



German-American Klub

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GERMAN PARK CLOSING DATE

The park closing date is **Saturday, October 29th** beginning at 9 a.m., with the rain date of Sunday, October 30th.

The GAK is a member, and tenant, of the Federation of German Societies/German Park along with Southside Turners, Indianapolis Soccer Club, Heimath Verein and Preussen Verein. Other members include the Saenger Chor, Gardeners, and the Liederkrantz and it's affiliates.

Having no individual memberships of its own, the Federation/German Park is run by, thus entirely dependent upon, the individual members of all of the above mentioned organizations.

Closing the Park for the winter includes picking up sticks and debris, raking leaves (lots of leaves), scrubbing the kitchen, draining water lines and a general "battening down the hatches" for the winter.

This usually takes about 2-4 hours, depending on the number of volunteers that help.

So bring your rake and pitch in. Maybe meet some new people. I'll vouch for them. Join in the laughter and gemütlichkeit. (And maybe Mr. Hohlt will unlock the Blue Room.)

Lorra Schroeder

Regular Scheduled Events



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



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



Lunch

Second Wednesday



**Tanzgruppe Practice
Wednesday 7:30 pm**



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



COMING EVENTS

**October 29th
Park Closing
9 am**



**October 29th
Halloween Con-
cert & costume
party**



**November 26
Hanging O' Greens
10:00 am**



**Sunday, Dec.
11**

**Children's
Christmas Party**



**New Years
Eve
w/Peacetrain**



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DIE FLEDERMÄUSCHEN TANZGRUPPE

By Lucille Mueller

Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe had a very busy time at the Oktoberfest. Most of us worked at various booths as well as performing each evening at 8 p.m. We did performance dances and also teaching dances with audience participation. What Fun!

On Saturday at one o'clock we also danced at the Altenheim with Frank Scholl and daughter Joan sitting on the front row. Frank was wearing his German Hat.

On October 5th we will perform for the St. Augustine Home on 86th Street, and on October 8th at the Athenaeum's Germanfest at 1:30 along with Dans Norden and the Kindertanzgruppe.

On October 14th we will dance at the Carmel Oktoberfest, and October 22nd at Madison County Shrine Club in Anderson.

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

NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our annual Evening in the Biergarten and Annual Pie (and Cake) Auction in August was quite the success. We had 23 desserts to bid on – a big thanks to those who donated these yummy goodies. Chef Ron's dinner specials were also quite the hit.

Oktoberfest brought the ladies out to take charge of the Root Biergarten. A big thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who volunteered.

Plans are already underway for next year's Root Biergarten and the return of our favorite pony – S'Mores. She was quite the hit with the children and adults.



October will be our rest up month as we gear up for the holidays.

The "hanging of the greens" will take place on the Saturday after Thanksgiving – **November 26**. Any and all help is appreciated

Following will be the Children's Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 11** at 1:00. Mark your calendars now to join us for a wonderful afternoon of food, storytelling and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. We will also be collecting food donations.

See you at the Klub.
Patty Johns

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FROM THE MANAGER

Hello new Groupon members, many of you are reading our newsletter for the first time. We recently discovered a glitch in our Membership processing

and realized many of you had not received your membership cards or newsletters letting you know what has been happening in your Klub.

We are rolling through September, Oktoberfest is in the recent past, and we have weddings booked every weekend until the end of October. Business is good, and the restaurant is booming. Although our Wednesday buffet has always drawn a crowd, we're seeing new people becoming regular Wednesday evening diners. I was especially happy to see the number of customers who enjoyed this week's buffet, then lingered as they enjoyed a few more beers or dessert and coffee. Unlike other restaurants who want to turn over tables quickly, we love to see our people socializing and enjoying themselves. Our cold salad side has been built up for the summer.

Now that we are into fall, we are working on a few warmer dishes and more smoked fish. Our menu will be changing slightly to accommodate the dipping temperatures as we add some vegetarian dishes to the menu, including Portabella Schnitzel and a Spinach and Mushroom Strudel with raspberry **coulis**, mixed greens and a champagne vinaigrette.

I want to thank all the Oktoberfest volunteers who helped out in the restaurant and the park. Don't be a stranger; we always have projects to tackle, and, quite frankly, I enjoy the company and conversation. The restaurant set a record for the amount of food put out on the



Saturday night of Oktoberfest; our servers and kitchen staff were put to the test as they handled the regular huge Saturday night crowd, as well the guests who came for Oktoberfest on what turned out to be rainy Thursday and Friday night. They pulled through like the champs they are.

Starting September 29th we are discontinuing lunch at the Edelweiss. We will then be open Tuesday through Saturday 5pm to 9pm for dinner only. However we will open for lunch on every 2nd Wednesday of the month and for lunch parties booked in advance of 15 or more people.

Halloween Concert and costume party on October 29th, featuring the country tunes of Wildheart and Asylum House, haunted house all the monsters will be out, look out for Freddie. We will have prizes for best costume, lots of dancing and a Halloween food bar, only \$15 a couple, kids 8 and under are free. We are planning this event to be outside weather permitting.

Yes, we are having a New Years Eve party with Peacetrain and the Flower power brass on December 31st. Bring in the new year with music, dancing, appetizers, free draft beer, champagne toast at midnight and a sobering up new year's blow out buffet at midnight. Only \$50 a person, call 888.6940 to sign up.



Chef Ron



FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

At the close of Oktoberfest, I was hit with the news of the passing of Alma Vehling. Alma and her late husband Ernie were key figures in the early years of the Klub, with Ernie serving as President and Alma working with Margie Scholl to compile the first mailing list for the purpose of getting out the newsletter. I never had the pleasure of making Alma and Ernie's acquaintance, but their names frequently come up in the discussion of past times. Alma leaves behind two daughters and a bevy of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was 94.

Speaking of Oktoberfest, it was not what I had hoped, and certainly not what the Klub needed. After being without measurable rainfall at the Klub since mid-June, we got rain on 3 of the 4 days of the festival, cutting deeply into attendance and even deeper into sales. Luckily, the one good day was one that reminded several "of the old days" and the result is that we should be able to come very close to paying the bills for the event. Unfortunately, we were counting on more than that and the shortfalls of the rest of the year are leaving us in rather dire shape for the coming months. With the renewal of our liquor license and the renewal of our insurance in December, the Klub will be needing money to accomplish these necessary tasks. Making this statement at this time and in this space goes against every fiber of my being, since I stated in my first

letter as President that I would not use this space for that purpose. At least I can take comfort in the fact that it took me over 3 years to break that promise. Anyone wishing to can make a gift or loan to the Klub, with the terms of the loans being negotiable.

Now it is time for me to thank everyone who volunteered at Oktoberfest. Whether you are a GAK member or a member of another Federation Society, your hard work in keeping the attendees having a good time is the heart and soul of the event. If the people aren't having a good time, then there's no point in any of us doing this. One of my main tasks during the festival is to go around and keep morale up. This year however it was all of you that were keeping my spirits up. I truly could not have made it through without all of you.

Chuck Kemp
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Message to Joe M:

You win. I only made it for 35 years.

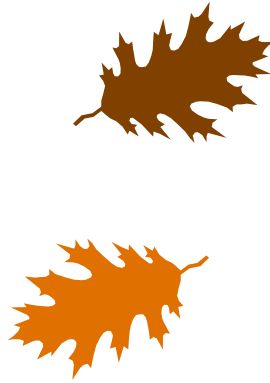
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