



Das Rundschreiben

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JANUARY NEWS: Time to Pay your Annual Membership Dues

With the new year comes the renewal of your membership at the German American Klub. A membership application is included in this newsletter. What does your membership give you? Member pricing on all food at the Edelweiss Restaurant and ballroom rental discounts. You and your immediate family (spouse/partner and children younger than 21 who live at home) also receive free admission to our annual Oktoberfest and Sudzfest – just show your membership card. Membership dues help with all of the Klub’s many expenses and programs. Drop your membership form/check in the mail today or stop by for dinner and one of our servers will be happy to take it and give you your 2018 membership cards.

Schafkopf—Sheepshead Card Game

January 23, at 7:00 PM

Please come and join Oscar Kasper and the other Sheepshead Card Players to learn this exciting, traditional card game. On this evening the basic rules will be explained and you will have the opportunity to play practice hands. If you like games that require some thinking and strategy, then Sheepshead is for you.

Please make a reservation to play cards:

Oscar-Kasper@gmail.com; 317-775-3999

Call the Edelweiss for a dinner reservation, so that the restaurant can plan for that evening.

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President's Message

I trust you and your family had an enjoyable Holiday and hope that you will welcome the New Year with wishes for much success and joy. The GAK Board is preparing for various activities as in the past and we hope you all will join us whenever possible. We may need to modify a few events this year such as the annual Jaegarfest, as so many of our members no longer hunt we are lacking in wild game to prepare. What we will plan is a Jaegarfest with whatever wild meat and fish we may have donated and compliment it with a good old fashion chili supper. This event is still to be announced, but we hope to establish it in March.

The Board is looking at several other events such as a Ham and Bean supper as a fund raiser for new carpeting in the Banquet Hall and possibly a Mystery Dinner at some point.

I hope you will join us at the next Membership meeting on Tuesday, January 16th to assist us in planning some of these events in 2018. Our Sudzfest is already scheduled for Saturday, May 19th so we hope to see you and your friends there to celebrate spring weather. One of my New Year Resolutions is to visit the Edelweiss at least once each month with friends and encourage their becoming a member of The GAK.

**Thank you,
Merrill**

THANK YOU Ladies' Auxiliary for another wonderful Children's Christmas Party

The annual Ladies Auxiliary Children’s Christmas was on Sunday, December 3rd. The afternoon was full of music, delicious food, storytelling, cookie decorating, and a visit from Santa Claus.

Special thanks to **Victoria Rizzi** of Cupcakes & Confections for providing the cookies for decorating.

The auxiliary also collected food donations for Hunger Inc. amounting to **91 pounds of food.**

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Glühwein at the Edelweiss

Glühwein or “Glow Wine” or German mulled wine is served at special stands at Christkindl markets throughout Germany and Austria. Mulled wine is a traditional warm beverage combined with different spices, red, wine, citrus fruits and sugar.

During these cold winter months, the Edelweiss will be offering 2 varieties of this warm beverage – \$5 per mug. Enjoy a mug or two to take the chill off of winter the next time you are at the Edelweiss!

Bärenjäger

Bärenjäger Honey is the lesser known cousin to Jägermeister. (While it rarely gets the kind of attention given to Jägermeister), those who are familiar with the honey liqueur often hold it in very high regard. Bärenjäger marries the very thick, rich qualities that we love about honey with enough spirit to create a liqueur that starts off very thick and sweet but finishes fairly clean. Served warm, it guarantees to warm you up!

Bier Specials: On Tap:

Hofbräu Original
Warsteiner Pilsner
Warsteiner Dunkle
Daredevil Vacation Kölsch

Bottles:

Augustiner Bräu Edelstoff
Augustiner Bräu Maximator



Note from the Editor:

Have an interesting idea for an upcoming newsletter?

Email Michele Meyer at:

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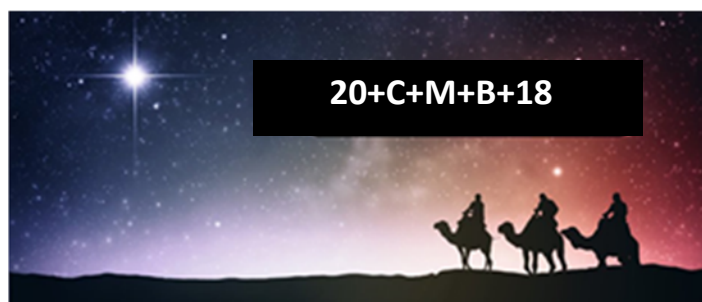
Deutsche Kultur

German Holidays/Cultural Events

December 31st: Germans call New Year's Eve "Silvester," in honor of Pope Sylvester I, who died on December 31, 335. According to the legend, non-believers who were around him choked on fish bones. Some superstitious people therefore state that one should avoid fish that night, or at least eat it very carefully. Another superstition annuls these fears, however. Carps are considered a lucky charm. This fish is therefore for many Germans a typical Silvester dish. It is believed that keeping a carp scale in your wallet guarantees that it will be filled with cash all year.

January 1st: Neujahr (New Year's Day) Neujahr is the celebration of New Beginnings. Traditionally during Neujahr Germans attend parties, and exchange greeting cards.

January 6th Dreikönigsfest (Epiphany or Three Kings Festival). The official end of the Yuletide Season. On this day it is tradition in Catholic Regions of Austria and Germany to write the C+M+B inscriptions as a house blessing above the door to the home. C.M.B stands for Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, the Three Kings. This inscription is thought to keep evil from entering the home, harming man or beast. Often it is written above the lintel the legend, “Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, protect us this day from all danger of fire and flood”



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2018 Membership Application (Expires Dec. 31, 2018)

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 |
|--|------------|---------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime (Individual or Family) | \$600.00 | - 0 - | Age 21 or older. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Active (Individual or Family) | - 0 - | \$60.00 | Age 21 or older. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (Individual or Family) | - 0 - | \$30.00 | Age 65 or older. Spouse 60 or older. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Youth (Individual only) | - 0 - | \$ 6.00 | Age 21 or less. No voting rights and cannot hold office. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application Received: _____ Received by: _____ Amount Received: _____

Paid by: Cash Ck Charge Other Ck # _____ Mailing Records Updated: By: _____

Date: Membership cards delivered mailed Date: _____ By: _____

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Important December Dates to Remember

Fri., January 5 Music in the Edelweiss with The Wilsons; 6:00 -9:00 P.M.
Fri., January 12 Music in the Edelweiss ;to be Announced; 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Tues., January 16..... Ladies' Auxiliary @ 6:45 P.M.; Board Meeting @ 7:30 P.M.
Membership Meeting @ 8:00 P.M.
Fri., January 19 Music in the Edelweiss; to be Announced 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Thurs., January 23Sheepshead Card Game, beginners welcomed! 7:00 P.M.
Fri., January 26Music in the Edelweiss with Steve Bogard ; 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

German Language Classes: *January 2, 9, 23, 30. Tuesday nights at 7:00. Cost \$5.00 all language abilities welcomed!*

*Got Cabin Fever? Time to Clean Out Closets? Ladies Auxiliary: **Garage Sale March 3rd***

Sudzfest: May 19th Volunteers Needed—A Super FUN volunteer opportunity