

Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



December 2025

From the President!

Greetings Oberlanders! I hope this message finds you well and that you're all enjoying the holiday season. Christmas is just around the corner, and I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve you as president. It has truly been an honor. However, due to family reasons, I will not be seeking reelection to the 2026 board. I encourage all of you to consider stepping up and getting involved in the Club's leadership. Working together, we can continue to do great things.

December is always a busy time for the Club, so I want to highlight some upcoming events this month. More detailed information about all of these events is included later in this newsletter.

 **Annual Christmas Breakfast & Bazaar, Saturday, 12/06/25, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM:** This event is a great way to begin the holiday season—sharing a hearty breakfast, browsing handmade crafts, baked goods, and treasures, and enjoying the company of friends old and new.

 **Annual Christmas Dinner, Saturday, 12/13/25, 6:00 PM:** We will enjoy a classic German meal featuring Rouladen, along with festive music, an *Ugly Sweater Contest* and Gemütlichkeit.

 **Annual German Christmas Service, Sunday, 12/14/25, 4:00 PM:** Join us at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church for this annual service. Following the service, coffee and pastries will be served—a time to share in faith, friendship, and holiday cheer. You do not need to speak German to enjoy this service.

 **Annual Membership Meeting, Wednesday, 12/17/25:** Happy Hour begins at 5:15 PM with light snacks, followed by the business meeting at 6:00 PM. During this important meeting, we'll initiate new members who joined the Club in 2025, elect the 2026 Board of Directors, set the dues amount for 2026, and discuss plans for the new year which include a Strassenfest and Oktoberfest.

Mark Your Calendar

December

Sat, 06 – Annual Christmas Breakfast & Bazaar, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Thu, 11 – Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM

Sat, 13 – Christmas Dinner, 6:00 PM (German Cuisine)

Sun, 14 – German Christmas Service, 4:00 PM

- Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Terre Haute
- Coffee & Pastries served afterward.

Wed, 17 – Annual Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM

Thu, 18 – Bowling, Vigo Bowl, 6:00 PM

Wed, 24 – Christmas Eve

Thu, 25 – Christmas

Wed, 31 – New Year's Eve

January

Thu, 01 - New Year's Day

Thu, 08 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM

Sat, 10 - THGOC Annual Soup Dinner, 6:00 PM

Mon, 19 - Martin Luther King Jr Day

Thu, 21 – Bowling, Vigo Bowl, 6:00 PM

Wed, 28 - Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM



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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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On behalf of the entire Board, I thank you for your continued support, dedication, and enthusiasm. May your holiday season be filled with joy, peace, and togetherness.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr!

Tom Nascimbene, President



Danke!

Thanks to following members who came together on November 8th with shovels, rakes, blowers, trimmers, mops, dusters, vacuums, scouring pads, and plenty of elbow grease to clean up the club and grounds. Your hard work and cheerful spirit made all the difference—turning chores into camaraderie and ensuring our facilities and grounds remain welcoming and beautiful for everyone.

Karen Allen
Bret Bingham
Chuck Lindner

Jay Copra
J.D. Kesler
Mike Kesler

Susan & Ron Hinsenkamp
Tom & Annelie Nascimbene
Brian Roberts

Also, a special thanks to Ian Lutz who applied another coat of sealer to the roof of the walk-in cooler.

We also would like to express our thanks to Susan and Ron Hinsenkamp, Tom and Annelie Nascimbene, Bret Bingham, JD Kesler, Spring Wilson, Mark Pierce, Dave Bratten, and Agelina Boatman and Sayer Hamm from Terre Haute South High School, for a great Founders Dinner on Saturday, November 11th. The German meal was delicious, and the Streamliners delivered great music. Special thanks to Bret for generously providing the fantastic cupcakes for dessert!

Finally, we want to thank everyone who donated toys to *Toys for Tots* and/or food to 14th St & Chestnut Community Center. Your generosity will help brighten the holidays for families in our community and truly embodies the spirit of giving.



New Member

We welcome Bill Mattern, a U.S. Army veteran who, along with his wife, works for the U.S. Postal Service. They have one daughter who attends St. Patrick's School.

Board of Directors Election

Elections for the **2026 Board of Directors** will be held during the **Annual Membership Meeting on December 17th at 6:00 PM**. The Board is composed of a minimum of five and no more than 9 active members, elected directly by the membership for a 1-year term. Every active member of the Club in attendance at the annual meeting is entitled to vote during this election.

The Board of Directors plays a vital role in achieving the Club's mission, overseeing operations, and supporting the programs and events that bring us together. Their leadership helps preserve our traditions while fostering growth and community engagement. By electing dedicated members to serve, we strengthen the foundation of our Club and ensure it continues to thrive for generations to come.

For further information regarding candidacy for election to the board, please contact Tom Nascimbene (812-249-1724), Ron Hinsenkamp (812-230-6882), or Spring Wilson (812-201-4568) no later than **December 10th**. At a special organizational meeting convened immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting, the newly elected board members will select the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.



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ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST AND VENDOR FAIR



9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
DECEMBER 6

Over 20 vendors with a wide variety of items just in time for Christmas.

BREAKFAST featuring
Homemade Biscuits & Gravy
Full order \$5.00 • Half order \$3.00

ADMISSION IS FREE
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German Christmas Dinner

Sat, 12/13/25, 6:00 PM
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

– **Authentic German Meal** –

Salad, Roll & Butter
Rouladen
Spaetzle
Red Apple Cabbage
Dessert

Adults: \$22.00
Children 12 & Under: \$11.00

– **Cash Bar** –

- German Beers
- Domestic Beers
- Wines & Full Bar Service

Ugly Sweater Contest & Door Prizes

This event is open to the public. However, reservations are required.
Call 812-201-4568 by Monday, 12/08/25.

We shall be celebrating

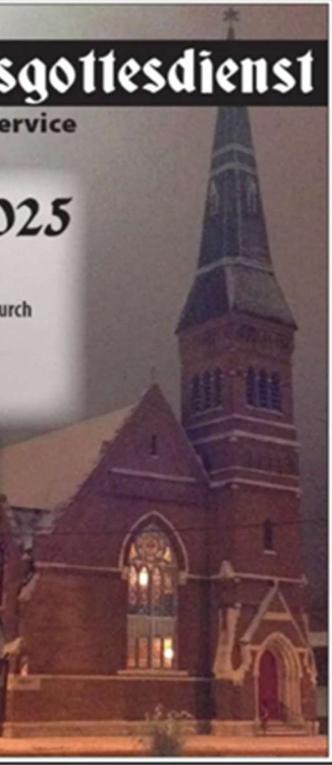
Weihnachtsgottesdienst

German Christmas Service
(English translation provided)

14 December 2025
4:00 p.m.

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
645 Poplar Street, Terre Haute, IN
812/232-4972

Coffee & Pastries served afterward.




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GERMAN OBERLÄNDLER CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:30 PM • HAPPY HOUR WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

-  Recognition and initiation of new members who joined in 2025
-  Election of the 2026 Board of Directors
-  Setting of 2026 dues
-  Distribution and brief discussion of the 2026 Calendar of Events
- +** Additional club business as needed

We'll do our best to hold the meeting to one hour.

