



# German-American Klub

## November 2011 Newsletter

German-American Klub of Indianapolis, Inc.

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### FROM THE MANAGER

Fall has set in and the park is beautiful with the leaves changing colors. The leaves are also falling on the ground and everywhere else so if you have time and are looking for an outdoor activity come volunteer at the Klub, It's time to get ready for winter.

On that note if anyone has a snow blower that they would like to donate that is one piece of equipment that would be an enormous help in making the Klub accessible during the winter months.



We are looking at starting another **German Dance Class** starting in January or February, if interested sign up here at the Klub, we can only take a set amount of people.

On the same note if you are interested in **Conversational German Language lessons** sign up at the Klub we hope to start a class up soon.

Don't forget our New Year's Eve Party, we are going into the new year with a bang. We have Peacetrain playing, dinner buffet and a sober up in the new year buffet, free beer, and champagne toast at midnight. Go to [www.peacetrain.com](http://www.peacetrain.com) and purchase your tickets online, there is a limited amount of tickets for this event, don't miss out.

Our ballroom is not as busy in November and December, so if you are interested in a space for a company party or function let us know. Let's make a deal. \

The restaurant has been very busy thanks to all of you who support us. The Wednesday buffet is our most popular night. We put out quite a spread of German Food, so come out and eat, and enjoy the Klub



*Chef Ron*

### NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

The ladies are getting ready for the holidays with the annual "hanging of the greens" on **Saturday, November 26** around 9:30 am. Any and all help is appreciated.

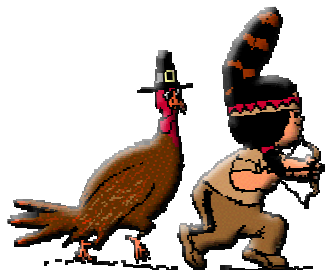
Then mark your calendars to bring the kids and grandkids to the annual **Children's Christmas Party** on **Sunday, December 11 at 1:00**. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of food, storytelling and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Please bring a salad or dessert.

We will also have a silent auction and collect food donations for one of the local food banks.

We are finalizing our event dates for 2012 – more to come in next month's newsletter.

See you at the Klub.

Patty Johns



### COMING EVENTS

**International Festival**  
**Nov. 17 - 20**



**November 26**  
**Hanging O' Greens**  
**10:00 am**



**Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @**  
**8 pm**

**Fledermäuschen**  
**Tanzgruppe**  
**Christmas Party**



**Sunday,**  
**Dec. 11**  
**Children's**  
**Christmas Party**



**New Year's**  
**Eve**  
**w/Peacetrain**



Check out  
[www.indianapolisgag.com](http://www.indianapolisgag.com)  
Also  
Edelweiss Restaurant  
on FaceBook

## Regular Scheduled Events



**Third Tuesday  
GAK Auxiliary  
Meeting @ 7 pm**



**Third Tuesday  
GAK Membership  
Meeting @ 8 pm**



**Lunch  
Second Wednesday**



**Tanzgruppe Prac-  
tice Wednesday  
7:30 pm**



**Wed. night Buffet  
5-9 pm**



### FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

In dealing with people on behalf of the Klub, I get a lot of strange, or at least unexpected questions. There are varying degrees of seriousness, propriety, and interest. I assure you, my answers come in at least as many different varieties. After Oktoberfest was put to bed, more than one representative of the companies we deal with asked me "Why do you do it?" It's a question that really is easy to answer, but at the same time I have to wrestle with it quite a bit.

Why do I do it? Because I enjoy it. Whether it is the rush of a busy time, or enjoying a leisurely chat with someone I've not seen for a while, or I'm all alone doing some handiwork, I can enjoy myself. I enjoy the task at hand, whether it is pulling a beer, getting some buns, or signing a check. I can have fun doing just about anything.

Why do I do it? Maybe I just relish the challenge. Since assuming the Presidency, I have faced a nearly impossible task and somehow have made it this far. Whether it has been figuring out how to arrange tents, arrange people, or appropriate money, it has been a marvelously complex puzzle to figure out, and it has given me a chance to use both mental and physical muscles that I do not get to use in my regular workaday life. I do enjoy an interesting challenge.

Why do I do it? The people involved, for certain. As I've stated before, there is a core group of people that I have come to know in recent years that I would not know were it not for my involvement with the Klub, and that work has made it possible for me to see the good and bad of many of those people. Unfortunately for them they get to see far more of the bad of me than they should, but I don't have any qualms about being a "warts and all" kind of guy. Whether it is someone who has been involved with the Klub for ages or someone who is new to the Klub, working with someone on something is frequently its own reward.

Why do I do it? I never know what to expect. There are days when someone or something brings an unexpected ray of sunshine into my life. There are just as many, if not more, days I want to just walk away. Somehow the good always seems to outweigh the bad. Or maybe I just have an

overdeveloped sense of duty. No matter what the reason is, I know that I don't get bored nearly as much as I used to, and for that I am thankful.

Why do I do it? In a lot of cases, I look around and think that if I don't, no one else will. That, to me is the worst feeling in the world. I know some are no longer able. I know some never were. And I know from having a firm grip on my own shortcomings that some were never meant to in the first place. It is the lousiest reason for me to do anything, and I wish I never had to use it.

The great thing about the first four reasons I choose to do this is that any person out there can make the fifth reason nonexistent. In the end, THAT is why I do it.

Chuck Kemp  
(317) 435-1131

### **DIE FLEDERMÄUSCHEN TANZGRUPPE**

*By Lucille Mueller*

Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe will have their last performance for the year on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Fairgrounds for the International Festival. We will perform with Dans Norden.

Plan on coming to our Christmas Dance at the GAK on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The doors will open at 8 pm. Your cost is six cookies per person. The Tanzgruppe will have their Christmas Party and Dinner at 6 pm followed by the dance at 8 pm.

#### **GAK BOARD MEMBERS**

Pres. Chuck Kemp, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mike Diehl, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Mike Bauer, Sec'y Tim Blaker, Trea. Lorra Schroeder, Cliff Lipsius, Nate Harves, Denise Roberts, Bill Burrell

# DUES RENEWAL FORM

## GERMAN-AMERICAN KLUB



Due before February 1

Please indicate the proper membership class:

CLASS	INITIATION	DUES	RESTRICTIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lifetime</b> (Individual or Family)	\$500.00	-0-	None
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Active</b> (Individual or Family)	-0-	\$50.00	None
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Senior</b> (Married or Single)	-0-	\$25.00	Age 65 or older. Spouse has to be age 60 or older.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student</b>	-0-	\$5.00	Age 21 or less and enrolled in an accredited institution. No voting rights and cannot hold elected office.

Name[s] \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: GAK Membership | Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 8602 South Meridian Street | Paid by \_\_\_\_\_  
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Join the Fun!  
 Saturday Morning  
 November 26<sup>th</sup>  
**'Hanging O' th' Greens'**  
 all over the Klub.

**Sunday**  
**December 11th**  
**Christmas Party**  
 For the Children  
 ... of all ages



## DUES ARE DUE

*Yes it's that time again.*

The Annual Membership Dues are renewed on a calendar basis. To save money we are including the reminder notice in this newsletter, along with a handy clip and mail form. Just snip it off, fill it out and enclose it with your payment.

Should you wish to pay when you come to the Klub, please bring the filled out form with you.

die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE PARTY/DANCE**



**Thursday, December 8th, 2011**  
**8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

Admission: 6 Cookies per person.

*Entertainment:*

**Jay Fox with his Accordion**  
**and a Christmas story by the**  
**"Story Lady"**

**Plenty of Dancing, Music,**  
**Gemütlichkeit**  
**and Cookie Eating.**

*Where?*

**GERMAN-AMERICAN KLUB**



Party reservations not required.

Dinner available in the Edelweiss

Restaurant before party and reservations are suggested for that.



Nationalities Council of Indiana

## International Festival

Thu. Nov 17<sup>th</sup> thru Sun. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

@ State Fairgrounds, West Pavilion

Volunteers needed for Cultural Booth and for Pastry Booth

Contact Klub at 317-888-6940

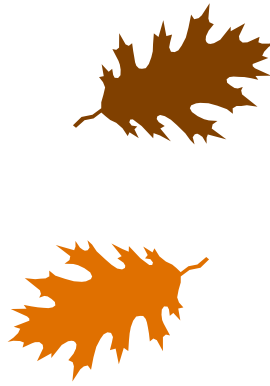
For Event Information: [www.familyevents.com/event/204](http://www.familyevents.com/event/204)

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30	31 	1	2 Tanz- gruppe <b>Buffet</b>	3	4	5		<b>DEC- 2011</b>			1	2	3
6	7	8 Board Meeting	9 <b>Lunch</b> • <b>Buffet</b>	10	11	12	4	5 	6	7 <b>Buffet</b>	8 <b>Xmas Party</b>	9	10
13 	14	15 Ladies Aux & Member Meetings	16 Tanz- gruppe <b>Buffet</b>	17	18	19	11 <b>Xmas Party</b>	12	13 Board Meeting	14 <b>Lunch</b> • <b>Buffet</b>	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26 Decorate Klub	18	19	20 Ladies Aux & Member Meetings	21 <b>Buffet</b>	22	23 	24 
27 	28	29	30 <b>Buffet</b>		<b>Nov. 2011</b>		25 	26	27 	28 <b>Buffet</b>	29 	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve Party</b>