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Press Release

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Attention bargain hunters! It's time to shop for a good cause!

The traditional "Pfennigbasar" of the German-American Club Kaiserslautern is back! From March 8th to 9th 2025, the event will take place at the "Alte Eintracht", Unionsstraße 2, in Kaiserslautern. Bargain hunters will find plenty to enjoy, as all proceeds will benefit a good cause in the region. You can donate items for the "Pfennigbasar" on March 7th 2025.

Charity meets flea market

The "Pfennigbasar" of the German-American Club Kaiserslautern has been a beloved event for decades, not only in the Kaiserslautern area but throughout the region. The response has always been impressive, with long lines of eager shoppers forming even before the doors open. If you think of the "Pfennigbasar" as just another flea market, you're mistaken. All participants work voluntarily and without payment. This charity bazaar is a project that is very dear to the club members, which is why everyone is coming together again this year to help out. We have also received inquiries from people outside the club who have heard about the charity bazaar and want to lend a hand. Germans and Americans are working side by side for a good cause.

If you would like to support this charity event, you are warmly invited to shop at your leisure from March 8th to 9th 2025, from 10 AM to 5 PM. There will be clothing for women, men, and children, toys, dolls, books, household goods, porcelain, bags, belts, tablecloths, linens, antiques, and crystal.

Donations will be accepted on March 7th 2025 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the back of the Alte Eintracht (access via Rittersberg, Kaiserslautern). We kindly ask that you only donate sellable and clean items. This year, we will not accept glass, ceramics, electrical items, decorative items, shoes, furniture, or pictures/frames.

How did the "Pfennigbasar" start?

The bazaar was established in 1957, with the first donation going to the "SOS Kinderdorf". The idea behind the "Pfennigbasar" was to promote German-American student exchange. At that time, there were 80 clubs in the "Federation of German-American Clubs" (VDAC), all with a common goal: to support this project. The initiative has always been charitable and highly recognized by governments, receiving political support throughout the years. The first major bazaar of our club also took place at the "Alte Eintracht" in downtown Kaiserslautern.

What are the donations used for?

The funds raised are allocated to projects related to children, youth, and students, as well as organizations that promote such initiatives. Beneficiaries have included the "Lebenshilfe", the kindergarden "Am Nussbäumchen", young mothers in need identified by Caritas and Diakonie, "Lichtblick", and various student exchange and school projects. American organizations have also been supported during Christmas for families in need.

A sustainable German-American community project

At the "Pfennigbasar", Germans and Americans stand side by side to collect donations – and have been doing so for decades. One of the most impressive bazaars was held after the Iraq War, when everyone came together to strengthen the German-American connection. This year, we are once again working together at the "Pfennigbasar" to support projects in our region. The "Pfennigbasar" is an experience for all German and American participants. We have fun together, learn from each other, and do charity work.

If you want to experience the spirit of the "Pfennigbasar", join us on March 8th and 9th 2025!

About the German-American Club Kaiserslautern (registered association)

The German-American Club is a registered association that exclusively pursues charitable purposes. We are a traditional club in Kaiserslautern dedicated to bringing Germans and Americans together through the activities of our club and to promote friendship between the people of Germany and the United States.

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