

Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



August 2023

FROM THE *President*

A few weeks ago, I was hunting for something in my garage and came across some things we had stored in boxes. We "inherited" a number of photo albums from dear friends who had also been long time members of our club, The Trautmans and the Snyders. There were numerous photos of club events such as New Year's Eve and Fasching. The photos depicted a full clubhouse for the occasions. In one of these the clubhouse was beautifully decorated. I believe it was a New Year's Eve party. We attended a number of these even before we became members because we had been invited, usually the Trautmans. We always sat at table #6. It was the spot for Ralph and Joanna, Don and Christa Price, and often Glen and Hilda McHenry. John Phillips was omnipresent as President. Everyone was having a good time. I remember the clubhouse being packed, no vacant seats. That photo of the dance floor is spectacular!

While we no longer enjoy the big numbers of members it would be good for us to remember all the hard work that went into these events. People volunteered! The burden of preparing everything didn't fall to just a few. Often these events went into the wee hours of the morning. Of course, we aren't in that situation of a large membership, but we can renew our dedication to the ideals of our club.

The Oktoberfest is fast approaching, and your Board of Directors and the Fest Committee have spent many hours discerning ways to make our 50th Oktoberfest a good memory. Many things have been streamlined, as they must be due to fewer people to help at the fest, so it is imperative that all of us give our time to make this something our former members would be proud to see! It seems to me that we owe our best efforts to those who worked so hard to make this club the best club in the city. When you are asked to help, please do so cheerfully with all that in mind. Present a good face to the county and city! Make our citizens think seriously about joining our club! USA Today [13 July] had a snippet that said that 43% of Americans identify their ancestrally as German, more than any other nationality! That means that nearly half of the people who come to our Fest have German ancestry. In Terre Haute it is probably higher than that. Final observation of the article: There were 7,450 breweries in 2018. Coincidence? That German influence continues! Let's make something of it!

Philip Meyer, President.

Mark Your Calendar

August

Thu, 08/03, 6:00 PM: Board Meeting
Mon, 08/14, 6:00 PM: Oktoberfest Planning Committee Meeting
Sat, 08/19, 6:00 PM: Klub Picnic
Wed, 08/23: Membership Meeting

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

Mon, 08/28, 6:30 AM – 10:00 PM: Chik-fil-A Spirit Day

September

Mon, 09/04: Labor Day
Thu, 09/07, 6:00 PM: Board Meeting
Thu, 09/14, 10:00 AM: 50th Oktoberfest Set Up
Fri, 09/15, 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 50th Oktoberfest
Sat, 09/16, 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 50th Oktoberfest
Sun, 09/17, 9:00 AM: 50th Oktoberfest Teardown
Wed, 09/27: 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, 08/28/23, between 6:30 AM and 10:00 PM, and mention **Spirit Day** when ordering. A portion of the day's sales will be donated to the Club. Chik-fil-A is located at 3675 S US Hwy 41, Terre Haute, IN 47802.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the last **Spirit Day** on July 17th. The Klub made \$43.83. Hopefully, we'll double or triple that amount on the 28th.



Annual Picnic

This year's Annual Picnic will be on **Saturday, 08/19/23**, starting at **6:00 PM**. Since it will probably be hot outside, we've decided to have this event in the clubhouse instead of in the pavilion. 😊

The Club will furnish pulled pork, buns, etc., and we're asking everyone to pitch in by bringing a covered dish to share. Use the following information as a guide to help you decide what to bring. If you can't bring a covered dish for some reason, it will cost you \$5.00 at the door.

Last Name A – G: Salad (pasta salad, potato salad, broccoli salad, etc.)

Last Name H – O: Dessert

Last Name P – Z: Side dish (macaroni, baked beans, chicken bacon bites, etc.)

Please **RSVP** to **Spring Wilson** (812-201-4568 or Spring1976@msn.com) by **Wednesday, 08/16/2023**.



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Thanks to the members who made an anonymous donation to the Klub in memory of Krista Phifer who passed away on July 6, 2023.

Oktoberfest Volunteers

Thank you to those members, supporters and friends who have already volunteered to work at Oktoberfest. However, we've only filled about 25% of the 152 spots we need to fill each day on the four (8:30 – 11:00 AM, 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM, 2:30 – 7:00 PM and 6:30 – 11:00 PM). If you haven't signed up yet PLEASE contact Tricia Pierce (Pierce0627@gmail.com - 989-708-1689) or Erika Cantin (Ecc@Vigoschools.Org - 812-239-9773) after 5:00 PM.

Commemorative T-shirt



The Klub recently placed an order for 200 of the new T-shirts to help commemorate this year's 50th Oktoberfest. These poly/cotton blend T-shirts, which were designed by Kara Cress, will be on sale at the Klub's souvenir booth at the fest for \$20. However, you can beat the rush and make sure you get the size(s) you want by placing your order today. Once we receive the T-shirts from the manufacturer, we'll set up some dates and times you can come by the Klub and pick your order up. Full payment in the form of CASH or CHECK is due at the time of pick up.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER NOW](#) or call Spring Wilson at 812-201-4568.

