



German American Klub

January 2011 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

We've done it. Christmas has come and gone, New Year's is just a fleeting memory, and we're all just a little bit more tired. That does not mean however that we are without work to do.

Oktoberfest may not seem to have been that long ago, but Oktoberfest Committee meetings will be starting back up in just a couple of weeks. We will be meeting on **Jan 13th** and **February 10th** at 7 pm in the GAK Ballroom. Anyone and everyone who wants to capitalize on the momentum from last year's event should plan to be there. I would like to issue a special invitation to the new members who have come to us through Groupon to be there. Even though you may not have worked at Oktoberfest before doesn't mean you can't help us plan for this one...and if you were planning on volunteering anyway, it is a great opportunity for you to find a job that suits you and to meet some of the people you will be around.

Despite the disbanding of the Jaeger Club, we in-

tend to hold **Jaegerfest** again this year. It will be held **March 12th** in the GAK Ballroom and any donations of wild game would be greatly appreciated. Any physical help will of course not be turned down.

At our **April Membership Meeting** we will be having our annual **elections**. Just like life in the real world, participation in the elections is the cornerstone of the governance of the Klub. The election process itself however begins at the Membership Meeting in **January** when the **nominating committee** is elected. In February, the committee presents its candidates. At the March meeting, we have the last opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor. The more participation we have at these 4 meetings the stronger our organization will be. The elections are not the only reason to attend, however as we will also have several bylaw changes put forth, and these must be presented and discussed at two meetings before they can be voted on. The changes that will be proposed will be crucial for the ongoing viability of the Klub.

I have been given by our Creator the priceless gift of being ambivalent as to whether I am in possession of my sanity or not. My loved ones, be they family, friends or Klub members are unfortunately not so fortunate. They would love to see a sane, stable me across the table from them so please give them a hand. Become involved today.

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The GAK lost one of its shining stars on December 16th. Bill Orth passed away, leaving many of us with cherished memories of a man who was quiet on the surface but a joy underneath. I did not get to spend much time around Bill, but always have been overjoyed to see him and his blushing bride Peggy. Our condolences go out to the entire Orth family, and to the members of the Tanzgruppe that he loved so much.

Chuck Kemp
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www.indianapolisgak.com
www.edelweissgak.com

FROM THE MANAGER:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone from the Edelweiss Restaurant. I hope everyone is enjoying the Christmas weather with family and friends. We have been busy decorating, insulating, remodeling, painting, scraping, sealing, cooking, booking, plowing, shoveling, salting, slipping, and a little sledding. I guess that the short and sweet of it all.

As far as the remodeling, we received a donation from **Ron and Charyl Winner** to spruce up the Klub. Well **Dave and Thea Cozad** headed up a team of Klub members which had to of included Santa and his elves because the entire upstairs was completely refinished in two weeks. Beautiful job everyone who helped. Please come by and take a look. If you have a project or want to donate to help fix a part of the building let me know it is very much appreciated.

On to the plowing and shoveling, it is a big job to make the Klub accessible after a big snow or even multiple small snows. Thanks to **Joel Melcher** for shoveling our walkways both upstairs and in the Biergarten and continuing to chase the varmint out of the garage. A special thanks goes out to **Peanut, Lisa's Stepfather** who plows the drive and parking lot even when he has pneumonia and should be in bed. That's one unstoppable guy.

As far as cooking, we have had Prime Rib in December

and I haven't had the response I had hoped for. If you are on facebook lookup Edelweiss Restaurant and become a friend. Every week the buffet menu and our specials are posted as well as upcoming events.

As for our new Groupon members, welcome to the Klub! I look forward to meeting you. I enjoy meeting all members and talking food and beer. This is now your Klub. We encourage you to spend time here and bring friends; with your membership they are included in your special pricing. We also want to hear events that you would like to take place at the Klub. We are going to have dance lessons in February and German Language class if we can get enough people involved. We are also looking to put on more concerts this year including Rock, Country and hopefully Blues if you want to help with that or have a band in mind let me know.

Again, I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday.

Thanks,
Chef Ron

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Patty Johns

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

The Children's Christmas Party was quite the success. Great food, lots of kids, silent auction and of course, Santa Claus. A good time was had by all.

Plans are underway for lots of events in 2011. Our first order of business will be the

"tearing down of the greens" – Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 am. Any and all help is welcome.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- **Annual Garage Sale: Saturday, April 9.** Start setting your items aside – even Christmas items that you no longer use. They are good sellers.
- **Annual Fashion Show: Saturday, April 30.** The dressbarn is on board again this year providing the fashions.

2011 is shaping up to be quite the exciting year. Hope you will be able to join us.

See you at the Klub.

RAINY DAY FUND

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



2011 COMING EVENTS

- **Oktoberfest 2011 Meeting: Thur Jan 13th**
- **Folkdance lessons beginning Thursday, February 3, 2011**
- **Jägerfest: March 12th**
- **Annual Garage Sale: Saturday, April 9**
- **Annual Fashion Show: Saturday, April 30**

GERMAN FOLKDANCE CLASSES!

Would you like to learn, or improve your dancing skills to German music when bands play the polka, the waltz, or a schottisch?

The German American Klub (GAK) is going to sponsor six weeks of instructional sessions by experienced folk dancers beginning **Thursday, February 3, 2011**, in the GAK ballroom.

Sessions will begin at 7:15 P.M. and end at 8:30 P.M. each Thursday through March 10, 2011. You should have a dancing partner at every session since German dancing is almost always couple dancing.

Costs will be \$60.00 per couple for the six week course. *The class will be limited to 12 couples.*

To reserve a place, call or contact: German-American Klub, 8602 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN, Phone: (317) 888-6940 or John Himmelheber, Instructor, Ph: (317) 839-5277

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3rd Tuesday
GAK Auxiliary
Meeting @ 7 pm
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GAK Membership
Meeting @ 8 pm
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Wednesday Night
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German
Dance Lessons
Thur. 7:15 pm
 (Beginning Feb 3.)
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Tanzgruppe Practice
Wednesday
 (Beginning Feb 2.)
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Oktoberfest Meeting
Second Thur.

LANGUAGE & DANCE CLASSES

You have been asking for them, and here they are!

Get your name on the list before the classes fill up. Each is a six week course and are taught by professionals. Language classes will most likely be on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm.

Leave your name and phone number at the Klub – 888-6940 or with Lorra at 885-1314.

ELECTIONS

The upcoming elections are important. Please try to attend the meetings (third Tuesday). You, the members, have the voice – let it be heard! The Klub is it's members, and only it's members can keep it ticking.

DUES REMINDER

Please get your renewal to the Klub. See form below.



Dues Renewal Form GERMAN-AMERICAN KLUB

Due before February 1, 2010

Please indicate the proper membership class:

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

Name[s] _____

Address _____

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Happy 2011

Folks never understand the folks they hate. — James Russell Lowell

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