



NEWSLETTER

Indiana German Heritage Society

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IGHS WELCOMES NATIONAL TURNFEST

FESTBUMMLER ARE WELCOME

While only members of Turner clubs can compete at the Turnfest in Indianapolis from June 26-29, 1991, for the Festbummler there is much to see and to do, and everyone is invited. There are several activities to participate in for all age groups and towns people, Festbummler and other interested persons. A Fitness Test, set up and run by German Turner Lutz Leitner, gives an idea of one's condition. Participants have to successfully complete a specified number of easy tasks determined by age at several stops.

Also offered for public participation is a 10-K run and a Volksmarsch. And if you just want to watch--you are in for an entertainment treat. Besides the pomp and circumstance and pageantry, always a part of the Festival, two exhibition groups from Germany will perform at the opening and closing ceremonies. "The Artistic Jumpers" of Remscheid, Germany promise a show of flying people. Modern dance and gymnastics are the forte of 14 young ladies from Hannover's "Turn-Klubb." Rumor has it that the Germans will bring a couple of soccer teams.

The prize-winning show group, Artistic Jumpers, composed of 16 men between the ages of 16 and 34, will also include several Americans who currently study in Germany. They have received rave reviews from the German and European press for their first rate acrobatics.

The Rhythmic-gymnasts, comprised of 14 women between the ages of 20 and 24, will perform modern dance and gymnastics routines. The last time that someone from Hannover's "Turn-Klubb" participated in an



Indianapolis Turnfest was in 1905, when two members of that same club were part of the German Turners delegation.

Promoting fitness for youth, adults, and the elderly, through meaningful leisure-time activities is central to the Turner ideal. This is evident in the National Turnfest. All Turner Club members have a chance to participate in gymnastics, swimming and diving, fencing, track & field, golf, bowling, and tennis. There are also team sports for volleyball, soccer, racquetball, softball, and gymnastics. Many of these events are open for spectator viewing. Most spectacular are the model exercises, performed to music and timed not to exceed 10 minutes. A minimum of 12 participants are judged on their correctness of execution, difficulty of movements, group action, originality of movements, and costumes. Usually the top winners are selected to repeat their numbers or exercises as an exhibition on Sunday, the Festival's last day.

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"The Artistic Jumpers" from Germany

The University Archives at IUPUI, depository of the records of the Athenaeum Turners and the National Turners, will arrange an exhibit on the Turners, depicting the role they played in establishing Indianapolis as the "Amateur Sports Capital of the United States." A reception will honor both groups for their donations to the University Archives.

Side tours will be offered to Indianapolis German landmarks such as the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument (designed by Berlin architect Bruno Schmitz, with sculptures by Rudolph Schwarz) through the old German district with its churches, and the state capitol building.

The Athenaeum (formerly Das Deutsche Haus) will serve as the headquarters for Turnfest '91. The Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union (American Turners), the oldest continuously operating physical training school in the United States, was housed in the building's east wing from 1907-1946. A symposium titled: Sports, Society and the Turners will be held at the IUPUI Conference Center on Wednesday, June 26, and will feature presentations and discussions from leading scholars in Germany, the United States, and Canada. The program and registration form for the symposium is included in this Newsletter.

Sporting events will take place at the sports complex on the IUPUI campus. The program for these events is also printed in this publication.

For information on the Turnfest and/or registration write: Turnfest '91, 415 E. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, or phone 317-635-7477.

GERMAN TURNER PRESIDENT AT FEST

Prof. Dr. Dieckert, president of the Deutscher Turner-Bund, will participate in the symposium, Sports, Society and the Turners on June 26 and will attend the Turnfest. With the addition of the Turners from the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), the Deutscher Turner-Bund now numbers roughly 4.4 million members.

Professor Dieckert is the director of the Institute for Sports Science at Oldenburg University. An artistic gymnast in his youth, Dieckert was involved in the German gymnastics movement in the 1950s, especially in the youth aspects. He worked as a volunteer in the Deutscher Sportbund in support of general and recreational sports. An energetic man of 55, Dieckert was working the Brazilian forests four days prior to his election at DTB president. He had been a lecturer in Brazil for three years, and, in 1989, he began to conduct ethnological research in the Brazilian forests regarding the lifestyle of a little known native tribe. A documentary on his work was shown on German television.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TURNFEST

If you are interested and willing to help a few hours during the Turnfest, June 25-30, please contact the German-American Center at 317-464-9004 or Ruth Reichmann at 812-988-2866. If nobody is there to take your call, please leave your name and telephone number on the answering machine. Your call will be returned.

48th NATIONAL TURNFEST TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 25, 1991

Arrival in Indianapolis, check-in (hotel, dormitory, campground) Sightseeing

Wednesday, June 26, 1991

8:00-11:00 am

Athenaeum: Information, Spectator/Competitor
Registration, City Tours with Gray Line

8:30 am

IUPUI Convention Center: Registration for Symposium
Sports, Society and the Turners

9:00 am-4:15 pm

Opening of Turner Exhibit, Greetings and
Welcoming remarks
Symposium Sports, Society and the Turners

2:00 pm

Miss Turner Practice, Athen.-Cabaret Ballroom

6:30 pm

Parade beginning at University Place

7:00 pm

Opening Ceremony at the Track and Field Stadium

8:00 pm

Athenaeum: Miss Turner Contest - Ballroom
Fun, Food and Friendship

Thursday, June 27, 1991

8:00-11:00 am

Athenaeum: Information, Spectator/Competitor
Registration, City Tours with Gray Line

9:00 am

Athenaeum: Cultural Entries 9-11 am
Soccer
Girls and Ladies Gymnastics, all levels
Co-ed, Actives Sr. Ladies Volleyball - Y.M.C.A.
Boys and Men (All Groups) Track and Field 3 event &
5 event
Senior Women Tactics and Free Exercise Drill
Competitions:
• Tennis, Men and Boys, singles and doubles
• Racquetball, Women, singles and doubles
• Fencing, Men, Foil
Bowling - all groups

11:00 am-1:00 pm

Senior Men Tactics and Free Exercise Drill
Women Gymnastics, all levels - Free Choice
(3 event max.)
Boys and Active Men Track and Field Team and
special Events
Competitions:
• Girls and Ladies Tactics and Free Exercise Drill
• Rope Climb Men
• Racquetball, Men, singles and doubles
• Swimming & Diving All Groups single events &
Free Choice Competition

1:00-4:00 pm

Cultural Judging Displays closed

2:00-5:00 pm

Fencing, Women, Foil
Boys and Active Men Tactics and Free Exercise Drill
Competitions:
• Golf, Men and Women
• Cycling All Groups

4:00-7:00 pm

Athenaeum: Food and Music

8:00 pm

Demonstrations and Model Drills IUPUI Gym
Followed by Dance - Athenaeum

Friday, June 28, 1991

8:00-11:00 am

Athenaeum: Information, Spectator/Competitor
Registration, City Tours with Gray Line

9:00 am-7:00 pm

Athenaeum: Cultural Exhibits open for viewing

9:00 am

Soccer
Bowling All groups
Boys and Active Men Gymnastics
Rhythmic Gymnastics
Girls and Ladies Track and Field, all levels 3-event &
4-event
Tennis, Men and Boys continued
Softball

1:00 pm

Men All Groups - Free Choice Competitions
(3-event max.)
Girls and Ladies Track and Field, Team and
Special Events
Competitions:
• Tennis, Women and Girls, singles and doubles
• Racquetball, Men, continued

3:00 pm

Golf, Men and Women
Girls Volleyball
Boys Volleyball

7:00 pm

Athenaeum: International Banquet
Beer Garden: German Band and Dancing
Music and Entertainment for
Young People, Athenaeum Gym

Saturday, June 29, 1991

9:00 am-7:00 pm

Athenaeum: Cultural Exhibits open for viewing

9:00 am

Soccer	Bowling - all groups
Ladies Volleyball	Fencing - Athenaeum
Tennis, mixed doubles	Volleyball - Active
Racquetball, mixed doubles	Sr. Men Y.M.C.A.
Golf, Men and Women	
Fitness test	
Volksmarch	

7:00 pm

Athenaeum: American Turners Banquet
Beer Garden: German Band and Dancing
Music and Entertainment for
Young People, Athenaeum Gym

Sunday, June 30, 1991

8:30 am

German Protestant Church Service at Zion
Evangelical Church
German Catholic Church Service at
10 km Run all age groups, male and female

11:00 am

Closing Ceremonies
Selected Model Drills
Awards

A BIT OF TURNER HISTORY

This year's German-American sports event, the 48th National Turnfest of the American Turners, has a long and proud tradition. It is the oldest continuing amateur athletic meet in the nation, beginning in Philadelphia in 1851--the same year Indianapolis Germans organized their first Turnverein.

A bit of Turner history should probably start with the meaning of the German word "Turner." The American Heritage Dictionary defines a "Turner" as a "tumbler or gymnast; esp. a member of a Turnverein ...", "turnen" means to do gymnastics or physical exercises. Back in Germany, the Turners were followers of Friedrich Ludwig Jahn (1778-1852), the Father of gymnastics. They embraced his educational tenets of sound body and mind through physical fitness and all-round development. Thus music such as male choruses and orchestras, theatrical groups, debates, and lectures were integral elements of the Turnvereins. Education in citizenship and vocational work was provided as well; and a Savings and Loan Bank served their building needs. The Turnverein was a place for fellowship, fun, and growth for the whole family.

After the disastrous defeat of the Prussian army by Napoleon at Jena, a tidal wave of nationalism spread over Central Europe. The universities became hotbeds of liberal thinkers. Secret societies, fraternities, and various patriotic organizations were formed. Physical prowess and fitness were demanded so that the Vaterland could be liberated from foreign domination. Turners were a part of the movement and they contributed valiantly to Napoleon's defeat.

Unfortunately, the Post-Napoleonic period (1815-1848) was one of restoration or princely powers. The patriotic dreams of German "unity and justice and freedom" could not be realized against the will of autocratic governments and their repressive control of the people, and when the Revolution of 1848 failed, many liberal thinkers were forced into exile.

Three university-trained scholars, Charles Beck, Charles Follen, and Francis Lieber, contemporaries of "Turnvater" Jahn, established a beach-head for gymnastics in the United States. The first Turnverein was established in Cincinnati in 1848 by Friedrich Hecker, a flamboyant leader in the foiled 1848 Revolution. During the second half of the 19th century, numerous Turnvereins were founded in many American cities and Turner Halls were built. These clubs not only promoted physical fitness through highly disciplined exercises, they also offered musical and theatrical activities, lectures, language courses, and civics, all according to the old Greek motto, mens sana in corpore sano. Creativity and skills in arts and crafts received equal attention, from painting and sculpture to good cooking. Today's cultural

exhibits of the Vereins at the Turnfests would be unthinkable without this arts and crafts tradition. Turnvereins provided a homeland atmosphere for newcomers. This made the transitional adjustments of becoming American a bit easier. For Turners, active social and political participation in their chosen country was the rule rather than the exception. They also promoted physical and vocational education.

Although their language preference remained German, membership was open across the ethnic spectrum. As a national organization, the Turners were decidedly opposed to slavery. During the Civil they wholeheartedly supported Abraham Lincoln and the Union in word and deed. When they formed their own regiments, they admitted both white and black men. Having its origin in the male-only tradition, it took a little longer to include women in the sports events.

In the not so distant past, members of the American Turners represented the U.S. state of the art in gymnastics, both nationally and internationally, including the Olympics. More important than stardom, though, has been the Turners' orientation toward Volksport, aiming at physical fitness for everyone through regular recreational activities.

Ruth Reichmann

FESTSCHRIFT AVAILABLE

Team effort did it. Professors Giles Hoyt and Eberhard Reichmann in collaboration with Doctors Claudia Grossmann and Elfrieda Lang have completed work on the publication of the Festschrift by Theodore Stempfel, Fifty Years of Unrelenting German Aspirations in Indianapolis, originally published in German in 1898 to celebrate the completion of the Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum that same year. This illustrated, bilingual edition is slated to appear in time for the 48th National Turnfest, June 26-29, 1991. The story tells of the numerous Indianapolis German Vereins during the formative second half of the 19th Century, and culminates in the excitement of the building and the celebrating of the grand openings of the Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum in 1894 (East Wing) and 1898 (West Wing). Also printed are the membership list of the "Socialer Turnverein Stockholders Association" of 1898 and a historical advertisement section of old Indianapolis businesses. Stempfel's work is a must for anyone interested in the 19th century Indianapolis German community and is a perfect companion volume to the Probst/Reichmann, The Germans in Indianapolis: 1840-1918. This edition is limited. Order NOW at the pre-publication, IGHS membership price of \$19 (includes shipping and tax). Send payment to NCSA LITERATUR, R 5 Box 175, Nashville, IN 47448.

Symposium

Sports, Society and the Turners

Wednesday, June 26, 1991 at the IUPUI Convention Center

held in conjunction with
the 48th National Festival of the American Turners

A celebration of 50 years Physical Education at Indiana University/Purdue University and a commemoration of its historical connection to the Normal College of the North American Gymnastic Union (American Turners).

PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. Greetings and Welcoming remarks

9:30- 11:30 a.m. **The Turners in North America: A Historical Perspective**

"The American Turners: German Origins and Impact on Physical Education," Horst Ueberhorst, Ruhr-Universität-Bochum, Fakultät für Sportwissenschaft; "German Canadian Turnvereine: Origin and Evolution, 1858-1878," Wendy Gray, University of Western Ontario; "Female Turners: Their Involvement in Turnen," Prof. Robert Knight Barney, University of Western Ontario. Moderator Dr. Joerg Nagler, Deutsches Historisches Institut, Washington, D.C.

11:30-1:00 p.m. Luncheon

1-2:30 p.m. **The Role of the Normal College, its Relationship to the American Turners and the Public Schools, and its Connection with Indiana University**

"The Turners in Indianapolis," Alida Moonen, Ohio State University; "Living the History," Lola L. Lohse, former Dean of the IUPUI School of Physical Education. Moderator Giles R. Hoyt, Indiana University.

2:45-4:15 p.m. **Panel Discussion on Future Cooperation**

Dean S. Sue Barrett, School of Physical Education; Jürgen Dieckert, President of the German Turners; Otto Ryser, formerly Normal College and Indiana University-Bloomington; Dr. Cory Servaas, President's Council on Physical Fitness. Moderator Ruth M. Reichmann, Indiana University.

4:30-6:30 p.m. **Reception**

Registration Form

Cost for the Symposium is \$25.00 (includes lunch and reception).

Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ Tel. _____

Send check made out to the German-American Center to: Turnfest Symposium, 401 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

NEW PALESTINE PROGRAM JUNE 1

The IGHS New Palestine tour schedule is now set. Meet at the Zion United Church of Christ at 12:00 noon. The activities will begin with a meal at the church. The lunch cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$2.50 per child under 12. Reservations are requested. Phone either Mildred Hendryx at 317-861-4525 or Fred Schramm at 317-335-4526 to place your reservation. After the meal, Max Hendryx will explain the church's history.

At 1:00 PM there will be a walking tour of New Palestine. Mr. Hendryx will point out the homes of German immigrants and explain more about the area's history.

Following the walking tour (around 1:45), participants may drive to the Armin Schramm residence. A descendent of Jacob Schramm, author of the Schramm diary and letters, Mr. Schramm will relate the history of the house and the farm followed by a tour of the Schramm cemetery. A tour of the Zion Lutheran Church and school grounds will follow.

The program will conclude with a drive to the Max & Mildred Hendryx residence (around 2:30). The house is a former barn constructed by Anton Schildmeier.

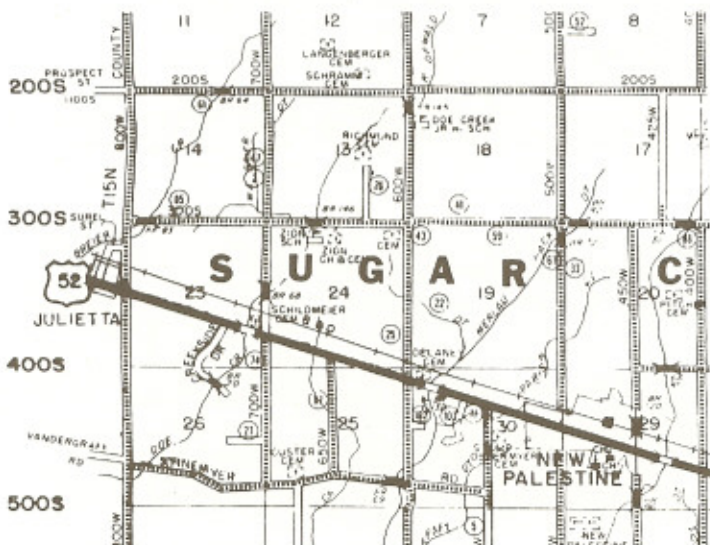
Directions to New Palestine:

East: I-70 to Mount Comfort Rd. Exit; south on Mount Comfort Rd. to US 52; left on 52 to Zion church.

South: I-65 to I-465 East; exit at Brookville Rd. (US 52) and follow east to New Palestine and Zion church.

North: Follow I-465 to Brookville Rd. (US 52) exit, then east to New Palestine and Zion church.

West: I-70 through Indianapolis to 465 South; exit at Brookville Rd. and travel east to New Palestine and Zion church.



OLDENBURG CONTINUES CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION TRADITION

The feast of Corpus Christi (Fronleichnam) will be celebrated in Oldenburg on Sunday June 2, 1991, immediately following the 10:30 mass (approx. 11:20 EST). The celebration takes the form of a procession of worshipers accompanying the Blessed Sacrament along the mile-long procession route. The procession, which will wend its way north through the wooded area, begins and ends at Holy Family Church and stops at four altars along the route. At these stops, the Blessed Sacrament, carried in its monstration under a canopy, is venerated and Benediction given. At Benediction the honor firing squad, the Schiesser Companie, fires three volleys and hymns are sung accompanied by the small band of woodwind and brass. Two of the altars are in 100 year old permanent brick chapels in the cemetery and the woods. The remaining two chapels are temporary, set up on the sidewalks. Recitation of the Rosary, uniformed Knights of St. John honor guards, strewn flower petals, banners, flags, incense, and vestments help to set the tone of the celebration.

The tradition of the feast of Corpus Christi dates from 1246 with its institution by Pope Urban in 1264. The tradition of the procession began in the city of Cologne in 1279 spreading throughout western Christendom the following century. In Germany the Corpus Christi procession became associated with the procession for good weather with the four procession route altars representing the four compass directions. The 1991 procession will mark the village's 145th consecutive year for holding the celebration. Oldenburg was founded as a north German Catholic village and became a center for Catholic education with the founding of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis and the Franciscan Friars of the St. John the Baptist Province. The "Village of Spires" is an architectural Schatz kammer, providing a lovely setting for the event.

By William Hoelker & William Selm

OLDENBURG FREUDENFEST '91

The 15th annual Oldenburg Freudenfest will take place on Saturday, July 20, beginning with the 7th annual international Volksmarch at 7 AM. German food, music by Die Doppel Addler, dancing by Fledermaeuschen Tanzgruppe, arts, crafts, and other entertainment are on the agenda. Those interested in the Volksmarch can complete the 10k walk between 7 AM and 2 PM. Lunch will begin at 11 AM with music scheduled to start at noon. For further information, contact Paul Selkirk at 812-934-3552.

Gary Munchel

SISTER CITIES TO MEET IN CHICAGO

Members of the Indiana German Heritage Society, including Eberhard and Ruth Reichmann, will combine attendance at the Sister Cities International Conference at the Palmer House in Chicago with a summer outing in South Bend on Sunday, July 21.

The Chicago conference is an exciting opportunity to meet with the 2,000 delegates expected to attend from around the world. Many of them will come from the German-speaking areas of Europe. Programs will focus on public-private partnerships in the areas of cultural exchange, urban development, economic development, health, and government management. Cost for the conference is \$130 for members of a Sister Cities Committee and \$155 for non-members if paid by July 1. It includes several meals and Chicago sponsored events, such as Wednesday evening at Grant Park, Thursday at Navy Pier, a Reception and International Festival on Friday evening, and a Saturday afternoon reception, followed by the annual awards banquet.

On Sunday, July 21, members of the Sister Cities committees, IGHS members, and others interested in German heritage, will participate in a tour of German South Bend, arranged by IGHS member Howard Schmitt.

SOUTH BEND TOUR JULY 21

July 21, the day immediately following the Sister Cities Program in Chicago, a tour has been arranged for those interested in South Bend's German Heritage.

Visits will be arranged for St. Joseph's Church and the 100 Center, a former brewery, both important parts of the local history. These two establishments reflect highly successful German immigration. Lunch will be at Tippecanoe Place, a huge fieldstone mansion built by the Studebaker (Studebecker) family, reflecting the success of a firm that first made wagons for the Union Army during the Civil War, and at the turn of the century, started producing automobiles. After lunch there will be a tour of the automotive museum. Those having different interests may wish a walk around the grounds of the University of Notre Dame, founded in 1843.

To reach South Bend, take US 31-33 into the downtown area. Turn east on LaSalle Ave. Just over the river, one may park in front of the J.C. Lauber Co. (founded in 1890, now an Indiana landmark).

Meet at 11:00 AM at the Lauber Co. For those arriving later, meet at 1:00 PM at Tippecanoe Place (W. Washington St.) for lunch. Tour is free, lunch is extra.

Contact H.J. Schmitt (219-234-4174) weekdays for reservations or write J.C. Lauber Co., 504 E. LaSalle Ave., South Bend 46617.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

As a result of the elections held at the business meeting of the Indiana German Heritage Society the following are the new members who were elected to serve on the board of directors with terms to expire in 1994:

Paul Brockman	Ruth Reichmann
Phyllis Brockmyer	Ruth Scanland
Claudia Grossmann	William Selm
Halbert Kunz	

*In addition, Ernestine Dillon and Annemarie Springer were elected to fill the unexpired terms of Joseph Salmons and William Renner, both of whom resigned.

The board of directors then elected the following individuals to serve as officers:

President--Helen Moore
Vice President--Eberhard Reichmann
Secretary--Rosalind McCart
Counselor--Richard Hofstetter
President Emeritus--Ruth Reichmann

The following were named chairmen for 1991:

BUDGET--Hal Kunz, James Talley, Giles Hoyt & Paul Brockman
CULTURAL EXCHANGE--Rosalind McCart
EDITOR OF NEWSLETTER--Paul Brockman
GENEALOGY--Phyllis Brockmyer
GERMAN-AMERICAN CENTER--Ruth Reichmann & Giles Hoyt
GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY--William Selm, William Hoelker, Hal Kunz, Walter Noot, & Ruth Reichmann
ARCHIVIST--Martha Enyart
INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM--Paul Brockman & Alan Goebes
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL--Carol Kastner, Richard Askren, William Hoelker, John Niermeyer, Eb Reichmann, Ruth Reichmann, and Annemarie Springer
MEMBERSHIP--Ernestine Dillon & Ruth Scanland
PUBLICATIONS--Eberhard Reichmann
PUBLIC RELATIONS--Lee McDougal & Fred Schramm
ST. NIKOLAUS FEST--Rosalind McCart & William Selm
SISTER CITIES--Ruth Reichmann

The treasurer's report for 1990 is listed in this Newsletter.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Paul Diebold, author of the article on "Emanuel Church In Dubois County" in the Spring, 1991 Newsletter, is employed by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, a division of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. His article, originally titled "Heritage Points the Way to Heaven" was first published in the Nov.-Dec. 1990 issue of Indiana Preservationist of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, and was reprinted with permission. Also, Jasper was not founded as a German immigrant town.

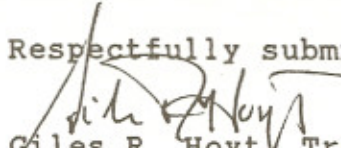
INDIANA GERMAN HERITAGE SOCIETY
Treasurer's Report for the year 1990

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Newsletter			
Printing	1825.00		
Postage	160.00		
Misc.	29.65		
		2014.65	
Secretary's Expenses	225.00	225.00	
Membership Chair's Expenses	378.36	378.36	
Memberships	25.00	25.00	
Stammtisch	293.78	293.78	
German-American Center	576.45	576.45	
Publicity	352.87	352.87	
Conferences	476.14	476.14	
Donations to Athenaeum	422.15	422.15	
Misc.	258.43	258.43	
			5022.83
<u>Income</u>			
Memberships			
IND	1510.00		
FAM	1725.00		
ORG	75.00		
PAT	600.00		
COR	150.00		
		4060.00	
Interest, Dividends	1610.15	1610.15	
Grants	.00	.00	
Donations	1167.50	1167.50	
Reimbursement	188.34	188.34	
Publications	1528.50	1528.50	
			8554.49

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 1990

Checking	1730.50
Share Accounts (2)	143.10
Money Market (Includes New Harmony Program and Anthology Monies)	17883.21
Yearbook Account	6988.47
TOTAL ASSETS December 30, 1990	26745.28

Respectfully submitted,


Giles R. Hoyt Treasurer

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY 1991

We will once again celebrate German-American Day on October 6. To pass these resolutions through Congress we need your help!

We ask you to do the following:

1. Ask your Congressmen to co-sponsor House Joint Resolution 180 and Senators Richard Lugar and Dan Coats to co-sponsor the companion Senate Joint Resolution to commemorate October 6 as German-American Day.
2. Request the governor and your city council to declare October 6, 1991 as German-American Day in your community, and refer to the national celebration.
3. Organize a celebration or join in celebrating German-American Day.

COLOGNE VISITORS TOUR INDIANA

Twenty-two visitors from Cologne and the surrounding area visited Indianapolis from April 5-8 as part of a fact-finding tour of the Midwest. Other cities visited were Detroit and St. Louis, with stop-overs in Chicago, New York, and Washington, D.C. The purpose of their visit was to gather information in the areas of housing, urban spaces, transportation, city planning, architecture, construction, and urban planning.

They hosted a reception and dinner at the Columbia Club on April to meet their counterparts, exchange information, and have a contact here in Indianapolis for further information.

Volkmar Schultz, a member of the German parliament, is the president of Cologne's sister city committee and was with the group. He has been in Indianapolis several times and his daughter, Antje, spent a month in the city a year ago.

On April 6, the Cologne/Indianapolis Sister City Partnership Committee hosted a reception at the Highland Golf and Country Club. This allowed further contact for the sister city visitors, and they, in turn, met a different group of people from Indianapolis.

Also on their agenda were meetings with Senior Deputy Mayor Harry Eakin, Governor Evan Bayh, Lt. Governor Frank O'Bannon, and opportunities to meet with senators, representatives, and judges. When not meeting with people, they toured Columbus, Indiana, briefly stopped in Nashville, and toured Indianapolis.

Volkmar Schultz met the in-coming president of the Cologne/Indianapolis Sister City Partnership Committee, Gerald I. Lamkin, president of IVY Tech. Schultz also thanked out-going president, Horst Winkler, for all the work he had done in establishing the Cologne/Indianapolis agreement.

Betty Christian, Exec. Dir.,
Cologne/Indpls. Sister-City Comm.

IRHA ANNOUNCES HISTORY PROGRAM

The Indiana Religious History Association has announced a new project called Local Religious History Awards. "This project encourages the writing of more local church histories and better anniversary booklets," stated James J. Divita, IRHA president and Marian College history professor. Divita indicated that guidelines for the Local Religious History Awards had been drawn up and are being mailed to judicatory and state denominational headquarters.

Churches, synagogues, and church auxiliary organizations are invited to submit three copies of recently prepared histories to the IRHA. Three judges will evaluate their merits and the winners will be recognized by the IRHA at its annual meeting next October. Histories and anniversary booklets written within the last five years will be accepted. Entries must be submitted by September 1, 1991. One copy of the written work will be deposited in the Indiana Historical Society Library for public reference. Two other copies will become the property of the IRHA.

Further information, including a copy of the guidelines, is available upon request. Please send inquiries as well as entries to the Local Religious History Awards, IRHA, PO Box 88267, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

RICHMOND GHS NEWS

As a result of its newly formed Rose City Partnership with Zweibrücken, Germany, it is the plan to develop a Richmond-Zweibrücken Friendship Rose Garden to honor their new "Sister City" relationship. The proposed garden will occupy the space between the present All-American Rose Garden and The E.G. Hill Rose Garden. Rose City Nursery has developed a Garden plan which will include about 280 rose bushes plus many other plantings. At this point, Mayor Waltermann and the Rose Garden Committee are endeavoring to raise the nearly \$22,000 necessary to complete the Friendship Rose Garden.

There are also tentative plans for Mayor Waltermann and others to visit Zweibrücken (Rhineland-Pfalz) during the latter part of September this year. After the Zweibrücken visit in the Rhineland-Palatinate, the group will likely also visit Osnabrück and the outlying villages from which the Waltermanns and many Richmond families came in the 19th Century.

Don Royer, Richmond German Heritage Soc.

MAENNERCHOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Maennerchor concert featuring soprano Nancy Shade which was scheduled for Saturday, April 20, was postponed and has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 17, at 3:00 PM. It will be held at Caleb Mills Hall, Shortridge Junior High School, 34th and Meridian streets, Indianapolis.

PARK PARTNERSHIP MARKS 75th YEAR



These two friends are "fathers" of park systems established in 1916. Richard Lieber (left) founded Indiana State Parks and Stephen Tyng Mather became the first director of the National Park Service. Three years later, Governor Goodrich appointed Colonel Lieber first director of Indiana's Department of Conservation (now the Department of Natural Resources). Mather and Lieber were partners in organizing the National Conference on State Parks (1921) and colleagues, with Frederic A. Delano, in the American Planning and Civic Association. Mather realized the need for smaller parks as the NPS was swamped with nominations which did not meet National Park criteria. Still, hundreds of important natural and historical areas needed preservation. Then, less than one-third of the states had parks. Having created a model system, Richard Lieber soon emerged chief national advocate. From his native Germany, he brought a rich philosophic perspective and conservation conscience. For many years president of the National Conference, he was first board chairman and continually reelected.

In 1929, Steve Mather's energetic and extraordinary career was shortened by untimely death. Lieber continued his close association with Mather's successors: Horace Albright, Arno Cammerer, and Newton Drury. Following his resignation in 1933 until his demise in 1944, Colonel Lieber was a consultant to Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and was an Advisory Board member; the National Parks, Historic Sites, and Monuments.

For three-quarters of a century, this partnership has continued. Today, James Ridenour, former DNR director, is the director of the National Park Service. William Walters, former State Parks director and Jim Parham, former editor of Outdoor Indiana and chief of Information, are on the National Parks team.

On March 20, at the State Capitol Rotunda, DNR director Patrick Ralston was master of ceremonies for the opening event of the 75th Anniversary Celebration. A large crowd including park veterans, guests, and John Bennett's fourth grade class from Bluffton, was present for an address by Indiana's First Lady and award announcements. State Parks director Gerald Pagac and his staff are planning 75th Anniversary events in various parks. The Bluffton fourth graders are designing a conservation module which can be used statewide. The Indiana Humanities Council, through the Division of State Parks, has funded a video program telling the story of our parks and conservation development.

When you visit Turkey Run State Park this year, don't miss the grotto housing a bronze bust of Richard Lieber upon a pedestal of Indiana limestone. At its base in bronze is his favorite quotation. "He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best." It was erected by grateful citizens during the Colonel's lifetime.

When you visit the Dunes State Park, ask a ranger to direct you to the Stephen Tyng Mather bronze tablet. It reads: "He laid the foundation of the National Park Service, defining and establishing the policies under which its areas shall be developed and conserved unimpaired for future generations. There will never come an end to the good that he has done."

by Robert Frederick

HOYT AWARDED FELLOWSHIP

Giles R. Hoyt, IGHS member and IUPUI German Professor, has been awarded a Lilly Open Faculty Fellowship. Hoyt will undertake research and writing on the history of German immigrants to Indiana. In order to gain background information on the immigrant experience, he will study American, Indiana, and German history; the sociology of emigration/immigration; and published letters and diaries of immigrants. He will also search the archives and libraries of religious groups, historical societies, organizations, and businesses for documentation on the German experience in Indiana. In addition to the development of instructional materials for use at the high-school and college level, Hoyt will write an essay on the Germans in Indiana to be published as part of a book on the state's ethnic groups by the Indiana Historical Society.

HLFI RENOVATES GERMAN LANDMARK

After several years of awaiting its future, the historic Charles Kuhn House reopened with a new look and purpose. On February 4, 1991, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana opened the doors to its new state headquarters in the circa 1879 house.

Prior to its new function and location, the Kuhn House served as a family residence. The Kuhn Meat Market adjoined the house on its west facade. Originally located on the southwest side of the canal at Michigan Street, the building's current location at 340 West Michigan Street is the result of a demolition threat. In 1984 Historic Landmarks moved the two story brick Italianate house to make way for the new American College of Sports Medicine.

Charles Kuhn immigrated from Schnaith, Württemberg, Germany in 1853. Around 1859 he established Kuhn's Meat Market at 407 West Michigan Street. Kuhn entered into partnership with his son-in-law, Peter Sindlinger. Following Kuhn's death in 1896, Sindlinger, along with Charles' sons, William F. and John, continued to operate the meat market under the name Kuhn Brothers.

Charles Kuhn's younger brother, William, came to Indianapolis in 1855. William likewise made a name for himself in Indianapolis. The younger brother operated a bakery at 302-304 North East Street. Located within the Lockerbie Square Historic District, the two story building housed the bakery on the first floor with the family's apartment above. Theodore Stein's book, Our Old School features Charles and William Kuhn. Both men are listed as contributors to the German-English Independent School.

Following his father's death, John A. Kuhn resided in the family home with his mother, Fredericka, who died in 1909. Although family members ceased to occupy the house after her death, ownership remained in the Kuhn name until 1921. The house underwent numerous tenants and owners until purchased by Historic Landmarks Foundation.

The Charles Kuhn House, renamed The Heritage Preservation Center by the Foundation, replaces former offices located in the Waiting Station of Crown Hill Cemetery. To accommodate the growth of Historic Landmarks, a new addition joins the original house on the north facade. The addition created much needed space for several departments including the Information Center, a resource collection dedicated to addressing issues in historic preservation and architecture.

Historic Landmarks Foundation looks forward to meeting the State's preservation needs from its new location. For more information on the Heritage Preservation Center or the Foundation's services and programs call 317-699-4534.

Suzanne Rollins, HLF



HLFI State Headquarters/Kuhn House
Photo by Marsh Davis

GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE IN FT. WAYNE

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Allen County Public Library Historical Genealogy Department are sponsoring the 1991 FGS Conference titled An All American Conference to be held in Fort Wayne from August 15-17.

The three day conference will contain 90 genealogical lectures and discussions for both the beginning and experienced researcher. An All American Conference features sessions on research methodology, United States and Canadian resources, and a "melting pot" of lectures on our ethnic origins.

The recently renovated and enlarged Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library is looking forward to having researchers take advantage of their expanded research facilities. The Library will also be offering extended research hours for genealogical patrons.

The conference will be held at the Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne's convention facility--one and a half blocks from the Library. The Conference Hotel, the Hilton, adjoins the Grand Wayne Center. The planning committee has acquired special rates for both the Hilton (\$67 per room up to four people) and the Holiday Inn Downtown (\$55 per room up to four people). For Hilton reservations, phone 219-420-1100, and for Holiday Inn reservations phone 219-422-5511. In order to receive these rates, you must mention that you are attending the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference.

Pre-registration for the conference is \$80. For more information, and to have your name placed on the mailing list for "An All American Conference" program, write to:

1991 FGS Conference
Attn: Curt Witcher, Conference Chair
900 Webster Street, P.O. Box 2270
Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Speakers from the IGHS Annual Meeting
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Zion Evangelical Church, Indianapolis
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Keynote Speaker Antonius Holtmann
Photo by Carol Kastner



Golden Raintree Singers at Zion Church
Photo by Carol Kastner

PAL-AM SPRING MEETING

The board of the Indiana Chapter of Palatines to America is pleased to announce that Mr. Henning Schroeder of Gummersbach, Germany, will conduct their Spring meeting on May 11, 1991 at Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, corner of North and New Jersey streets, Indianapolis, at 8:30 AM.

Mr. Schroeder is well-known in genealogical circles in the Midwest and will no doubt have information for everyone with regard to researching German ancestors.

In addition to Mr. Schroeder at the Spring meeting of the Indiana Chapter, Liz Weiss will also be on hand to answer questions regarding German letters or documents you may wish to have translated. You may either send a copy of the document with your reservation, or bring it to the meeting. If your document is more than a few sentences long, however, please make arrangements to have a private consultation at a later date.

John Palmer of Michigan History Publications, South Bend, Indiana, will have a large collection of books for sale. These cover the states of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and selected others.

Bill and Barbara Howison, who specialize in tombstone-rubbing materials, will not only have products for sale, but will also be available to explain the techniques involved. They, too, will have a collection of books and maps.

Door prizes include books and brochures on Germany given to President Bob McDougal by former German Consul-General, Dr. Klaus Schrameyer, and a few surplus issues of old PAL-AM journals will be available free in limited number.

Registration is \$15 per person which includes workshop, lunch, and an information packet for the first 100 registrants. Luncheon cannot be guaranteed for those not preregistered. Send check by May 1 payable to Palatines to America to Florence Herrmann, 478 Midland Drive, Danville, IN 46122-1535.

Dr. Robert McDougal

GENEALOGICAL QUERY

Searching for parents of William Henry Hauser born November 2, 1855, Michigan City, IN. Siblings: Barbara, Charles and John Hauser. William Hauser married Sophie Haller, May 1880, Michigan City, IN.

William P. Hauser, 50-521st Vista Montana, Indio CA 92201.

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May 8	IGHS BOARD MEETING - Athenaeum Lunch 12:30, meeting 1:00 PM	July 10	IGHS BOARD MEETING - Athenaeum Lunch 12:30, meeting 1:00 PM
June 1	IGHS SUMMER PROGRAM - New Palestine, 12-3 PM, see article for details	July 17-20	SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - Chicago, see article for details
June 2	CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION - Oldenburg, see article for details	July 20	OLDENBURG FREUDENFEST
June 12	IGHS BOARD MEETING - Athenaeum Lunch 12:30, meeting 1:00 PM	July 21	IGHS SUMMER PROGRAM - South Bend, see article for details
June 26-30	NATIONAL TURNFEST - Athenaeum, see articles for details	August 14	IGHS BOARD MEETING - Athenaeum Lunch 12:30, meeting 1:00 PM
June 29	ST. JOSEPH SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, St. Leon, begins at 10 AM	Aug. 31- Sept. 1 & Sept. 6-7	OKTOBERFEST, German Park, Indianapolis



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