

# Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



May 2024

## FROM THE *President*

Right now, Germans all over the world are celebrating the start of Spring in May.

*May Day celebrations in Bavaria, Germany, have their origins in ancient pagan rituals that celebrated fertility, abundance, and the arrival of spring. These traditions evolved over time, blending with Christian traditions, and becoming an integral part of Bavarian culture. May Day celebrations in Bavaria are a testament to the enduring spirit of German community and tradition. Through music, dance, and camaraderie, Bavarians come together each year to celebrate the beauty of spring and the rich cultural heritage of their beloved region. Maypole celebrations serve as a reminder of the importance of preserving traditions and fostering connections with one another, ensuring that the spirit of May Day lives on for generations to come.*

As I read this, I thought about how important it is for us to preserve that culture and heritage in our community. We owe it to the past generations of German immigrants that settled here and worked hard to make a new life for their families and for future generations to come. Let's keep these traditions alive!

We hope to see you at the Mother's Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a good opportunity to honor the wonderful ladies in our lives with an evening they'll enjoy!

*Tom Nascimbene, President*



## Danke!

Thank you to everyone who attended the breakfast and Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, 04/13/24. Breakfast was a big hit and the craft fair vendors seemed pleased. A special thanks to Spring Wilson, Michelle Lutz, Kara & Brad

Cress, Kelly & Brian Roberts, and to everyone who helped make this annual Spring event a success.

Thanks also to Annelie & Tom Nascimbene and Susan & Ron Hinsenkamp for the *spring cleaning* they did at the Club and the work they did to ensure everything was ready for our semi-annual health department inspection. Once again, the Club received NO VIOLATIONS! After the inspection, Susan and Annelie met with the health department inspector and they gained some valuable insights that might make kitchen operations at Oktoberfest a little easier. 😊

## Mark Your Calendar

### 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  
Fri, 05/17, 9:00 AM: THGOC Outside Spring Cleanup Day  
Wed, 05/22, 6:00 PM: Membership Meeting  
Happy Hour begins at 5:15 PM  
Business Meeting at 6:00 PM  
Mon, 05/27: Memorial Day


### June

Sat & Sun, 06/01 & 02: [Terre Haute Air Show](#)  
Mon, 06/06,  
5:15 PM: Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 PM: Oktoberfest Planning Committee Meeting  
Sat, 06/08, 6:00 PM: Membership Dinner  
Fri, 06/14: Flag Day  
Sun, 06/16: Father's Day  
Thu, 06/20, 6:00 PM: Bowling, Vigo Bowl  
Wed, 06/26, 6:00 PM: Membership Meeting



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

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## MOTHER'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 PM – Doors Open  
6:00 PM – Dinner Served

- Tossed Salad
- Ribeye Steak
- Baked Potato
- Green Beans
- Dessert

**6:30 – 9:30 PM: Music & Dancing**



**BIG BAND** MARSHALL RECTOR AND **COUNTRY**  
JAZZ BLUES ROCK SWING

**Adults: \$25.00    Children: <13: \$12.50**  
Cash Bar

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY USING THE QR  
CODE OR CALL 812-201-4568 AFTER 5:00 PM.  
THE DEADLINE IS 05/06/24.



## Bringing Back the Bash 2024

The Club will operate a food booth at the **Wabash Valley Dragway** on **Friday, 07/19/24**, and at **The Mill** for the car show that precedes this year's **Bringing Back the Bash** on **Saturday, 07/20/24**. A portion of the profits raised by participating organizations supporting these events will be donated to Team of Mercy, REACH, Happiness Bag, and the Humane Society.



Friday night events kickoff at 6:00 PM. Events include: a race what you brought style, grudge matches, food, and much more!!! Admission will be \$5.00 per person.

Saturday's event, which is free and open to the public, will be from 2:00 – 7:00 PM, rain or shine, prior to the actual *Cruise down the Bash* that begins at 7:00 PM. It will feature a huge car show, music, vendors, food trucks, play zone for the kids, and much more.



If you're willing to work at the Club's food both please contact Spring Wilson at 812-201-4568. We'll be serving grilled brats, hot dogs, chips, and non-alcoholic drinks. Spring's goal is *short shifts* if she gets enough volunteers. Volunteers get free admission!

Here are two great events to have some fun and help raise money for some organizations that provide vital community services. Even if you can't work a shift in the Club's food both, bring your lawn chairs and come hang out.

## The German - Frederick Douglass

To no class of our population are we more indebted for valuable qualities of head, heart, and hand, than to the German. Say what we will of their lager, their smoke, and their metaphysics, they have brought to us a fresh, vigorous and child-like nature; a boundless facility in the acquisition of knowledge; a subtle and far-reaching intellect, and a fearless love of truth. Though remarkable for patient and laborious thought, the true German is a joyous child of freedom, fond of manly sports, a lover of music, and a happy man generally. Though he never forgets that he is a German, he never fails to remember that he is an American.

From: Composite Nation by Frederick Douglass  
Delivered in Boston 1867  
Article Contributed by Philip Meyer, Past President



## Outside Clean-up Day

Please join us for a Clean-up Day on **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**, at **9:00 AM**. We will be working outside to clean up the grounds and to do some facilities maintenance.

Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, bring a pair of gloves, and maybe a rake, leaf blower, hedge trimmer, etc. The Club will provide lunch.

If can help us out on May 17<sup>th</sup>, please send an email to [thoberlander@gmail.com](mailto:thoberlander@gmail.com) or call (812) 230-6882. This will give us an idea how many people to expect for lunch.

## From the Treasurer



*How much does it cost a month to keep the doors open at the Club?*

This question frequently comes up at membership and event planning meetings. Based on the 12-month period covering 03/01/23 – 03/31/24 the Club's average non-discretionary monthly expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance, facility maintenance, trash removal, lawncare, tax preparation, etc.) were \$1,330.00. These expenses do not include costs associated with dinners and other events (i.e. Oktoberfest, vendor events, etc.), paying state and local taxes on income generated by events, annual liquor license cost, unexpected equipment or facilities repairs, or the Club's scholarship program.

Ron Hinsenkamp

