

Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



November 2023

FROM THE *President*

As I write this, we *Hauteans* will experience three overnight low temperatures in the mid-20s! November has been called the cruelest month by some because we can experience some very nice days with sun and then abruptly experience winter-like conditions. Such conditions are also common in Germany as snow begins to fall in the Alps and ski resorts begin to open. The sun appears on average only 52 hours during November.

The fall festivals have pretty much ended, and many areas are gearing up for the Christmas Market season, which starts the last weekend of November. Erntedank or Erntedankfest [Thanksgiving Day] takes place in October, like our Canadian neighbors. American Thanksgiving Day marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season [Black Friday]. In Germany the Christmas shopping season begins of Martinstag [November 11]. That day remembers St. Martin of Tours who had been a Roman soldier but converted to Christianity. It was also the day that Hans Luther took his one-year-old son to the local church to have him baptized. He was given the name Martin in honor of this venerated saint. It was also used as the start of 40 days of fasting before Christmas. Wikipedia reports:

While Martin was a soldier in the Roman army and stationed in Gaul (modern-day France), he experienced a vision, which became the most-repeated story about his life. One day as he was approaching the gates of the city of Amiens, he met a scantily clad beggar. He impulsively cut his military cloak in half to share with the man. That night, Martin dreamed of Jesus wearing the half of the cloak he had given away. He heard Jesus say to some of the angels, "Martin, who is still but a catechumen, clothed me with this robe."



It is a happy coincidence that his birthday is also our celebration of Veterans' Day. It is also the day when our Klub celebrates Founders' Day. Our celebration of Founders' Day has always included a remembrance of our veterans.

Mark Your Calendar

November

- Sat, 11/04, 9:00 AM: Fall Clean-up Day @ Klub
- Sun, 11/05: Daylight Savings Time Changes
- Tue, 11/07: Election Day
- Thu, 11/09, 6:00 PM: Board Meeting
- Sat, 11/11:
 - Veteran's Day
 - 6:00 PM: Veterans/Founders' Day Dinner w/Live Music
- Wed, 11/15, 6:00 PM: Membership Meeting
 - Happy Hour begins at 5:15 PM
 - Business Meeting begins at 6:00 PM
- Sat, 11/18, 10:00 – 2:00 PM: Christmas Bazaar
- Thu, 11/22: Thanksgiving

December

- Thu, 12/07, 6:00 PM: Board Meeting
- Sat, 12/09, 6:00 PM: Christmas Dinner
- Wed, 12/13, 6:00 PM: Annual Membership Meeting
 - Happy Hour begins at 5:15 PM
 - Business Meeting begins at 6:00 PM
- Sun, 12/24: Christmas Eve
- Mon, 12/25: Christmas
- Sun, 12/31: New Year's Eve



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

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It is law in Germany that snow tires [or at least, M+S tires —Matsch und Schnee] must be mounted on automobiles. If your American tires have the three-peak mountain with a snowflake at the center, then you qualify! Many German drivers, however, abide by the general rule of “von O bis O” (from O to O), which means snow tires should be put on in October and remain on until Ostern (Easter).

Hope to see you at the Veteran's and Founder's Day Dinner/Dance on November 11th. Happy Thanksgiving!

Philip Meyer, President

Fall Clean-Day

Please join us on **Saturday, November 4th, at 9:00 AM** for our **Fall Clean-up Day**. We will be working both inside and outside. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, bring a pair of gloves, and maybe a gas blower and rake to help clean up leaves. The Klub will provide lunch and cleaning supplies. Please RSVP to thoberlander@gmail.com or Ron Hinsenkamp (812-230-6882), so we know how many people to expect for lunch. If clean-up has to be cancelled because of inclement weather we'll post the cancellation on our website, Facebook Page, and send out an e-mail to everyone.



Danke!

Thank you to Ray and Rosie Weber, and Nancy Walbring for hosting a great Halloween Dinner!



Notice of Annual Meeting & Election

In accordance with Article III, Section 2, of the Klub's bylaws, the annual membership meeting and election of the board of directors for CY 2024 will take place on **Wed, 12/13/23 at 6:00 PM**. The date for this meeting was previously announced as 12/20, but the meeting has been moved to 12/13.

The board, which is composed of five to 9 members, is responsible for managing the affairs of the Klub. Current board members and officers are:

- Philip Meyer, President
- Tom Nascimbene, Vice President
- Ron Hinsenkamp, Treasurer
- Spring Wilson, Secretary
- Jessica Buttiglieri, Board Member
- Brad Cress, Board Member

If you are interested in running as a candidate for election to the board of directors, please contact Annelie Nascimbene (812-240-5835) by December 6th. The bylaws require that candidates for election to the board must have been a member of the Klub for at least 2 years. The goal is to have a full 9-member board in 2024.



... Thank You ...
VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE



Veterans and Founders Day Dinner & Dance

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1616 Lafayette Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804

Saturday, November 11th
5:30 PM – Doors Open
6:00 PM – Dinner Served
6:30 to 9:30 PM - Music & Dancing

Cost: \$20.00 Per Person & Cash Bar

– Dinner Menu –	– Music –
Tossed Salad	
German Potato Bake	
Spaetzle	
Kasseler Rippchen (Smoked Pork Chop)	
Green Beans w/Bacon	The Hoot Band
Dessert	

 Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Program.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY
MONDAY, 11/06/23
CALL (812) 240-5835 OR [Click Here](#)
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

