

Newsletter

April 2005

***"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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NOTICE

The annual election of members of the Board of Directors of the German-American Klub will be held at 8602 S. Meridian Street on April 19, 2005 during the annual membership meeting.

At the March 15th meeting the Nominating Committee presented the following candidates for the Annual Election of members of the Board of Directors:

Jean Albers
Gary Cummings
Martin Dannemiller
Bob Gregory
Hans Strodtbeck

This organization – The German American Klub – was formed by and for its members and the ever ongoing quest for the preservation of history. Whether it be a dance, a song, a tasty treat, a rollicking game of foosball or cards, or a simple, beautiful memory — it should be preserved.

The GAK is an infant compared to many of Central Indiana's German organizations, but is a vital connection to the future.

Anyone that cares enough to keep their dues up to date surely cares enough to participate in the democratic process of choosing the caretakers and guiding hands that must perpetuate/preserve this organization and its home.

For Heaven's sake !! Get yourself to the Klub and vote on April 19th. If you do not I shall take it personally, and might never speak to you again ! *Lorra Schroeder*

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

In answer to last month's request for a band for New Years Eve, a band has been hired. I'm very excited to announce that Jeff Kunkel, who has played with the Jay Fox Band and formally entertained at the German-American Klub, will be entertaining at our New Year's Eve Gala. His band's name is Kunterbunt (program varied). Jeff will be playing accordion with synthesizers that will sound like a big band. On the program is Erica Kling, who is a stage personality who plays accordion and is a Soprano who sings and yodels. Jeff has promised waltz, polka, schottische, and samba and will take requests. This should be a wonderful entertaining evening, so we are expecting a big turnout for this fun filled New Year program.

Night in Vienna has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 12. We had scheduling difficulties from the beginning in April and we

needed a program for November so it made it easy to make the switch. We know many calendars need to be changed.

Tuesday, April 19 at 8 p.m. is our election of Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee (Richard Askren, Will Diekmann and Bill Voltmer) have done an outstanding job of seeking candidates to the Board. There are 3 terms expiring. The candidates are: Jean Albers, Gary Cummings, Martin Dannemiller, Ken Gregory, and Hans Strodtbeck. All terms are for 3 years. A quorum of the membership is required for the election. Your vote is important to determine the leadership of the German-American Klub. Bring your stein to the membership meeting if you wish.

Until next month,

Gloria V. Webster

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Deadline for articles for the next GAK newsletter is **always** the third Tuesday of the month.

(Membership Meeting.)

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or give it to me on disk or written copy.

From the Heart of the Klub

Beginning April 5th there will be dinner specials Tuesday through Thursday nights. Ron Roberts, our new chef, will be creating "International Fare" priced at \$7.50 for members and \$9.00 for non-members.

The "Ladies Auxiliary" is at it again! We now have the new toilets installed in the upstairs ladies room. We also have a new keg cooler behind the banquet bar; our old one refused to work any longer. And rumor has it that the ladies are going to purchase new silverware for the restaurant! **Wow! THANK YOU LADIES FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!**

I want to thank George Anderson and Martin Dannemiller for all that you two do to keep the Klub going. I wonder how many people realize how many hard working hours that the two of you spend here at the building. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated members who believe in the future of the GAK.

I want to thank Gloria Webster for filling in for me on Mondays in the office to allow me some much-needed time away from here.

Lastly, I want to apologize to all who planned and attended the Fasching. My desire was to exceed everyone's expectations with our food offerings, unfortunately, it was our head cook's last day and he not only didn't care about the event, he tried to take the evening cook with him out the door at 6 PM when he left. It was a task to hold things together.

Connie Smith, Klub Manager

GAK Board of Directors

Gloria Webster, Pres.;
 Bob Webster, V.P.;
 Gary Cummings, V.P.;
 Charyl Winner, Secy.;
 Martin Dannemiller, Trea;
 George Anderson; Will Diekmann,
 Joe Mankus, Blake Schroeder,
 Eric Schroeder, Mike Stutler

JAEGER CLUB

By Hans Cummings

The Jaeger Club's March meeting was mostly concerned with finalizing our plans for the Jaegerfest and our April Trap Shoot.

On Saturday, April 2nd, the Jaeger Club is sponsoring a competition Trap Shoot at Camp Atterbury. If you want to come, please plan to meet at the G.A.K. no later than 9 A.M. The entry fee is \$20 and includes targets and ammunition for 12 and 20 gauge shotguns.

Our annual Jaegerfest was well attended and everyone had a great time. The venison meatloaf and the antelope stew were particularly delicious. The antelope we ate was obtained during our hunt this past fall. Highlights of the evening included the Q&A session with DNR Officer Dave Reese and a short ceremony where Jaeger Club Huntmaster George Murphy awarded Eva Cummings and Estelle Harrison plaques thanking them for all their help with the past year's events. Kudos to everyone who worked so hard to make the Jaegerfest happen and thanks to everyone who attended: your participation makes these events possible.

The next meeting of the Jaeger Club will take place during our Trap Shoot on Saturday, April 2nd. If you want to attend and participate in the trap shoot, please arrive at the G.A.K. ready to leave by 9:00 A.M., or meet us at Camp Atterbury around 10 A.M.



Euchre every Tuesday at 7:00.



Poker First & Third Thu @ 7:30.



Good Friday Service!

Friday March 25, 2005 is the day for the **German Good Friday service (Karfreitag)** at Zion Church, 416 E. North Street. Call the church at 257-0493 or 639-5411.

GAK by Laws ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business, property and affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of eleven (11) persons who shall be members of this Corporation.

Section 2. Each Director shall hold office for the term for which he is elected or until his successor is elected and qualified. Each Director shall be elected to serve three (3) years to succeed the Director whose term then expires; Provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Director to succeed himself.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 3.

- a. Election shall be by ballot;
- b. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Dues must be paid up-to-date;
- c. Only individuals who have been members for one (1) year and continue in good standing may be candidates for office of Board of Directors;
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- e. a Tellers Committee consisting of four (4) members shall be appointed by the President;
- f. If only one (1) candidate is nominated for each office, it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the elective ballot for the organization;
- g. The right to vote shall be determined by the Credentials Committee (Membership Committee) who will issue a voting card to each eligible voter;
- h. A member of the Nominating Committee may be a candidate for Board of Directors. A member of the Tellers Committee may not be a candidate for the Board of Directors.



2005 Schedule of Events

| | | |
|-------|----------------|------------------------|
| April | 2 | Trap Shoot |
| | 19 | Annual meeting |
| June | 4 | Trap Shoot |
| June | 25 | Picnic in the Park |
| Sep | 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 | Oktoberfest |
| Oct | 9 | German-American Day |
| | 16 | Pig Roast |
| Nov | TBA | International Festival |
| | 5 | Turkey Shoot |
| | 12 | Viennese Ball |
| Dec | 3 | Christmas Auction |
| | 11 | Christmas Party |
| | 16 | Christmas Dance |
| | 31 | New Years Eve |

by Gloria Webster



Committees 2004-5

by Gloria Webster

Audit: Mike Hecker

By-laws: Gloria Webster, Richard Askren, Gary Cummings, Blake Schroeder, Mike Stutler, Lorra Schroeder

Calling: Peggy Orth

Culture: Charyl Winner

Die Fledermauschen Tanzgruppe:

Gretchen Williams, John Himmelheber

Euchre: Martin Dannemiller

Federation Delegates: Gary Cummings, Marty Dannemiller & Eric Schroeder; Will Diekmann, Alternate,

Friendly Poker: Joe Mankus

German Language: Charyl Winner

Grounds/Maintenance: George Anderson

Historian: Lorra Schroeder

House: George Anderson, Gary Cummings, Marty Dannemiller, Gloria Webster

Liaisons/Buerger Liga: Richard Askren

Fledermauschen: Cheryl Winner

Sister Cities: George Wehrle

International Festival: Gary Cummings, Gloria Webster

Jaeger Club: George Murphy

Kinder Tanzgruppe: Jean Albers, Marie Lawlor

Ladies Auxiliary: Jean Albers

Membership: Lois Meyer, 317.882-2677

Newsletter: Lorra Schroeder, 317-885-1314

Oktoberfest: Marty Dannemiller, Gloria Webster



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Voltaire, 1694-1778

To the Membership:

I wish to editorialize my concerns with the meal that was provided to the guests attending the 2005 Fasching Fest. I personally did not dine, but did go through the buffet line in order to insure that two guests whom I had convinced to attend, and who were running late due to extended work hours, would receive the meal that was included in their price of admission. Our friends arrived at the same time that I sat their meals at their seats. Once they sat and began dining, I

noticed that they were seemingly not interested in finishing their meals. I inquired concerning the quality of the meal, and instead of explaining to me, they each offered me a sampling of each of their meals. I have to say that the quality of my samples was very inferior. Further, when my friends went to get dessert, there was none left. I asked others friends concerning their meals and received very negative comments. I also understand that there was some concern whether there would be enough food to feed all attending guests and the question, when asked of the Klub Manager, resulted in a reply of "They eat like pigs". If true, is this the same attitude that will pervade the kitchen other Ballroom bookings? If true, this, along with other reported negative aspects concerning the relationship between the Klub Manager and the Culture Committee, especially the committee member who gave so much time and effort to help insure a successful Fasching Fest, should be of concern to all Klub members.

Many of the guests who attend the Fasching Fest are not members of the Klub, so therefore are potentially new members. Hopefully the revelry of the evening enticed some of the attending non-members to decide that they would like to be part of the Klub. Hopefully, also, the inferior quality of the meal provided did not dissuade others from becoming new members.

To me, there seemed to be a glaring absence of Management at the Faschings Fest. I noticed the Manager on only one occasion outside the double doors to the Ballroom. I later learned there had been a complaint that the Faschings Fest was overly loud and that we should close the doors in order that the 120 or so paying customers in the Ballroom did not disturb the 4 – 6 paying customers in the 'Keller. This is the proverbial tail wagging the dog. In my opinion, fraternal Klub events such as the Faschings Fest always, ALWAYS trump the operation of the restaurant, and therefore should be the main focus of the Klub Manager during the event.

I believe that our Klub is at an intersection of doctrinal ideas that will, depending upon the course taken, determine either the long-term

health of our Klub, or, I fear, the short-term demise of the GAK. A decision needs to be made by the Klub membership whether the GAK will continue to struggle month after month, attempting to survive by operating as a for-profit entity focusing mainly on the public at large, or focus on growing the membership of the Klub through fraternal events, inviting the public at large to become an integral part of the Klub through membership.

Mike Stutler

To the Members of the GAK:

I, Martin Dannemiller, wish to express my wishes to run for one more term as a Board Member for the German-American Klub. I feel strongly that we finally have the right combination of staff to make our Klub and restaurant/banquet facility a fiscally sound operation. We are not out of the woods yet, however, Connie Smith has proven she is extremely capable in minimizing our expenditures without compromising service and value. I ask for the opportunity to follow through with the goal of making the restaurant and banquet facility fiscally sound. At the same time continue to offer fraternal functions an improved level of service with which the membership is accustomed without requiring an even higher level of volunteerism from the membership.

Our annual meeting is on April 19, 2005. We will have a number of choices for candidates for the board. Make your voice be heard. I once again ask for your vote.

Sincerely, Martin Dannemiller

RAINY DAY FUND

John & Darleen Himmelheber

Cliff & Yvonne Lipsius

Gloria Webster

Bill Voltmer

George Anderson

Martin Dannemiller

Larry Borst

Gary & Eva Cummings

Thank You to everyone for your consideration and to those thus far who have contributed!

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| Sonntag | Montag | Deinstag | Mittwoch | Donnerstag | Freitag | Samstag |
|---------|--------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 27 | 28 | 29 Lunch ◆ 7:00 Euchre | 30 Lunch ◆ 7:30 Tanz Practice | 31 Lunch | Apr 1 Lunch | 2 Lunch ◆ Xmas Auction |
| 3 | 4 | 5 Lunch ◆ 7:00 Euchre | 6 Lunch ◆ 7:30 Tanz Practice | 7 Lunch 7:30 Friendly Poker | 8 Lunch | 9 Lunch |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Lunch ◆ 7:00 Euchre | 13 Lunch ◆ 7:00 Board Meeting | 14 Lunch | 15 Lunch | 16 Lunch |
| 17 | 18 | 19 ◆ Membership Meeting 8:00 | 20 ◆ Noon: Lunch & Euchre ◆ 7:30 Tanz Practice | 21 Lunch 7:30 Friendly Poker | 22 Lunch | 23 Lunch |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Lunch ◆ 7:00 Euchre | 27 Lunch ◆ 7:30 Tanz Practice | 28 Lunch | 29 Lunch | 30 Lunch |
| May 1 | 2 | 3 Lunch ◆ 7:00 Euchre | 4 Lunch ◆ 7:30 Tanz Practice | 5 Lunch 7:30 Friendly Poker | 6 Lunch | 7 Lunch |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Lunch ◆ 7:00 Euchre | 11 Lunch ◆ 7:00 Board Meeting | 12 Lunch | 13 Lunch | 14 Lunch |

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