

# Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



June 2024

## FROM THE *President*

June is a time of spring turning into summer for all of us. In Germany, the folk (people) have certain holidays and festivities that are still traditions celebrated today.

Whit Monday (Pfingstmontag) sometimes referred to as Pentecost Sunday, falls on the 7th Monday after Easter, and it means a day off for German workers. For Catholics, it's a Holy Day of Observance, so in the south and west of the country, many people go to church. Often, this holiday occurs in late May because the holiday depends on when Easter Sunday falls. This year it was on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Fronleichnam) is another movable feast which takes place sixty days after Easter. It is not a national holiday, but it is a regional public holiday in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, Hesse, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland. In these parts of Germany, you may see Catholics head to the streets for a procession after mass. This year the Feast of Corpus Christi falls on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Germans celebrate the summer solstice or (Sommersonnenwende), with a midsummer festival called Johannistag or (Sonnenwendfeier). The festival takes place in June and the festivities are centered around bonfires or (Johannesfeuer), which are often lit on the evening of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the eve of Saint John the Baptist's Feast. The bonfires are meant to drive away evil spirits, prevent disease, and cast out spirits that want to harm people. People gather to dance and celebrate. They also celebrate by going into the countryside to pick wildflowers, like roses, lavenders, and poppies which they then use to make wreaths or arrangements to bring into their homes.

It is important for us to remember the traditions handed down by our forefathers, and to keep those traditions alive.

And of course, this year again we are celebrating the Feast of St Boniface, the patron saint of Germany, by having a dinner on June 8th. The feast is celebrated in Germany on June 5th.

Enjoy our spring!

*Tom Nascimbene, President*



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## Mark Your Calendar

### June


Sat & Sun, 06/01 & 02: [Terre Haute Air Show](#)  
Thu, 06/06,  
5:15 PM: Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 PM: Oktoberfest Planning Committee Meeting  
Sat, 06/08, 6:00 PM: St. Boniface 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  
Happy Hour begins at 5:15 PM  
Business Meeting 6:00 PM


### July

Thu, 07/04: Independence Day  
Thu, 07/11:  
5:15 PM: Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 PM: Oktoberfest Planning Committee Meeting  
Thu, 07/18, 6:00 PM: Bowling, Vigo  
Fri, 07/19, 6:00 PM: Drags & Club Food Booth @ Wabash Valley Dragway  
Sat, 07/20, 2:00 – 7:00 PM: Bringing Back the Bash Party & Club Food Booth @ The Mill  
Wed, 07/24, 6:00 PM: Membership Meeting  
Happy Hour begins at 5:15 PM  
Business Meeting at 6:00 PM

**NO MEMBERSHIP DINNER IN JULY.**

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

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## Danke!

Thank you to Kelly & Brian Roberts for taking time out of their busy schedules to clean the awning above the main entrance. The awning hasn't looked this nice in years!

Thanks also to Jay Copra, Ray Weber, Brad Cress, Tom and Annelie Nascimbene, Ron and Susan Hinsenkamp, Patrick Voll and Dave Braaten. This dedicated group worked about six (6) hours on Friday, 05/17/24, to: clean and repair gutters, rake up pine needles and cones (15+ bags), put up a new mailbox for our neighbors across the street, clean up the broken bricks in front of the house, pull weeds, collect and dispose of down tree limits, and rebuild ticket booths for Oktoberfest. It is truly amazing the amount of work a small group of dedicated people can get done in a short time. 😊



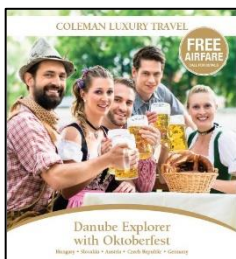
## St. Boniface Day Dinner



This month we will again celebrate the feast of St. Boniface, the patron saint of Germany, by coming together for dinner on **Saturday, 06/08/24, at 6:00 PM.** Dinner will be Wurstsalat (German sausage salad), Baked Chicken Thighs, Roasted Carrots, Pumpnickel bread and Lemon Bars. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and under.

Please make your **reservation** for this annual event by calling or texting **Spring Wilson** at **812-201-4568**. This event is open to the public, but reservations are required. The **deadline** for making reservations is **Monday, 06/03/24.**

## Danube Riverboat Trip with Oktoberfest



Thank you to Amanda Coleman for joining us at the membership meeting on 05/22/24 to share exciting information about an opportunity to join [Coleman Luxury Travel](#) and Mayflower Cruise & Tours for a breathtaking riverboat trip to explore the Danube River next year (09/19 – 09/29/25). The

trip includes stops in Budapest, Hungary; Bratislava, Slovakia; Vienna, Austria; Weissenkirchen – Melk; Linz, Austria/Ceský Krumlov, Czech Republic; Passau, Germany; and Munich, Germany for a visit to Oktoberfest. The trip includes **free airfare** if you make your reservation(s) by June 30, 2024.

[Click here](#) for more information about this appealing trip or call Amanda at (317) 918-3705.

## 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 \$10.00 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 booth 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 booth, bring your lawn chairs and come hang out.

