



German American Klub

September 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

Has it been a year already? When I first became president of the GAK I was already busy preparing for Oktoberfest, so I didn't really have the time to know what was about to hit me. My head hasn't stopped spinning since. The job of President of this organization is a constant challenge. As soon as we get done with one event, another is on the way. As soon as we get done filing one piece of paperwork, it is time for another. Just when it looks like you are going to get a chance to catch your breath, something knocks it right back out of you.

During the past year, I have had to play construction worker, plumber, electrician, refrigeration tech, salesman, security guard, bartender, designer, receptionist, fry cook, host, busboy, waiter, gardener and Prinz. Some jobs I enjoy more than others, but none moreso than FRIEND. I relished being the butt of Chef Ron and Dave Cozad's jokes at Conner Prairie. I can't wait to have Eva Cummings flirt with me. Every update about every kid and grandkid is something I enjoy listening to, whether it is because I have met the child in

question, or just because every once in a while I need a reminder about what is truly important in life. I don't make a dime in this job, in fact it has cost me a good deal of money. I don't mind at all because I enjoy all the things that I have to do. OK, maybe not all of them, but the vast majority are enjoyable.

One thing has remained a constant however and that is my ongoing request for your help. With Oktoberfest in full swing as soon as this gets mailed, it is probably too late to get help for that. One thing to remember is that I do not know what each individual is good at, nor do I know what you are willing to do. I certainly do not have the time to call each member to ask those questions. It is up to the membership to make this Klub go. Without members volunteering to do things, then it falls to me to either hire someone or do it myself. If I hire someone then our financial situation tightens that much more. If I do it myself, then it runs the risk of being completely messed up, or people start thinking I am trying to control every aspect of the Klub. I do not want to try to control this Klub. In fact, the less control I have over things,

the happier I would be. My loved ones would probably appreciate having me be in a better mood and having more energy as well. Again, all I am asking for is your help. I am a fairly simple guy when it comes to people doing things. Those who work to make this Klub better have my praise, my thanks, and my ear. I will not tolerate the criticism of anyone who is coming in and doing the work. I will defend anyone who makes the sacrifice of their time and effort.

I need you all. This Klub needs you all. No matter how little or much, every contribution gets us closer to making things work. The last three years have been a tremendous strain on the Klub, but I have a great deal of hope for the future. To make this hope a reality, all that I need is for the membership to set aside whatever slight happened however many years ago and try to make the future happen.

Chuck Kemp
317-435-1131 cell

**Oktoberfest
Meeting Every
Thursday 7 pm**

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FROM THE MANAGER:

Wie Gehts',

The Edelweiss has been hopping -- even with the heat. We have had several reunions, a new karaoke group, and, of course, the pie auction.

If you missed the pie auction, you missed a great time and an abundance of pies and cakes; our Klub members sure can bake. Meanwhile, Klub members and the public turned out in droves. At one point, we didn't have a single empty seat in the restaurant, including the bar stools. I want to thank all of you for contributing to the success of this event -- both by attending and by providing amazing desserts.

We have a new karaoke group called Karaoke Gold on the second Wednesday of every month. The oldies but goodies are the focus of this group, and believe me, it is a good time up in that ballroom. In August, many patrons enjoyed the standard Wednesday night buffet in the dining room before heading upstairs for singing, drinks, and laughs. Tell your friends and head over to the Klub on Sept. 8 for this month's Karaoke Gold event.

Oktoberfest? We're bringing Oktoberfest back to German Park Sept. 9-12. So many people, including myself, were upset when Oktoberfest left the park and went to the fair-

grounds. Bring your families, bring your friends, bring your neighbors, tell everyone at work. We need this year's Oktoberfest to draw the huge crowds we once saw here on the south side. Let's preserve our rich history of this event in the park and return to those golden Oktoberfest years. Yes, we need volunteers; give me a call at the Klub (888-6940). We will find a place for you.

Vielen Dank,
Chef Ron

Germany's news in English 20th August 2010

Welcome to The Local's weekly highlights.

Most people believe The Beatles are the most famous band ever to emerge from the gritty English port city of Liverpool. However, those people would be wrong.

In fact, long before they became the Fab Four, The Beatles were a scrappy quintet honing their chops in the gritty German port city of Hamburg.

This August marks the 50th anniversary of the band's debut 48-night stint at Indra, a strip club on Große Freiheit, a notorious side street that runs off the Reeperbahn, the city's infamous red-light boulevard.

John Lennon proved just how crucial The Beatles' time in Hamburg was when he was once asked what it was like coming of age in Liverpool. His answer? "I didn't grow up in Liverpool," he quipped. "I grew up in Hamburg."

This week, David Sharp [traced the Hamburg steps](#) of the band fifty years later.

Thank You

Yes, a very big Thank You to the ladies of the Klub (including our servers) for the abundance of home-baked goods for the Pie Auction on the 14th.

The dining room was full to the walls (too hot outside). A lot of smiles followed their cakes out the door. A Thank You to those that purchased those goodies.



3rd Tuesday

GAK Membership Meeting.

GAK Auxiliary Meeting



Wednesday Night Buffet



Karaoke 2nd Wednesday



Tanzgruppe Practice Wednesday

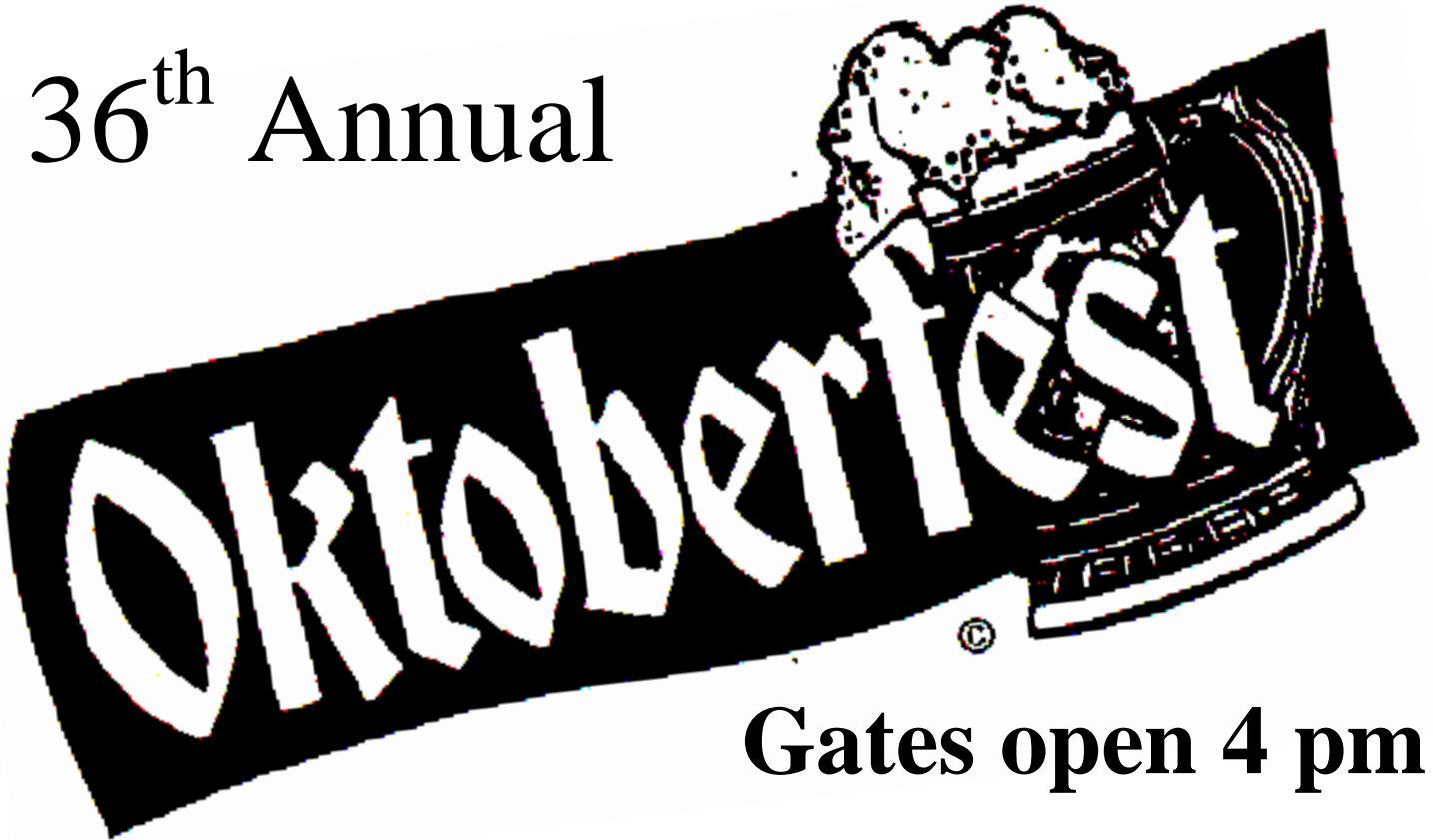
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RAINY DAY FUND

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 Allseit, Cliff & Yvonne Lipsius, Elise Marshall, Joe Mankus, Charles Kemp, Walter & Elizabeth Dieckamp,

GERMAN-AMERICAN KLUB'S 36th Annual



Gates open 4 pm

Sept. 9, 10, 11, 12

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in

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5	6	7 Set Up! Board Meeting	8 Set Up! All Hands on deck!	9	10	11	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6 Tanz Group Buffet	7 Okfst Meeting	8	9
12 Okfst	13 Help Tear down!	14	15 Tanz Group Buffet	16	17	18	10	11	12	13 Tanz Group Buffet	14	15	16
19	20	21 Member Meeting	22 Tanz Group Buffet	23	24	25	17	18	19 Member Meeting	20 Tanz Group Buffet	21	22	23
26	27	2/	29 Tanz Group Buffet	30			24 31	25	26	27 Tanz Group Buffet	28 Okfst Mtg Brew Club	29	30