

Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



July 2023

FROM THE
President

This is a Postscript to last month's article.

Last month we celebrated St. Boniface Day [05 June the saint's actual day] with a wonderful evening at the club house! We had great attendance and the crowd enjoyed the band up until the very end. There was singing and calls for an encore, and yes, adult beverages were involved! The Board of Directors hopes to keep this streak going because we have plenty of Gemütlichkeit and it greatly helps us add to our revenue, without which we could not meet our expenses.

On 25 June I had the opportunity to travel through Lafayette, Indiana, to attend an official function. Waze took me through the south part of the city on a bunch of very different streets. As I neared the end of the city portion, I passed a cemetery on the right. Not too unusual, but the name of the cemetery caught my immediate attention - St. Boniface!! I decided to do an online search and found more than American 18 cemeteries named after St. Boniface. Some of the towns or cities had German names, like Fulda, Indiana, and two Germantowns, one in Illinois and another in Florida. The places ranged from East to West [Connecticut to California] and North to South [North Dakota to Florida]. I stopped my search after four pages. This tells us that St. Boniface is indeed more popular in our nation than I first imagined.

Philip Meyer, President

Möge sie in Frieden ruhen



Christa Phifer, 86, passed away on July 6, 2023. We'll always remember Christa as an energetic German who loved her family, friends, and her heritage.

Christa, along with her husband Lee, initiated the idea of creating the German Festival, now known as Oktoberfest. Christa and Lee, who passed away on April 28, 2010, were among the founding members of the Klub.

If you would like to make a gift in memory of Christa, please consider Hospice of the Wabash Valley, 400 8th Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804 or a charity of your choice. Family and friends celebrated Christa's remarkable life at the Klub on July 13th.

Our condolences to Diana, Mike, Heidi and their families and friends.

Mark Your Calendar

July

Tue, 07/04: Independence Day
Mon, 07/10, 6:00 PM: Oktoberfest
Planning Committee Meeting
Thu, 07/13, 6:00 PM: Board of
Directors Meeting
Mon, 07/17, 6:30 AM – 10:00 PM:
Chik-fil-A Spirit Day

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

August

Mon, 08/10, 6:00 PM: Board
Meeting
Sat, 08/14, 6:00 PM: Oktoberfest
Planning Committee Meeting
Sat, 08/19, 6:00 PM: Klub Picnic
Wed, 08/23: 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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Spirit Day

Dine at Terre Haute Chik-fil-A anytime on Monday, 07/17/23, between 6:30 AM and 10:00 PM, and mention **Spirit Day** when ordering. A portion of Monday's sales will be donated to German Oberlander Club. Chik-fil-A is located at 3675 S US Hwy 41, Terre Haute, IN 47802.



Danke!

Again, thank you to everyone who attended the St. Boniface Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday, 06/10/23. Also, to Michelle and Ian Lutz who hosted this event. The meal and music were great, and it was wonderful to see some of our longtime members who we hadn't seen for a while. It was also great to have a large number of guests who'd never visited the Klub before. We hope you'll join us again soon.

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who donated to **Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center** as part of our **Give Back Program** too. *Susie's Place* works to protect children from abuse, neglect and sexual assault.



Last, but certainly not least, we want to thank Ray Weber who trimmed the bushes in front of the house and cleaned up the area around the flagpole. Our property looks much better thanks to Ray's and his efforts!

Oktoberfest Volunteers

We encourage individuals, families, and groups to volunteer their time for one or more shifts at our 50th Annual Oktoberfest on September 15th and 16th. We are looking for volunteers to help us sell tickets, souvenirs, desserts, soda, and water; cook brats, Schnitzel, and hot dogs; to work in the kitchen and on the food line; and to help with games for children and adults. We also need volunteers to help set up at the fairgrounds on Thursday, 09/14/23, and teardown on Sunday, 09/16/23.

All volunteers receive:

- One FREE meal or snack for each shift worked,
- Two FREE drink tickets for each shift worked, and
- An Oktoberfest T-shirt while supplies last.

For more information about volunteering at Oktoberfest, please contact Tricia Pierce (Pierce0627@gmail.com - 989-708-1689 or Erika Cantin (Ecc@Vigoschools.Org - 812-239-9773). Tricia and Erika prefer a text message, but voice mail is okay.

