



Newsletter



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"To promote the German and American culture, heritage, and tradition, to provide functions for the members and their families." [GAK By Laws]

German-American Klub of Indianapolis, Inc.

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From the President:

Doesn't the clubhouse look festive in its Christmas finery? The elves of the Ladies Auxiliary are the decorators. Each year more ideas are thought of and carried out. The clubhouse proudly boasts the spirit of the holidays.

Check the men's and ladies rest rooms and admire the electroplated cream painted stalls. Along with the new white commodes, there is a very fresh, clean appearance. Refurbishing the rest rooms has been a project of the Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you Ladies!

Julane Lund Beetham is being introduced to our members and patrons on January 20 at the Membership Get Together in the Edelweiss Restaurant. She is a Norwegian-American Fiddler who graduated from the University of Norway. She plays Norwegian and Norwegian-American traditional music on the Hardanger fiddle with 5 strings, which produces a harmonic sound. In February, Julane will play for us on Friday, the 3rd and 17th.

New Year's Eve Gala will feature Carola Clark singing songs of the 30's and 40's. Jeff Kunkel will be performing on saxophone, clarinet, accordion and keyboard. There will be a drummer. Dinner, dancing, noisemakers, champagne toast

at midnight and breakfast, all included for \$25. Make reservations now by calling Manager Tony Wilhite.

Tony needs to know if you prefer Prime Rib or Flounder Filet. In the Edelweiss Restaurant, Jeff Kunkel will perform on Keyboard on Friday, January 6, 13, 27 and February, 10 and 24.

Gesegnetes Neues Jahr!

Happy New Year!

Gloria V. Webster

Jaeger Club

During December's Jaeger Club meeting we discuss the Jaegerfest and Officer Elections. The Jaegerfest will be here before you know it; it's scheduled for the 1st of April, 2006—no foolin'. If you're interested in volunteering to help at the Jaegerfest, contact any Jaeger Club officer or come to January's meeting. More information should be available at that time.

Officer Elections for the Jaeger Club will take place in February. Nominations will be taken at the January meeting. We strongly urge all Jaeger Club members to attend the January meeting and participate in the nomination process.

The next Jaeger Club meeting will take place on Saturday, January 14th at noon in the Edelweiss Restaurant. We hope to see you there, but in the meantime, we hope you have a

Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season!

Happy New Year

2006

Schedule of Events

January 20 'Gathering'
Feb 10 Fasching
Mar 17 St. Patrick's Party
April 1 Jaegerfest
April 16 Easter Brunch
April 18 Annual Meeting
June 24 Picnic in the Park
Aug 19 Pie Auction/Biergarten
Sep 1,2,3,8,9 Oktoberfest
Oct 15 Pig Roast
Nov 11 Night in Vienna
Dec. 3 Christbaum Verlosung
Dec. 10 Christmas Party
Dec. 14 Christmas Dance
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

*Ballroom Dance Lessons:
Monday evenings 7-9 p.m.*

Jan. 9, 23, 30

Feb. 6, 13, 27

Cincinnati Masken Ball Jan 28
Athenaeum Karneval February 4

**GAK Fasching
Friday 10 February**

Washington, December 1, 2005

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Chairmen of the German-American associations in the United States of America:

I wish you, your association members, and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year.

For some of you, it was a difficult year. The aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit people enormously hard in the southern United States. I personally witnessed this fact on my visits to the region. That is why I am all the more pleased that speedy and extensive assistance from Germany could help mitigate the suffering.

Among the numerous gestures of solidarity between Germany and the United States, I would like to mention the re-opening of the Dresden Frauenkirche in October, not least, thanks to generous contributions from the U.S. At the same time, I would like to express my gratitude for your many contributions to the German-American Solidarity Fund, which were used to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The history of immigration across the Atlantic marks the beginning of long, friendly relations between our nations. Our shared history is now documented at the new Deutsche Auswanderermuseum in Bremerhaven, which opened this summer. If relations across the Atlantic and beyond – between our governments and our people – are exceptionally good and strong, you too have a personal share in this success.

I would like to thank you all for the work you have done within your associations and encourage you to continue on this path, especially also to encourage young people to preserve and pass on German culture, language, and traditions.

With best wishes,

/s/ Wolfgang Ischinger

COMMITTEES 2005

- Audit: Mike Hecker
- By-laws Gloria Webster, Richard Askren, Gary Cummings, Blake Schroeder, Mike Stutler, Lorra Schroeder
- Calling Peggy Orth
- Culture Cheryl Winner
- Die Fledermauschen: Gretchen Williams, John Himmelheber
- Entertainment: Gloria Webster
- Euchre: Martin Dannemiller
- Federation Delegates - Marty Dannemiller, Eric Schroeder, Will Diekmann; Alt. Joe Mankus
- Friendly Poker: Joe Mankus
- German Language: Charyl Winner
- Grounds/Maint: George Anderson
- Historian: Lorra Schroeder
- House: George Anderson, Marty Dannemiller, Will Diekmann, Gloria Webster
- Membership :Estelle Cummings
- Newsletter: Lorra Schroeder
- Oktoberfest: Marty Dannemiller, Gloria Webster
- Publicity: Richard Askren, 317.782-1980
- Resource Mobilization - Marty Dannemiller
- Rules: Charyl Winner
- Schutzhund USA : Mike Diehl
- Sunshine: Hilda Green
- Travel: Mike Stutler

RAINY DAY FUND

John & Darleen Himmelheber
 Cliff & Yvonne Lipsius
 Gloria Webster
 Bill Voltmer
 George Anderson
 Martin Dannemiller
 Larry Borst
 Gary & Eva Cummings
 Ed & Sandy Roehling

2005 Board of Directors:

President: Gloria Webster, Vice Pres.: Will Diekmann, Vice Pres.: George Anderson, Treasurer: Mike Stutler, Secretary: Charyl Winner, Jean Albers, Martin Dannemiller, Ken Gregory, Joe Mankus, Blake Schroeder, Eric Schroeder,



Each 3rd Tuesday

GAK Membership meeting.



Euchre every Tuesday 7:00.



Poker First & Third Thu 7:30.



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Bingo 2nd Sat. 7:00

Euchre 3rd Sat. 7:00



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ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. DUES.

- a. Annual dues are payable on or before January first (1st) of each year. The Membership Chairman shall notify members whose dues are not paid by February fifteenth (15th) that they are delinquent and if not paid by March first (1st), they are automatically dropped from membership.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 3.

- d. a Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members shall be elected at the January Membership Meeting. Election shall be by ballot. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates at the March Membership Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the March meeting, providing the nominee has given his written consent. No nominations may be accepted after the March Membership Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall determine if all candidates are eligible members of G.A.K. and shall print the ballots;



Weihnachtsbaum Verlosung 2005

The Weihnachtsbaum Verlosung on December 3, although attendance was affected by some poor weather conditions, was a successful endeavor that was enjoyed by those who attended. Many fine articles were donated by our members. The Klub wishes to deeply thank everyone who donated articles to the event and also those who were able to attend. Very special thanks are extended to Edelgard Stutler for chairing and arranging the event and also to Gary Hoffman for an excellent and enthusiastic job of auctioning the gifts to the highest bidder. Our Manager, Tony, provided a hearty and piping hot rendition of Gluhwein that certainly took a little of the edge off the cold evening. The generosity of our bidding guests provided to the coffers of the Klub a net donation of \$469.00. We look forward to next year when we can build on the success of the newly revived Weihnachtsbaum Verlosung.

JANUARY ZUSAMMENSEIN

This is a reminder that the second Zusammensein is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2006. A special meal of Rinds Rouladen will be prepared by our Chef, Ron, with the assistance of Edelgard Stutler and Eleanor Harle. The regular menu will also be available. The last Zusammensein in October was a rousing success that was enjoyed by all. We 'established' members look forward to again enjoying an evening together with the new members, to welcome them into the fraternity of members of the German Ameri-

can Klub, and to provide to them some insight into the committee opportunities that are available to them. Come out again on January 20, 2006, for an evening a friendship and camaraderie. You can phone your intentions to Edelgard Stutler at 888-2176, providing the number of meals that you will require.



The Fifth Season

Beginning just after the first of the year, the "fifth season" or *die fuenfte Jahreszeit*, is a time when Germans, and Europeans in general, have fun, let go, and act silly. It's also called "the foolish season" or *die naerrische Saison*. In 2006, the fifth season will last until Tuesday, February 28. Officially, the Fasching season kicks off the 11th month, 11th day, and 11th hour in some regions giving guilds and clubs several months to organize and prepare for their parades and balls. Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is the world's best known celebration, but Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana is the most recognized carnival party in the United States. Throughout Europe, and specifically western and southern Germany, many towns and regions celebrate Mardi Gras.

The customs and Karneval celebrations vary from town to town. Even the name of the season changes and is known as *Fasching*, *Fastnacht*, *Karneval*, *Fastnacht*, *Fosnat*, or *Fasnet* depending on the dialect and region. By any name, the experience is intended to give revelers a time to let off steam

and enjoy. Many cities, and especially our Sister City, Cologne, organize huge parades. These parades include floats and marching groups. In some regions, large masks and caricature heads ridicule local politicians and dignitaries. Carnival royalty in the personage of prince and princess are integral to the parades and balls. Today, many *vereine* (clubs) in Germany host annual masquerades and costume balls during the season.

In Indianapolis you can shake off your winter blues, dance, and *schunkeln* at the German American Klub's 17th Annual der Faschingsball on Friday, February 10, 2006. Jay Fox Band will entertain costumed guests 8:00 p.m. to Midnight in the Ballroom of the German-American Klub, 8602 South Meridian, Indianapolis. Prizes will be awarded for Best Costumes, but masks and a disguise are not required, just a lot of fun. Admission \$12.00 per person. Call 317-888-2176 or 317-888-6940 for reservations. A special dinner entree featuring *Rippschen* or *Wienerle*, Potato Salad, and Rye Bread for \$8.00 is available by reservation only in the G.A. K's Edelweiss Restaurant from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. preceding der Faschingsball. Call 317-888-2176 or 317-888-6940 for more information and reservations.

The deadline for articles for the next GAK newsletter is January 17

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**"I may not agree with
what you say, but I will
defend to the death your
right to say it."**

Voltaire, 1694-1778

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