



German American Klub

July 2009 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

To: The GAK Membership

Over thirty years ago, a group came together with a common goal of promoting German-American culture (GAK). That group of charter members continues in body and soul to support and promote our Klub. Charter members sacrificed greatly to build the Klub and an outstanding facility for use by present and future members and their families. We need to remember them and our mission; we need more than ever to support our Klub.

In January of this year, we analyzed the Klub's financial situation. The situation was dire and many of the members at the January membership meeting stepped forward and generously contributed over \$22,000.00. That operating capital helped us through to the middle of May. I am now asking the membership to spend \$20 monthly (food/beverage) at the Klub or send us a check in that amount or more if possible. The voluntary \$20 a month program is named the "Keep the Fraternal Doors Open" (KFDO) fund or program. The name KFDO is credited to board members Lorra Schroeder and Nate Harves.

This voluntary program will keep the Klub open. If you, the membership, do not voluntarily spend or send \$20 a month, our doors will be "involuntarily" close within a month or two.

In addition to the long-term voluntary program, we have an immediate need for \$14,000 to cover payroll, sales taxes, and our quarterly insurance premium. Unfortunately, when the accounting firm quit handling our taxes, we were slow to pick up the task of computing and paying the

taxes. As our insurance is currently cancelled, we are desperate to have it reinstated.

In addition to patronizing the restaurant, there are other ways to help the Klub -- rental of the hall or restaurant for reunions, birthdays, wedding receptions or business meetings. Any money spent would apply towards your voluntary fund payments for the calendar year in which the money is spent.

Please do not sit back believing that someone else will carry your share of this very small burden. You, as a member, must act now to KFDO by spending or sending \$20 or more a month at your Klub.

Any questions call me at (317) 710-6002 or e-mail me at ken@kennethjgregory.com.

Ken Gregory
President

FROM THE V.P.

Sometimes things just drop in your lap, and when they do you have got to be thankful. A lady had been calling the Klub on behalf of a singing group from Slovakia, looking to get them a performance at Oktoberfest. Unfortunately, that was not possible due to the dates they were going to be here in Indianapolis, but they were willing to perform at the Klub one night for no fee. I'm not one to turn down free entertainment so now we will have Adoremus performing on Friday, August 28th. Tony has a special meal planned for us to enjoy along with the choral religious and folk music of our guests. Please come on down and make this a truly special event.

As with last year, we have Jeff Kunkel playing both his keyboard and accordion on Thursday nights in the biergarten starting at 6:30. We also will have an occasional performer on Friday nights as well, but I do not have all the details at this time.

Not only does Summer bring music to the biergarten, but it also brings pie. The Ladies' Auxiliary will be having their annual pie auction on August 15th. This is my favorite event on the GAK calendar because it combines some of the best things in life. There is good food, good people, good competition, and good music. How can you go wrong with sharing a pie with your friend you just outbid, and some complete stranger who just stumbled in? Just as long as you remember the Bienenstich is mine ...

On July 16th, I will be celebrating my birthday out on the meadow by having a pie fight. The rules are simple: show up, buy a pie, pick a target, throw the pie, and laugh. We frequently take ourselves way too seriously so I thought that we should have one night of unadulterated stupidity. Come down, see if your selected horses' patoot shows up, and then pie them. Think of how much better you'll feel! Prizes will be given to the most pied participant and the most thrown.

As you can see there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy YOUR Klub. All you have to do is stop by one day per month and you will probably find yourself enjoying life much more and we will have a better Klub.

Chuck Kemp

RAINY DAY FUND

Richard & Ruth Allseit, Elise Marshall, John & Darleen Himmelheber, Frank Scholl, Cliff & Yvonne Lipsius, Joe Mankus, Bill Voltmer, George Anderson, Ed & Sandy Roehling, Larry Borst, Martin Dannemiller, Gloria Webster, Gary & Eva Cummings, German-American Jaeger Club, Gerhard & Evelyn Klemm, Charles Kemp, Walter & Elizabeth Dieckamp



JAEGER CLUB

Due to various member illnesses and vacations, the Jaeger Club has gotten off to a slow start this year. We are still in the process of planning our first trap shoot of the year and deciding the extent of our participation in this year's Oktoberfest.

If you'd like to know more about Jaeger Club events, or help in the planning and execution of these events, we invite you to join us at our monthly meetings, held at noon on the second Saturday of every month in the Edelweiss Restaurant.

Hans Cummings, Secretary
German-American Jaeger Club

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Each 3rd Tuesday
GAK Membership Meeting.

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Wednesday Night Buffet

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Thur Music in Biergarten

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Tanzgruppe Practice
Wednesday (except 2nd Wed.)

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Euchre every Tuesday 7:00.

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Poker First & Third Thu
7:30.

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Jaeger Club meeting
Second Saturday @ Noon

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FROM THE MANAGER

Many thanks go to all the fine folks who made the entrance to the Klub so pretty. I will not mention any names but we did have one FEMALE Klub member who was covered in dirt from head to toe, she was adorable. Sign painting was done, flower beds cleaned and flowers planted, trees pruned, weeds pulled and so on. Thank you all.

The new lawn mower takes a while to master (ask Cliff). Thanks to Dannemiller Hardware for their support and products.

Thursday night in the Biergarten is going full swing, bring a friend and enjoy the music of Jeff Kunkel every Thursday. As an added addition on Friday evenings in the restaurant we will be entertained by the soft harp music of Erin. These fine entertainers are working for nothing or charging us very little so please remember them as you pass.

Gary Cummings has been in the hospital, and Eva is wearing an arm brace (sounds a little too convenient). We wish a speedy recovery to both. Ken Gregory will be convalescing for awhile and he is taking his wife? Sounds fishy to me. Gods' speed to all for a quick recovery.

Chuck's birthday bash is coming and so is the Pie Auction, more about both elsewhere in the newsletter. Join in the festivities, take an interest, let us be the Klub that builds bridges not fences.

Till next time, *Tony*



GERMAN RADIO

Sunday Noon – 1:00
With Manfred Witt
WICR 88.7

**And now
for something
completely
different...**

**Fed up with the world
at large?
Need to blow off
steam?
Need to do
SOMETHING to
SOMEBODY?**

**Then come on down
to the Klub on July
16th for Chuck
Kemp's First Annual
39th Birthday Party
and Pie Fight!**

**All proceeds go to
the Klub, so buy a pie
or twenty and take
aim.**

**Cake, ice cream and
soft drinks will be
provided.**

(Ed note: come dressed to be aimed AT, as well as for taking aim.)

**The best way to get
even is to forget ...**

*Standing in the middle of
the road is dangerous. You
will get knocked down by
the traffic from both ways.*

Adoramus

Male Chorus

A Slovenia
Grupe

One Time

Performance

Friday

28 August
2009

7:30 p.m.

At the

German-
American
Klub

Enjoy a special menu
(for that evening only)

HELP WANTED!

Dave Cozad is looking for a couple of guys to come down to the Klub for a few hours every week, swing a hammer, bend some nails, smash some thumbs, scream a few choice words, have a couple beers ... you know, Guy Stuff. If interested, please contact the Klub.

GAK BOARD MEMBERS

Ken Gregory (Pres), Chuck Kemp (1st VP), Mike Diehl (2nd VP), John Mascher (Secy), Mike Bauer (Trea), Cliff Lipsius, Nate Harves, Deb Gregory, Bill Voltmer, Lorra Schroeder, Lorna Thomas.



Don't forget the
WEDNESDAY BUFFET



**EVENING IN THE
BIERGARTEN**

August 16, 2008

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



THURSDAY NIGHTS
IN THE
BIERGARTEN

LISTEN TO
JEFF KUNKEL
ON
KEYBOARD & ACCORDION
6 - 9 PM

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5	6	7 7:00 Euchre	8 Board Meeting Buffet	9 🎵	10	11 Jager Saenger Chor ParkFest	9	10	11 7:00 Euchre	12 Board Meeting Buffet	13 🎵	14	15 Pie Auction
12	13	14 7:00 Euchre	15 Noon: lunch & Euchre 5:00 Buffet	16 Pie Fight Poker/7	17	18	16	17	18 Member Meeting Euchre	19 Noon: lunch & Euchre 5:00 Buffet	20 7:00 Friendly Poker	21	22
19	20	21 Member Meeting Euchre	22 Buffet Tanzgruppe	23 🎵	24	25	23	24	25 7:00 Euchre	26 Buffet Tanzgruppe	27 🎵	28 Special Choral Program	29
26	27	28 7:00 Euchre	29 Buffet Tanzgruppe	30 🎵	31	Aug 1 Liederkrz Park Festival	30	31	Sept 1 7:00 Euchre	2 Buffet Tanzgruppe	3 7:00 Friendly Poker	4	5