



Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



October 2026



From the President

OK as everyone who really knows me, I'm a procrastinator! It drives Kari (and others) nuts. So this month's article is a little late, so likewise the newsletter.

September was a busy month, and October has shaped up to be even busier. Not having Oktoberfest in September was a disappointment for many. I've heard from a lot of people around town they miss it. However, they understand when I explain the reasons. It seems that people just don't join organizations or volunteer like they used to. The Brat Trot 5K, I put on at church, is struggling with volunteers and participants this year. There isn't a lot of "reasons" to be around people anymore. They can watch anything, anytime, and anywhere on their phone. Anything you want to eat can be delivered to your door. Shopping is a given between Amazon, Etsy, eBay, and others. There is no practical reason to interact with others. But what is wrong with this picture? It's no fun!! Fun and enjoyment is the product we need to sell. Not beer and brats (of course that's fun and enjoyable), but physical interaction with others. Make a connection with people.

The decision to make the November Founders Day dinner into an extended Oktoberfest style event is an attempt to engage more people without as much prep needed. A longer happy hour type event with music will hopefully entice more people to attend and enjoy. And that can be a great opportunity to potentially recruit. Bret's idea of hanging around after the membership meeting this past Thursday was successful as most people stayed to play the Grand National Horse racing game.

It's not all gloomy on the event front though. We've had an inquiry about partnering with another group on a Oktoberfest. Way too early to even speculate on this but it's something we're going to investigate. Neighbors helping neighbors.

As we head into the holidays, there's lots of things going on here at the Klub and elsewhere. Let's get out there and enjoy and support these things. And while you're at it, talk up the Klub and our events, what we do, etc.

Mark Your Calendar

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

November

Sun, 11/01/26, Daylight Savings Time Change
Tue, 11/03/26, Election Day
Sat, 11/07/26, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Annual Fall Cleanup at the Club
Wed, 11/11/26, Veterans Day
Thu, 11/12/26, 6:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting
Sat, 11/14/26, 6:00 PM - Founders Dinner & Dance
Wed, 11/18/26, 6:00 PM - Membership Meeting
Sat, 11/21/26 - Annual Christmas Bazaar & Breakfast, 09:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thu, 11/26/26 - Thanksgiving
Fri, 11/27/26 - Black Friday



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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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Maybe these little things can reverse the trend of isolation we all see every day and get people talking to each other again. There's a lot to be gained by that.

Brad Cress, President

In Memoriam

Our hearts go out to Erin Wineinger and her family following the passing of her mother, Phyllis Jane Rayburn, on September 26th. Please keep Erin and Kris, her father James, and her brothers, Evan and Ethan, and their whole family close in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Upcoming Events



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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JOIN US FOR AN Oktoberfest FOUNDER DINNER AND DANCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

HAPPY HOUR 4:30-5:30 PM
DRINK SPECIALS
APPETIZERS
LIVE MUSIC

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00 PM

MUSIC & DANCING 6:30-9:30 PM
MUSIC PERFORMED BY *The Streamliners*

MENU

SALAD	KASSLER RIPPCHEN (SMOKED PORK CHOP)	GERMAN POTATO CASSEROLE	VEGETABLE	APPLE STRUDEL
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, BUT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. CALL 812-201-4568 BY NOVEMBER 8TH

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New Members

Please join us in welcoming our newest members, Oliver Scmittten, Heather Lankster, and Nathan Lankster, to the Klub! Oliver was born in Bremen, Germany, and works at Saturn Petcare in Terre Haute. Heather is a preschool teacher's assistant, and Nathan works in corrections. Willkommen!

Planning a Holiday Party?

The calendar is filling up quickly, so don't wait—call Spring Wilson at 812-201-4568 to reserve the club. Whether it's a family gathering or an office celebration, it is a great place to celebrate holiday festivities.

