

***San Antonio* - Host city of the
2024 German-Texan Heritage Society
Annual Conference**



September 13 & 14, 2024

Beethoven's Maennerchor

located at

422 Pereida St., San Antonio, TX 78210



Our Speakers

Our speakers include:

Friday

Dr. Christopher Wickham: Professor of German (Emeritus) UT San Antonio & Author

Barret Klein: A 6th generation German-Texan from Gillespie County with 40 years of experience working in the meat industry, B.S. in Animal Science from Texas A&M University with graduate studies in Meat Science at Colorado State University, retired former owner of Klein Smokehaus in Boerne & Hudson Meats in Austin

Richard Gruetzner: GTHS Vice-President & Partner Representative of GTHS to the International German Genealogy Partnership, Retired Law Enforcement professional, President Texas Wendish Heritage Society, Director on Board of Austin Genealogical Society

Dr. Walter Kamphoefner: Professor of History Texas A&M University, Former President of Society for German-American Studies, Author of books on Germans in America

Saturday

Maria Pfeiffer: Resident & Researcher of the King William neighborhood, B.A. – UT-Austin, M.A. – Trinity University, author of *School by the River: Ursuline Academy to Southwest School of Art and Craft 1851-2001*

Jon Todd 'J.T.' Koenig: Senior Vice-Pres. and Senior In-Market Trust Office of Bank of America Private Bank in Austin, B.A. - University of Houston-University Park, J.D.- St. Mary's Univ. School of Law – San Antonio, Member of State Bar of Texas

Dr. Jacquelyn McDonald: Adjunct Faculty Univ. of North Texas, Lecturer Univ. of Texas -Dallas, Research Consultant at Elisabet Ney Museum, author of books on Elisabet Ney

Dr. Jana Weiss: DAAD Associate Professor in the Department of Germanic Studies University of Texas – Austin, PhD in History from the University of Muenster, previous Associate Professor & Chair for North American History – Dept. of History Univ. of Muenster

GTHS 2024 Annual Conference Schedule

Friday

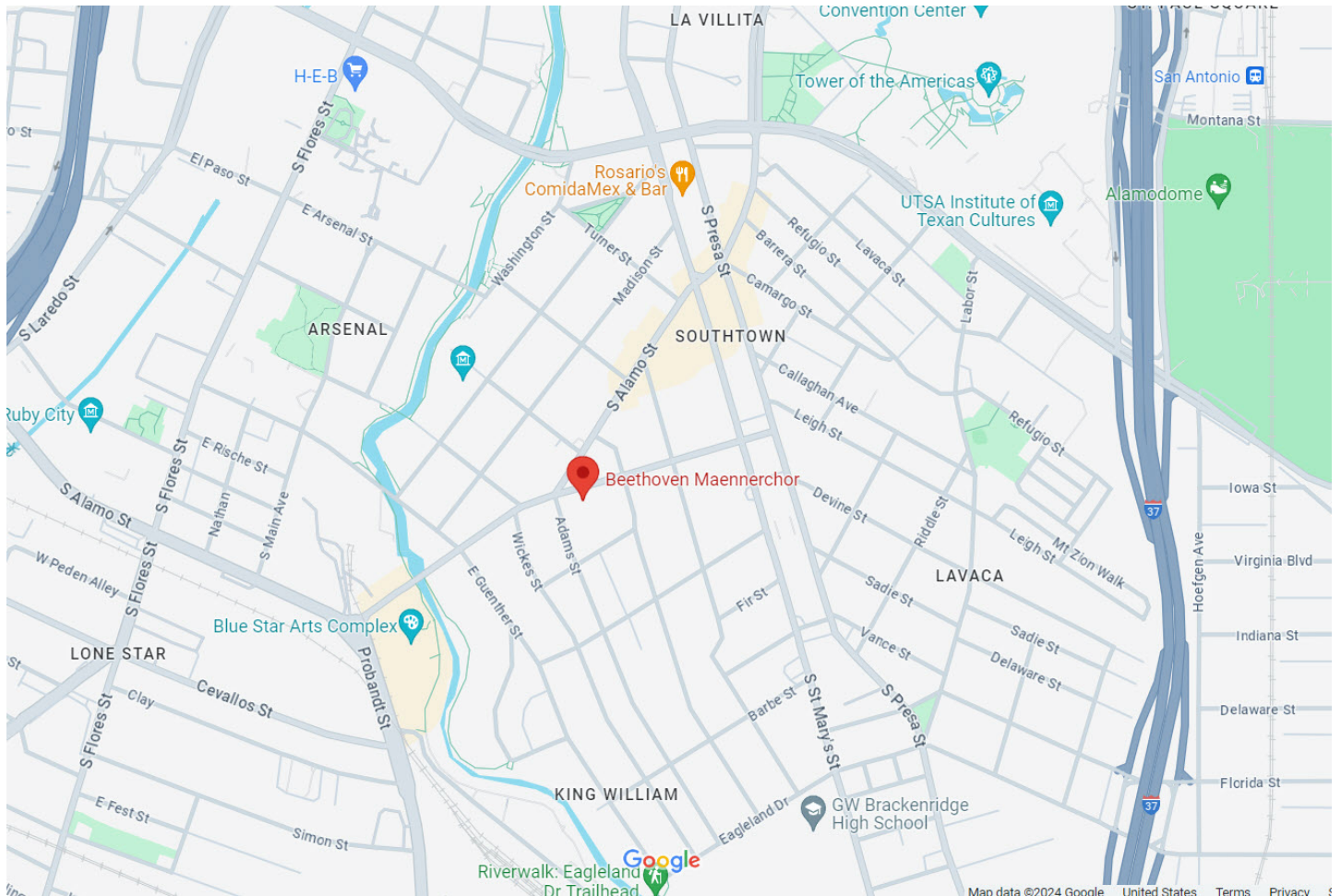
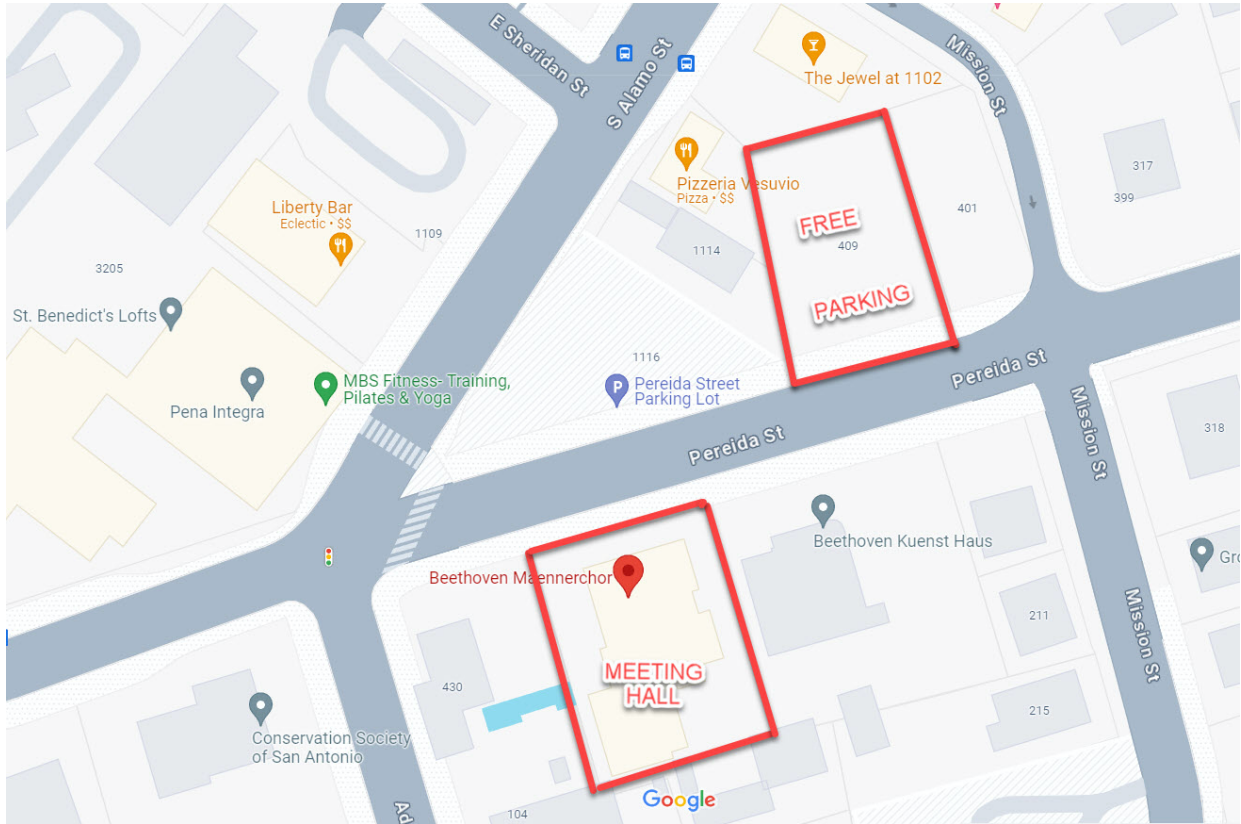
- 9:30 – 1:00 Registration opens. Lunch is on your own.
- 1:00 – 1:30 Welcome and Information
- 1:30 – 2:20 Dr. Christopher Wickham: *Die Neu-Braunfelser Zeitung: The Newspaper as Resource*
- 2:30 – 3:20 Barrett Klein: *The German Influence on BBQ & Smoked Meats in Texas*
- 3:20 – 3:40 Break
- 3:40 – 4:30 Richard Gruetzner: *The 'Other Germans' and Lutheranism.*
- 4:40 – 5:30 Dr. Walter Kamphoefner: *The German Press and German Language in Texas*
- 6:30 Social: Hosted in the Biergarten of the Beethoven Maennerchor

Saturday

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration and snacks/pastries
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 – 10:10 Maria Pfeiffer: *Sauerkraut Bend – San Antonio's King William Neighborhood*
- 10:10 – 11:10 J.T. Koenig: *German Texans in Early Texas Art*
- 11:10 – 11:20 Break
- 11:20 – 12:00 GTHS Membership Meeting
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch on-site by Beethoven's
- 1:30 – 2:20 Dr. Jacquelyn McDonald: *Sursum! How Elisabet Ney vied to put Texas on the map*
- 2:30 – 3:20 Dr. Jana Weiss: *Lager, Beer Gardens, and Gemütlichkeit – A (Brief) History of the German Influence on U.S. Beer*
- 3:30 – Remainder of the day Closing of the on-site meeting.

Sunday

Everyone is invited to stay & visit all the historic sites and cultural offerings in San Antonio.



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