



Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



September 2026

From the President

Well can you believe it! It's September already. That means cooler weather should be around the corner.

By this time, we are usually deep into Oktoberfest preparations, but as we have shared before, Oktoberfest will not happen this year. Instead, we are trying something different by expanding our Founders Dinner into a Founders/Oktoberfest Dinner. We're looking at having a *Feierabend (Happy Hour)* before dinner with special drinks, snacks and hopefully live music. We're also open this event to the public, although they'll have to make reservations just like Club members. We hope these changes will increase attendance and provide both members and the public with an opportunity to still celebrate Oktoberfest.

It's no secret that our membership is down, and many of us are not as young as we used to be. That means we need to adapt, try new ideas, and think about what the Club can become next. Several possibilities are already being discussed, including some things the Club has not tried before. Stay tuned!

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the picnic. The rain held off, the temps weren't too bad and the food was AWESOME! There were many visitors which was good to see. We also had some of our newer members attend. With that said, we were able to reinstate our initiation ceremony after a long hiatus. That was fun. Thank you to all who helped put it together.

Based on feedback we received during the membership meeting on August 26th we're going to try to condense the agenda for these meetings, so we have time left for a little fun and *Gemütlichkeit*. We're kickoff this idea at our next meeting on September 23 by playing a version of the old *Grand National Horse Racing Game* that Bret Bingham found in the basement of the storage house. At some point in the Club's history this was a popular game among members.

As I write this, Kari and I have family members taking a 15-day bus tour of Europe through Turner Coaches. The trip, called the *Heart of Europe*, includes several days in Germany. We, members of the Club, previously heard about a possible river cruise option, but it never really gained momentum. After our family returns, I hope to learn more from their experience and see whether it might be something the Club could consider.

Brad Cress, President

Mark Your Calendar

September

Thu, 09/10/26, 6:00 PM: e-Board of Directors Meeting
Sat, 09/12/26, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM: Drive Thru Chicken & Noodle Dinner
Wed, 09/23/26, 6:00 PM: Membership Meeting
Fri, 09/25/26: Cory Apple Festival (09/25 - 09/27/26)

October

Thu, 10/08/26, 6:00 PM: Board of Directors Meeting
Sat, 10/03/26: Pioneer Days (10/03 & 10/04/26)
Sat, 10/03/26: Newport Hill Climb
Fri, 10/09/26: Covered Bridge Festival (09/09 - 09/18/26)
Sat, 10/10/26: Immanuel Lutheran Church Brat Trot
Mon, 10/12/26: Columbus Day
Sat, 10/24/26, 6:00 PM: Halloween Dinner
Wed, 10/28/26, 6:00 PM: Membership Meeting
Sat, 10/31/26: Halloween



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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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Upcoming Events

DRIVE THRU / TO GO ONLY

Homemade

CHICKEN & NOODLES

WITH MASHED POTATOES, CORN AND HOT ROLL!

MEALS ARE \$15 EACH CASH ONLY

Terre Haute Oberlander German Club
1616 Lafayette Ave, Terre Haute, IN

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12
RAIN OR SHINE
11AM TO 2PM

PICK UP WILL BE IN THE BACK PARKING LOT OFF 16TH STREET!

RSVP BY SUNDAY SEPT 6TH

RSVP TO 812-201-4568

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.terrehautegermanclub.org

CAN YOU ESCAPE THE DARKVILLE HOTEL DEEP IN THE BLACK FOREST?

A HALLOWEEN MYSTERY ESCAPE DINNER PARTY!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

Come join us at a mystery escape room Halloween dinner party. Come dressed in Halloween costumes (not mandatory). Work as a team to compete against others to see who can solve the puzzles first to escape from Darkville. Bring a group of friends for a team, date night, meet new people, enjoy a night out, we would LOVE to see you.

CASH BAR
DOOR PRIZES

RSVP TO 812-201-4568
Spring Wilson for tickets

MENU:

- Appetizers/snacks and candy (lots of candy)
- German Slider Trio (hot ham/cheese, bratwurst burger, schnitzel)
- Baked Potato casserole
- Crickets
- Green Beans
- Dessert Bar

COST:
Members \$20
Nonmembers \$25

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Know Someone Who Could Use a Card or a Kind Word?

Do you know a Club member who could use a thoughtful card—whether it's for get well wishes, sympathy, congratulations, or just a bit of encouragement? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to Spring Wilson at (812) 201-4568 or Spring1976@msn.com.

Support our Club at Gordon Food Service!

Do you shop at Gordon Food Service? If so, we'd be thrilled if you could support our Club by asking them to register your purchase under our name! As a non-profit organization, we earn one point for every dollar spent on qualifying purchases. These points make a big difference by helping us reduce food costs for our monthly dinners and events.

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FOOD SERVICE

Having a Party? Rent the Club.

Are you or someone you know looking for a place to hold a birthday or anniversary party, shower, business luncheon or meeting, or maybe a family party? If so, the Club may be the ideal place. Members receive a deep discount on Club rentals. For more information or to check availability, contact Spring Wilson at (812) 201-4568 or Spring1976@msn.com.

