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FROM THE PRESIDENT

One truism about fraternal organizations is that there is no shortage of thankless tasks. This month I will attempt to become the exception that proves the rule. There have been many people of late that have helped the Klub through their hard work, generosity or thoughtfulness and their efforts deserve recognition.

Making the Klub look good is a continual effort that every homeowner is familiar with. Whether it is a coat of paint, some landscaping, or simply tidying up, we all know hard it is to find the time or the energy to make the effort.

Dave and Thea Cozad redid the flowerbeds in front of the Klub, filling them with mulch and planting a smaller number of flowers in large pots. Not only does this area look great, but now it takes a great deal less water to keep it looking that way. Less water means less money going out in the form of water bills, which of course helps with the financial health of the Klub. Every couple of weeks Dave and Thea show up, do some weeding, trimming, and stick removal and the place looks great again. Lorra Schroeder can still be found around the side of the building, working on the largest of the beds. A snip here, some digging and planting there, and soon there is life. I do not have a green thumb;

in fact I generally have a complete lack of interest in growing things. My confession takes this form: I frequently find myself taking the ramp to go around the building for no other reason than to see which of her plants have decided they no longer want to be in the chorus, but instead seek the spotlight.

Joel Melcher is proving to be the Willie Mays of our team. Whether he is riding the mower around the acres of grass to be mowed, whacking weeds, painting the back of the building or tinkering with some wiring, Joel seems to be well above average at seemingly every task he starts on.

Will Diekmann managed to squeeze some time into his schedule to fix the sidewalk out front before hopping on a plane for a vacation back home in Deutschland. Sally Green started streamlining the office so that Ron doesn't have to spend so much time fighting the paperwork, and before too long her husband Ken got tired of not seeing her and decided to get even by straightening out the storage closet. That'll show her.

Dolores Quebe isn't worth a hoot at plumbing but she is kind enough to share her plumber with us, once again paring down our water bill. **Eleanore Harle** makes sure that this fine newsletter gets folded and addressed so that it arrives in your mailbox so please give her the credit for tackling a mind numbingly

dull job. **Hilda Green** seems to have warmed to the task of keeping my spirits up. Whether it's just a kind word before she sits down to dinner at the Klub, or a day-making card in my mailbox when I get home, Hilda is my own personal MVP even if no one else in the Klub notices a thing she's done. And no list of angels would be complete without mention of **Lou Mueller**. I don't know how she does it, but Lou somehow manages to get things organized enough, and crams in enough busy work to keep Patty Johns and myself from going insane.

I know I have missed a person or ten. It's not intentional, and it in no way diminishes either the work done or the hands that did it. It just means Lou needs to work harder. And now if you will excuse me, I need to find a good hiding place.

One more note of thanks while I am in a grateful mood: The **Indianapolis Soccer Club** recently loaned us a Kegerator for use during a huge wedding reception on very short notice. This response from one of our fellow Federation members has given me a sense of pride in how much better our relations with the other clubs is at this time, and also how much better things can get simply by trying to be a good neighbor.

Chuck Kemp
(317) 289-2390

Become a Facebook Fan!

We are now posting the Wednesday buffet offerings as well as news on other events on the Edelweiss Restaurant Facebook page. Go to facebook.com and search for Edelweiss Restaurant and click the "become a fan" icon and receive these updates and reminders.

See also

www.indianapolisgak.com
www.edelweissgak.com

FROM THE MANAGER

What a big month for the Edelweiss Restaurant, the Klub has been booming all month. We recently had an outdoors wedding for 250 people, the parking lot was tented with a four thousand square foot tent and decorated beautifully. This is perhaps the largest wedding we have had. Our Wednesday buffet night is growing and we have had some unique regional dishes along with traditional German fare.

I want to mention again we are starting a **Brew Klub** for people who are interested in brewing their own beer. The brew Klub meets the last Thursday of every month we are looking for both experienced and novice brewers. We encourage members to bring in their beer for tastings so come out, hang out and talk about beer.

On June 5-6 we served Wursts, kraut, G. potato salad and strudel at the Conner Prairie International Festival along side of our dance group. Many thanks to the volunteers that

helped. We had a rainy Saturday, but everything went well.

And now it's time for my thank you paragraph. You have to understand this paragraph was not in existence when I came back in October. The reason I enjoy this part of my article is that it increases every month. The joy isn't really in the longer paragraph but in the time I spend with people volunteering and helping the Klub. This last month **Ken** and **Sally Green** have volunteered their time in fixing two large tasks at the Klub. Ken has tackled the storage closet next to the office, starting off just organizing but soon into the project found a deteriorating wall that had to be patched and painted. Sally has donated her office talents several days a week. She is helping organize the office, books, etc. You need to understand this has not been done correctly in years and is a huge undertaking. Thanks also to **Joel Melcher** for not just donating a push mower to the Klub, but hooking himself up to it and helping it mow grass. Along the same line his partners in agriculture **Dave** and **Thea Cozad** who have weeded, mulched, planted, trimmed and still danced the night away in the evening. Thank you **Lorra Schroeder** for potting, planting, seeding, fussing, cussing, and keeping our motley Crew in line. Finally thank you **Dolores Quebe** for footing the plumbing bill for fixing the outside spigots. This is what makes a KLUB and what is rewarding about it is it's Fun!

Chef Ron

Words are windows to the heart.



Meetings on

June 17

July 1, 15, 29

August 12, 26

September 2

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Patty Johns, Pres.

The warm weather is here and the Ladies Auxiliary is busy planning our summer events. Our annual Ladies Auxiliary Picnic in the Park will be on Saturday, June 19. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Original Alpine Express from 6 pm to 11 pm. Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe will also be performing. Mark your calendars to join us for some great food, drink and music. We are looking for dessert donations for the picnic. Please contact me or Lou Mueller if you would like to donate a dessert.

Our next event will be the Pie Auction on Saturday, August 14. Bill Burrell has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year. If you would like to donate a dessert for auction, please contact me or Lou Mueller. Hope to see you at these two events!

PS: I would also like to say a big THANK YOU to those Klub members who donated desserts for the American Working Dog Federation Championship's picnic in the park on Saturday, May 29. All were very yummy and much appreciated!!



Each 3rd Tuesday
GAK Membership
Meeting.

GAK Auxiliary Meeting



Wednesday Night
Buffet



Tanzgruppe Practice
Wednesday (except 2nd
Wed.)



Jaeger Club meeting
Second Saturday @
Noon



KINDERTANZGRUPPE

All practices are in the GAK ballroom from 10:00 – 11:30: June 26, July 10, July 31, August 7, August 14, August 21, August 28.

(Note – little ones can expect to be finished closer to 11:00 – if enough teens are present, we will practice teen dances at the end.)

RAINY DAY FUND

, Elise Marshall, Joan Mills, Quinton & Jean Heintzelman, Gerhard Weber, Ed & Sandy Roehling, Larry Borst, Martin Dannemiller, Gloria Webster, Gary & Eva Cummings, John & Darleen Himmelheber, Frank Scholl, Bill Voltmer, Gerhard & Evelin Klemm, German-American Jaeger Club, Richard & Ruth Allseitz, Cliff & Yvonne Lipsius, Joe Mankus, Charles Kemp, Walter & Elizabeth Dieckamp,

Dis 'n das – now 'n den ...

When there are around 150 deep purple Iris in bloom in a small garden it is a beautiful sight. I hope you noticed them as you approached the parking lot, for they out did themselves this year.

When one stands with clippers in hand three weeks later and looks at 150 unattractive stalks that must be cut and removed, it is a different story. However, they were worth it!

Eva and Gary Cummings planted the original plants several years ago. Thanks Eva.

The Biergarten is awash with flowers, And the Flower Pixie keeps them watered. (Thanks, Lisa.)

OKTOBERFEST GATE

Richard Allseitz, Gate Chair, still needs a few people to help him. This is a vital position for it is the first contact with us that the Oktoberfest visitors have.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Well ... it's Oktoberfest time! There will be much to do and many hands needed to accomplish it.





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FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the time of writing this letter, we are just 2 and a half months from the start of Oktoberfest. That means my already manic schedule will become even more chaotic, and I will be that much more of a walking disaster area. I'll cut to the chase and get to my list of needs. First and foremost, we need your presence. Oktoberfest is about people, so be there, be of a joyful spirit, and be generous with that spirit. As with every Oktoberfest, this is your chance to rekindle old friendships and to make some new friends. Invite the neighbors, put up a flyer at work, invite a stranger to join your table. The openness and friendly nature of the festival is the one thing that will keep people coming for years to come.

The second thing we will need is once again, You. We need volunteers for virtually every capacity. Dick Allseit can use some help at the gates. We can use help selling tickets at the ticket booths. The food lines can always use

a person or three to scoop Kartoffelsalat and sauerkraut. If you have a liquor license then this is your chance to use it. These are all jobs that you are used to doing and that you know from years past. Now for

This month's newsletter is a double issue. As a result of doing my headless chicken imitation last month, I did not have a letter ready for the previous issue and so we decided to make this month a bonus issue. I apologize for the delay and will do my best to keep it from happening again. CK

some things that you aren't familiar with: things that are making their first appearance at our festival. The biggest thing that we are doing is adding a Root Bier Tent for the children. This will require 3-4 people per night to watch over the kids and keep the root bier flowing. If you enjoy other people's children, then this could be your home. We also need a carnival barker type to get people to try the bier stein hold. Two people per night is the most that this will take, so it will be a fairly easy job. We will also need a couple of people to man the popsicle stand by the Root Bier Tent.

All of these things are going to be small as far as the number of dollars that they will contribute to the bottom line of the festival, but they will be things that will make the festival more fun for our guests.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that we are going to need some help at the pretzel tent, and a few teenagers to act as runners for supplies. My biggest worry at this time is that we need some more hands for setup and teardown. We will have a day less for both so please consider that as an option for your volunteer effort.

Of course there are plenty more things to do, I just don't have room to mention them all here. If you would like to participate in this effort of your Klub, then please call myself or the Klub so we can get you in touch with the right person for the area you wish to work in. It's more fun than you could ever imagine.

The first part of getting ready will start in a couple of weeks, so if you enjoy wood-working then please grab your tools and call me at 317-289-2390 so the first project can get started.



EVENING IN THE BIERGARTEN

August 14, 2010

Enjoy a Special German Dinner in the Biergarten
Dinner served 5-9

Highlight of the evening will be the

PIE AUCTION

This Evening Under The Stars Is Presented By
GAK Ladies Auxiliary



JAEGER CLUB

The next meeting of the Jaeger Club will be held in the Edelweiss Restaurant at noon on Saturday, July 10. Hope to see you there.

Hans Cummings ,Secretary
, German-American Jaeger Club



SEPT. 9-12



Help Us Get the Word Out about Oktoberfest!

If you have a business or know of a business that would allow us to hang a poster, please let me or the Klub know.

We'll be happy to have a poster delivered and we will also have plenty at the Klub for pickup.

The more advertising we can do—the more people will come - the more successful we will be.

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All begin at 7:00

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Someone to round up and schedule help for the serving line
- Ditto for the Kids Rootbeer Garten
- Set up – Many hands needed
- Tear down also!

The next Oktoberfest Meeting will be important.

Please plan to attend.

And now ...

IT'S BACK!!

That's right ...

July 16th will be the Second Annual Chuck Kemp's 39th Birthday Party and Pie Fight.

This is a fundraising event for the Klub in that all that is required for participation is a donation to the Klub, but after that you are on your own. Pies will be thrown, faces will be splattered, and a good time will be had by both participants and spectators.



Participation is open to all.



Cake and ice cream will be available for all who come.



[Ed note: This is wild and hilarious.]

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You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck ...

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