



Das Rundschreiben

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Upcoming events

April 6th: German Park Spring Cleanup Day

**April 14th: Ladies Axillary Fashion Show/Champagne Brunch/
Silent Auction**

April 21th: Annual Membership Chile Supper Fund Raiser

April 28th: Maibaumaufstellen

May 19th: Südzfest

For more information about these events, continue reading newsletter.

Ladies Axillary News

April 14th: Fashion Show /Champagne Brunch/Silent Auction

Make your reservations now to attend the highlight of the spring season – the Ladies’ Auxiliary Fashion Show and Champagne Brunch on Saturday, April 14th. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the champagne brunch starting at 11 a.m. Dressbarn is back featuring the latest fashions from their spring and summer collections. See fashions modeled by our own Klub members with the same clothing available at their Southport Commons store. Attendees can also participate in a silent auction with baskets filled with goodies for bidding. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased ahead of time or at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (317)445-3929.

The Garage Sale in March was a huge success! A special thanks for all the donations and help at the sale. The Ladies Axillary made over \$1200, already looking forward to the March 2019 Sale!

Special Notice

The German-American Klub of Indianapolis Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting for The GAK will be Saturday, April 21st at 6:00 PM in the GAK Banquet Hall. We will conduct the annual nomination and election of three new GAK Board Members and provide other reports as needed for our membership. It is hoped to have a display of photos and other historical material available for review.

We hope all GAK members will plan to attend.

Chili Supper Fund Raiser

The GAK Board is invites all members to a chili supper fund raiser prior to our Annual Membership Meeting on April 21st. All proceeds will be earmarked for new carpeting in the ballroom and Klub entrance. A bowl of Chili with all of the fixings and a glass of beer will be available in the Banquet Hall starting at 4:00 PM until the meeting starts at 6:00. The price is \$6.00 per person, additional donations will be appreciated or you may contribute at any time if you can not attend, just let us know that the donation is for carpeting. If Chili isn’t your thing or we run out of chili early the Edelweiss will be open at 5:00 before the meeting starts. We hope to raise enough funds for this project over the next year or two to keep our Banquet Hall nice for all guests and members to enjoy.

die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe

Meets each Wednesday
(except the 2nd Wed of month)
From 7:30 – 9:00 PM

We encourage new members. The Tanzgruppe is down 5 dancers currently and would love to hear from you if interested in this fun activity. Many of our dancers had zero dance experience when they joined the group, but they were brought up to speed and beyond! Don't let lack of confidence deter you from dancing with us – Lots of fun and terrific exercise.

Upcoming performances:

June 9th, Eagle Creek Festival

July 21, Oldenburg Freudenfest

Kindertanzgruppe (children's dance group) now forming. Please call Marie for details.

Questions? Please Contact

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German Park Opening – April 7

It's that time again.....another year of events at German Park. The Federation is in need of volunteers to help with the clean-up of the park to prepare for rentals. Clean-up will begin at 9 a.m. on April 7th and donuts and beverages will be served. A luncheon of sandwiches from a meat tray will be available, along with deli potato salad, chips and a dessert beginning around 11 a.m.

Please bring your gloves, rakes, etc. and dress prepared for the weather. In the event of rain, the clean-up will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 8th.



Edelweiss Restaurant and Bier Specials:

Paulanier Salvator Doppelbock on Tap! A spring tradition in Germany is a Bockbier fest and The Edelweiss will continue that tradition with a doppelbock on tap! The Salvatore Doppelbock has a unmistakable taste with a smooth chocolate flavor, robust dark caramel maltiness and a light note of hops.

In observance of Lent, our Friday night dinner special will be a Glazed Salmon with 2 sides, soup or salad for \$11.95!

April Live Music Schedule at the Edelweiss

April 6: Steve Bogard

April 13: Ken and Debbie Wilson

April 20: Polka Bob Klemen

April 27: Luke Carol Project

Start the Weekend off with Friday Night Music!

Südzfest a Celebration of Southside Craft Brews

German Park May 19 4-9PM

Rain or Shine

→ Serving Traditional German Fare

→ Featuring Beers and Wines from

Mashcraft Brewing

Oaken Barrel Brewing

Buck Creek Wines

Taxman Brewing

Planetary Brewing

→ Live Music: The Pushing Daisy's Band

Featuring : Ride that Train

→ Admission

**PRESALE: \$5/person at
Eventbrite.com/sudzfest**

GATE: \$8/person

GAK Members Free

Under 21 free

German American Klub Board Candidates

Oscar Kasper

Oscar's experiences with non-profit organizations started during the 1980's. He was auditor of credit unions at the CPA firm, working with credit unions for over 20 years until retirement. Kasper has family history with German Park and GAK where his mother's side of the family was active in park and klub activities. His uncle "Bill" Adolph Becker and cousin Walt Quebe were part of the original group of folks that established the German American Klub. He has many good memories of the GAK and wishes to serve on the board taking a constructive and thoughtful approach to German American Klub duties and issues.

William Hart

William is retired from the Postal Service where he worked as a customer services manager. William has lived in Greenwood since 1962. He has been active in our community serving as a volunteer firefighter for 20 years. He is a member of the Greenwood Masonic lodge, Murat Shrine, Scottish Rite, Franklin Elks, Greenwood Moose, as well as the VFW. His wife passed away in 2017. He has 3 stepchildren Kim, Jeff and Kristy, granddaughter Morgan and a grandson Jack. He has been a member of GAK for several year and is looking forward to serving on the board.

John Korpala

John is semi-retired as of January 2013, currently the owner of Network Consulting which consults in the areas of sales and marketing for automotive product and tool manufacturers. He spent 49 years employed in the automotive after-market business. John is very active with a number of professional associations, and community groups. He has been the president of the Southridge Square HOA since 2002, a volunteer for the Indianapolis 500 Festival Committee for over 15 years, and a volunteer member of the Indianapolis Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and volunteer coordinator for Perry Township CERT.



The First GAK Maibaumaufstellen (the raising of the May Pole) Saturday April 28th at the Edelweiss Biergarten

Come open our biergarten for summer with us on Saturday, April 28th starting at 3:00 PM. We'll open the grills and tap the maibock early on that Saturday afternoon, as we raise our Maibaum to usher in spring weather, and the long-awaited biergarten season!

In Germany, Maitag, AKA May Day, has been celebrated since ancient times in pre-Christianized Europe. As May 1st sits half way between the vernal equinox and the summer solstice, the date held special significance to Germanic peoples and the accompanying festival ushered in nice spring weather and served to drive away evil spirits. The raising of the Maibaum symbolized the turn of the season to warmth, and today this rich tradition continues throughout Europe in many different forms. In Germany, it is common that Maitag involves a celebration in which the Maibaum is raised in the town square, and there is dancing and a feast. The Baum itself stays up through the month of May, or through the summer solstice, depending on traditions of that particular area. The traditional bier served for this celebration is the maibock. Maibock are helles bock biers, or "bright" bock, being bright yellow in color in contrast to the amber or brownish colored bocks typical of Starkbierzeit. They are sweet bock biers, and deceptively strong.

We will celebrate this tradition in our biergarten on April 28th, in the afternoon and evening. Stay tuned to email and Twitter updates for exact times and specifics, as it gets closer. Prost!

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