



German American Klub

June 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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Regular Scheduled Events

**Oktoberfest 2011
meeting on second &
fourth Tuesday
@ 7 pm.**



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



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



**Tanzgruppe Practice
Wednesday 7 pm**



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

Check out
www.indianapolisgak.com
Also
Edelweiss Restaurant
on FaceBook

Garage Sale

At the Klub

**Sat., June 4th
8am – 4pm**

**Drop off items
May 31-June 3**

*(Then come back on Saturday
to pick up some bargains!)*

*We have traditional had several
high-ticket items,
as well as lots of good bargains.
So be sure and come by and buy.*

COMING EVENTS

Chuck's 3rd Annual
39th Birthday Pie Fight
July 16th

Annual Pie Auction
August 13th

Oktoberfest 2011
September 8-11

GAK Ladies Auxiliary's

Summerfest

in the Park



Saturday 25 June

Gates open at 5 pm.

Good Food



Good Friends

Good Music

FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

At the GAK Board of Directors meeting for the month of May, the primary order of business was the election of officers. Tim Blaker will return for a second year as secretary, Lorra Schroeder will likewise return as Treasurer, and Mike Diehl is once again the First Vice President. Mike Bauer steps into the void created by the death of Bill Voltmer as the Second Vice President. I will be serving as President for the upcoming year.

I use the term "serve" because I do see the role of the president as that of being a tool for the members to use. A hammer does not build a house, at least not unless there is someone there to swing the hammer. Driving nails with your bare hands is a fruitless and painful venture. Using a hammer makes things much easier, not to mention making enjoyment of the process possible.

There is of course another side of that coin. The hammer can do nothing until someone picks it up. It cannot position the timbers. It cannot mark them. It cannot make last second runs to the hardware store. The hammer on its own is useless. Without you, I am useless.

This Klub can be so much more than it currently is. We have seen it in the past, and it can be even better in the future. I can come up with ideas for various things, I find that to be easy. I can lift heavy objects and carry them as far as I need to. I can use my time to do the work of the Klub. What

I cannot do is everything, alone. To be sure, I do have some who will do just about anything I ask and I have recognized them on these pages before. Without their help, I probably would not have a pulse today. That pool of people must be expanded in order to maintain the current level of activity of the Klub, not to mention expanding the scope of things we do.

I know it seems like I am asking for help with something every month, and there is a very good reason for that. It is because I *AM* asking for help with something every month. Every month the response is discouraging, and yet I endure. Whether I persist out of duty, challenge, spite, or stupidity, I do not know. What I do know is that I will still be here, doing everything I can, with whatever I have available, for as long as I can, as well as I can.

I just need someone to swing the hammer.

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FROM THE MANAGER'S OFFICE

Weddings & Receptions

Our kitchen and server staffs are working have pushed into high gear with the arrival of wedding season. Even in the midst of a challenging economy, people are not shying away from nice weddings and receptions. One of our recent receptions involved 180 Burmese natives speaking very little English. But, the event turned out beautiful; the combination of the nicest wedding party members and guests along with

the introduction to Burmese customs has made this event one of my Top 5 favorites. We are filled nearly every weekend with weddings and wedding receptions in the ballroom and on the patio, and we're receiving calls for events scheduled as far out as August 2012.

Restaurant

With all those event attendees claiming parking spaces, I am concerned that our regular restaurant guests cruise the parking lot, decide the restaurant is too busy for excellent service, and head back out. Consequently, our restaurant too often seems too empty on event nights. I promise that if you find your way downstairs on any event night, you'll find the same warm service and great food to which you are accustomed. Customers should not fear a full parking lot.

Biergarten & Flower Donations

Our Biergarten is open, but we have had very little chance to enjoy it this May. I feel confident that the rainy weather will soon leave us and we can enjoy the outside for a change. I'm working up a few specials, especially intriguing beers and appetizers, geared toward Biergarten enjoyment. We are still taking flower donations for the Biergarten. Just drop them off, and we will add to that beautiful collection.

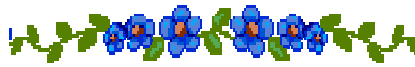
Las Vegas

A couple of Saturdays ago, we welcomed a restaurant guest from San Diego. She has been a member of the San Diego German American Klub for 40+ years and shared so many stories about their events. One event that draws her club's attendance is Mardis Gras / Fasching in Las Vegas every January. The event draws approximately 1,000 people from Ger-

man-American clubs across the country. On the event's Friday and Saturday evenings, guests enjoy entertainment as well as dancing. Guests have lots of free time, though, to enjoy Las Vegas during the day. My wife who has been newly-elected to the Board and I are putting together at Trip Plan for anyone who would like to go this January. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

New Year's Eve

I guess I must be in a party-planning mood with all these weddings and wedding receptions, the Fasching event in Las Vegas, and....now...New Year's Eve. The German-American Klub once hosted one of the best-attended New Year's Eve parties in Indianapolis. I vividly remember scrambling for more tables and chairs for our diners and, then, rolling those out as quickly as possible when hundreds of people needed the dance floor. We need to bring that event back full-scale to celebrate 2012. Mark your calendars for New Year's Eve at the GAK complete with Peace Train providing the entertainment. You might remember Peace Train as the cool band we had playing during Oktoberfest. Considering the way our Oktoberfest guests flooded the patio and crowded the Biergarten grassy area to enjoy Peace Train, I'm sure New Year's Eve will be a blast. Look for more details around September or October.



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

June is going to be a very busy month for the Ladies Auxiliary with two events on the calendar.

Our first event is the annual Garage Sale on Saturday, June 4 from 8:00 am to 2:00, maybe 3:00 pm depending on the crowd. If you have items to donate, please drop them off in the banquet room at the Klub starting Tuesday, May 31 through Friday, June 3 from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Members of the ladies auxiliary will be there every evening pricing.

Following the garage sale will be the Ladies Auxiliary Picnic in the Park on Saturday, June 25. Music will be provided by The Original Alpine Express from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. Gates will open at 5:00. Mark your calendars to join us for some great food, drink and music. We are looking for dessert donations for the picnic. Please contact me or Lou Mueller if you would like to donate a dessert.

We will take a break in July and come back in August with the annual pie auction on Saturday, August 13. You can count on a special dinner feature or two at the Edelweiss Restaurant and lots and lots of wonderful desserts to bid on.

See you at the Klub.
Patty Johns



RAINY DAY FUND

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

DIE FLEDERMÄUSCHEN TANZGRUPPE

By Lucille Mueller

Die Fledermauschen Tanzgruppe will dance on June 25 at 8:30 pm for the GAK Ladies Auxiliary Picnic at German Park. We will do performance dances as well as some teaching dances.

The following Wednesday on June 29, we will do a performance at the Hancock County Library, 400 W. McKenzie Road, Greenfield at 8 pm. The Meister Winds Band will be playing before we dance.

2011 German Park Summer Fests

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SPONSORED BY</u>
June 4	Heimath & Preussen The Knappers
June 25	GAK Ladies Auxiliary The Original Alpine Express
July 16	Ipls. Saenger Chor Die Freudemacher
Aug 6	Ipls Liederkrantz Jay Fox & Band
Aug 27	Federation of German Soc. The Knappers Gates open at 5 pm Admission \$3.00

GAK BOARD MEMBERS

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

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What would you like to see happening at the Klub??

- Chess club?
- Checkers?
- Garden forum?
- Cooking?
- Ice sculpture?
- Watermelon seed spitting?
- Wood carving?
- Sack racing.
- Cheese making?

You create it, and they will come.

It only takes two to have a meeting!

The building is here for you, make use of it.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

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5	6	7 Board Meet- ing	8 Buffet	9	10	11	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	7	8	9
12	13	14 Dkfst Mtg	15 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	16	17	18	10	11	12 Dkfst Mtg	13 Buffet	14	15	16
19	20	21 Auxil & Mem- ber Meet- inn	22 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	23	24	25 Auxiliary Park Festival	17	18	19 & Member Meeting	20 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	21	22	23
26	27	28 Dkfst Mtg	29 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	30			24	25	26 Dkfst Mtg	27 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	28	29	30