



SESCA is planning a fun, casual Happy Hour on **Friday, April 11th**. All are invited! There is no program or agenda, just fine German food and drink and a time to enjoy the Spring weather.

Yoerg Brewery has an extensive collection of international beverages. Participants will be responsible for their own fare. Beer tastings available for purchase.

Once again, we are excited to have the event space at [Yoerg Brewing](#) in St. Paul. The Yoerg Brewing Company is Minnesota's first commercial brewery. It was founded ten years before Minnesota became a state in 1848.

More details to follow!

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TASTE OF SHOREVIEW

THE 15TH ANNUAL  
**TASTE**  
*of*  
**SHOREVIEW**  
*Fundraiser*

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, 2025  
5:00-8:00PM

SHOREVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

SESCA is looking forward to once again participating in the Taste of Shoreview on May 1st. This fun event raises funds for the 2025 Slice of Shoreview.

Participants enjoy food samples from area restaurants, wine and beer sampling and a live auction and bucket raffle.

The event is Thursday, May 1st from 5-8PM at the Shoreview Community Center. **Tickets can be purchased [here](#).** Stop by our table and try some German wine and beer!



YOU'RE INVITED

## MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS OUTING

*A Guided tour focusing on the art of Germany, Austria and Switzerland*

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD | 2PM



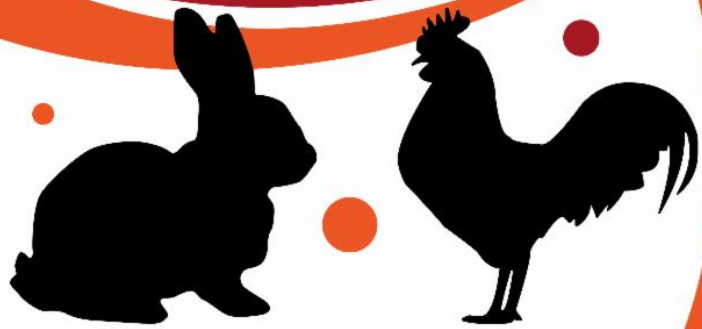
*Followed by socializing and dinner at  
The Black Forest Inn at 4:30PM*

Join SESCO for a fun outing on **Saturday, May 3rd!** We will be on a guided tour at the [Minneapolis Institute of Art](#) that focuses on the art of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. After our tour concludes, we will head to [The Black Forest Inn](#) (1 E 26th St, Minneapolis) for socializing/dinner. Door prizes for some lucky attendees will include fine German items; don't miss out!

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# The (fun) Rivalry Between the Einhausen Rooster and the Lorsch Rabbit



## *Sand Hare and Barley Giggel:*

Traditionally there are rivalries between places and cities, for example between Cologne and Düsseldorf, between Kleinhausen and Großhausen and also between Lorsch and Einhausen. Jokes are made and pranks were also played in the past (stealing the Kerwe flag was popular, for example). Today people tease each other on various occasions like the Kerwe or Carnival fests. In the Kerwe speeches and carnival speeches, anecdotes about the others are told or invented.

There is a lot of sandy soil in Lorsch, which is why the Lorsch people were called “sand hares”. The sandy soil is cultivated differently than clay soil, which is why tobacco, asparagus, carrots, etc. were grown there. A lot of barley / grain used to be grown in Einhausen. Since chickens and roosters like to eat Geschte (pronounced "Gerschte"), the nickname for the Einhäuser was "Gerschtegiggel."



Translation: *The Einhausen Community center filled with rabbits for Carnival may not be so great!*



However, the Lorsch people are currently cautious about their mockery of Einhausen, because they will use the school and multi-purpose hall in Einhausen for their carnival meetings and other events organized by Lorsch clubs.

In Lorsch, the so-called Nibelungenhalle, which was previously available, is being renovated, which will take 2-3 years. Whether the Lorschers can be good for as long as possible and not make fun of the Einhäuser Giggel (= mocking), remains to be seen 😊

*-Submitted by Barbara Schumacher*





*Our board members Dean and Patty Raeker attended Kerwe 2025 and this fun rivalry between the Einhausen rooster and the Lorsch rabbit were on full display. The group of rabbits you see in the picture above, were from Lorsch and they say it is a playful rivalry, but was perhaps a little more serious in the past. Now, both towns will be there to help the other out in times of need. Roosters and rabbits were having some playful rivalry at the 2025 Kerwe parade in Einhausen.*

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May Day (*Der Erste Mai, Tag der Arbeit*) is an ancient festival to welcome the spring weather and to drive away evil spirits. It is also an occasion to campaign for and celebrate workers rights, particularly in Berlin. May 1 is a public holiday in all German states.

***“Alles neu macht der Mai”***

As the Germans say, “May makes everything new.” The first day of the month is more than just a day off. It’s a real beginning in many ways: The new annual Maypole is set up



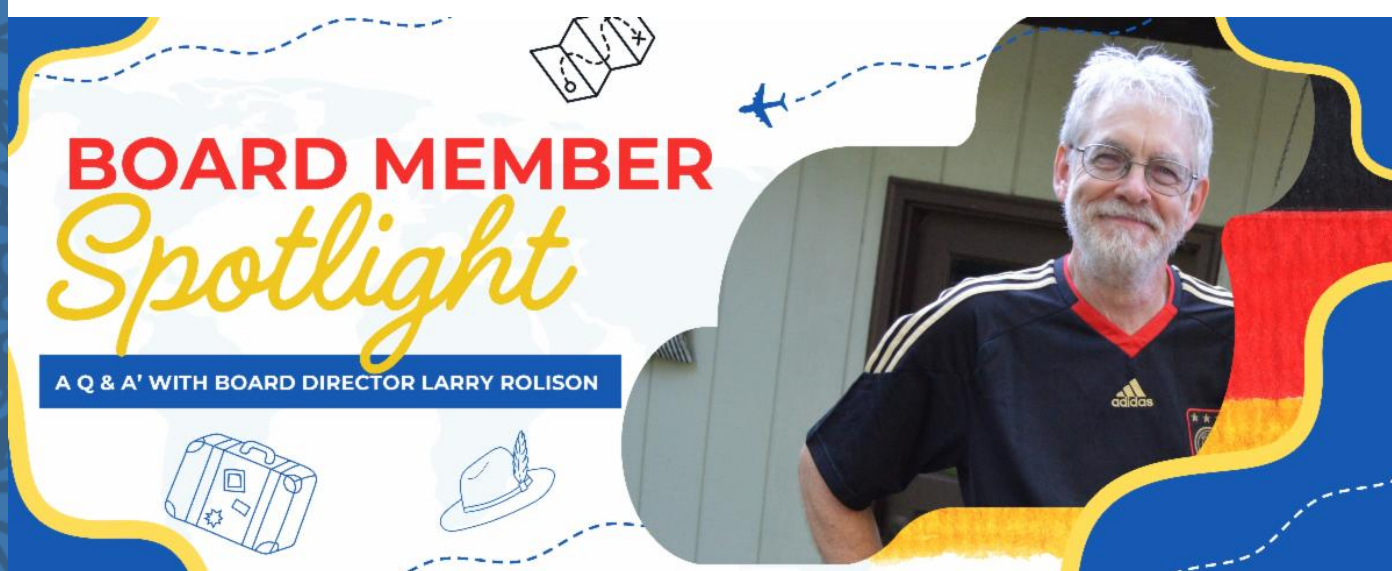
(or the old one is freshened up), the first Maibock beer is poured, the cherry blossoms and Maiglöckchen (Lily of the valley; May bells) can be enjoyed in full bloom, and lovers may reveal their secret crush in unique ways (more below). But the most important part of Germanic May traditions is the Maypole. One could say everything revolves around the Maypole.

[Learn more about May 1st and other Spring German Traditions!](#)



**Save the date!** The Shoreview Einhausen Sister City Association has engaged the [Elk River German Band](#) to play a two-hour period at the Slice of Shoreview this summer. The band will play from 1:30-3:30PM on Sunday, July 27th.

The band has 10 musicians including nine instrumentalists and a female vocalist and has played at festivals in the upper Midwest. It's sure to be a good time; grab a lawn chair and join others for some fine Bavarian style of German music!



Get to know Larry Rolison, Board Member and instrumental member of our organization!

**Q: How long have you been a Board Member of SESCA?**

**A:** I first joined the Board in 2006 and was a member for around 10-12 years, much of that

serving as the Secretary, then "retired". Bill contacted me a couple of years later, inquiring about returning so I've been back for about 3 years.

**Q: How or why did you first get involved?**

**A:** One of our sons was a student in Cheryl Wason's German class at Mounds View High. She has been associated with our sister city Einhausen for decades and as part of that association led student trips to Einhausen and other areas of Germany. Cheryl encouraged SESCO to invite Einhausen families to Shoreview to get an idea of what our city and daily lives look like. She asked the students in her class if their families would kindly host an Einhausen family and we volunteered. Much to our great relief, we were extremely lucky to host a single mom that had actually been married to a Texan that was living in Germany, so she spoke English far better than I speak German, along with her teenage son who also spoke English quite well. Since our son spoke German quite well, we managed to get along with ease. We, as a family, eventually traveled to Einhausen on a SESCO organized trip and were able to stay with our new German friends and have remained friends with them and others we've met in Einhausen.

**Q: What was your first experience traveling to Germany and/or Einhausen?**

**A:** My first time in Germany was in the 1990's. I was in Brussels for a business meeting along with my wife. We stayed for another week or so after the meeting was done, rented a car (boy, was THAT an adventure pre-Web, pre-GPS, pre-cell phones, ...) and drove through Belgium, France, and Germany. Thank heavens they all drive on the same side of the road that we do.

My first time in Einhausen was in 2006. I was a chaperone on a class trip of Cheryl's German class to Einhausen and other areas of Germany. This was a doubly exciting year for the students to travel to Europe because Germany was hosting the soccer World Cup so the whole country was alive with excitement.

**Q: What are some of the activities you enjoy with SESCO?**

**A:** My wife and I both really enjoyed SESCO sponsored trips to Einhausen. I hope we get to do that again one day.

SESCO has sponsored evenings at local German-related restaurants and breweries which I quite enjoy.

A few years ago, SESCO had a German-related tour of the Twin Cities given by an enthusiastic local historian/tour guide. Learned a lot about the German heritage in the Twin Cities that I had not heard before.

**Q: What are you currently up to these days?**

**A:** I'm a very happily retired software engineer; love the freedom to come and go as I please. I spend way too much time fiddling in our yard and not enough time with my woodworking hobby. My wife and I both greatly enjoy traveling and reading. We try to get to Europe every year in the process of eventually covering about as much of Europe as possible. We've covered a fair amount of it so far but still have highlights remaining like southern Italy, the Atlantic coast and middle of France, and Eastern Europe. Still trying to decide where we're going to go this year.

Since we were both born in MN and are now both retired, we leave MN for most of the winter simply because we can. We bounce around a bit between a couple of places in Florida and California. Discovered an absolutely wonderful casita in January in Encinitas



that we've already booked for next year. As of this writing (in early March), I'm in shorts (!!)

looking out the patio door of our rented townhouse on Perdido Key (Pensacola) at a white sand beach and the Intercoastal Waterway beyond it. Fun to watch the snow at home via our video doorbell.

**Q: Any particular SESCO events or poignant memories?**

**A:** A particularly poignant memory is when I chaperoned the student trip to Einhausen/Germany. One of the places we visited was the Checkpoint Charlie museum in Berlin. It was a very memorable experience reminding them that this was not a museum of ancient history. The atrocities they were viewing happened when they were alive (okay, maybe just barely but most of them were born before the wall went down.)

Getting to make friends in Germany, staying in their homes, going to their grocery store, celebrating their festivals with them, visiting their places of work has been delightful. (One of our hosts is a dentist and he took us to see what a German dentist office looks like.) We've found that the whole point of the international Sister City organization (getting to know people of other countries and discovering they're a lot more like you that you thought) has been exactly true.

*(A special thanks to Larry for taking the time to answer these questions!)*

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*Connect globally. Thrive locally.*

The Shoreview-Einhausen Sister City Association is proud to once again be a member of **Sister Cities International** in 2025.

Their network of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers run sister city programs that promote peace and strengthen local communities.

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