

Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



September 2023

¡ACHTUNG! [ATTENTION!]

It is September and months of planning for our 50th Annual Oktoberfest are coming to a head! Our planning committee has worked many hours to organize our Fest so that it will be successful, but that success will be achieved only if we have all hands-on deck to serve. As you well know, we have fewer members than in those past decades when it was easier to staff our event. That means that every able-bodied member needs to help. As you know some of our stalwart members have recently passed away, those who gave generously of their time. To honor all those who have served over the past 50 Fests it is incumbent upon all of us to remember their sacrifice and hard work. All of this is for the good of our Klub. This event is our major fundraiser. Without a successful Fest we cannot meet our expenses. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that we succeed.

Of course, this is hard work, but Germans have never shied away from hard work! They have tackled tasks with a fervor that few know or understand. They did not quit and walk away. At Jim Burgess' celebration of life, I said, "If Jim was in, he was all in. He gave it his all. He didn't quit." It's true of so many others but it is one of the qualities I most remember about Jim. The last Fest which we held at The Meadows is one more example. Someone asked why we had many of our elderly ladies out putting up the snow fence. I responded by saying it was something that had to be done! They saw the need and got busy. Our German forbears would nod and say, "Ja, sicherlich!" [Yes, certainly!]

There is much work, but I want to emphasize the fun and satisfaction that comes with a job well done. We DO have fun at the Fest! We meet new people, we make new friends, we work together and rely on each other. It really is a kind of Gemütlichkeit. We bond, we laugh, we sing some songs, we hoist a Bier or two, we enjoy the fruits of our labors. We present a good example to our community of what a club should be doing.

If you haven't yet volunteered to help please contact me, any board member, Tricia Pierce (Pierce0627@gmail.com - 989-708-1689), or Erika Cantin (Ecc@Vigoschools.Org - 812-239- 9773). We'll be glad to find a way for you to help and be part of our 50th Anniversary Oktoberfest!

Philip Meyer, President

Mark Your Calendar

September

Mon, 09/04: Labor Day
Thu, 09/07, 6:00 PM: Board Meeting
Mon, 09/11, 8:00 AM: Food Prep - Sauerkraut
Tue, 09/12, 9:00 AM: Food Prep - Vegetable Chopping & Hot Mustard
Wed, 09/13, 8:30 AM: Food Prep - German Potato Salad
Thu, 09/14:
9:00 AM: Supply & Equipment Loading at the Klub
10:00 AM: 50th Oktoberfest Set Up at the Fairgrounds
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 at the Fairgrounds
Wed, 09/27: Membership Meeting
• Happy Hour - 5:00 PM
• Business Meeting - 6:00 PM

October

Mon, 10/09: Columbus Day
Thu, 10/12, 6:00 PM: Board Meeting
Sat, 10/14, 6:00 PM: Halloween Dinner/Party
Wed, 10/25: Membership Meeting
• Happy Hour - 5:15 PM
• Business Meeting - 6:00 PM
Tue, 10/31: Halloween



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Jim Burgess, 73, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, August 19, 2023, after a brief illness and hospitalization.

Jim was a very active member of the Klub for almost 41-years. He worked tirelessly to do whatever needed done at the Klub and for our members (i.e., maintenance, host a dinner, help plan and work a fest, offer words of encouragement, just listen, or share a laugh). Jim also served on the board of directors for several years and as president for 3-consecutive terms.

Family, friends and members celebrated Jim's remarkable life at the Klub on what would have been his 74th birthday, August 27th.

Our condolences to Spring, Frank, Mary, Judi, John, Rocky and all of Jim's family and friends.



Danke!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Picnic on Saturday, 08/19/23 and to Stacy and Scot Mullins who hosted this event. The food was good, and the games were a lot of fun.

Thanks to everyone who participated in **Spirit Day** at Chick-fil-A on August 28th and to Stacy Mullins for organizing this event. We're still waiting to hear how much the Klub made at this event.

Thanks to Susan and Ron Hinsenkamp, Kelly Roberts, Ray Weber, Mark Pierce, and Phil Meyer who helped cook 150 pounds of bacon on August 28th and/or 29th for the kraut and German Potato Salad. The guys were also able to pull a lot of the supplies and equipment out of the house that we'll need to cook for the fest.

Thanks to Carolee Smith's sons Sam and Dan, and her grandson Ron for troubleshooting and fixing the electrical problem at the house. They also installed a new overhead line to the pavilion and a new breaker box that gives us an extra circuit at the pavilion.

Oktoberfest Desserts

As is the custom, we're asking members and friends to donate desserts (i.e., cakes, pies, cookies, etc.) for sale at Oktoberfest. Desserts can be dropped off at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds Expo Hall on Thursday, 09/14/23, from Noon to 2:00 PM, and on Friday, 09/14/23, and Saturday, 09/15/23, from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. Volunteers working the Dessert Booth will take care of cutting and plating the desserts.

Commemorative T-shirt Pick Up



The commemorative T-shirts for this year's 50th Oktoberfest have arrived. If you already ordered your shirt(s), you can pick your order up at the Klub this coming Monday or Tuesday (09/11 and 09/12) between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, or on Wednesday (9/13) between Noon and 3:00 PM. Full payment, \$20.00 per shirt, in the form of CASH or CHECK is due at the time of pick up. If you don't pick up your order prior to the fest, you can pick it up at the Souvenir Booth at the fest. However, you'll have to pay for your order using \$1.00 tickets purchased at the ticket booth.

If you didn't pre-order a shirt(s), but you'd like to have it before the fest stop by the Klub next week and purchase it during the hours listed above. Again, only CASH or CHECK will be accepted.

