

DANK's Ongoing Mission:

- Foster friendship between the United States and Germany
- Promote a positive image of Germans among Americans
- Establish exchange programs and cross-cultural activities for Germans and Americans
- Encourage and support German language & cultural studies in schools
- Facilitate genealogy research of German ancestry
- Conduct language schools for children as well as for adults



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German American National Congress

A Future of Opportunities

Membership Information

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The German American National Congress, also known as DANK (Deutsch Amerikanischer National Kongress), is the largest German-American organization in the United States, with 19 chapters in 7 states, including 8 in the greater Chicagoland area.

The national organization seeks to bring together German-Americans in the pursuit of cultivating and presenting their heritage and interests on local, regional, and national levels. These were the primary reasons that DANK was founded in 1959, and they are still among the organization's primary objectives today.



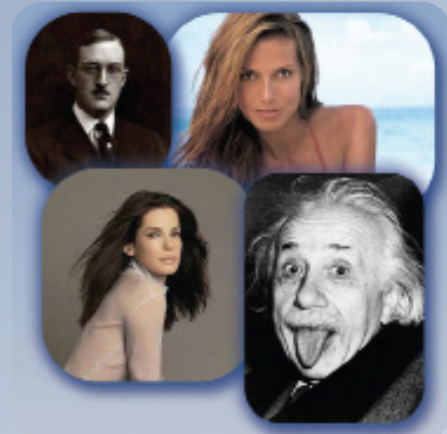
How Many German Americans Are There?

According to the official U.S. Census Bureau 2006 American Community Survey, there are over 50,700,000. This is about 17% of the U.S. population, making German Americans the largest self-reported ancestry group in the United States.



Benefits of Membership:

- Official DANK lapel membership pin.
- Free subscription to our bi-monthly national publication, the German-American Journal, which keeps members informed of events and issues on both a local and national level.
- Participation in numerous local DANK Chapter functions and festivities celebrating German culture and heritage, such as Maifest, Fasching, German Fest, and Oktoberfest.
- Opportunities to network and socialize with individuals sharing common German-American interests.
- Participation in German language classes for students of all ages offered by our DANK and associated language schools
- Visit our historic DANK Haus (our German-American Cultural Center in Chicago) with its museum, art gallery, library, and wide range of ongoing special events.
- Participation in our Tickets at Work program providing discounts to DANK members on movie tickets, theme parks, hotels, tours, special events, and a range of exclusive products.
- Opportunities to assume leadership roles in different capacities within DANK through interaction with others of similar interests.



Some Famous German Americans:

- Albert Einstein (1879-1955): Born in Ulm, Baden-Württemberg, this German-American scientist and Nobel Prize winner is best known for his Theory of Relativity.
- William Edward Boeing (1881-1956): Born in Detroit, Boeing had a German father and founded Pacific Aero Products in Seattle in 1916. The aircraft manufacturing company later bore his name and is now famous worldwide.
- Sandra Bullock (1964-): Born near Washington, D.C., Bullock, one of Hollywood's most popular actresses, is half German. She has appeared in famous films including "Speed," "While You Were Sleeping," and "Miss Congeniality."
- Heidi Klum (1973-): Born in Bergisch Gladbach, Germany, Heidi is known as one of the top fashion models and designers. She has appeared in numerous TV shows and magazines.

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All Nationalities Welcome!