



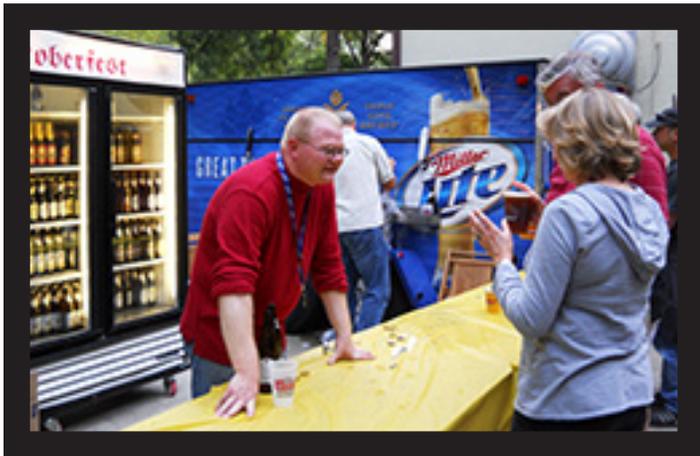
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TGAK Loses Another Prime Player



Chuck will probably be best remembered for the many hours he spent keeping the Oktoberfest in near perfect working order.

Curiosity is what brought Chuck Kemp to the GAK in 2006. He had passed by the sign out front many times and finally stopped in. Upon arrival, he met Lora Schroeder and quickly discovered they were distant cousins. That began Chuck's devotion to the GAK. He became a lifetime member in 2006, joined the GAK board and served as president. In 2009, he began his 9 year run as chairman of the annual Oktoberfest. For the past several years, he has served as managing member of the Edelweiss Restaurant. Chuck was also a member of the Indianapolis Saenger Chor, Indianapolis Liederkrantz, and board member of the Federation of German Societies. He spent many hours working to improve the image of the Klub and the Edelweiss Restaurant. On September 2nd, Chuck passed away all too soon at the age of 47 from complications of congestive heart failure. His presence sitting at the bar, working on the Klub and Edelweiss' Facebook pages and our beer and restaurant menus will greatly be missed.

Upcoming events yet this year.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Holiday Events:

Sunday, December 3:

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9:

TGAK Christmas Buffet & Cookie Dance

German Language classes Resume

Janet Price, retired German language teacher from Roncalli High School, will be starting another session



of German Language classes at The German-American Klub on October 17th at 7:00 P.M. Janet's classes have been extremely popular with many folks

signing up every year for more of the same. Classes are constructed for advanced speakers to rank amateurs so everybody has an equal opportunity for learning.

Charge for these classes is \$5.00 per student per class, payable at the beginning of each class. There is no extended tuition; so if you miss a class you are not charged for it.

Since the Edelweiss Restaurant opens at 5:00 P.M. many folks arrive early to share dinner with other folks in the class. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th. You don't need reservations; just show up with paper, a pen or pencil and 5 bucks.

News from the Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be taking a break during October but will be back in full swing in November. Mark your calendars for **these upcoming events**:

Saturday, November 25

Hanging of the Greens at the Klub House

Sunday, December 3 at 1 p.m.

Annual Children's Christmas Party. Watch the newsletter for more information on these events, especially the Children's Christmas Party.



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 on our beautiful biergarten. 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 that!

Our October featured performers are:

- October 6: Polka Bob Klemen
- October 13: Luke Carol Project
- October 20: Steve Bogard
- October 27: The Wilsons, Ken & Debbie

President's Message



Thanks to all of you who assisted with the Oktoberfest, I look forward to seeing you at the Appreciation Meal that should soon be announced. Even though it had been decided early to conduct our annual Oktoberfest on only three days this year, it seems to have been a great success, in part due to no days of rain and great attendance. I should mention that we had over 40 new members sign up during the Oktoberfest, This was mostly due to the tremendous effort of Michelle Meyer and Susan Losche of the Membership Booth, who both made a fabulous sales pitch to potential new members. Thanks ladies!

Having wine available in the Biergarten was a tremendous success. We also completely sold out of our bier boots, desserts, and many food items on Saturday towards to end of the evening. We must remember this for next year. Just some other indicators of our successful event this year.

We have many other activities and events coming up in both the near future and in the new year. A presentation by our Indianapolis German Consult, Sven Shumacher, is planned for November. He will discuss some of the activities in Germany surrounding the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

In December the Lady's Auxiliary will conduct their annual Children's Christmas Party and The Fledermauschen Tanzgruppe will have their Cookie Dance. Look for these and other activities at the GAK, I hope you will attend and support as many of these programs as you are able to and don't forget about our great food and drink at the Edelweiss. We hope to have GLUEHWEIN (GERMAN HOT WINE PUNCH) available through the holidays this year. This is a traditional German Holiday drink. A tremendous cure for that cold winter weather.

We've been blessed this year with many improvements to the property, a new roof and insulation were two major projects. There are always items to be added, fixed, or replaced. We've discussed our next major improvement in the klub facilities as being the replacement of the carpeting in our entrance and banquet room. We must keep these areas in good shape for our rental and membership activities.

Saturday, November 4th German Park Closing

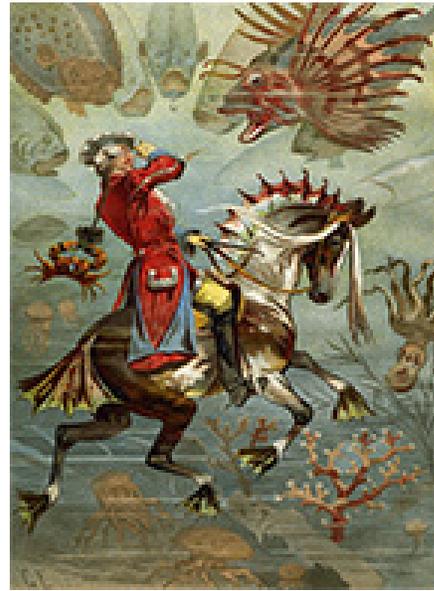


The annual park closing will take place on Saturday, November 4th at 9:00 am. The Federation can use as many volunteers to defray the costs of paying the maintenance workers to do the job. Please bring work gloves and rakes. If you have a couple of hours to spare that morning, come out and rake some leaves or pick up sticks. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Hot dogs, chips, potato salad and beverages will be served around 11 or 11:30 a.m. Should we wake up to rain

German Fiction - Baron Munchausen 18th Century Literature

Baron Munchausen is a fictional German nobleman created by the German writer Rudolf Erich Raspe in his 1785 book *Baron Munchausen's Narrative of his Marvellous Travels and Campaigns in Russia*. The character is loosely based on a real baron, Hieronymus Karl Friedrich, Freiherr von Münchhausen (1720–1797).

Born in Bodenwerder, Electorate of Brunswick-Lüneburg, the real-life Münchhausen fought for the Russian Empire in the Russo-Turkish War of 1735–1739. Upon retiring in 1760, he became a minor celebrity within German aristocratic circles for telling outrageous tall tales based on his military career. After hearing some of Münchhausen's stories, Raspe adapted them anonymously into literary form, first in German as ephemeral magazine pieces and then in English as the 1785 book, which was first published in Oxford by a bookseller named Smith. The book was soon translated into other European languages, including a German version expanded by the poet Gottfried August Bürger. never



acknowledged his authorship of the work, which was only established posthumously.

The fictional Baron's exploits, narrated in the first person, focus on his impossible achievements as a sportsman, soldier, and traveller, for

instance riding on a cannonball, fighting a forty-foot crocodile, and travelling to the Moon. Intentionally comedic, the stories play on the absurdity and inconsistency of Munchausen's claims, and contain an undercurrent of social satire. The earliest illustrations of the character, perhaps created by Raspe himself, depict Munchausen as slim and youthful, although later illustrators have depicted him as an older man, and have added the sharply beaked nose and twirled moustache that have become part of the character's definitive visual representation. Raspe's book was a major international success, becoming the core text for numerous English, continental European, and American editions that were expanded and rewritten by other writers. The book in its various revised forms remained widely read throughout the 19th century, especially in editions for young readers.

Versions of the fictional Baron have appeared on stage, screen, radio, and television, as well as in other literary works. Though the Baron Munchausen stories are no longer well-known in many English-speaking countries, they are still popular in continental Europe. The character has inspired numerous memorials and museums, and several medical conditions and other concepts are named after him, including Munchausen syndrome, the Münchhausen trilemma, and Munchausen numbers. The real-life Münchhausen was deeply upset at the development of a fictional character bearing his name, and threatened legal proceedings against the book's publisher. Perhaps fearing a libel suit, Raspe never acknowledged his authorship of the work, which was only established posthumously.

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Important October Dates to Remember

Wed., October 4th.....Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe practice - 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Fri, October 6th.....Music in the Edelweiss by "Polka Bob" Klemen
Wed., October 11th.....Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe practice - No Practice
Fri., October 13th.....Music in the Edelweiss by the Luke Carol Project
Tues, October 17th.....German Language classes resume - 7:00 P.M.
Tues., October 17th.....TGAK Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting; 6:45 P.M.
Tues., October 17th.Executive Board Meeting; 7:30 P.M.
Tues., October 17th.TGAK Membership Meeting; 8:00 P.M.
Wed., October 18th.....Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe practice - 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Fri., October 20th.....Music in the Edelweiss by Steve Bogard 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Wed., October 25th.....Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe practice - 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Fri., October 27th.....Music in the Edelweiss by The Wilsons, Ken & Debbie