



Dear Goethe Society Wellington members and Friends of the Society,

I am very pleased to welcome Dr Gerhard Thiedemann as the new Ambassador for the Federal Republic of Germany to New Zealand. We are looking forward to officially welcoming Dr Thiedemann and his wife, Dr Marlies Thiedemann at the prize giving for the annual German Oral Competition in September (see below). To read Dr Thiedemann's introduction on the Embassy's website, please see: http://www.wellington.diplo.de/Vertretung/wellington/en/00__Embassy/Seite-Gru_C3_9Fwort-Botschafter-Thiedemann-07-26-2016-en.html

I would also like to mention a few of the (recent and forthcoming) Victoria German Student Club events as another example of the many 'German related' events and activities that are happening in Wellington. The Student Club held a German Brunch on 27 July and sold waffles to fundraise for the club and for the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand (HCNZ). They are actively involved in the Languages and Cultures Ball to be held on 6 August. In mid-August they hope to hold a joint event to mark the Swiss National Day with the Italian and French Societies, along with the Swiss Embassy. And they are in the process of planning an event to mark the German Unity Day in October. Watch this space!

Our website is now back online and looking great. There are still some images and more detail to be added, but it is a work in progress. Events and membership information (including the facility to subscribe to be a member online!) as well as a section on the history of the Society can be found at: <http://www.welly-goethe.org.nz/> If you have any images or information that you would like added to the website, please let me know. And if you would like to help keep it up to date, we would appreciate any assistance.

We do not charge for any of our events or activities and your subscriptions enable us to provide these opportunities for the German-speaking communities in Wellington and those interested in all things German. They also enable us to offer secondary school students learning German in the Wellington area the opportunity to participate in the annual German Oral Competition, for instance.

Details of our events will be posted on our Facebook group page – which you can find by searching for **Goethe Society Wellington** on Facebook. As members you will receive both the newsletters and invitations to all events.

Mit herzlichen Gruessen
Kristina McGuiness-King

- **August GSW Event: Heike Papenthin discusses “The Current Refugee Situation in Germany & How Germans Handle it”**
- **Dates for your diaries**
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August GSW Event - Heike Papenthin discusses “The Current Refugee Situation in Germany & How Germans Handle it”:

Whenever talking about Germany these days, the topic comes up how this nation in the centre of Europe deals with the current refugee situation. As an active Couchsurfing host, Heike Papenthin has had many encounters with young Germans, who have shared their stories with her about their and their friends’ involvement – stories which should be told. Heike’s mother was a refugee in World War II which might explain her deep interest in the current refugee situation in Germany. Heike is the National Language Adviser for German supporting the development of German language education in New Zealand.



Date: Wednesday, 10 August 2016

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: MYLT 101, Murphy Building, Kelburn Parade, Victoria University of Wellington

Refreshments provided.

See also the flyer attached. (Feel free to send this onto your networks.)

Organised by the Goethe Society in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut New Zealand.



Dates for your diaries:

- The **annual German Language Oral Competition will be held on Saturday, 6 August 2016, with the prize giving to be held on Wednesday, 7 September.** We encourage members to come to the prize giving (to be held at Victoria University of Wellington) and meet the teachers of German and secondary school students learning German.
- The next **Film Evening will be held on Wednesday, 14 September** in VZ 606 at Victoria University of Wellington. More details about the film to come.
- The **September GSW Event will be held on 21 September** with Dr Nancy Bertler and other experts talking about the bilateral Science relationships between New Zealand and Germany, including Nancy's work in Antarctica. More details to follow.

Fundraising for the Goethe Society's activities:

Our Entertainment Book fundraising campaign is taking off for 2016/17! Check out the information and links below for more information and to order your new membership! The price is still only \$60 and gives you lots of discounts for dining, entertainment, travel and much more. It is a great way to support our Society and to save money at the same time. As always, we need to sell a minimum number in order to raise anything. Last year, we scraped through by one! Every single membership makes a difference. If you're not sure, get one anyway! Entertainment memberships make great gifts too!

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Thank you for your support. Any questions? Contact:

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Goethe-Institut New Zealand Events:

Keep up to date with the activities, German films (at the Film Societies), music, artist talks, exhibitions, etc. that the Goethe-Institut New Zealand organises and or facilitates at:

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/wel/ver.cfm>

From June to August 2016 the three films, *Stations of the Cross*, *The Strange Little Cat* and *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* will be touring NZ. In October and November, you can watch *Solo Sunny*, *Der Geteilte Himmel* and *Goya* by Konrad Wolf.

The New Zealand International Film Festival and the Goethe-Institut have commissioned Johannes Contag to compose an accompanying film score for the screening of the 1920s film classic *Variety*. Sunday, 7 August, 1:30pm, Paramount Theatre Wellington: Live Cinema – Variety.

Community Event:

This Friday, 5 August there will be a concert at St. Andrews on the Terrace featuring three of the "greats" among German-speaking baroque composers, i.e. Bach, Mozart and Haydn. The Chamber Orchestra NZ Barok will be playing on original instruments. Details can be found at: <http://www.undertheradar.co.nz/gig/50380/NZ-Barok---Cello-Charms.utr>

Stammtisch:

Der Stammtisch soll die Gelegenheit zum ungezwungenen Deutsch sprechen, plaudern, schwatzen, quatschen bieten. Es kann jeder kommen, der Deutsch sprechen möchte. Der Stammtisch findet **am letzten Donnerstag des Monats jeweils um 17:30 Uhr** im Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington statt. Um auf die Stammtischverteilerliste zu kommen, bitte eine E-mail an goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com schicken.

The Stammtisch provides the opportunity to speak German in an informal setting. Anyone who would like to speak German is invited. The Stammtisch takes place **on the last Thursday of each month at 5.30pm** in the Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the Stammtisch, please send an email to goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com