# Terre Haute German Oberlandler Club



November 2026



## From the President

Well, I'm late submitting this again. I start to see a pattern here LOL!

Actually, I had an article started and was going to finish it while we were camping with family this weekend. But after the weekend was over and we were settled at home, I saw I needed to go another direction.

November is the end of fall and things start looking cold and drab by the end of the month. Short days and no color can get us all down. BUT November also has Thanksgiving. That's what should really matter.

We were camping at Prairie Creek Park for 4 days with Kari's cousins. And setting around the fire one night just chill in', it struck me how much me, Kari, and all of us have to be thankful for. Her aunt and uncle came down 2 nights. 90 and 87 yrs old. Her aunt (her mother's sister) is blind, almost totally deaf and suffering from severe dementia. Kari's mom (83) came and stayed one night. Other cousins came and visited a couple of evenings. How wonderful to have us all together. A lot of people don't have that. Family is the best and most precious thing to be thankful for.

Most of our fellow club members are not blood family but by extension we include them. And it's not a secret that a lot of us members (most) are senior citizens. And quite a few are LONG time members. We should be very thankful for those members who have given us this club to be caretakers of.

We initiated a few new members at the last membership meeting. What made that special is that they were younger people. They can continue what's made the Oberlandler's last this long. Yeah, we can bitch and moan about how we can't do certain things, but we need to be thankful that we're gaining new members that CAN do things. It might be done differently, and some things might be new, and some things might not be done at all. But thankfully the Oberlandler's will still be around even though we won't.

### Mark Your Calendar

**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 – Oktoberfest/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

**December**

Thu, 12/10/26, 6:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting
**Tue, Sat, 12/12/26, 6:00 PM - German Christmas Dinner**
**Wed, 12/16/26, 6:00 PM - Annual Membership Meeting**
Thu, 12/24/26 - Christmas Eve
Fri, 12/25/26 - Christmas Day
Thu, 12/31/26 - New Year's Eve

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Kari and I have so much to be thankful for after the past year and a half. I'm sure you all have just as much to be thankful for if you think about it. The friendships formed among our members should be part of that.

2027 is right around the corner. That sounds scary but it shouldn't. It's a time for new things, old traditions, and different experiences. Be thankful we have members and new members to continue the Oberlandler's into another decade.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. May you celebrate with those whom you call family and seriously think about how much you have to be thankful for. I'm sure it's way more than you think it is.

*Brad Cress, President*



## Danke Schön

Thank you to all our members and guests who attended our Halloween Dinner on Saturday, October 24, 2026. It was a wonderful evening filled with delicious food, wonderful costumes, laughter, and great company. A special thank-you to Rosie Weber and her crew—Nancy Walbring, Ray Weber, Mark Pierce, Patrick Voll, Larry Hawn, Oliver Schmitten, and Spring Wilson—for hosting an epic dinner.



## New Members

Please join us in welcoming our newest members, Jerry and Susan Lietz, to the Klub! Jerry and Susan live here in Terre Haute and they're Chicago Bears fans. Jerry's interests include sports, movies and travel. Susan enjoys painting and crafting. Willkommen!

## Upcoming Events






## Fall Clean-up Day

Many hands make light work—and the more helping hands we have, the more we can get done! Join us for Clean-up Day on **Saturday, November 7th**, at **9:00 AM** to give our clubhouse and grounds some TLC. We have maintenance and clean-up projects inside and out, and every extra pair of hands helps us tackle more of the list. Wear clothes that can handle a little dirt, bring your gloves, and, if you have them, a rake, leaf blower, hedge trimmer, or other handy tools. You can look at our to-do list here and see where you can lend a hand!

The Club will provide soup for lunch and drinks. In the event of rain, we'll shift our focus to indoor projects and try to tackle the outdoor work on Saturday, December 5th, at 9:00 AM. Let's team up, have a few laughs, and see how much we can accomplish together!



## Upright Vacuum Needed

Do you have a good used upright vacuum cleaner you no longer need? The Club's vacuum is worn out, and replacement parts are no longer available to repair it. We're asking members to consider donating an upright vacuum(s) in good condition to help keep our clubhouse clean. If you have one to donate, please let Ron Hinsenkamp or Brad Cress know, or just bring it along to clean-up day on November 7th.

## Notice of Annual Meeting & Election

In accordance with Article III, Section 2, of the Klub's bylaws, the annual membership meeting and election of the board of directors for CY 2027 will take place on **Wed, 12/16/26** at **6:00 PM.** In accordance with Article V, Section 2, the newly elected board will choose officers (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary) for the new year at the board's organizational meeting.

The board, which is composed of five to 9 members, is responsible for managing the affairs and operation of the Klub. Current board members and officers are:

- Brad Cress, President
- Jessica Buttiglieri, Vice President
- Ron Hinsenkamp, Treasurer
- Spring Wilson, Secretary
- Bret Bingham, Board Member
- Jay Copra, Board Member
- Brian Roberts, Board Member

If you are interested in running as a candidate for election to the board of directors, please contact Spring Wilson (812-201-4568) by December 7th. The bylaws require that candidates for election to the board must have been a member of the Klub for at least six (6) months. The goal is to have a full 9-member board in 2027, but we anticipate some current board members will not be seeking re-election for another term.

## Help the Klub Out

Do you occasionally shop at Gordon Food Service? If so, next time you shop, ask them to ring up your sale under the name *Terre Haute German Club*. As a non-profit, the Club earns 1 point per dollar spent on qualifying purchases. These points help reduce the cost of food for our monthly dinners and events.

