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March Marks the Return of Spring & Spring-like Events

Maintenance Fund –Klub Needs Insulating!

The Klub was very excited to receive a new roof before Christmas! As we all know, a good roof and insulation go hand in hand to keep the warmth in and the utility bills down! During the installation of the new roof, we found out that the insulation in our attic is very poor and in some areas, there is no insulation. Plus there are some ventilation issues.

Estimates to make the needed repairs and upkeep on the insulation is approximately $3,300. Help us keep the Klub warm with your donation to the Insulation Fund. Drop a check in the mail or at the Klub today!

German Park Opening – April 1

The annual park opening will take place on Saturday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. Rain date Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m.

The Federation can use as many volunteers as possible in order to defray the costs of paying the maintenance workers to do some of the jobs. Please bring work gloves, rakes, etc. If you have a couple of hours to spare that morning, come out and rake a pile or two of leaves or pick up sticks. Coffee/donuts and lunch will be provided.

Ladies' Auxiliary Annual Garage Sale Saturday, March 4th

Hopefully spring is right around the corner! And that means spring cleaning! Set those unneeded items aside for the ladies' auxiliary annual garage sale. Big items, small items – we take all except televisions. You can drop off your donations Tuesday – Friday, February 28 – March 3 after 4 pm. Then stop by on March 4 from 8 am to 3 pm and see what treasures we have for sale. Proceeds from the garage sale help fund the Children's Christmas party and assist with Klub expenses.

Jaegerfest Canceled for 2017

Due to the lack of game meat, the TGAK will not be hosting the annual hunters feast. Hopefully this event will return in 2018 with an abundance of game meat to share with everyone!

Want to learn how to play Sheepshead?

It's a German card game that's fun, challenging and interesting. Stop by the Klub on Thursdays at 7 pm. Looks like this could turn into a regularly scheduled event.

However, these weekly games have been put on hold for the time being until after the German Language Classes are completed. We do have a crossover crowd... those taking the language classes who would also like to participate in the Schafskopf crowd.

Please stay tuned to this station for more info on the resumption of the card games. *And be sure to eat your Wheaties!* This will probably take place in about two months.

Ladies' Auxiliary Fashion Show & Champagne Brunch Cancelled for 2017

Due to staffing issues with our fashion provider, Christopher & Banks, the fashion show will not take place this year.

It will return in 2018 and we are already working with Christopher & Banks to secure a date.

Friday Night Music in the Edelweiss

Each Friday, we will bring a solo or combo act to play and sing popular music while diners eat, drink, and relax to the sounds in our beautiful Edelweiss. It's the perfect opportunity to grab some friends or grab that special someone and head to the Klub to enjoy a great evening. It just doesn't get any better than this!

Our March featured performers are:

- March 3rd: Luke Carol Project
- March 10th: Steve Bogard
- March 17th: Scott Strange
- March 24th: The Wilsons
- March 31st: To be Announced

Board News

President's Message

It seems that our Indiana winter weather has returned for now, but I hope we all enjoyed the few warm February days we had. Several members were hard at work cleaning up leaves and twigs during our warmer days, we are looking forward to the day we can open the biergarten again.

I've started to feature some of the individuals that have made our club so successful and continue to keep our Edelweiss in operation. Our Lisa is so much more than a waitress and bartender. She schedules the additional help as needed, oversees the hours worked and submits the payroll for processing, does much of the shopping for food and liquor for the bar drinks, handles phone messages, and is responsible for opening and closing of the building on a daily basis. She assists with many other tasks not listed, just know that she is basically the live wire of the facility. The next time you visit the Edelweiss I hope you will thank her for all that she does for us.

Merrill Simmerman - TGAK President

Your Board of Directors for 2017

President.....Merrill Simmerman
Vice President, Member Affairs.....Carla DeWitt
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Non-Board Positions

Edelweiss Managing Member.....Chuck Kemp
Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe Director.....Marie Lawlor
Ladies' Aux President.....Patty Johns
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2017 Membership Application (Expires Dec. 31, 2017)

☐New Membership ☐Membership Renewal

Date:_____

To the Vice President - Member Affairs:
I hereby apply for membership in the German-American Klub of Indianapolis, Inc., as designated below, and promise to observe the rules and regulations of the club. I understand that membership entitles me to certain privileges as well as the assessment of dues which are payable at the beginning of each calendar year. (Lifetime membership is exempt from annual dues.)

Full Name:_____ DOB: (mm/dd)_____

Spouse's Name:_____ DOB: (mm/dd)_____

Address:_____City:_____St:_____Zip:_____

Primary Phone:_____ Secondary Phone:_____

Email Address: (Please print clearly)_____

Send Newsletter by: ☐E-Mail ☐US Postal Service

Please indicate membership class applied for:

Class	Initiation	Dues	Restrictions
☐ **Lifetime** (Individual or Family)	$600.00	- 0-	Age 21 or older.
☐ **Active** (Individual or Family)	- 0 -	$60.00	Age 21 or older.
☐ **Senior** (Individual or Family)	- 0 -	$30.00	Age 65 or older. Spouse 60 or older.
☐ **Student/Youth** (Individual only)	- 0 -	$ 6.00	Age 21 or less. No voting rights and cannot hold office.

☐ **Additional Donation $_____**

Please use this additional donation for the following purpose:

☐Facility maintenance (eg. new roof) ☐Edelweiss (eg. new kitchen equipment) ☐ Other_____

☐To be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors

Signed:_____

To pay by credit card, please provide the following:

Card type: ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ American Express ___ Discover

Account Number: _____ Expiration_____/_____ CVV_____

Signature of cardholder:_____

I (we) would like to volunteer to help in the following areas:

☐Oktoberfest or other events ☐Facility Maintenance ☐ Grounds Maintenance

☐Other _____

Comments:_____
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Date Application Received:	Received by:	Amount Received:	Paid by: Cash I Ck I Charge I Other Ck #_____
Mailing Records Updated: By: Date:		Membership cards ☐delivered ☐mailed Date:_____ By:_____	

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Important March Dates to Remember

Wed., March 1st.....Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe practice - 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Fri., March 3rd.....Music in the Edelweiss by Luke Carol Project, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Sat., March 4th.....Ladies' Annual Garage Sale 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Wed., March 8th.....Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe - No practice
Fri., March 10th.....Music in the Edelweiss by Steve Bogard *, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.*
Wed., March 15th.....Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe - 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Fri., March 17th.....Music in the Edelweiss by Scott Strange, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Tues., March 21st**.....TGAK Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting; **6:30 P.M.
Tues., March 21st**. .....Executive Board Meeting; **7:30 P.M.
Tues., March 21st**. .....TGAK Membership Meeting; **8:00 P.M.
Wed., March 22nd.....Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe practice - 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Fri., March 24th.....Music in the Edelweiss by The Wilsons*, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.*
Wed., March 29th.....Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe practice - 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Fri., March 31st.....Music in the Edelweiss by To be Announced *, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.*