



German-American Klub

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2011 German Park Summer Fests

SATURDAY SPONSORED BY
Aug 6 Ipls Liederkrantz
Jay Fox & Band

Aug 27 Federation of
German Soc.
The Knappers

Gates open at 5 pm
Admission \$3.00

Oktoberfest
Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11

RAINY DAY FUND

Quinton & Jean Heintzelman,
Joan Mills, Gerhard Weber,
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Yvonne Lipsius, Elise Marshall,
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Himmelheber, Frank Scholl, Ger-
hard & Evelin Klemm, German-
American Jaeger Club, Richard &
Ruth Allseit, Lorra Schroeder,
Joe Mankus,

Regular Scheduled Events

Oktoberfest 2011
meeting on first &
fourth Tuesday
@ 7 pm.



Third Tuesday
GAK Auxiliary
Meeting @ 7 pm



Third Tuesday
GAK Membership
Meeting @ 8 pm



Tanzgruppe Practice
Wednesday 7:30 pm



Wed. night Buffet
5-9 pm

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EVENING IN THE BIERGARTEN

August 13, 2011

*Enjoy a Special German
Dinner in the Biergarten*

Dinner begins at 5pm

*Highlight of the
evening will be
the pie auction*



*This evening
under the stars is
presented by
GAK Ladies
Auxiliary*

For more information
& reservations
Call 888-6940

FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

This edition of the GAK Newsletter is coming out late for one reason and one reason alone: I was on vacation. Through 41 years on this earth, this was the first time I have taken a week off work to do nothing. Since coming to the GAK, I had taken my vacation time to work Oktoberfest but working vacations do not count. Finally! One week to get some rest, clear my head, and see if it were possible to slow down for a while.

Your regular Letter from the President will return after these commercial messages!

Looking for something to do during the first two weeks of September? Volunteer for Oktoberfest! Have fun, meet new people, enjoy free food and drink, learn a dance or just people watch. Just contact the Klub and we'll find a job that fits with your capabilities, interests, and schedule!

There is still time to get your membership upgraded to Life status for just half the usual price! This is a great value to you as a member, and helps your Klub at a time of year when cash flow is extremely tight. Once again, contact the Klub for more info.

One funny thing about picking a time to go on vacation when you've never done it before: it can turn out to be the wrong week to do so. I think it would have seemed more like a vacation if I didn't have to preside over the monthly Membership meeting on the Tuesday of the vacation. I did at least have advance notice of

the meeting so I have no one to blame but myself. What I didn't plan on was spending one of those lovely 90+ degree afternoons cleaning out the beer cooler because it went down under the stress. Luckily it was not as bad as it could have been. Since the weather has been so hot, Chef Ron has not been ordering as much food and our loss was most likely less than you would experience if your home refrigerator went down. It gave us the perfect opportunity to completely clean out the cooler and racks, clean off the rust, and repaint.

Pies! Wonderful Pies! The Ladies' Auxiliary Pie Auction will be coming up August 13th at 6pm in the Edelweiss! Chef Ron will have a couple of specials available and there will of course be plenty pies to bid on. Bring an appetite and your checkbook. That night will also mark the final appearance of harpist Phillip Carlisle! Enjoy him one last time while you have the chance!

Join the Mug Klub! \$25 per year gets you ½ Litre drafts for the price of a 12 oz draft! That's 33% more beer for the same price! And you even get to drink it out of a special mug!

Once again, I have to thank Joel Melcher for his hard work on yet another project under difficult circumstances. Joel sanded down the cooler racks which was a hot and dirty job in itself, and then allowed me to assist him in the priming and painting. There are plenty of other things that need to be done, particularly if you are immune to the effects of poi-

son ivy. Once again, feel free to contact the Klub.

Until next month,
Chuck Kemp
(cell) 317-435-1131

DIE FLEDERMÄUSCHEN TANZGRUPPE

By Lucille Mueller

Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe will be performing for the Roush Family Reunion at Geist on August 5th.

Our State Fair performances will be on Thursday 18 August in the Grand Hall, at 11:00 am, and 1:30 and 4:00 pm. Also the last day at the Clarion Stage on Sunday 21 August at 3 pm. This performance will be with the GAK Kinder-tanzgruppe and Dans Norden. Come by and watch us dance.

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COMING EVENTS

**Annual Pie Auction
August 13th**

**Oktoberfest 2011
September 8-11**

NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Wow – here we are at the first of August – time goes by so quickly. The ladies are getting reading for our next big event – our annual Evening in the Biergarten and Annual Pie (and Cake) Auction. Make plans to join us on Saturday, August 13 at the Edelweiss Restaurant. Chef Ron is working on some dinner specials and the Ladies will have lots and lots of wonderful desserts for you to bid on.

I heard from our members that went to the Freudenfest at Oldenburg that a pie sold for over \$300!! Come join us for a delicious meal and take home a wonderful dessert. If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, please contact Lou Mueller at 317-786-6341.

The Pie Auction will also be Phillip Carlisle and his Harp's last evening with us before he leaves for college.

Don't forget right around the corner from the Pie Auction is Oktoberfest 2011 – September 8, 9, 10 and 11. If you would like to volunteer to help at Oktoberfest, please contact the Klub or give Chuck Kemp a call at 435-1131. See you at the Klub.

Patty Johns

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FROM THE MANAGER

The dog days of summer are upon us but never fear, cold salads are here. We have been working on several different cold salads to add to our Wednesday buffet and the Menu. We have a summer salad that has watermelon, tomato and fresh basil over greens with a balsamic vinaigrette. Also a cold German Anti-Pasta with Knackwurst, onion, egg and pickle, covered with a mustard dressing. And finally the ever popular To-

mato, Cucumber and Red onion salad which is my favorite. If you have any family favorites email me the recipe at gak-klub@aol.com I would love to try them.

We have also added a couple of vegetarian dishes as specials and soon will be on the menu. The first is a Portabella Mushroom Schnitzel, stuffed with Brie, pan fried and covered with a Rosemary cream sauce. Our second dish is a Mushroom, Artichoke and Spinach Strudel with mixed greens and a Champagne Vinaigrette. Come visit and try out the new dishes.

My favorite food event of the year is coming on August 13th, **THE PIE AUCTION**. Who is the best Dessert maker in Indy? Now is the time for all of our Legendary Bakers to start planning the supreme Pie, Cake or Dessert for this year's auction. Last year was a great success and I hope we have even more entries than last year. I will make a few dinner specials to kick the night up "another notch".

Thanks to everyone who has come out to dine with us, summer is tough on the Restaurant due to the heat and vacations, etc. So take a night to come and see us for dinner or lunch, I look forward to seeing everyone soon.



Chef Ron

FROM THE EDITOR

On Tuesday the 6th of September, (by my calculations in less than 30 days) the tents go up for Oktoberfest.

At that point in time the place should be swarming with volunteers.

Stringing lights, placing tables, setting up chairs, erecting signage, moving equipment, , etc.

The next day is for finishing *all* the above, *plus* each station chairman making sure all his/her equipment is in place. For those that are lucky enough to have to go to work on Thursday it means being nearly ready to open.

Station chairmen should be as self-sufficient as possible. One person – the General Chairman – *can not do it all*. That position carries a heavy burden, and he has been working on Oktoberfest for a year, especially the past three months.

Assuming that all is done, then on Thursday morning all non-perishables should be retrieved from the supply garage and put in place, table coverings, and final touches completed, all supplies in place ready to open - no later than 3:30. If you're ready early, then check with other stations to see if they need help.

Oktoberfest is advertised to open at 4:00 pm. That means **open for business!!** Gates manned and bartenders, food servers, ticket sales, etc, at their station. There are always early birds that try to beat the gate people, so Everyone be ready!

Now, if you are sorta new to the Klub and/or all of this hubbub then you now know this is our **BIG** event of the year. On the average there are 200-300 volunteers that pull it off. Some work all day, every day. Many will work four hours or one evening. Many are here for all the 28 hours we are open, plus the daily prep and cleanup.

Oh, if you don't know what to do, believe me, there are plenty of us that will tell you. :-)

We still need someone to help Eva with the Pretzels, and are short on help for food service. Sturdy teens would be very welcome to serve as 'runners'.

Call Lou Mueller at 786-6341 or the Klub 888-6940.

Lorra Schroeder 

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Well, Nobody did it and Everybody wondered why.*

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