



German American Klub

November 2010 Newsletter

“To promote the German and American culture, heritage, and tradition, to provide functions for the members and their families.” [GAK By Laws]

German-American Klub of Indianapolis, Inc.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It really never seems to end. Before one event is over, we are forced to turn our attentions, efforts, and resources to the next event. This time around, it is the **International Festival** at the State Fairgrounds. [Nov 18-21] For those of you who are new to the Klub, our efforts at the International Fest consist of two booths; one commercial and one cultural. Our commercial booth has traditionally been spear-headed by the stalwarts of the Tanzgruppe, and at that booth we sell strudels and candies. Of course the Tanzgruppe also performs at the festival, so finding a few people to man that booth while they are onstage is critical.

At the cultural booth, we are of a more educational bent. The bulk of the action for the cultural booth comes on Thursday and Friday, when the festival is flooded with students from schools all over the central Indiana area. Having worked the booth the last two years, I can tell you that it can get pretty busy on those two days stamping passports and answering questions about Deutschland. Unfortunately, I am not sure about my ability to get off work for those two days so any and all help will be welcomed, appreciated, and maybe even celebrated. It would be nice to have someone around at all times that

speaks the language, and it would likewise be great if that person can put up with me.

There are a couple of things that have come up in conversations recently that have in the past been a part of the Klub schedule but have disappeared in recent years. These requests have come from members and non-members, and have come to me in person during the Oktoberfest and at the Klub, in addition to over the phone. The first and most frequent request is for a Deutsche night/language lessons. I wouldn't mind learning more myself, since about all I know is Menu Deutsch.

The other request is for dance lessons. I have less personal interest in this, but have been told I will participate if they should start back up. Now, as I am neither a speaker of the language nor a possessor of dancing feet, I most certainly am not capable of heading up these efforts myself. That means that someone out there will have to volunteer for these two efforts. I may have an angle on the language lessons but am not certain of that yet. As to the dance lessons, I am completely at a loss.

A third request that has come to me is the establishment of a time for chess players to congregate. I always make the statement that anyone who wants to start something has my

blessing, since I feel any time someone is at the Klub it is a good thing.

All four of the things that I have mentioned this month accomplish two things. First, it brings more people into closer contact with the Klub, making the Klub stronger. Second, at least with the first three, it satisfies the cultural imperatives of our charter. I also like to think that anyone who gets involved with these endeavours will have fun in the process.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for these efforts may do so by contacting Chef Ron at the Klub, or myself personally.

Chuck Kemp
(317) 435-1131



Notice

New e-mail address to contact Bill Burrell for Membership, Web Page, Dance Group, or just general information issues.

billburrell2100@gmail.com

Check out

www.indianapolisgak.com
www.edelweissgak.com

FROM THE MANAGER:

Happy Halloween from the Edelweiss Restaurant. If you have been by lately you will have noticed the **Asylum Haunted House** is boosting the Halloween spirits around the Klub. This is my favorite time of the year the leaves turn it gets chilly and the excitement of dressing up in costumes and paying someone to scare you to near death. If you have kids or grandkids that want to go to a haunted house this is rated one of the best in the city.

We have had weddings every weekend since Oktoberfest and they are now coming to an end. Which means our parking lot will not be as full on the weekend so please come out to eat and help us fill up our parking lot, and of course enjoy some good German food and beer.

As far as maintenance and projects going on at the Klub we can start the in garage with the **Resident Rodent Relocation Program**. Joel Melcher, who has now been promoted to "Project Manager", has spent a week closing off all entry points for varmints who wish to dine on our Christmas decorations in the garage. Thank you Joel! If anyone is looking for a project call me at the Klub.

The **Home Brewer's Klub** is experiencing a rebirth and broadening its scope as a bier appreciation group. We will be meeting on the **second and fourth Wednesday** of the month at 8pm. We want this group to include home brewers and bier aficionados. We will have an imported bier featured each month sold to Brewer's Klub members at cost. I hope that this group will expand knowledge of the best beers and help our Klub have the best possible beer selection. Also, help bier and wine brewer's learn tricks

and cut costs and help them make better product. Tell your friends and help me get this group off the ground and running.

Thanks, Chef Ron

LADIES AUXILIARY:

By Patty Johns

Wow - hard to believe that Oktoberfest has come and gone and the holidays are fast approaching.

The "hanging of the greens" will take place on the **Saturday after Thanksgiving – November 27**. Any and all help is appreciated.

Following will be the **Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 12 at 1:00**.

Mark your calendars now to join us for a wonderful afternoon of food, storytelling and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. We will also be collecting food donations.

See you at the Klub.



Park Closing Saturday November 6th

beginning at 9 a.m.
Rain date is Sunday the 7th
Any and all volunteers welcome.

Remember....

Delegates VOTED TO KEEP this a "VOLUNTEER CLOSING" and not a Paid Workers Closing.



Attention!

Watch for further information on our opening for Lunch



3rd Tuesday

GAK Auxiliary

Meeting @ 7 pm

GAK Membership

Meeting @ 8 pm



Wednesday Night

Buffet



Karaoke 2nd Wednesday



Tanzgruppe Practice

Wednesday

(except 2nd Wed.)



RAINY DAY FUND

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

TANZGRUPPE PARTY

Hey, folks. It's almost Christmastime again. That means die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe is planning another super dance. **Thursday, December 16th** is the date. The dance group will have their own dinner and Christmas celebration at 6:00, enjoying the music of Jay Fox.

At 8:00 P.M. the doors will be open to the public and you will all be able to join us. But this is not free! Your admission will be one half-dozen (that's six) cookies per person. That's right! Only six cookies. The cookies are to be devoured by all the participants throughout the course of the evening,

The dance group wants to share their good fortune of having had an excellent year. And who better to share it with than our friends from the German community of Indianapolis.

Reservations are not necessary. However, should you choose to enjoy dinner in the Edelweiß Restaurant before reservations are recommended for the dining room.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th of December.

Bill Burrell, President
die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe

International Festival Info:

WHERE: West Pavilion - Indiana State Fairgrounds

WHEN: SCHOOL HOURS:
Nov 18 10am - 2pm
Nov 19 10am - 2pm

GENERAL PUBLIC HOURS:
Nov 19 2pm - 9pm
Nov 20 10am - 9pm
Nov 21 Noon - 6pm

<http://www.indyinternationalfestival.org/>



Mark your calendars – it's the annual **Children's Christmas Party!**

December 12, 2010 at 1:00.

Join us for a wonderful afternoon of food, storytelling and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.



We will also be collecting food donations for Hunger Inc.



Call Patty Johns at 317-445-3929 or Lou Mueller at 317- 786-6341 for more information or to make reservations.

INTERNATIONAL FEST

By Lorra

The GAK has been participating in the International Festival since just after we opened. It has been profitable in more ways than one. Including establishing the GAK as a viable part of the German Community and introducing a bit of Germany to school children for a quarter of a century. Many good members have spent their time in the Cultural Booth talking with those children.

The Cultural Booth also entitles us to have a food booth. For several years we have sold our pastries, whereas in the formative years of the 'Festival we would present the full traditional Wurst menu.

Each Festival participant has an item for the school kids costing no more than a dollar.

If you can help anytime during the four days, certainly you will have a pleasant experience.

Oktoberfest 2010 Bierstein Lifting Contest

Thursday, Sept. 9th winner:

David Flack

Time: 7 minutes, 8 seconds

Prize: \$25 dinner gift certificate

Friday, Sept. 10th winner:

Andrew Fleming

Time: 10 minutes, 2 seconds

Prize: \$25 dinner gift certificate

Saturday, Sept. 10th winner:

Stacey Martin

Time: 20 minutes, 7 seconds

Prize: \$25 dinner gift certificate

Sunday, Sept. 12th winner,
and also the best time for the
entire four days:

David Flack

(sheer determination to beat Stacey Martin who had bested him on Saturday)

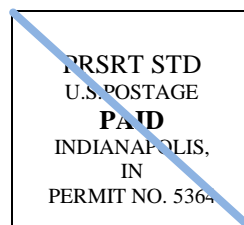
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Prize: \$25 dinner gift certificate

Plus \$50 certificate for over-all best time.

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Friendship comes from mutual esteem, respect and devotion. It must not be taken for granted. It requires joint effort.

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NOV	1	2 Board Meeting	3 Tanz Group Buffet	4	5	6 Park Closing Clean up				1 Brewer's Klub Buffet	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 Tanz Group Buffet	11	12	13	5	6	7 Board Meeting	8 Buffet	9	10	11
14	15	16 Member Meeting	17 Buffet	18 19 20 International Festival			12 <i>Christmas Party</i>	13	14	15 Brewer's Klub Buffet	16 <i>Christmas Dance</i>	17	18
21 <i>Intern'l Fest</i>	22	23	24 Buffet	25 <i>Thanks giving</i>	26	27 HANGING OF THE GREENS	19	20	21 Member Meeting	22 Buffet	23	24 25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	