

Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



June 2023

FROM THE *President*

Since last year I have been urging our club to celebrate St. Boniface Day, observed on 05 June. I'm not asking for a religious observance, mind you, but as descendants of Germans he's a very important person.

Our club has no problem celebrating St. Patrick's Day every year along with Cinco De Mayo. Neither of these observances has anything to do with Germany or Germans. It seems like we observe these events because it's a chance to enjoy good food and celebrate at the club.

Well, enter St. Boniface. Who was he? He's known as the Apostle to the Germans. In other words, he was a Benedictine monk who was sent as a missionary to Germany. He was born about 675 A.D. in England. His given name was Winfred. He first left for the Continent in 716 arriving at Utrecht. Sometime that year he set out on a missionary expedition to Frisia. Frisia is in northwest Germany and goes into the northern Netherlands. There is a chain of islands that belong to Frisia. Frisia is now part of Schleswig-Holstein. He was not very successful in converting the Frisians to Christianity and in 754, and while working with converts, he was confronted by armed robbers who thought him wealthy and killed him.

You might wonder why I am telling you this story. First, he was a missionary to pagan people, just like St. Patrick. Second, he was also martyred for his faith. Third, and perhaps most interesting to those of us in Terre Haute is the fact that a good many German immigrants to our city were from Frisia! Some of these immigrants were instrumental in founding Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. Descendants still live in our community. St. Boniface's fest day is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Anglican Church, and the Eastern Orthodox Church, so you see he must have been quite important. His remains are said to be in Fulda, Germany. There is a statue of him in Mainz.

It seems fitting that we should raise a "Prost!" to this missionary to the Germans and enjoy some good German food! After all, if it hadn't been for Boniface there might be no such history of German Christians in Terre Haute! Please join us on Saturday, 06/10/23, for our St. Boniface Day Dinner & Dance.

Philip Meyer, President

Francis Sanders Memorial Scholarship

We're pleased to announce the winner of this year's scholarship is Jaycee Kite. Jaycee will attend St. Mary-of-the-Woods College this fall where she will be double majoring in psychology and criminology. Congratulations Jaycee!

Mark Your Calendar

June

Thu, 06/08, 6:00 PM: Board of Directors Meeting
Sat, 06/10, 6:00 PM: St. Boniface Dinner & Dance
Mon, 06/12, 6:00 PM: Oktoberfest Planning Committee Meeting
Wed, 06/14: Flag Day
Sun, 06/18, Father's Day
Sat, 06/24, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM: Yard Sale @ Klub
Wed, 06/28: 6:00 PM: Membership Meeting

- Happy Hour - 5:00 PM
- Business Meeting - 6:00 PM

July

Tue, 07/04: Independence Day
Sat, 07/08, 9:00 AM: Clean-up Day at the Klub
Thu, 07/13, 6:00 PM: Board of Directors Meeting

Since many folks take their summer vacation in July, there will NOT be a membership dinner or meeting this month.



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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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Apostle of Germany

St. Boniface Day Dinner & Dance

Please join us at the Klub as we come together on **Saturday, 06/10/23**, to celebrate the feast of St. Boniface, the patron saint of Germany. Dinner will be homemade slaw, brats, fried potatoes, and dessert. After dinner **Hoot Band** will provide live music for your listening and dancing pleasure from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.

In conjunction with this event and as part of our **Give Back Program**, we'll be collecting donations for **Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center** here in Terre Haute. Needed items include:

- Clothing: Women's sizes small, medium, and large t-shirts & leggings.
Men's sizes small, medium, and large gym shorts and t-shirts.
Socks, underwear, pajamas, and diapers in all sizes.
- Toiletries: Soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wipes, shampoo, hairbrushes, etc.
- Food: Individually packaged snacks, chips, juice boxes, and sodas.
- Accessories: Backpacks, blankets, coloring books, etc.

For information about the vital services **Susie's Place** provides visit their website at <https://susiesplace.org>.

Doors open at 5:30 PM and the cost will be \$15.00 for an adult and \$7.50 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 Spring at 812-201-4568 by June 5th.

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COMMUNITY

YARD SALE

- UP TO 50 VENDORS -

Saturday, June 24th

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

1616 Lafayette Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47802

For more information or to reserve a space call:

812-201-4568





Danke!

Thanks to everyone who attended the *Cinco de Mayo Celebration* on 05/05/23 and to Rosey and Ray Weber, Cathleen Drobny, and Stacy & Scot Mullins who hosted this event.

We also want to thank Jim Burgess, Annelie & Tom Nascimbene, and Stacy Mullins for their help with the Klub's semi-annual health department inspection. The Klub again had no violations! 😊



Annual Clean-up Day

Please join us for our Annual Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, July 8th at 9:00 AM!** We will be working both inside and outside. However, in the event of **rain on 8th**, we'll move this event to **Saturday, July 15th**.

We really could use your help. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, bring a pair of gloves, and maybe a rake and an outdoor broom. The Klub will provide lunch and cleaning supplies, but we'll gladly accept donations of rags and supplies.

Please RSVP to Jim Burgess at (812) 241-2341, so we know how many people to expect for lunch.

