



Das Rundschreiben

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Announcement of Annual Membership Meeting

Our Annual German-American Klub Membership Meeting will be a special one this year, per our by-laws, and will be held on Saturday, **April 21st at 6:00.**

We plan to have a Chili Supper fund raiser before the meeting for those who would like to participate. All proceeds and donations from this event will be ear marked for new carpeting in the ballroom. It will include a bowl of chili with all of the fixings available on the side and we'll serve from 3:00 until 5:00 or when we run out of chili. Of course the Edelweiss will be open at 5:00 for a meal before we start the meeting. We anticipate the meeting to last no later than 7:30 allowing time to continue visiting and enjoying food or drink in the Edelweiss. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend if possible, this is your klub, let the new Board Members know what you would like to see done and how you want to become more involved.

Ladies Axillary News

March 10 Garage Sale!

Hopefully spring is right around the corner! And that means spring cleaning! Set those items aside for the ladies' auxiliary annual garage sale. Big items, small items – we take all except televisions. You can drop off your donations Wednesday – Friday, March 7 – March 9 after 4 pm. Then stop by on March 10 from 8 am to 3 pm and see what treasures we have for sale.

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all enjoyed Valentines Day, we a great attendance at the Edelweiss that evening. You may notice that our garden gnomes are missing during the month of March, they are all on vacation at the Garfield Park Conservatory for their Spring fund raiser from March 17th through March 31st. I hope you all will attend this event, possibly with your children or grand children, to support the Conservatory at Garfield Park, look for our GAK gnomes among the hundreds on display.

As we head into the month of March Madness I hope the weather will be mild for St Patrick's Day. Even the German's celebrate this fun day with much of the rest of the world. Be sure to check out the Edelweiss for a possible special menu on March 17 to help you celebrate the day, we might even have some green beir or Irish Coffee to enjoy with your meal. And during Lent through the month of March we will serve a great fish dinner each Friday along with our musical entertainment. You should find an announcement concerning our Special Annual Membership Meeting in this newsletter, I hope you all will try to attend. The vote of the Board of Directors with approval of all members attending the February Membership Meeting was to establish the Annual Membership Meeting at a time and date that is hopefully more conducive to attendance for our membership. At the same time we will conduct a small fund raiser for the purchase of new carpeting that is badly needed in our ballroom and entrance way. We hope to display some photos of past events and enjoy each others company with food and drink both before and after the meeting. We will conduct a Chili Supper as a special fund raiser starting before the meeting from 3:00 until 5:00, The meeting will start at 6:00 allowing for members to return home much earlier in the day or continue gathering for the evening in the Edelweiss if they wish. We hope that this change will allow for more participation from our membership. -Merrill "Doc"

German-American History of Chili Powder

William Gebhardt (1875-1956):

1894 – San Antonio buffs swear that chili powder was invented by William Gebhardt, a German immigrant in New Braunfels, Texas (near the town of San Antonio). Gebhardt ran the Phoenix Cafe, attached to his buddy's saloon, now called the Phoenix Saloon.

According to the The New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung newspaper article (Phoenix Saloon Back in Business), February 19, 2010: The Phoenix Saloon was reputedly the first bar in Texas to serve women, though not wanting to taint their reputation; female patrons would sit in the beer garden and ring a bell for service. . . There was a deer pen, an alligator pit and ring for fighting badgers at the original Phoenix Saloon. There was even a parrot sitting on a perch by the front door that was taught to say, "Have you paid your bill?" in German.

A multitude of proprietors ran the saloon until Prohibition forced it to close on June 26, 1918. During this era, chili peppers were only available after the summer harvest, as chili was only a seasonal food. Gebhardt solved the problem of availability by importing Mexican ancho chills from farmers in far-off San Luis Potosi, a Mexican town more than 500 miles to the south, so that he could serve chili year-round. His orders for chili peppers were always large because he had to stock up on a full year's supply and then figure out how to store thousands of chili pods.

William Gebhardt spend years perfecting the spices for the chili he served in his cafe. At first, Gebhardt ran the chili peppers through a home meat grinder three times. Later, according to a description of the time, Gebhardt "concocted a chili powder in a crude mill by grinding chili peppers, cumin seed, oregano, and black pepper through an old hammer mill, feeding a little of this and a little of that to the mill." What came out was put in little-necked bottles and then packed in a box for retail trade."

At first he called his chili powder "Tampico Dust". In 1896, he changed the name to Gebhardt's Eagle Brand Chili Powder. In 1896, William Gebhardt opened a factory in San Antonio and was producing five cases of chili powder a week, which he sold from the back of his wagon as he drove through town. He was also an inventor, and eventually patented thirty-seven machines for his factory. By 1899, Gebhardt had trademarked his Eagle Chili Powder.

In 1960, the company was acquired by Beatrice Foods (now owned by ConAgra Food, Inc.) and is now known as Gebhardt Mexican Foods Company. The blend today is unchanged and is still one of the most popular brands used.

Edelweiss Restaurant and Bier Specials:

Paulanier Salvator Doppelboch 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!

We will be doing a **March 17 special** for St. Patrick's Day. It will be coddle stew with a Warsteiner beer muffin and salad bar for \$11.95.

March Live Music Schedule at the Edelweiss

March 2: The Wilsons

March 9: Steve Bogard

March 16: Luke Carol Project

March 23: Polka Bob Klemen

March 30: No Friday Night Music

Start the Weekend off with Friday Night Music!

die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe

Meets each Wednesday (except the 2nd Wed of month)

From 7:30 – 9:00 PM

We encourage new members. 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.

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.



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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 # _____ Mailing Records Updated: By: _____

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

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