

WELCOME



The American Goethe Society is a non-profit all-volunteer organization. Our members are native Germans, Americans of German heritage, and others interested in German culture and language. Our varied program aims to offer active participation in different aspects of German culture, in English and in German.

We present art and philosophy lectures (in English) at the Goethe-Institut with ample time for questions and discussion. Informal exchange of ideas and opinions, in German or English, continues with refreshments after each lecture.

Also in English, we address German literature, classical and contemporary, in Book Conversations at the Goethe-Institut. The works selected are all available in German and English. A brief lecture (in English) introduces the chosen book and highlights some points for further exploration. In 2009, we will take a break from our Book Conversations and expand our lecture series to include history and music. An informal hour with refreshments follows lectures to continue the lively exchange of ideas and points of view.

German poetry is our focus at Saturday *Lunches mit Lyrik* held at German restaurants. Lunchers are invited to bring a poem to read on a theme chosen in advance. Conversation around the table is in German or English according to individual preference. Our all-German event is the monthly reading *mit verteilten Rollen* of a dramatic work, which takes place in an area public library. (Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is our present location.) After reading we adjourn to a nearby restaurant for another hour of German conversation.

The high point of our year is the Classical Oktoberfest on a weekend in mid- to late October. A Friday evening dinner-reception at the German Embassy precedes an all-day Saturday program at the Goethe Institute consisting of films, lecture, lunch, and participants' interaction with the literary theme of the Fest. Registration and tickets are necessary for this event.

All our events, except the Classical Oktoberfest, are open to the public. To learn more about AGS and its activities, return to the homepage and use the Main Menu on the left. This Web site is open access; login and password are not necessary.



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