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The German American Club of Dallas, Inc. has the objective to promote good relations between persons of German descent and all other Americans.

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*Cityscape of Cochem and the River Moselle*

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNE 14, 2026** – Our annual Day at the Races at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas!

Seating will be in the same place as last year – The Silks Dining Room. We will have the tables on the second row down and two tables on top. Silks Dining Room buffet

lunch is included.

Lone Star Park  
1000 Lone Star Parkway  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Ladies: Start looking for your special hat! Gentlemen: Let's see your hat or bow tie.  
Prizes for the best hats and/or bow ties!



**JULY 19, 2026** - Our annual General Meeting of the Membership.

Brookhaven Country Club  
333 Golfing Green Drive  
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

**DECEMBER 13, 2026** – Our annual Christmas Party!! We will keep you posted.

## WIR GRATULIEREN ZUM GEBURTSTAG!

### March

03/05 – Cindy Bowden  
03/12 – John Vicente  
03/16 – Brett Walker  
03/17 – Barbara Berthold  
03/17 – Kenneth Ruby  
03/19 – Renate Abbe  
03/21 – Judy Faltiss  
03/22 – Erika Knapstein  
03/23 – Frances Kreekon  
03/25 – Edda Farrell  
03/28 – Charlene Nance  
03/29 – Sylvia Allert

### April

04/02 – Chuck Hield  
04/12 – Bryon Lutz  
04/12 – Susan Keesecker  
04/17 – Salty Rose  
04/19 – Karrissa Hasenbank  
04/20 – Joseph Saade  
04/21 – Amy Barragan  
04/23 – Carolyn Huggins  
04/25 – Rita Becker  
04/25 – Marcel van Hasz  
04/28 – Richard Barragan  
04/30 – Heike Alsguth  
04/30 – Regina Burton

# German Easter Traditions



Easter is viewed by many as a chance to welcome spring. Germany has its own customs and traditions to celebrate the holiday. Following are a few:

## **Der Ostermarkt**

Many families enjoy the market. The main feature is the artisan-crafted eggs. They are handcrafted from a wide range of materials, including glass, wood and fabric.

## **Der Osterhase**

It is believed that the Easter Bunny originated in Germany, with the Germans and Dutch bringing it to the United States in the 1700s. Children make and leave nests in their yards for the Easter Bunny to leave presents. Children then hunt for eggs and other treats on Easter morning.

## **Der Osterbaum**

Beautifully decorated eggs are hung from the branches of live trees and bushes outdoors. Some cut branches from trees, put them in vases inside their homes, and hang eggs from them. The eggs can be made out of plastic, styrofoam or hollowed-out real ones.

## Das Gebackene Osterlamm

In parts of Germany, the main Easter dessert is a cake in the shape of a lamb.

## Das Osterrad

Hay is put in a large wheel and set on fire. It is then pushed down a hill. If the wheel makes it to the bottom intact, it is said that the harvest will be good that year. This tradition is only practiced by some northern areas of Germany, including Lügde in Weserbergland — the Osterradstadt— that is been following this tradition for more than a thousand years.

**How many of these soccer players do you remember?**



## HONORARY GERMAN CONSUL

Nicola Bremer has been our Honorary German Consul since March of 2025. You can contact her at the address below. Beate Fehrenbach is the contact person.

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*\*Note: Marcel van Hasz was the author of the tribute to Hans Mansion.*



Every Saturday morning from 10:30 to?????  
Henk's Restaurant 5811 Blackwell Street Dallas, Texas  
GAC members meet for breakfast/lunch and friendly conversation!  
Every 3rd Saturday, birthdays for that month are celebrated with cake!  
Come and join the fun!