

I was born in Wuerzburg, Germany which is part of Bavaria but was raised in the neighboring state of Baden Wuerttemberg in the city of Sindelfingen, home to the biggest Mercedes plant in the world. I completed my education in domestic science, hotel, restaurant, event planning and management. I worked at hotels in food/kitchen management and as a line cook at Mercedes. After that, I spent one year in London, England working at a hostel for students from all over the world and attended a local university where I earned my certificate, Cambridge certification in English.

In 1991, I made the journey to America as an Au pair which is a program designed for young adults to live and work, usually as a nanny, with a host family for up to one year. During that time, I attended a few semesters at the culinary arts and nutrition program at Delgado.

Soon after my arrival in June, I was invited to visit the Deutsches Haus on Galvez and I had enjoyed every minute of it. It became a weekly destination, and I started helping mainly in the kitchen preparing food for Oktoberfest and other festivities. Peeling tons of potatoes and wrapping plenty of cabbage rolls led to many lasting friendships. In October of the same year, I also met my husband, Robert (Big Bob) Chadborn there. He was a Board Member of the Haus and belonged to the Homebrewers. We started our life together by exchanging our vows at the old Haus in April 1994 and we said our goodbyes after his passing in 2015 at the “halfway Haus” on Ridgway.

In August of 1996 our daughter Melissa was born. She became a regular at the Haus sporting her little red Lederhosen and cute little Dirndl. Being busy with marriage, having a child and running my Jewelry business, that I continue to this day, I stepped back from Haus activities for a bit. In 2005 after Katrina, I became active again mainly working the cash registers. Melissa would work with me and soon take on her own register working fast and accurate handling all that money herself. Proud Mama here!

Since then I worked all, with few exceptions, Oktoberfests and other events on the register, food line or kitchen. In the past five years I was very instrumental in creating all aspects of the Christkindlmarkt. I'd like to continue my involvement to help grow this wonderful event into the only authentic German Christmas market in the State of Louisiana.

I decided to seek a board position because I care deeply about the mission of the Haus and its many members. I can make as much time as needed and I'm ready to serve with my knowledge, understanding and passion. I'm very observant, a good listener, fair and straight forward. I understand the need for the Haus to operate as a “business,” but also know it is important to not forget that we are a social club made up of long time and new members who came together because of common interest in all things German, Germany and/or their German ancestry. Sometimes we just need to keep it simple and have fun together. I am very interested in helping and taking on more responsibilities of the Entertainment committee. I like to hear from members from different states of Germany about old and new customs and traditions unique to their area to possibly create new and different events, big or small and to educate visitors about the abundance of different traditions in Germany.

I'm a huge believer in communication and I am “the calm in midst of a storm.” I make sure I stay informed and listen to all sides before making any decision. Most of all, I am a member of the Deutsches Haus who wants to do her part to ensure what was started 95 years ago will still be here 95 years from now.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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