



Das Rundschreiben

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2018 Südzfest was a huge success!!!! Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed the event!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May was a full month of activity for the German-American Klub, I hope many of you enjoyed the various activities and involvements that we participated in during the month. First there was the Maibaum ceremony when we officially welcomed spring and the end of winter so we once again could enjoy the biergarten. We should have the window box flowers planted and I welcome you to donate additional flowers to enhance the Biergarten for the summer. We also participated in the small Festival at Southport to promote German Park rentals, GAK Membership and the Edelweiss Restaurant. The very next weekend we assisted with a fundraiser "Culinary Collage" at UINDY to assist the less fortunate here on the south side of Indianapolis by servicing samples of our German food. We also conducted our annual Südzfest in German Park to start the summer off with music, dancing, food, and of course beer provided by a few of our local breweries. All this and the summer is just starting, please come and enjoy some relaxing time at your klub with family and friends.

National Flag Day is June 14th and we will be collecting any non-serviceable American Flags at the Klub. These flags will be presented to the Southport flag committee for proper ceremonial retirement on June 14th at the Southport Park. Please bring any unusable American Flags to the Klub before June 14th. Our own fund to display a special American Flag in the Banquet Hall now has \$50 of the \$200 needed for framing. Funds are being collected at the Edelweiss bar if you care to contribute toward this effort. I hope you all enjoy your summer with family and friends and will enjoy stopping by the Edelweiss to relax when possible.

-Merrill (Doc)

Live Music Friday Nights at the Edelweiss

June 1: Ken & Debbie Wilson

June 8: Luke Carol Project

June 15: Steve Bogard

June 22: Polka Bob

June 29: Polka Bob

Bier on Tap —

We continue to offer our spring bier Maibock. Weihenstephaner Festbier is also on tap along with our regularly stocked bottles of great German Bier.

Spargelzeit (Asparagus Season)

During Spargelzeit, the average German enjoys the delicate flavor of this tender spring vegetable at least once a day. This adds up to a national total of over 70,000 tons of asparagus consumed per year! However, the annual production of asparagus averages just under 60,000 tons. So Germany imports asparagus to meet the continuously high demand for the healthy stalks.

The vegetable's popularity may in part be rooted in its long history as a luxury vegetable. Going back as far as 2000 BCE, the prized vegetable was cultivated by the Ancient Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans. Throughout the rule of King Louis XIV, it gained in popularity and was reserved to the tables of the courts. The first document that mentions the cultivation of this vegetable in the region around the city of Stuttgart dates to the 1686!

Spargelzeit gets the culinary creative juices flowing! In Germany especially, practically every restaurant features the tasty vegetable prominently on a special menu. The most popular ways of enjoying white asparagus are deliberately simple, so as not to overpower the vegetable's delicate flavor. Asparagus are traditionally served with melted butter and potatoes (Spargel mit Butter), with ham (Spargel mit Schinken) or with hollandaise sauce (Spargel mit holländischer Sauce). For the more adventurous fans of this quintessential spring vegetable, there are always more options. Germany's innovative chefs are constantly coming up with new ways to serve the tender stalks as an appetizer or entrée.



Oktoberfest Update

Planning continues for this year's Oktoberfest.

The dates are:

Thursday, September 6, 4 to 10 pm

Friday, September 7th, 4 to 11 pm

Saturday, September 8th, 4 to 11 pm

Letters/emails will be going out in the next couple of weeks to booth vendors. June will also be the month for submitting our many permit applications. Initial contact will be made with Monarch and Pepsi for beer and soft drinks. Finishing touches will be made to the signage and posters. Lou Mueller is already putting her list of volunteers together. If you want to be a part of this exciting event, come join us at the planning meetings or contact Lou at 317-786-6341 to volunteer! She will contact you closer to Oktoberfest to confirm when and where you would like to volunteer. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 21st at 7:00.

Graduation/Anniversary/Birthday Party

Coming Up???

Need a location to host your upcoming party? The German American Klub has a banquet room that will hold up to 150 people! We have a few dates open for the summer months. As a member of the Klub, you receive 10% off the room rental!

Ladies Axillary News

The ladies are taking a little break after providing the food for Südzfest on May 19. Our next event will be the pie and cake auction on Friday, August 10. Then we will be in full volunteer mode for Oktoberfest. You will find us volunteering at almost every station and filling in where needed. If you want to be a part of this energetic group of ladies, come join us at our meeting every third Tuesday at 6:45: just before the membership meeting.

Haven't renewed your membership yet??

Renew now and receive a complimentary dessert with an entrée purchase! Ask your server for details. Offer expires June 30, 2018.

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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. |

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 | Ck | Charge | Other Ck # _____ Mailing Records Updated: By: _____

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

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