

Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



May 2023

FROM THE Board

May is a month for outside festivals in Germany. Reluctantly, our club had to cancel this year's Strassenfest [Street Festival] due to some circumstances beyond our control. We certainly hope to be able to revive this customary festival next year.

In München it is called Frühlingsfestival [Spring Festival] and is considered the "Little sister of Oktoberfest." In Berlin's Kreuzberg district there are labor festivals and other festivals in which street closures are common. In the far northern city of Hamburg there is a large maritime festival called Hafengeburtstag [Harbor's Birthday]. Those who have traveled to Hamburg cannot help but be struck by the seemingly endless number of canals and other waterways. Hamburg is Germany's largest seaport. Down on the Rhein around Bonn is a festival called "Rhein in Flames" in which there are lots of fireworks. Other towns along the Rhein hold similar festivals later in the year. In Frankfurt is the Green Sauce Festival where there is street music and sampling of lots of green sauces [ed. I'm not sure what all of those sauces might be. More research is needed!]

This 18 Mai is Christi Himmelfahrt, a national holiday. We know it in English as Ascension Day, the day our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. 28 & 29 Mai celebrate Pfingsten, Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. These two days are also national holidays. [Editor's note: The term holiday is really "Holy Day", a day when important events on the Christian calendar are celebrated. To be "on holiday" is to celebrate that event, although much of it has been secularized as it has happened in the United States].

Sandwiched between these two holy days there are music festivals in Dresden, a Weindorf wine festival in Würzburg, a Handel festival in Halle, the city of Georg Frideric Handel's birth. He was one of Germany's most famous composers even though he lived most of his life in England. One more deserves mention, the Meistertrunk Show in the medieval city of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. It features an historic play and market, medieval costumes, and of course, many Biergartens.

After a long winter Germans are very eager to get back outdoors and enjoy the milder, sunny weather. Street festivals are the result of that. Please keep all this in mind when our club begins discussing hosting our Strassenfest again next year. After all, it's the German thing to do—get outside and celebrate!

Philip Meyer, President

Mark Your Calendar

May

Fri, 05/05, 6:00 PM: Cinco de Mayo Dinner (Mexican Buffet)

Thu, 05/11, 6:00 PM: Board of Directors Meeting

Sun, 05/14: Mother's Day

Wed, 05/24, 6:00 PM:

Membership Meeting

- Happy Hour - 5:00 PM

- Business Meeting - 6:00 PM

Mon, 05/29: Memorial Day

June

Wed, 06/14, Flag Day

Thu, 06/08, 6:00 PM: Board of Directors Meeting

Sat, 06/10, 6:00 PM:

Membership Dinner

Sun, 06/18, Father's Day

Wed, 06/28, 6:00 PM:

Membership Meeting

- Happy Hour - 5:00 PM

- Business Meeting - 6:00 PM



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For more information about the Klub scan the QR Code or visit us at <http://terrehautegermanKlub.org>.

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Cinco de Mayo Dinner

The Klub and Rosie and Ray Weber will be hosting this event to celebrate Cinco de Mayo on **Friday, 05/05/23**. Dinner will be a Mexican Buffet with several classic Mexican dishes. There will also be a Margarita special in the bar.

Doors open at 5:30 PM and the cost will be \$18.00 for an adult and \$9.00 for a child under 12-years of age. This event is open to the public, but reservations are required.

Make your reservation on-line by using this [link](#) or contact Rosie (812 236-2326 or rayjweber57@gmail.com) by May 3rd.



Danke!

Thanks to everyone who attended the *German Dinner* on 04/01/23 and to Brian, Kelly and Dylan Roberts, Susan and Ron Hinsenkamp, and Scot Mullins who hosted this event.

We also want to thank the following individuals who donated money to purchase a large gas grill for the Klub from the Lyford Fire Department.

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Shakara Schaunwecker
Robbie Sons

Kristen Sparks
April Tyle
Spring Wilson

We Send Card


Do you know of a Klub member who should receive a card (i.e., get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.) or needs a word of encouragement? If so, please let us know by contacting Spring Wilson at (812) 201-4568 or Spring1976@msn.com.

Having a Party? Rent the Club.

Are you looking for a place to hold a birthday or anniversary party, shower, business luncheon or meeting, or maybe a party for your family? If so, the Club may be the ideal place. Members receive a 50% discount on Klub rental. For more information or to check availability, contact Spring Wilson at (812) 201-4568 or Spring1976@msn.com.

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