22. Joe was a long time honeydoer. He painted most (if not all of) the Wappins on display on the "Honeydoer Veranda". Thank you, Joe, for your dedication and passion for the GAC. More information to follow. Joe was recently featured in the newsletter.

Please pray for the family of GAC member Hillary Agnew whose father passed away Dec 20th.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/15QiU4kDA/>

Editor's Note:

May the New Year bring each of you many blessings!

Frohes Neues Jahr!

Jeannie Neel, Newsletter Editor

Please CONTINUE prayers for all in need of comfort and healing, especially:

Mary Beck

Norma Heitz

Martha Liles

Bob Naumowicz

Ilona Segó

Gary Segó

Bengta Sell

Diana Sexson

Janet Schweinhart

Belinda Willinger

Andy Fuchs

Judy Fuchs

Ron Kemper

Anita Waters -(Dane's mother)

Gerald Williger

Mike Brauner

Joan Willinger (Bob's spouse)

Cecilia -(sister of Steve

Oswald) and Mike Lawson

New Members vote in as of November 4, 2024

Phil & Linda Helm
Robert & Carol Carnighan
Christy & Chris Hallahan
Dennis & Janet Hippert
Joslyn Isaac & Nathan
Wohlander
Carly Besser & Katherine
Mills
Mark & Judy Schroeder
Owen Axman
Christopher & Laura Isgrigg
Eric & Rebecca Brentlinger
James Noblin
Louis & Sarah Heimbrock

APPLICANTS who have ap-
plied in DECEMBER are:
Ed and Barbara Haines
Adam Watson
Carol and Ron Lockard
Cory and Brittany Money-
maker
Jeremy and Robin Haysley
Matt and Jacque Dennis
Kasey and Greg Morreau
Alan and Sandra Bryant

DECEMBER applications for
new membership is now
closed and will be voted on
at the JAN 2 ND at the
Monthly Business Meeting
which starts at 7:00 PM
promptly.
ALL APPLICANTS AND GAC
MEMBERS ARE ENCOUR-
AGED TO ATTEND.

Membership Information from Bill Willinger

Please notify Bill Willinger with
membership updates (including
health, prayer list additions and
subtractions, address changes,
marriages, births, etc) Call 502-
931-9336 (leave message) or
email at
gac.lou.membership@gmail.com
Notify Meghann Marks regard-
ing member related deaths to:
gac.louisville@gmail.com



***Submit your MEMBERSHIP
by January 31, 2025***

THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS. As of
OCT 20, 2024, Current Memberships
number 804.

**Remember: Membership DUES are to
be received by January 31 with a
grace period until Feb 28 after which
you will be removed from member-
ship. Since invoices are not sent out,
it is YOUR responsibility to remit dues
in a timely manner.**

*CORRECTION: At the last meeting, Bill
Willinger made a statement about
waiving dues for individuals who have
invested 30 years in the club. It was
brought to his attention that he failed*

*to adhere to constitutional require-
ments. This issue will need further dis-
cussion with the board of directors. If it
happens that dues are waived, then
refunds will be forthcoming or you can
donate the
funds. More information to follow. Bill
sends his sincere apologies. His inten-
tions were good, but even former pres-
idents must follow the rules.*



MIDNIGHT in MUNICH

Tuesday Dec 31, 3- 10PM



Join us for a Munich New Year's celebration at 6 PM (Midnight in Munich)!

- Watch Germany's biggest New Year's Eve festivities at the Brandenburg Gate on the big screen TV.
- Enjoy a fantastic selection of German beers and freshly baked New Year's Pretzels from Klaus Riedelsheimer.
- Celebrate with sparklers and a champagne toast on the patio.
- Dance the night away with live music from the River City Polkatz.
- Bring a dish to share for a potluck meal.

Guests are welcome—let's ring in the New Year together!

Before midnight on New Year's Eve, many Germans will say, "**Guten Rutsch!**" This phrase literally means "Good slide!" It is used to wish someone a smooth and happy start to the new year.

Searching the internet, I found these Intriguing German New Year Traditions. I know what is found on the internet is often misleading but I hope you enjoy reading these and that they are true traditions because they are very interesting!

1. Pouring Lead For Luck: Bleigießen

This one felt straight out of a Harry Potter movie the first time I saw it! *Bleigießen*, or lead pouring, is a classic German New Year's tradition. The idea is simple: you melt a tiny piece of lead (or, nowadays, wax for safety) over a candle flame, then drop it into cold water. The resulting shape is supposed to predict your future. A heart? Love is on the horizon. A ship? Maybe a big trip is coming your way. While I'm not sure how accurate it is, it's definitely a really interesting tradition!

2. Lucky Pigs And Four-Leaf Clovers

If someone gives you a tiny marzipan pig on New Year's, don't be confused—it's a good thing! Pigs, or *Glücksschweine*, are symbols of luck in Germany. They're often paired with four-leaf clover or even tiny chimney sweeper figurines, which are also considered lucky.

3. Linsensuppe (Lentil Soup)

This tradition is simple, tasty, and full of meaning. On New Year's Day, many Germans eat *Linsensuppe*, or lentil soup. The lentils look like tiny coins, so they're seen as a symbol of money and good fortune. Eating lentil soup is believed to bring wealth and luck in the year ahead.

4. Toast With Sekt

Germans love sparkling wine, and no New Year's celebration is complete without a glass of *Sekt*. It feels like a must to pop the cork on a bottle of sparkling wine at midnight, whether you're celebrating with friends or just enjoying a quiet evening. It's affordable, bubbly, and tastes just as festive as champagne!



PICTURES FROM CHRISTMAS AT THE CLUB

