

Das Rundschreiben

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The German-American Klub
Oktoberfest
at the legendary
German Park
8600 S. MERIDIAN STREET, INDIANAPOLIS

THURS, September 6th – SAT, September 8th
GATES OPEN 4 PM
Admission: \$5.00 per person
Children age 12 and under – free

Coors LIGHT LIVE MUSIC • DANCING
FOOD • DRINK **pepsi**

MUSIC PROVIDED BY:
Flatbed Twitch • Henry Lee Summer
Tastes Like Chicken • Polkamotion
Ride That Train • The Pushing Daisy's Band
Jay Fox and the Bavarian Showtime Band

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for event/band schedules & more details!

IndyOktoberfest Proceeds benefit participating organizations of Federation of German Societies

Oktoberfest Update — Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed!

If it were not for all the volunteers donating their time and talent, we would not have an Oktoberfest. We need volunteers for set up, during the festival, and tear-down. We have jobs for any ability.

To volunteer at the festival please contact Lou Mueller at 317-786-6341.

To help with set up and tear down please call Patty Johns at 317-445-3929

Oktoberfest delivers over 50 hours of live entertainment, over 60 varieties of bier (bottles and draft), hundreds of pounds of Claus' legendary bratwurst and knackwurst, plus fun for the kids.

More details can be found on our website: www.IndianapolisGAK.com

Next Oktoberfest Planning Meetings: August 9th and 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Edelweiss.

Friday Night Music in the Edelweiss

What's better than a perfect summer evening relaxing on the patio with good food, cold beer, and some nice music? This summer you can have that every Friday evening on the biergarten with our Friday night music series. Each Friday, we bring a solo or duo 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 and bring them to the Klub to enjoy a great evening. Remember, as your guests, they also receive your member discount.

Our August Friday night featured performers are:

August 3rd: Polka Bob

August 10th: Steve Bogard

August 17th: The Luke Carol Project

August 24th: Ken & Debbie Wilson

August 31: no Friday night music



GAK in Memoriam

Joe "Bud" Lang passed on 7/27/2018.

Joe was the Financial Secretary for the Federation and worked at the walk gate bier truck each year during Oktoberfest. He was always there for park opening and closing too. A great guy who always greeted you with a smile and a hand shake, he will be missed. On August 2nd there will be a military honors at 10:30 am and Funeral at 11 am at Holy Name Catholic Church.

die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe

"On with the dance; let joy be unconfined!"

For info contact Marie Lawlor:

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die Fledermäuschen, Dans Norden, AND the Kinder-tanzgruppe will all be dancing together at the State Fair on Saturday, August 18th from 1:00 to 2:00. This should be a fun time; we do a lot of teaching dances. Please come by the dance stage if you're at the Fair that day and say hi and dance a bit. Anyone interested in joining our groups please contact me - we would love to have new members - the more the merrier!

GAK in the news

In June, the IndyStar voted our biergarten one of the best in the city. According to the IndyStar: Settle in under a colorful umbrella with a German Brew. The forest surroundings might just have you crooning "Sound of Music" show tunes.

In July, our updated knackwurst sandwich was voted one of the 7 best hot dogs in the city! According to the IndyStar: I'm not German, but please join me in a chorus of "Edelweiss, Edelweiss. Bless my homeland forever" because I want to live in this restaurant at The German American Klub of Indianapolis. The fat, lightly smoked, beef and pork dog known as knackwurst is grilled and cut to fit inside a buttered and toasted brioche bun. Cooks smother the knack with melted Swiss cheese, caramelly grilled onions and sauerkraut. Smear on spicy brown mustard and consider a side of applesauce.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Biergarten looks great with all of the flowers that members have donated. Thank you! It was your hard work that got us on the Indy Star Best Biergarten list.

Indianapolis will be honored this year with a special celebration to recognize our German Heritage. I ask that you all mark your calendars now for October 6th and 7th as our German family and friends celebrate Deutschlandjahr. There will be two days of activities here in Indianapolis, including a parade starting at Monument Circle, to highlight the extensive German influence here in Indiana. The GAK will plan to have a booth to encourage attendees to visit our Edelweiss and invite them to join our GAK family, plus we plan to participate in the parade. It is a great honor that those associated with planning this celebration chose Indianapolis this year. I understand that other German Societies from around the Midwest will be bussed into Indianapolis to join us. We will try to keep you informed as details are finalized with the scheduled time and location of activities.

We hope that members will both volunteer and attend our Annual Oktoberfest Sept 6, 7, & 8. Our Oktoberfest Chairperson, Patty Johns, is working hard for our Klub to make it a great event. Her committee has regular meetings. See this newsletter for the schedule. We welcome all to join in at the committee meetings to assist us as we finalize operations. We look forward to seeing you at the Klub whether you are there for a meeting, sharing a meal with family and friends, or attending one of our many events. - Merrill

Ladies Auxiliary Annual Pie (and cake) Auction

August 10th, beginning at 5:00

Make your reservation now to join the Ladies' Auxiliary for their annual Pie and Cake Auction. Bull Burrell will again be our auctioneer. Bring your friends and family, and your wallets. Dessert winners can use cash, checks or cards. Proceeds from the event will help the ladies fund the annual Children's Christmas party in December and other Klub expenses.

If you would like to donate a pie or cake, please contact Lucille Mueller at 317/786-6341 or Patty Johns at 317/445-3929. Plan to bring your dessert to the Edelweiss Restaurant on Thursday, August 9 after 2 pm or by 4:00 on Friday, August 10. Please include a card with your name, the name of your dessert, and a few lines about your dessert. This information can involve special ingredients, (gluten free), where the recipe came from, family favorites, etc.

Reinheitsgebot – Purity Order – German Beer Purity Law

As we prepare for Oktoberfest, it is interesting to learn about the beer traditions in Germany. The following text (translated) is of the 1516 Bavarian law and reads as follows:

We hereby proclaim and decree, by Authority of our Province, that henceforth in the Duchy of Bavaria, in the country as well as in the cities and marketplaces, the following rules apply to the sale of beer: From **Michaelmas** to **Georgi**, the price for one Mass [Bavarian Liter 1,069] or one Kopf [bowl-shaped container for fluids, not quite one Mass], is not to exceed one Pfennig Munich value, and From Georgi to Michaelmas, the Mass shall not be sold for more than two Pfennig of the same value, the Kopf not more than three Heller [Heller usually one-half Pfennig]. If this not be adhered to, the punishment stated below shall be administered. Should any person brew, or otherwise have, other beer than March beer, it is not to be sold any higher than one Pfennig per Mass.

Furthermore, we wish to emphasize that in future in all cities, market-towns and in the country, **the only ingredients used for the brewing of beer must be Barley, Hops and Water**. Whosoever knowingly disregards or transgresses upon this ordinance, shall be punished by the Court authorities' confiscating such barrels of beer, without fail.

Should, however, an innkeeper in the country, city or market-towns buy two or three pails of beer (containing 60 Mass) and sell it again to the common peasantry, he alone shall be permitted to charge one Heller more for the Mass or the Kopf, than mentioned above. Furthermore, should there arise a scarcity and subsequent price increase of the barley (also considering that the times of harvest differ, due to location), WE, the Bavarian Duchy, shall have the right to order curtailments for the good of all concerned.

— *Bavarian Reinheitsgebot of 1516 (emphasis added), Eden, Karl J. (1993). "History of German Brewing". Zymurgy. 16 (4).*

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Upcoming Events

August 9th: Oktoberfest Planning Meeting, Edelweiss at 7:00 pm

August 10th: Ladies Auxiliary Pie (and Cake) Auction begins at 5PM

August 18th: die Fledermäuschen, Dans Norden, and the Kindertanzgruppe will all be dancing together at the State Fair on Saturday, rom 1:00 to 2:00.

August 21st: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 6:30 pm; Board/Membership Meeting at 7:30 pm

August 23rd: Oktoberfest Planning Meeting, Edelweiss at 7:00 pm

September 6-8: GAK Oktoberfest at German Park