

# Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



April 2024

## FROM THE *President*

As the newly elected President of the Terre Haute German Oberlander Club, I have big shoes to fill. Phil Meyer recently moved to Maryland to be closer to his children and grandchildren. We will all certainly miss him, hope he'll come back to visit, and thank him for his service and leadership.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce and welcome Marc Lorey and Brian Roberts to the board. Marc and Brian were elected on April 4<sup>th</sup> to fill the two open seats on the board. Also, I want to thank and congratulate Brad Cress who was recently elected to fill the vice president position on the board that I vacated when I was elected president.

For those of you that don't know, let me tell you a little bit about my history with the Klub. I started volunteering with my girlfriend, Annelie, who I married at the Klub house 30 years ago this year! I was the Italian; she was the German. Phil would tease me, that this Italian became a member of the German Klub. However, I pointed out to him that my mom had German Irish ancestry. It's wonderful how cultures mix, and I certainly got a kick out of the Irish celebration we had every year on my father's Italian birthday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Saint Patrick's Day. In likewise tradition, we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day here at the Klub!.

Our mission is to "Preserve and Celebrate the Wabash Valley's German Heritage". The Klub was founded in the mid-1960s. Some of our founding members were US Veterans who had given service in post war Germany and who had brought home their German Brides. But German immigration in the Wabash Valley goes much further back into the 1800's. So, celebrating that German heritage is our goal!

### **MY MESSAGE TO YOU:**

We must reach out to the community, to seek new membership. I encourage you to invite a friend to dinner. Let them see our beautiful Klub house and enjoy the great Dinners that we host. The next dinner will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and we will have a band, which means dancing! Our planning committee has already started working toward the Klub's 51<sup>st</sup> Oktoberfest. We all want this tradition to survive so we need your help. If you know someone who might be interested in volunteering or in membership, we encourage you to ask them to **apply for membership directly via our website or to contact us**. If we have a name and number, the Board will call them!

*Tom Nascimbene, President*

## Mark Your Calendar

### April

Mon, 04/01, 6:00 PM: Oktoberfest  
Planning Committee Meeting  
Thu, 04/04, 6:00 PM: Board of  
Directors Meeting  
Sat, 04/13, Breakfast & Vendor Fair:  
Breakfast: 8:00 AM until food is  
gone.  
Vendor Fair: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Thu, 04/18, 6:00 PM: Bowling, Vigo  
Bowl  
Wed, 04/24, 6:00 PM: Membership  
Meeting  
Happy Hour begins at 5:15 PM  
Business Meeting 6:00 PM


### May


Thu, 05/02:  
5:15 PM: Board of Directors  
Meeting  
6:00 PM: Oktoberfest Planning  
Committee Meeting  
Sat, 05/11, 6:00 PM: Mother's Day  
Dinner & Dance  
Sun, 05/12: Mother's Day  
Thu, 05/16, 6:00 PM: Bowling, Vigo  
Bowl  
Wed, 05/22, 6:00 PM: Membership  
Meeting



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## Oktoberfest 2024

After reviewing member inputs received from our recent *2024 Oktoberfest Survey*, the board decided to move forward with plans for another 2-day fest at the Vigo County Fairgrounds this year. This year's fest will be on **Friday, 09/20**, and **Saturday, 09/21/24**, with set up on **Thursday, 09/19**, and teardown on **Sunday, 09/22/24**. Fest hours will be from 4:00 – 11:00 PM on Friday and 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM on Saturday. The board decided not to offer lunch on Friday because we haven't drawn a substantial lunch crowd on Fridays at the fairgrounds.

The Oktoberfest Planning Committee had its organizational meeting on Monday, 04/01, at 6:00 PM. The committee will meet at the Klub the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM for the next few months. If you volunteered to serve on this committee, but you missed the first committee meeting please join us for the next meeting on **May 2nd**.

Like every event the Klub undertakes, success depends on the support and involvement of every able-bodied member of the Klub and volunteers. Please begin thinking about how you're going to help make our 51<sup>st</sup> Oktoberfest the best fest ever.



# Danke!

Thank you to everyone who attended the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, 03/09/24. The authentic German meal featuring homemade Rouladen was amazing, and everyone enjoyed playing a few games of Bingo. A special thanks to the committee that put on this event. Committee members were Tom & Annelie Nascimbene and their son and his family, JD & Ulla Kesler, Michelle Lutz, Spring Wilson, Marc Lorey and Mark Pierce who

tended bar, and Patrick Voll who called bingo.

## Breakfast & Craft

Come join us at the Terre Haute German Oberlander Club for a delightful morning of food, shopping, and camaraderie on **Saturday, 04/13/24**.

1. **Breakfast:** 8:00 AM until food is gone.

**Biscuits and Gravy with Sausage:** A hearty classic for \$5.00.

**Pancakes with Sausage:** Fluffy pancakes served with savory sausage, also for \$5.00.

2. **Craft Fair:** 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Explore a vibrant vendor fair featuring **16 local vendors**. From handmade crafts to unique treasures, you'll find something special for yourself or as a gift. Support local artisans and enjoy the community spirit!

## Frühlingsfest



The German American Club of Indianapolis will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Frühlingsfest Weekend on Friday, 04/26, and Saturday, 04/27, in German Park. Frühlingsfests (spring fests) are a unique experience of German culture and were brought to Indiana by our German immigrant ancestors in the mid/late 1800s. They were very common in Indiana until WW I. In 2017, the Indianapolis German American Klub resurrected this great tradition in Central Indiana with its own brand of German American Spring flavor. [Click here](#) for more information about this event.

## Mother's Day Steak Dinner & Dance



Join us on **Saturday, 05/11/24**, for a delightful evening of great food, live music by the **EZ Street Band**, and dancing to celebrate Mother's Day.

Dinner includes Salad, Ribeye Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans and Dessert all for just \$25.00 for adults and \$12.50 for children 12 and under. There also be a cash bar. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

Reservations are required for this event by Monday, 05/06/24. [Click here](#) to make your reservation today or call Spring Wilson at (812) 201-4568 after 5:00 PM.