



German American Klub

March 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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GERMAN-AMERICAN KLUB BY LAWS

Article V, Section 1.

- a. Membership meetings shall be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month;
- b. Annual meeting shall be the third (3rd) Tuesday of April. New members to the Board of Directors shall be elected at this meeting;
- c. At least ten (10) days notice, prior to the date fixed for the Annual Meeting, shall be provided to member entitled to vote at such meeting;

Article VII, Section 3d. . . . It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates at the March Membership Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the March meeting, providing the nominee has given his written consent. No nominations may be accepted after the March Membership Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall determine if all candidates are eligible members of G.A.K. shall print the ballots.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

(Multiple choice, pass/fail test)

Why should you renew your membership?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Good iced tea. | <input type="checkbox"/> Great ambiance. | <input type="checkbox"/> Secret hideaway. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free parking. | <input type="checkbox"/> Blond servers. | <input type="checkbox"/> Klub needs the money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forested Drive. | <input type="checkbox"/> You owe them. | <input type="checkbox"/> Good iced tea. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great ambiance. | <input type="checkbox"/> Secret hideaway. | <input type="checkbox"/> We love you |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handsome Chef | <input type="checkbox"/> Giant pretzels | <input type="checkbox"/> Biergarten |

If you have already paid your dues



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Regular Scheduled Events

Oktoberfest 2011

meeting @ 7 pm

Second Thur.



3rd Tuesday

GAK Auxiliary

Meeting @ 7 pm



3rd Tuesday

GAK Membership Meeting

@ 8 pm



Wednesday Night Buffet

5 - 9 pm



German Dance Lessons

Thur. 7:15 pm



Tanzgruppe Practice

Wednesday



2011 COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- Fastnacht Tuesday
March 8
- Oktoberfest 2011 Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 10th
- Jägerfest: March 12th
- Final Nominations Mar. 15th meeting
- Annual Fashion Show: Saturday, April 16
- Annual Membership meeting & Election
- Annual Garage Sale: Saturday, June 4
- Picnic in the Park June 25th



LADIES AUXILIARY

By *Patty Johns*

Mark your Calendars!!!!

The Ladies Auxiliary has several exciting events coming up in the next couple months:

The **5th Annual Ladies Auxiliary Fashion will take place on Saturday, April 16.** Doors open at 10:30 with the fashion show and champagne brunch from 11 am to 1 pm.

The dressbarn will be there featuring the latest fashions from their Spring/Summer collections. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchase ahead of time or at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 472-5319.

The annual **garage sale will take place on Saturday, June 4** from 8 am to 3 pm. Start setting your items aside. You can drop them off Tuesday-Friday, May 31-June 3, from 11 am to 9 pm.

The Ladies Auxiliary **Picnic in the Park** will take place on **Saturday, June 25** from 5 pm to 11 pm. The Original Alpine Express will be providing the entertainment. More details to come on this event.

Hope to see you there!



The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once, while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'



Rumor has it that our *Sous-Chef de Cuisine* Ian Oliver loves to wear his kilt, especially on St. Patrick's Day. Hmm, I don't wanna miss *that*. Nor the corned beef and cabbage and other surprises on March 17th.



RAINY DAY FUND

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



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The **Nominating Committee** – Patty Johns, Lou Mueller and Eva Cummings – will present a slate of nominees at the **March 15th Membership Meeting**

Board Members whose terms are expiring are: **Chuck Kemp** and **Bill Voltmer**. There is an additional vacancies due to the resignation of a board member.

If you have ever even *thought* about the Board of Directors and their role in the Klub -- then you should be a candidate!

Call any of the Committee members:

Patty Johns • 317.472.5319
Lou Mueller • (317) 786-6341
Eva Cummings • (317) 782-0420



GAK BOARD MEMBERS

Chuck Kemp (Pres), Mike Diehl (1st VP), Bill Voltmer, (2nd VP), Tim Blaker (Secy), Lorra Schroeder (Trea), Cliff Lipsius, Nate Harves, Mike Bauer.

FROM THE MANAGER:

The month of February has really taken off at the Edelweiss. As you know we are open for lunch Tuesday through Saturday and we are seeing a consistent growth as long as the weather cooperates. Superbowl Sunday had a great turn out even though the Colts weren't playing. Everyone enjoyed the tailgate buffet and beer, the last person left at Midnight.

Valentines evening was also a success. The dining room stayed full from 5pm to close, Phillip the harp player, did a great job as usual and really added to the atmosphere.

Well March is soon to be here with warmer weather and Jägerfest, which is a celebration of the hunt. We will have various wild game dishes on our very unique buffet. If anyone has game they would like to donate to the Klub we will be glad to take it off your hands.

Call the Klub for reservations. (888-6940)

Come celebrate **Fasnacht**¹ (Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday) with us on March the 8th, come in costume the winner gets their meal for free. We are in the process of planning a wild and crazy party if anyone would like to help contact me at the Klub.

I am always pushing **facebook** if you have a computer please become a fan of the Edelweiss Restaurant. This is also for local business owners, we would like to promote you. Our Facebook page has our Wednesday buffet posted so you know what to expect. We also have all the happenings of the klub with pictures – come and become a fan.

Don't forget we are looking for people who are interested in learning German so we can start our German Language lessons. Call us at the Klub and get on the list.

Everyone have a good month and come see us.

Auf Wiedersehen
Chef Ron

¹ Fastnacht, Fassenacht, Fasnet, Karneval,

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Throughout my time as president, I have gotten numerous compliments on my writing of this column. In some ways it comes easily to me, but in others it is a struggle. The secret to my "success" is that while growing up, I read a lot. Without even knowing the rules of sentence structure, I inherently knew what sounded correct. In one recent conversation, I had to reveal this to John Himmelheber and I know it had to pain his English teaching heart. There I was, telling him that not only could I not define what a gerund was or what it was used for, but that I had zero interest in ever knowing. Luckily for me, John is a good-spirited man. He gets to have his revenge on me by teaching me about something else that I have never had any interest in: dancing.

From time to time, I had heard people express an interest in folk dance lessons. I never had any interest in it myself, at least not until Patty told me I would become interested in it. In the most recent past Ed and Mary Alice Vondrak had taught the beginning dance lessons, but in order for the Klub to offer them again we would have to find new teachers. John and Darlene Himmelheber were kind enough to step in and perform this task, as they so often do. So far, we have had two lessons with as many as 6 couples in attendance. While this may not sound like many people at first blush, when you get that many people with

no idea what they are doing on a dance floor and trying to dance, it seems very crowded. Through all the miscues and confusion, the teacher comes out in John. He manages to work us through it in ways we can understand, and with a degree of grace that I can only wish to have. So, fellow members, let us all give thanks to the teachers amongst our membership. I take back almost half of the bad things I've ever said about you.

Things like the dance lessons help the Klub fulfill the cultural imperatives of our charter. Once we get a day and time arranged, then we will begin a schedule of language lessons. My plan at current is to alternate between a series of dance lessons and a series of language lessons, as offering both at the same time would make for a hectic schedule for anyone wanting to do both and I think it would be far too stressful for anyone to be around me that often. Please stay tuned for more information about the language lessons.



In the world of upcoming events, **Jaegerfest** will be here March 12th. We still need some wild game donations to make this event possible. If you have any extra in your freezer, or even if you just know someone who may, please give myself or Chef Ron a call. Venison, squirrel, goose, duck, fish...it makes no difference, we just need something to cook.

Another thing that I would like to do is to put together a business directory from the membership. In times like these, it is always helpful to know someone on the inside even if it is something minor. If we can help our fellow members then we will all come through in better shape, both individually and as a Klub.

Until next month,
 Chuck Kemp
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We want to thank all GAK members who gave to the German-American Klub in memory of our husband and father

Gary Cummings.

We just recently became aware that contributions were given to the GAK, but we are unable to learn who made them. We realize and are sorry this acknowledgement is over a year late, and our family sincerely appreciates your gift. We all know how much Gary loved and supported the GAK.

Thank you!

The Gary K. Cummings
 Family

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I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. --Will Rogers

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6	7	8 Fast- nacht	9 Brewer's Klub Buffet	10 Okfst Mtg German Dance Lessons	11	12 JÄGER FEST	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6 Brewer's Klub Buffet	7 Okfst Mtg German Dance Lessons	8	9
13	14	15 Member Meeting	16 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	17 German Dance Lessons	18 	19	10	11	12	13 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	14 German Dance Lessons	15	16 <i>Fashion Show</i>
20	21	22	23 Brewer's Klub Buffet	24 German Dance Lessons	25	26	17	18	19 Member Meeting	20 Brewer's Klub Buffet	21 German Dance Lessons	22	23
27	28	29	30 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	31			24	25	26	27 Tanz- gruppe Buffet	28	29	30