

BOARD ELECTION BIO



My name is Peggy Marks Villemarette. I have enjoyed celebrating my German heritage through my relationship with the Haus for many years. I volunteered before and during OktoberFest on Galvez Street where I met so many welcoming friendly members. I became a member and continued my active relationship with the Haus. Through a more active involvement in Haus activities, I began to serve on numerous committees and ultimately chaired my own successful event, The Nutcracker Brunch. I intend to work amicably with the other Board members as well as the membership to achieve our goal of inspiring Gemutlichkeit, and celebrating and fostering our German culture and heritage. I have no affiliation with any other groups that would influence my commitment to the Deutsches Haus.

My husband, Warren who is also an active Deutsches Haus member, and I have been married 42 years. We are the parents of three married children, Allison, Megan and Paul; three grandsons, Warren, Robert and Conner; and four granddaughters, Charlotte, Katherine, Everette and Violette. We understand the importance of family. I created the Nutcracker Brunch event to provide a safe, affordable event for young families while promoting our traditional German customs.

I retired as a thirty-seven year educator in Jefferson Parish where I taught children with various disabilities while specializing in students with Autism. I presently teach part-time through a federal program that identifies struggling students and assists them in developing basic reading and math skills. Cooperation among educators, support staff, administration and parents is imperative for the success of the students. Throughout my career, I have embraced the importance of working toward a common goal through an open respectful exchange of ideas and the ability to compromise. I plan to bring these values with me to the Board.

I presently volunteer regularly in the following positions and actively serve on the following committees.

Volunteer:

Quarterly Meeting Check-in
OktoberFest Setup
VolksFest May Pole Dancer
Crist Kindl Markt/VolksFest Raffle
Trivia Night Food Cashier
Gluhwein/Membership Sign painter
Crist Kindl Markt Gluhwein Booth Server

Committees:

Decorating Committee
Entertainment Committee
95th Anniversary Planning Committee
Nutcracker Brunch Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Villemarette