



# Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



February 2026

## From the President



Hey everyone it's my first article for the newsletter so I'll start by a brief introduction

My wife Kara and I have been married almost 39 yrs. We have 2 adult kids and two teenage grandchildren. We live in North Terre Haute in the same place all of those years. Currently down to one dog but at one time it was 3 dogs and two cats. We're longtime members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. That's where we were first introduced to the Oberlanders. As many of you know, many Immanuel members were Klub members.

We actually started by volunteering at both fests for a few years (with urging from said church members) before we actually joined. Between Krista Price and Pr. Phil Meyer using the line "we need more young people", we finally gave in. Funny thing though, we were in our late 50's and early 60's and we were considered young!!! We appreciated that.

I guess my point here is that we need to keep talking to our friends and neighbors about the Klub! It's no secret there's a shortage of younger, able bodies in our organization. That's putting a big kibosh on the things we can do. Klub rentals are really helping pay the bills, but do we want to just be an event space? I don't think so. All of us do what we can do and it's very much appreciated. But lets face it, we're not getting any younger so we need to highly talk up the Klub and start getting our name back out there!

That being said, we have a number of dinners without hosts this year. I will be the first to admit Kari and I haven't hosted one ourselves but that's changing with the March dinner. It's the day before my birthday and it will be a St Patrick's Day theme. Also the February dinner is being hosted by one of our newer members, Brett Bingham. Thank him when you see him. This is what we need.

It's going to be an exciting year and a challenging one also. Ther will probably be some changes in the way things are done. And we know Germans don't like change LOL!! We have a Strassenfest and an Oktoberfest both planned and they're both desperately needed for the health of the Klub. I know we can count on the help of everyone as we've had in the past. Everybody helps as they are able.

## Mark Your Calendar

### February

- Mon, 02 - Groundhog Day  
e-Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Sat, 07 - Valentine's Dinner & Dance, 6:00 PM (Streamliners)**
- Sat, 14 - Valentine's Day
- Mon, 16 - President's Day
- Thu, 19 - Bowling, Vigo Bowl, 6:00 PM
- Wed, 25 - Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM**

### March

- Mon, 02 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Sun, 08 - Daylight Savings Time Change
- Sat, 14 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6:00 PM**
- Wed, 25 - Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM**
- Mon, 30 - Vigo County Spring Break (03/30 - 04/03/26)



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

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Please be patient with the board as I can guarantee you they have the best interest of the Klub in mind. It's going to take all of us working together.

Thanks for reading,  
Brad

### Annual Membership Dues for 2026

Thank you to everyone who paid at least 50% of their 2026 dues by the January 31st deadline. Those who submitted full payment will be included in a gift card drawing, which will take place during the membership meeting on February 25th.

Dues are a significant source of the Club's income. If you haven't already paid, please send your dues promptly to: Terre Haute German Oberlander Club, PO Box 5214, Terre Haute, IN 47805.

### Upcoming Events

YOU'RE INVITED TO SPRING WILSON'S

**50<sup>TH</sup>**  
*Birthday Celebration*

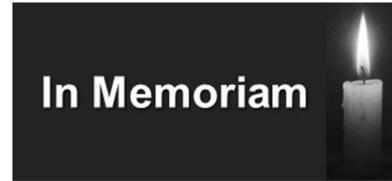
**02.28.26**

6:00 pm to 9:00pm | 1616 Lafayette Ave.  
Terre Haute, IN

Cash Bar  
Light Snacks  
DJ Cody

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 22, 2026  
(812)201-4568  
or  
(812)243-9567

If you cannot make it and wish to send a card, please send to:  
4513 N 13 1/2 St  
Terre Haute, IN 47805

### In Memoriam

We are saddened to report that some members have recently experienced significant personal

losses. Robert Huchens' mother, Sherri, passed away; Karen and Lynn Allen mourn the loss of Karen's brother Bob; and Nancy Walbring grieves the passing of her son Andy. We also wish to acknowledge the recent passing of Carol Hawn, a former member.

We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of each of these individuals. May their memories offer comfort, peace, and strength during these challenging times.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**  
at the  
**Terre Haute German Oberlander**  
1616 Lafayette Ave, Terre Haute, IN  
**March 14th**  
Doors open at 5:30 PM • Dinner served at 6:00 PM

**Dinner Menu:**

- Salad
- Irish Bangers and Mash Potatoes with Gravy
- Bread
- Dessert

Cost: \$20 for Adults  
• \$10 for Children 12 and Under

Reservations required by March 10  
Call Spring Wilson at 812-201-4568



**Strassenfest**  
Saturday, May 2nd, 2026  
11:00 AM – 10:00 PM  
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**Oktoberfest**  
Saturday, Sep 19th, 2026  
11:00 AM – 10:00 PM  
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Terre Haute, IN  
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