



Terre Haute German Oberlandler Club



August 2026

From the President

Can you believe it's August already? Summer is winding down, kids are heading back to school, and festival season is starting.

On a very positive note, Kari and I are mostly moved back into our house! Only 402 days if anyone was counting. 😊 Thanks to all of you for keeping us in your thoughts. It was a long time coming.

On a not so positive note, the Board of Directors has made the difficult decision not to hold an Oktoberfest on September 19th. Several factors led to this outcome:

There just weren't enough club members available to help put together and execute a successful 'fest. Many members who we've relied on in the past will be out of town or unavailable the week leading up to the 'fest and/or on the 19th. Since there aren't many of us to start with, this was a big factor.

September 19th had the fewest competing community events, so moving the date would have created more conflicts rather than solving them.

This was not an easy call, and the Board spent considerable time weighing the options. I do want to thank and acknowledge the willingness of Erica Canton and Ashley Schaefer, German language teachers at Terre Haute North and Terre Haute South High Schools, who once again committed to recruiting students to help with the 'fest.

To try and help fill the gap left by Oktoberfest, we are planning to expand the Founders Dinner on November 14th into both a Oktoberfest and Founders Dinner. This event will be open to the public, although reservations will be required since we can only seat 80 to 100 people comfortably in the clubhouse for dinner. We've already booked the Streamliners Band to provide live music from 6:30-9:30 PM and we're hoping to find another band to provide music during Feierabend (Happy Hour) that will start around 4:30-5:00 PM prior to dinner at 6:00 PM. We're still working on the dinner menu, but it will be a traditional German meal that includes homemade Strudel for dessert and takeout meals will be available. Stay tuned for more details but it sounds like this will be fun and successful.

A lot of other good things happened at the Club over the summer thanks to the efforts of some of our members. A lot of these things are highlighted in the *Danke Schön* section of this newsletter as is information about our **Annual Picnic** on **Saturday, August 15th**.

Brad Cress, President



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Mark Your Calendar

August

Thu, 08/13/26, 6:00 PM: Board of Directors Meeting
Sat, 08/15/26, 5:00 PM: Annual Picnic
Sat, 08/22/26: TH Air Show
Sun, 08/23/26: TH Air Show
Wed, 08/26/26, 6:00 PM: Membership Meeting

September

Thu, 09/10/26, 6:00 PM: Board of Directors Meeting
Wed, 09/23/26, 6:00 PM: Membership Meeting
Fri, 09/25/26: Cory Apple Festival (09/25 - 09/27/26)

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



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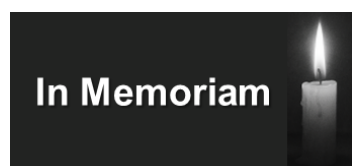
Danke Schön

Thank you to Brad Cress, Bret Bigham, Bob Pabst (a friend of Bret), Jay Copra, Jessica Buttiglieri, and Ron Hinsenkamp who began cleaning out the basement in the storage house on July 13th. Bret and Bob continued to plug away at this nasty dirty task on July 18th and July 25th. Thanks to the efforts of these folks, especially Bret and Bob, real progress is being made on this project that's been discussed for years.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Yard Sales and Breakfast on July 18th, especially to Spring's Aunt Mary who made homemade biscuit sausage sandwiches with cheese. Also, to Spring and everyone who helped with this annual event. This event netted the Club around \$280, and it provided us with the opportunity to divest ourselves from some *treasures*.

Thank you to Bret, Jessica and Spring who rented the club for a Goose Painting Party on July 25th as a fundraiser for the Club. Twenty-five people, most of whom were first time visitors to the Club, participated in this event. Everyone had a good time, and the event generated \$398 in income for the Club.

Finally, thanks to Ray Weber for trimming some of our trees again. We have a lot of trees on our property, and this is almost a never-ending task.



We are sad to report that some of our members and their families have recently experienced significant personal losses. Patrick and Cheryl Voll and the entire Voll family mourn the unexpected loss of Patrick's brother Peter on July 18th. Michelle Lutz's and her family grieve the loss of Michelle's mother, Theresa Edington-Stroud, on July 26th. We also want to acknowledge the recent passing of Evamarie

Enlow, a proud former member of the Club for over 50 years, on June 4th.

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.



Annual Picnic

This year's Annual Picnic will be on **Saturday, 08/15/26**, starting at **5:00 PM**. The picnic will be held outside in the pavilion, so we encourage you to bring chairs and sunscreen. We also plan to have a mini-biergarten, music, bingo and cornhole.

The Club will furnish brats, plastic utensils, plates, condiments, and one free beverage per person. Please bring a covered dish to share, using the guide below to decide what to bring. If you are unable to bring a dish, there will be a \$5.00 charge at the door.

Last Name A – G: Salad (pasta salad, potato salad, broccoli salad, etc.)

Last Name H – O: Side dish (macaroni, baked beans, chicken bacon bites, etc.)

Last Name P – Z: Dessert

Please **RSVP** to **Spring Wilson** (812-201-4568 or Spring1976@msn.com) by **Tuesday, 08/11/2026**. This picnic is for members, their families and invited guests.

‘Everything we do depends on our members. Your involvement and active participation keep our traditions strong and our Club thriving.’ Anonymous.

