

Joseph L. Shine



This letter is to formally announce my intention to run for a position on the Board of Directors of the Deutsches Haus. I am a life member, stockholder, volunteer and more importantly I am committed to the mission and events of the Deutsches Haus. I have been the gate captain for Oktoberfest since 2015, which involves attending numerous meetings, contributing to the planning and execution of the fest, assist with the setup of the event, recruiting volunteers and friends, and focused on customer service and advocacy of our mission to all of those who attend the festival. I have volunteered in several positions at Oktoberfest prior to my gate assignment. In addition I am actively working with the Entertainment committee, and participate in Christkindlmarkt and Volksfest. I have been part of several work groups that assist in ground improvements, work within the warehouse, and have participated in events that have helped raise money for the Haus. Some of my other professional and association experiences are outlined below.

I am a licensed physical therapist and owner of Performance Physical Therapy. I attended Nicholls State University for my undergraduate degree, went to LSU Medical Center New Orleans for my physical therapy degree, and have earned a Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy. I served 5 years as President and 6 years as Vice President of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association (ending 2020) which comprises of over 1100 members and advocated for nearly 4000 therapists in LA. I have worked with lobbyists and legislators at the state capital on key state legislative issues. I have served as an adjunct lecture at LSU medical center here in New Orleans. I was an officer in Naval Reserves for 12 years (1987-2001), graduated from the Naval War College, served in the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm, and completed my military service as a Lieutenant Commander. I am a life member of the VFW, and member of the American Legion and American Legion Riders. I have two sons that are also life time members of the Haus, Patrick and Matthew.

I feel my experience in my professional life, military career, and my volunteerism with Deutsches Haus gives me a broad spectrum of experience I can draw from when serving on the Board of Directors. I am interested in interacting more with members to help foster good lines of communication and achieving common goals. I plan to be very active, energetic, innovate and committed to our mission. I ask for your consideration and your vote to serve on the Board of Directors.