



CELEBRATE JULY 4 AT THE ATHENAEUM BIERGARTERN

Help us celebrate an old-fashioned Independence Day with good food, entertainment, dancing and Gemütlichkeit. The Athenaeum Biergarten is the perfect place to watch the downtown fireworks!

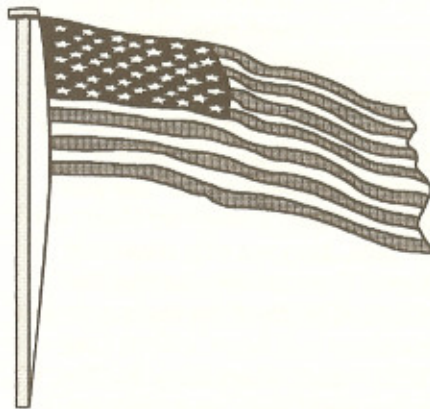
Admission (incl. food and entertainment, excl. alcoholic beverages) to benefit the Athenaeum Foundation.

Adults \$14.00 in advance, \$17.00 at the door.

Children 3-11 \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door.

Children under 3 are free. Fireworks only \$5.00.

Send your check to: The Athenaeum Foundation, 401 E. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. For info call 317-630-4569.



perform. Individuals, who have a skill, are also asked to come forward. This is a time to come together and to celebrate our German Heritage with song and dance. Co-chairs for the event will be again Ruth Reichmann (812-988-2866) and Gloria Webster (317-846-8440).

Mark your calendar and plan to come!!

Army, they accepted the responsibility to preserve and protect not only its natural resources, but its unique cultural and historic resources as well. Hundreds of German and Italian prisoners of war (POWs) played a role in the story of what has become Fort Harrison State Park. They will do research into the daily lives of the prisoners, contacts with local citizens and interaction with the German and Italian population, and how the prisoners viewed their experience. They will document the lives of the foreign prisoners, their physical contributions to the property and the impact they made on the lives of Hoosiers.

A public meeting to kick-off the project will be held on Sunday, June 29 at 2 p.m. at the Nature Center of Fort Harrison State Park. For info 317 591-0122

2ND GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY AT THE GERMAN-AMERICAN KLUB

On Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate again German-American Day at the German-American Klub. After the huge success of last year it was decided to join once more into a community festival and groups are invited to

FORT HARRISON HISTORY: PRISONERS OF WAR

The Department of Natural Resources, Indiana State Parks received funding to research the WW II prisoner of war camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

When the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs acquired the Fort Harrison property from the U.S.

GERMANFEST MILWAUKEE TOUR

Visit the largest German Fest in the U.S., July 25-27. Sponsored by the Culture Committee of the German-American Klub, this motor-coach tour will originate and terminate at the GAK. Tour price includes round-trip trans-

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portation, two nights accommodation, two meals enroute, two days admission to the Festival, Pabst Blue Ribbon Tour and services of a tour escort. Single \$388.00, double \$264.00. For further information contact Jennifer Caskey at Indy Travel in Indianapolis, tel. 317-573-3600 or 800-821-3484.

IGHS AT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

IGHS will have a booth at World Market Day, an outdoor festival at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis, August 16, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Placed in the museum's newly created Festival Park, the program will feature merchandise from all around the world.

INDIANAPOLIS GERMAN SCHOOL - GERMAN FOR CHILDREN

Kindergarten (4 ½ to 6 years);
Beginners (7-8 years);
Intermediate (8-10 years); Advanced 10-12 years).

Classes will begin again middle of September.

For registration information contact

Dr. Claudia Grossmann, IUPUI,
Dept. of Foreign Languages
425 University Blvd.; Indianapolis, In 46202; 317 274-2081 or 274-0062

STRASSENFEST IN JASPER, INDIANA

A wave of black, red and gold greets visitors driving into town on the first weekend in August. Houses and businesses are draped with these colors. Doors and entrance ways are decorated with wreaths, and mailboxes sport streamers or small flags. Waving in this sea of black, red, and gold are the German and the Jasper flags, towered by the U.S. flag as if to say: "No, you are not in Germany, you are in a German-American town!" For good reasons, Jasper's colors are black, red and gold. They not only salute this Hoosier German town but also the country of origin of the vast majority of its citizens and Jasper's Sister City, Pfaffenweiler, where many families, after two world wars, once again are in touch with relatives and namesakes.

The Strassenfest is a celebration of Jasper's German Heritage. And as it was in the early days of this German-Catholic community, the politically "correct" separation of church and state leaves plenty of room for the public display of a strong religious tradition. The ceremonial opening of the 1996 Fest was conducted by Mayor Bill Schmitt and Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, a native son.

Planning and active participation ranges from City Hall, the volunteer fire department, the churches, civic organizations and clubs, banks and businesses, to many Jasper and Dubois County citizens. It is a veritable community festival, and the four fun-filled days also turn out to be the biggest money maker for many of the private and charitable organizations. "It is a 'Street Festival' highlighting our rich German heritage and our community. It is a time to reflect and reminisce about our ancestors and their past experience," says chairman Ron Kieffner.

The Strassenfest provides for family get-togethers, renewing of old friend-

ships, making new acquaintances and having fun with an incredible number of activities for young and old, German or not. Now in its 18th year, it has become the greatest attraction in southern Indiana. Thousands of visitors flock to the predominantly German-Catholic community of app. 14,000. The spirit of the festival is best expressed in the official Strassenfest song by Ed and Anna Mae Schaaf:

Here above Patoka's waters,
'Neath the sky of blue,
I love to walk the streets of Jasper,
Arm in arm with you.

Where our father's came to settle
in a land a-new,
Now we raise our glass in memory
to our family true.

The 1996 Strassenfest provided traditional events and activities, carnival rides, 32 booths and games were spread over several locations, with major events on and near the square in the very heart of Jasper. An "Unterhaltung" feature in the official Strassenfest program was Archbishop Buechlein conducting the popular "Polka Mass" in three Catholic churches with German hymns interspersed. And there was Bruce Borders, the Jasonville Mayor and Elvis Impersonator, with a laser light show presented on one of the stages set against the impressive County Courthouse as a backdrop.

The Cafe Olé German Band performed songs in German dialect as they accompanied their renditions with guitar, accordion or autoharp (a zither with automatic transmission). Food vendors offered a wide variety. The "Speisekarte" posted in German, ranged from the obligatory "Bratwurst," "Schweinburger" and sauerkraut to funnel cakes. The "Deutscherverein" topped it with baked goods, from "Apfelstrudel" to "Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte."

In the "Bier Garten" tent one could buy

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a complete sitdown dinner with German style salads and condiments and featuring local German favorites. Non-stop entertainment was provided every night with the Alpen Echoes and the Continentals German Band from Washington, D.C. The "under 21 crowd" had access to food and entertainment through a "Root Bier Garten."

There was a Miss Strassenfest Pageant and Little Miss Strassenfest Pageant, a Children's Box Parade, a baby photo contest, hot air balloon contest, fireworks show, auctioneer contest, chili cook-off contest, parachute jump, WWII search lights, radio control air show and more.

Athletic competitions were going on throughout the festival. There were contests and prizes in tennis, bowling, waterball, golf, "Wettlauf," softball, volley ball, archery, bicycling, horse shoe pitch, and fishing. For the kids there was a casting contest, a big wheel and tricycle race, a baby can-do contest, and "Kinderspiele." A large group of gymnasts showed their art during the parade.

Many of the shops on the square had exhibits. One displayed Lillian Doane's collection of app. 100 Nutcrackers complete with the history. A clothing store exhibited apparel in black, red and gold. The Scottish connection of the city was celebrated with an exhibit of the MacDonalds. The hardware store showed old tools and another exhibit featured antique guns.

The high point, as always, was the Sunday afternoon Parade. This year's Grand Marshall was the favorite native son, the Most Rev. Archbishop Daniel Mark Buechlein, born 1938 in Jasper and educated at nearby St. Meinrad Archabbey Seminary. For 2 hours, 110 entries—fire engines, floats, antique cars, marchers and gymnasts moved through the crowd-packed streets. Of course, there were also politicians smiling and waving at the electorate. Floats ranged from those of churches, civic organizations and businesses to school

marching bands and athletic clubs. The Jasper High School German Club represented the sister city with a bit of Pfaffenweiler Fastnacht (Carnival). There were the "Bears" which start to roam the streets of Pfaffenweiler on "Dirty Thursday" prior to the beginning of Lent together with the "Schneckenarren" (snail fools), while the "Schneckenblaerri" band played noisy and scratchy music on old instruments painted in different colors.

In the Bier Garten, at the Deutscherverein booths and even on the street, one can still hear German dialects spoken in Jasper. In spite of the WW I shut down of German language instruction, three German dialects survived in Dubois County. "Plattdeutsch" has only a few speakers left; a Frankonian dialect is spoken in nearby Haysville; and a predominantly Alemannic dialect, reminiscent of Black Forest-Deutsch, is no longer limited to the old-timers, it is making a comeback with the younger set.

In 1984 a group from Jasper visited Pfaffenweiler, a small wine growing town, where some of the early immigrants had come from. Nestled into the vineyards of the Batzenberg it is located between "Rhein und Schwarzwald." What a surprise when both sides discovered that after four to five generations they were still able to converse. In 1985 a group from Pfaffenweiler came to Jasper and a sister city relationship ensued. Since then the Batzenberger Winzerkapelle, a formidable brass band, has performed several times at the Strassenfest.

There are striking commonalities between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler, not the least of which are the many shared names. It is not an everyday occurrence that a German mayor with the name of Gutsell will come to a family reunion of the Gutsells in Dubois County. While in Jasper—at church or on the street—you can always meet someone from Pfaffenweiler. Joseph and Irene Eckerle of Jasper have Alexandria Eckerle of Pfaffenweiler as a guest for app. 1 ½ years. Alexandria is working at

Stens Corporation. In 1987 Matthias Hilger came to Jasper for a practical traineeship. He lost his heart to Kathy Dilger and is still there. Not only do the elders get more fluent again, the school has an exchange program with Pfaffenweiler, and the dialect and old traditions are also brought back now by the young.

EVENTS AROUND THE STATE

June 20-21 Heimatfest - Northside Park, Ferdinand

June 28-29 - Sisters of St. Benedict Summer Social, Ferdinand

June 29 - 2 p.m. "German POWs at Fort Harrison," Nature Center at Fort Harrison State Park (see story)

July 19 - Freudenfest Oldenburg

July 31, Aug. 1-3 Strassenfest - Downtown Jasper

July 26 & 27 - Berne Swiss Days

August 8 - Founders Day - New Harmony

August 8-9 - German Fest - Highland Woods, Vincennes

August 6-9 - Schweizer Fest - City Hall Park, Tell City

August 7-9 - Germania Maennerchor Volksfest, Evansville

August 16 - Quilt Auction - Deutscher Gasthof, Montgomery

August 29-Sept. 1 - Oktoberfest/Tower, Michigan City

Sept. 5-6 & 12-13 - Oktoberfest - Nat'l Guard Armory, Terre Haute

Sept. 7 - Indpls. Maennerchor at Museum of Art

Sept. 21 - 150th Anniversary - Bethel UCC, Edwardsport

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Sept. 20-21 - Kunstfest & German Crafts Festival, New Harmony

For information consult your Indiana German Heritage Society Calendar or call Ernestine Dillon at 317-861-5831 or Ruth Reichmann at 812-988-2866

GERMAN PARK INDIANAPOLIS

8600 S. Meridian Street
317-624-4636

Summer Festivals on Saturdays
Park opens at 5 p.m.

June 21 - Heimath & Preussen
June 28 - GAK Auxiliary
July 19 - Saenger Chor
August 9 - Liederkrantz
August 16 - Soccer Club

OKTOBERFEST 97 AT GERMAN PARK

Aug. 29-31 & Sept. 5-6

SISTERS OF ST. BENEDICT IN FERDINAND

"Honoring the Past, Ensuring the Future." The Summer Social will celebrate 130 years of the presence of the Sisters in Ferdinand.

There will be a patchwork-quilt-of-fun, booths, food and entertainment. Dinners will be catered by Jasper's well-known Schnitzelbank Restaurant.

Hours: Saturday, June 28 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dinners: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 29 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dinners 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Marlins in Concert: 6 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*At the Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum,
401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis.
For info call 317 630-4569*

Monday, June 16, 7 p.m. German Folk Dancers, Athenaeum

July 4 - "The Fourth in Indy"
Athenaeum Biergarten

Wednesday, July 9, 4:30 p.m. IGHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Indianapolis Stammtisch and Program

Monday, July 21, 7 p.m. German Folk Dancers, Athenaeum

Wednesday, August 13, 4:30 p.m. IGHS Board Meeting Indianapolis Stammtisch and Program

Monday, August 18, 7 p.m. German Folk Dancers, Athenaeum

Wednesday, September 10, 4:30 p.m. IGHS Board Meeting p.m. Indianapolis Stammtisch and Program

Monday, September 15, 7 p.m. German Folk Dancers, Athenaeum

PROGRAMS

A variety of programs are planned for the second Wednesday evenings. They are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Max Kade Seminar Room on the first floor of the Athenaeum, 401 East Michigan Street. For further information call Sandra Henselmeier at 317-251-8658 or President Ernestine Dillon at 317-861-5831

BRUSH UP YOUR GERMAN

You are invited to the "Stammtisch" (or round table) every second Wednesday evening of the month at 6 p.m. Join us for good German food at the Athenaeum's Rathskeller Restaurant. "Stammtisch" means having a great time, "Gemütlichkeit," talk (auf deutsch!), good food and drink. Eberhard Reichmann leads the conversation and you do not have to be fluent.

The IGHS Board now meets on the sec-

ond Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Rathskeller prior to the Stammtisch. All board meetings are open to members and they are invited to attend and stay for Stammtisch and program.

JOIN THE GERMAN HERITAGE DANCERS

We meet every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Small Auditorium on the First Floor of the Athenaeum 401 East Michigan Street. Indy

For information contact
Ginni Bullard at 812-597-4932

+ IN MEMORIAM BILL KLAPPER (1923-1997) +

Together with our sister organization, the Kentuckiana German Heritage Society, we mourn the loss of Bill Klapper, its founding president and editor of the Neue Louisville Anzeiger Newsletter.

A heart attack took the life of a man who gave all of his love and boundless energy to the preservation and celebration of our German heritage, not only in Kentucky but nationwide. He was a frequent visitor at IGHS meetings, and he organized the 1995 Symposium of the Society of German-American Studies in his beloved Louisville. We will always remember Bill Klapper as one of the pioneers of our heritage revival.

GERMAN GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT ZION, INDPLS.

On Friday, March 28, at 10 a.m., the Annual German Good Friday Service will be held at Zion Evangelical United

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Church of Christ, 416 E. North St., Indpls. Although conducted in German, the service is easy to follow. The hymns are familiar to most churchgoers and the sermon is printed in English for participants to follow.—The congregations first church was built in 1845. We appreciate the opportunity to attend a German service in this beautiful house of worship, and our thanks go to those who make it possible.

BOOK CORNER

KRAPF POETRY COLLECTION ABOUT GERMANY

Time Being Books of St. Louis announces publication of Jasper native and IGHS member Norbert Krapf's tenth poetry volume, "Blue-Eyed Grass: Poems of Germany." The new collection of 63 poems, written between 1971-92, is available in paperback (\$12.50) and hardcover (\$18.95) editions.

Divided into three sections, the narrative cycle tells the story of an ongoing search for German heritage. Section 1, "Waking in Europe," revisits the poet's ancestral towns and villages and other sites in southern Germany; section 2, "Landscapes of the Masters," explores art and sculpture by such German masters as Lukas Cranach, Tilman Riemenschneider, and the Nuremberg artist Albrecht Durer, whose life and work inspired 15 poems; section 3, "Stones for the Dead," confronts W.W. II and the Holocaust.

The new collection is a sequel to Krapf's 1993 volume "Somewhere in Southern Indiana: Poems of Midwestern Origins," also published by Time Being Books. Krapf wrote the poems about Germany during the same period he worked on the revised and expanded "Finding the Grain: Pioneer German Journals and Letters from Dubois County," co-published in late 1996 by

the Dubois County Historical Society and the Max Kade German-American Center & IGHS.

Copies of "Blue-Eyed Grass" are available from the publisher, tel. (800) 331-6605, pb \$12.95, hard cover \$ 18.95 (s/h \$3.75). Members may save the s/h charge by ordering from: NCSA LITERATUR, 430 Kelp Grove Rd., Nashville, IN 47448.

CINCINNATI, OR THE MYSTERIES OF THE WEST, by Emil Klauprecht.

Translated by Steven Rowan and edited by Don Heinrich Tolzmann. New York, NY: Peter Lang, 1996. 657 pages, hard cover, ISBN 0-8204-2681-4, \$79.95

Originally published in 1855, this unique novel was a significant German-American work of its age and has withstood the test of time well, offering something for everyone, not just historians. Klauprecht has created a swash-buckling, historically realistic, politically charged, romantic adventure mystery that is a real page-turner as well as a warts-and-all snapshot of day-to-day life in mid-19th century Cincinnati.

Klauprecht, a professional journalist, is expert at luring his readers into a seamy underworld in which political and religious syndicates, unprincipled scoundrels, ghoulish grave robbers, sor-did tricksters, and general riffraff prey on the respectable inhabitants of the Queen City of the West. Exploding steamships, kidnapped babies, sultry villainesses, adultery, rape, murder, insurance fraud, political satire, mistaken identities and immigrant German-American values are all rolled up into a compelling narrative that entertains as well as educates and editorializes.

Natives of Cincinnati and the Ohio River valley are in for a particular treat as they find themselves transported back into the past when both city and river were instrumental in the settlement of the American heartland and western frontier.

Klauprecht's camera-eye and straight-forward, non-stop action narrative is skillfully deceptive, and nothing is what it seems to be. The plot has more twists, snags, surprises, and undercurrents than the mighty Ohio itself.

Rowan's translation is excellent. Tolzmann's notes guide the reader through historic Cincinnati. Highly recommended!

Paula Weber
Bavaria Books
1435 Church Hill Place
Reston, VA 20194-1232

THE GERMAN RESEARCH COMPANION by Shirley J. Riemer

Also just off the press is this formidable 646 pp. pb volume filled with just about any kind of information needed for the German-American genealogical researcher and history buff. Organized in 32 Chapters with c. 15 subchapters each, a 38pp. Index and a 16pp. "Cited Sources and References" section, everybody interested and working in this field will find it to be a most valuable "Companion." In fact, it has no equal for the German-language area of Europe.

Shirley J. Riemer is 2nd Vice Pres. of the Sacramento German Genealogical Society. She is also editor of their quarterly news magazine, *Der Blumenbaum*, another outstanding publication. The book appeared this Spring at her own Lorelei Press, P.O. Box 221356, Sacramento, CA 95822-8356. \$34.95 (shipped).—Members: \$30.00 (shipped) from NCSA LITERATUR, 430 Kelp Grove Road, Nashville, IN 47448.

ADDRESS BOOK FOR GERMANIC GENEALOGY by Ernest Thode

This popular guide book by one of the most respected genealogical authors is now in its 6th and substantially en-

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larged 196 pp. pb edition (8 1/2" x 11"). The unanimous acclaim it has received in the past will certainly come with this newest version as well. The book includes: A table of contents with built-in research tips * Overview maps and the new German postal regions * appropriate societies and archives in the English-speaking world * German-American religious organizations, booksellers, importers, newspapers, and map sources * ship and riverboat record repositories * archives, libraries, museums, geneal. societies and publishers in the German-speaking countries * genealogists * German-language form letters and useful phrases for correspondences. -ISBN 0-8063-1526-1. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897 (\$24.95 + 3.50 s/h).

SISTER CITY NEWS

INDIANAPOLIS-COLOGNE SCHOOL EXCHANGE

Twelve German students (2 girls, 10 boys,) ages 14-17, accompanied by teacher Athanasia Schrogl, of Nippes Gymnasium in Cologne, were expected on March 22 for three weeks. Things were hectic. The final families were found only days before the group arrived. The students were placed into homes where they would attend Mooresville High School, Ben Davis High School, Key Renaissance, and Cathedral High School.

At the arrival excitement peaked as the families eagerly searched among disembarking passengers for the familiar faces of their host student. As the plane began to empty, suddenly a stewardess ran past the waiting families and called for medical assistance.

One of the German students had had a "seizure" and had to be taken to the

hospital. She was accompanied by her worried host parents and the teachers. One of the host moms, Elisabeth Houppert, a nurse and a native German, stayed with Julia till midnight, helping with translation and giving emotional support. Giles Hoyt, the chair of the Cologne Education Subcommittee, was summoned away from his emceeing responsibility at the St. Benno Fest and stayed with Julia, so that the tired teacher could go home. Julia stayed the night in the hospital.

Her host family, the Coles of Ben Davis High School, instantly bonded to her in the emergency. (Her host mom was in a wheelchair due to a newly broken leg).

The luggage did not arrive until the next day. Through all the turmoil the German guests and the host brothers and sisters seemed to be quite happy with one another at the Welcoming Party at Cathedral High School.

One boy had to be moved; his host parent was on a week-long out-of-town business trip. One of the students, going to Germany this summer, and his family decided to take him and this was the beginning of a friendship between Matt and Moritz. Matt, will be the guest at Moritz's house while in Germany.

The two German adults stayed with Donna Sandage Drake and with me. Frau Zimmermann had been my host two years ago and fit right into my family. She enjoyed the two kids and my cat.

The first school week went well. Cathedral High School hosted 9 of the 12 students and made the Germans feel at home. They seemed to enjoy the various classes their host Geschwister took them to. Though they were encouraged to "shadow" other students, most enjoyed the continuity and company of their host sibling. By the end of the day the German room became a congregating place, a home, to relax, play music and talk, while Frau Taber did her school preparations. The families helped each other with the driving.

Over spring break students went to Conner Prairie; there was a "Meet the Mayor" meeting and an IV Tech reception, with Jerry Lamkin and Meredith Carter, who represented the Sister-City Committee. The students appreciated being able to call home from Boehringer-Mannheim. They enjoyed the trip to Bloomington and visit to an American university. Cathedral supplied the van, driven by Colleen Taber, and Mr. Houppert drove the other van.

A highlight was the service at the Oasis of Hope Baptist Church. The members of the African-American church warmly welcomed us again to the service. The time was filled with wonderful music and warm and prayerful companionship.

After spring break there was another week of school. For the Farewell Party everyone met at the Athenaeum for a pizza party and the exchange of thank you's. Pictures were taken and it was the beginning of teary-eyed good-byes, which continued to the April 12 departure.

Since then students have kept in touch by e-mail and early morning/late evening phone calls. In spite of the tense moments at the beginning, when I think back, I feel all warm and fuzzy and totally enamored with this program.

Another really neat thing is, that the 5 students going over now, know who will be waiting for them on the other side of the ocean. I will accompany the group and we will depart on June 11. The students will be attending school, and have an hour daily with me. This is a new addition to the program and I am designing 15 investigative lessons for the students. They will participate in a Schnitzeljagd re the school and re the town. Also they will learn about the town's historical, architectural and cultural significance. We will return around July 2. Kay Bates of Indy Travel got wonderful rates for us and Jennifer Caskey was very helpful in helping to find homestays for the

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Cologne students.

Also I received a phone call today from Mrs. Arbuckle, whose daughter is going with us, and who hosted Nico, one of the boys who came this spring. Nico's mom wrote a letter and said Nico would like to attend Cathedral for a semester next year. I don't know if he will be able to come to Cathedral, as I need to check through the channels, but isn't that heart-warming? (this is the second student in 2 years who wished to do this!)

Frau Colleen Taber (Cathedral High School)

VINCENNES WELCOMES WASSERBURGERS

A Report from Bavaria (School exchange, March 13-30, 1997)

Once again, Vincennes outdid itself with hospitality for 15 Luitpold Gymnasium [highschool] students: Welcome posters, honorary citizenship, special program. The Gymnasium is a most active party in the ongoing efforts for a meaningful partnership between Wasserburg and Vincennes. The students' impressions were condensed in the following:

America, how is it imagined? From typical movies, journals and flyers one thinks first of all of skyscrapers, wide streets, big cars, and the "American Way of Life." For the third time, Luitpold Gymnasium students accompanied by teacher Schaffner had the opportunity to learn about this particular part of America.

In schools, stores, restaurants and parks "Welcome Wasserburg Students" signs greeted us—an indication that we were not just exchange students but rather guests of the whole town. And again surprise: We were on the front page of the Vincennes Sun Commercial! Ralph Ruppel, who had been to Wasserburg several times, designed an interesting program for us. The first

weekend was to bring us in closer contact with hosting parents. And town and Sister City Committee provided a Welcome Breakfast. Next day we had a tour of the town and its important sites. The president of Vincennes University welcomed us for a tour of the campus and their radio and TV stations, where we came on camera and were subsequently shown on WVUT several times. A Rotary luncheon again underscored American hospitality. Present there was also a hotel manager who invited us to "Kaffee" at his hotel. A fine cultural event was on the next day a modern version of Shakespeare's Midsum-mernightsdream, performed at Indianapolis. The same week we took a trip to St. Louis and got acquainted with the mighty Mississippi.

An official town hall reception by Mayor Hatcher took place during the last week. That evening we were all made honorary citizens of Vincennes, with appropriate documents and pins.

This was reported again in the Vincennes paper. One last excursion to Indianapolis included a 3-D cinema and time for lots of shopping, followed by a farewell dinner in the Highland Woods.

Lit signs said: "Farewell Wasserburg Students." Of course, the main part of our stay was visiting American high schools, which we found very interesting. The educational system of the U.S. is different from the German one. There is only one type of high school, corresponding to our general high school. Students can create their own course menu. Noteworthy is that they have much more out-of-school activities than is the case in Germany, and also that the school plays a greater role. Remarkable also the openness of the students toward us. Friendships came about within minutes, also with citizens of Vincennes who were friendly and accommodating in any situation. Just one example of which was the invitation by the owner of a Chinese restaurant.

Besides all the beautiful memories of this experience, we won many friendships which will surely carry over to

their visit in our town next year. We hope that this visit will go down as another step toward the official sister city partnership between our towns. Now, when we hear the word "America" we no longer think first of skyscrapers, wide streets, big cars, fast food and stuff, but we think of hospitality, openness, and the warm kindness of the American people.

For the German exchange students
Arousal Badenhofer & Andi Schöninger

GOSHEN-BEXBACH

Forty-eight visitors are arriving on May 14 from Bexbach. There will be an evening reception at the Goshen Inn and Convention Center with our new Mayor, Allen Kauffman. Many Bexbachers had been in Goshen before, so most previous hosts will be on hand to renew old friendships. A Deli-Buffer will be available and Roz Harris will play the piano. Yogician Sean Bogunia will entertain with his Magic and YOYO feats.

Thursday the guests will enjoy Downtown Goshen, do some shopping, drive to Shipshewana to experience Amish Country and end up at the Essenhaus for a Thrasher's Dinner.

In July, 3 Bexbach teens will spend their vacation in Goshen. The host families are planning short trips to Chicago, Indianapolis, Detroit, etc.

One young man wants to come for the next school year - so far I have not yet found a host family. We may have to have him with us.

August 27th the next visitors, once again 48 of them, will arrive for a three-day stay. The Accordion Orchestra, mostly teens with parents and chaperons, were here before and there will be no trouble finding hosts. They plan to go to the Dunes on Lake Michigan, then give a concert in Goshen before sunset.

The Ethnic Fair at Goshen College, Saturday November 1, is the only other

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event planned by our Committee this year. Our German food booth will offer bratwurst, sauerkraut, German bread, soft pretzels, cheese cake, Black Forest Torte, apple cake and coffee. I wish we could serve beer with the bratwurst to make it authentic, but Goshen College would frown on that!

You are all invited to come to the Ethnic Fair and enjoy foods and exhibits from many different countries.

Gaby Botts, Chairperson, Sister Cities Committee

TWO KNOX COUNTY CHURCHES CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARIES

Two Knox County churches are marking their sesquicentennials. Both Bethel United Church of Christ in Freelandville and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Vincennes were founded in 1847 by German immigrants fleeing political differences. As we approach the 150th anniversary of the failed revolutions of 1848, watch for more anniversaries of German founded churches, business, and organizations.

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

By Ray Hall

German immigrants commenced arriving in northern Knox County in the 1840s. They purchased land from the Wabash and Erie Canal for \$1.25 per acre in 40 acre plots. Many of these settlers had come from the German Westphalia area and in particular from the Kingdom of Lippe. They had boarded sailing ships at Bremerhaven and after 6-8 weeks had arrived in New Orleans. There they took steamboats up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, arriving in Evansville, IN. German Immigration Centers in New Orleans and Evansville aided these early settlers. From Evansville they came by wagon to Winder Township in northern Knox

County. They were welcomed by families who had recently shared their experience and received food and temporary housing until they could purchase land and build their homes. These were God fearing, hard working frugal people who believed in owning land and educating their young.

As they cleared the land they sought solace in scripture reading, prayer and song. Religious gatherings were held in various homes. Later meetings were held in a one room public school located one-half mile east of the Crossroads (*Kreuzweg*) of the Vincennes-Bloomfield Pike and the Edwardsport-Carlisle Roadway.

Some early Lippe settlers had already formed a community near Evansville and it was from there that the Rev. Heinrich Toelke would travel on horseback to the newly formed Bethlehem farming community to hold monthly meetings. It was Rev. Toelke who organized Bethel Church on October 27, 1847 as an Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church. Twenty-one families formed the nucleus of this congregation. Toelke remained with congregation two years longer before moving on.

A log church was erected in 1848 and a log parsonage soon followed. Three years later, a brick church was erected and the log church was converted into a parochial school. The first group of fourteen children were confirmed that year.

Bethel congregation grew as new immigrants arrived. In 1857 a written constitution was adopted. It was signed by 163 male members. Bethel joined the German Evangelical Synod. In 1948 it became an Evangelical and Reformed Church, and in 1963 it became Bethel United Church of Christ.

The log parsonage burned in 1857 and it was replaced by a two-story house. The church building also burned in 1857 and it was replaced by a new structure three years later. In 1883 a house for the parochial teacher was built across the road from the church.

This structure is currently used as the custodian's home.

By the turn of the century it became evident that a larger church was needed for the growing congregation. A new building was constructed and was dedicated in 1901. It was a Gothic structure with a 125 foot spire that housed a bell that could be heard for miles in the quiet countryside. The 1860 church was converted for use as the parochial school. Later it would house the Primary Sunday School.

The German language had served Bethel congregation well during the first 70 years, but with the coming of World War I and with a new generation of American born sons and daughters, the time for change had arrived. German language services were gradually phased out. In addition, the parochial school was permanently closed in 1917.

Early in 1934, Bethel was touched by another disaster! The parsonage burned to the ground. The worst was yet to come for on Sunday morning, June 24, 1934, the beautiful 1901 church was struck by lightning and was destroyed. Bethel congregation had certainly experienced a "trial by fire" during its first 87 years. But from the ashes, a new building arose that was large enough to hold 700 people. It was dedicated on June 30, 1935, just over a year from the destructive fire of '34.

Today Bethel Church is one of the prominent country churches in Indiana. A number of years ago, the "Christian Century" published a series of articles featuring the 10 most prominent rural churches in America and Bethel Church of Freelandville was on the list! The church remains one of the hubs of the northern Knox County community. More than 40 of its sons and daughters have gone on to devote their lives in the special service of the Lord as missionaries, teachers, ministers and nurses (Deaconesses).

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Bethel's congregation consists of 600 members and German names still dominate the membership role. The Reverend Herbert Schafale has served as pastor since 1986. A native of south-eastern Illinois, Rev. Schafale is a graduate of Eden Seminary in St. Louis.

This year's sesquicentennial activities are many and varied. Among them are several special services recognizing and featuring former sons and daughters of the church. Bethel congregation has been blessed by God in so many ways, and we humbly bow before Him in heartfelt thanks.

Special church services and projects have been scheduled throughout 1997 including services with split seating for men and women, a church picnic with a historical theme, and many other activities commemorating the 150th anniversary.



Bethel United Church of Christ, Free-landville, IN, 1996—photo by Ray Hall

150 YEARS AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH OF VINCENNES

By Lynn David Recker

This year marks the 150th anniversary of St. John the Baptist (German) Catholic Church. The parish dates

from the beginning of the sacramental registers by the first pastor, Rev. Conrad Schniederjans. He wrote (in Latin) at the beginning of the register: "Book of those who were baptized, joined in marriage, and buried from the German Congregation of Saint John the Baptist of the Diocese and city of Vincennes, beginning on the 9th day of November 1847." It is fitting that the first act recorded should be a baptism. On 15 November 1847 Louis Hahn, the son of Joseph Hahn and Sophia Bickermann was baptized.

Earlier in the decade as German Catholic shopkeepers and farmers settled in and near Vincennes, they sought to have Masses said in their native tongue and continue the religious customs of their homeland. Several German priests were provided to them and the Mass in German was celebrated in either the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier or the adjacent Saint Rose Chapel. Father Schniederjans began his ministry early in 1846 with Sunday Masses celebrated at 8 a.m. at the Cathedral. One month after the registers were begun Bishop Bazin purchased what was to become the half of the church property fronting on Main Street (the other half of the block was obtained in 1857). Father Schniederjans would retire early in 1851 due to failing health. It would be up to the new pastor, the Rev. Nicholas Stauber, aided by the building trustees, Messrs. Gerhard Reiter, Henry Soete, Andrew Laugel, and Henry Bultmann, to build the church. The cornerstone was laid on 17 July 1851 and blessed by Bishop de St. Palais. The church was of brick measuring 40 by 80 feet with a single steeple of wood and was dedicated on 12 June 1852.

Just fourteen later the then pastor, the Rev. Aegidius Merz, enlarged the church by adding a transept the same size as the original church and expanded sacristies making the new church cruciform. Then in 1890 John Ebner, Jr. donated a large bell, making a larger belfry necessary. A large and ornate front with a rose window

flanked by two large steeples was added, thus completing the outline of the present church.

Father Merz also replaced the one story school with a two story brick school in 1872. With additions by Father Fleischmann in 1912 this school served the parish until 1953, when it was replaced by the present school. That building, added to in 1964, now serves the entire Catholic community of Vincennes as Flaget Elementary School.

Many organizations have played a part in parish life. Among these the oldest (perhaps dating from the building of the church) is the Saint Ann's Altar Society, which continues to this day. On 1 January 1866 the St. John Benevolent Society was organized with 88 charter members. Among its first officers were Gerhard Duesterberg Sr., John Kramer, and Jacob Werker. The Society was associated with the Central Verein and in 1912 hosted the Indiana State Convention of the St. Joseph's Staats-Verband. The Teutonia Club was founded in 1889 to provide the young men of the parish a place of "innocent and legitimate amusement." Although sentiment due to WWI did much to stifle anything German, the New Teutonia Society did produce several plays in the early 1920s. But by 1925 it had become the Colombia Club and later, as the St. John Dramatic Club (or Society), plays were produced until 1943.

The interior of the church has been through many states of ornamentation, but two changes remain to this day. In 1908 fourteen art glass windows made at Munich, Germany, were installed. Depicting various Biblical scenes, these windows were donated by several families in the parish. In 1923 the ornate wooden Gothic altar was gifted to the parish by Mrs. Rosalie Froelke.

Recently much work aimed at the refurbishment and preservation of the church has been undertaken by our present pastor, the Rev. Donald Ackerman. This had included new roofing,

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interior painting, refurbishing the steeples and their crosses, and the addition of air-conditioning. The pipe organ, first installed in the 1920s and unusable since 1971, was restored and renewed in 1988 and 1989. A formal dedication of the organ and concert was held on 4 June 1989. This project was initiated through the generous gifts of the Summers families.

Events are being held throughout 1997 to commemorate the anniversary. This will culminate with a banquet on Sunday, 26 October, at which Dr. Eberhard Reichmann of the Indiana German Heritage Society will speak. For further information interested persons may contact the church rectory at 812-882-1762.



Postcard view (ca. 1907) of the church and school (left). The rectory is obscured by trees to the right.

SOCIETY FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN STUDIES TWENTY- SECOND ANNUAL SYM- POSIUM APRIL 23 - 26, 1998

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The Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum
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CALL FOR PAPERS: The 1848 Revolution - 150 years: The German-American Dimension

DEADLINE OCTOBER 15, 1997

The Max Kade German-American Center at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, is pleased to host the next symposium of the Society for German-American Studies, to be held in the historic landmark of the Midwest, the Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum, founded by the 1848'ers.

The Symposium will focus on the 1848 Revolution and its impact on German-Americana, and commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Frankfurt Paulskirche Parliament, which attempted to bring unity, justice, and liberty to Germany.

Categories for scholarly presentations include "the Grays," 1830'ers, liberal refugees generally allocated to the sub-heading of *Vormärz* emigrants, and the better known "Greens," German Forty-eighters who were forced into exile, generally to Switzerland, then England and eventually the United States.

Also acceptable and encouraged are papers that deal with the socialist movement, ostracized from Germany following the "socialist inspired" assassination attempt on Kaiser Wilhelm I, the reaction to which led Bismarck to outlaw the Social Democratic Party.

Abstracts of scholarly papers for the 1998 Symposium may be submitted to:

Professor Giles Hoyt
Dept. of Foreign Languages and Cultures
Indiana University
425 University Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46202

For additional information, contact Giles Hoyt at the above address or via e-mail "HOYT@IUPUI.EDU" or via FAX 317-274-2347.

On behalf of Indiana University Purdue-University at Indianapolis, we look forward to welcoming you to the

SGAS symposium in the historic year 1998.

DOINGS IN DEUTSCHLAND

GERMAN TURNFEST

**MUNICH, MAY 31 TO JUNE
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The Countdown Started: Let's go - in about 600 days we will have the biggest sports event in Munich since the Olympic Games; the German Turnfest 1998. About 100,000 participants, one million spectators, and 400 events will make the Turnfest a spectacular happening.

Places of Events: The center of events will be Olympic Park and nearby sport fields of the "Technische Universität." Not only at these areas, but in the middle of "The World City with Heart" will be celebrations. The public will gather at famous landmarks and welcome the athletes on different stages. Various entertainment will be performed.

The Cost for Participants: Inclusive overnight stay in community quarters with breakfast, and public transportation pass for central city, 1 week: Adults DM 210; Participants born 1980-87 DM 125; Children born 1988 and younger, no cost. To compete in single events the cost is DM 10 per event. Team members pay DM 10 each not to exceed DM 60 per team for each event. Offers to participate can be booked on entry forms for DM 5.

Your Turnfest Fee Includes: Use of Transportation Pass in central Munich for 1 week. An additional DM 5 a day

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for the outskirts of Munich. Free entry to opening and closing ceremonies at the Olympia Stadium, guides in sports areas, free city tours and organized walks. Call (414) 272-1844 Rose Marie Barber

American Turner Topics, March-April 1997

BREMERHAVEN ANNIVERSARY DATES

Bremerhaven, an important port for emigration to America, has several anniversary dates which reflect the continuing improvement in services to the U.S.

An important "150th" recalls, in 1847, the arrival on an American steamship which had been built in America with financial backing from Bremen and other German investors. It was the first seaworthy steamship built in American and with it began mail-per-steamship service between America and Europe. In 1947, General Lucius D. Clay, the commander of the American Forces in Germany, and the city fathers of Bremen commemorated this event. General Clay stressed the need for a positive cooperation between the victor and the vanquished. Clay also happened to have a great-great grandfather, Henry Clay, who as secretary of state conducted negotiations with the Free Imperial City of Bremen, that led to a treaty on commerce, shipping, and friendship between the U.S. and the three Free Hansa Cities of the German Federation. On the basis of this treaty, Bremen line service to the U.S. was established with the first ships for parcel post operated by the H.H. Meier shipping line.

In 1832 the German Federation pioneered regulations for processing emigrants. this included the ships' obligation to supply food service to the passengers.

Twenty years later—again an anniversary year—Bremerhaven had the first dock harbor facilities enabling the big paddle-steamers to dock irrespective of tides.

In 1857 the "North German Lloyd" became the first shipping line with paddle-wheelers dedicated exclusively to passenger service. 1897 was the year of the first of a number of "Kaiser locks" and passage of the German Emigration Law.

Ulrich Wagner, Institut für Migrationsgeschichte, Bremerhaven

SCHUBERT AND BRAHMS ANNIVERSARIES

Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828) was born in Wien-Lichtenthal on January 31, 1797. At 11, he became a choir boy and studied with Salieri. In his short lifetime—even shorter than Mozart's 35 years—Schubert created the German "Kunstlied" (art song) and left a legacy of over 600 Lieder. His numerous other compositions include 7 masses, many choir works, operas, stage music, 9 symphonies, dances, works for the piano, and the violin, including 15 string quartets. Together with Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, Schubert helped establish Vienna as the music capital of the world.

Commemorating the 100th year of the death of its famous son Johannes Brahms, Hamburg ceremoniously inaugurated a Brahms year with a concert. The composer was born in Hamburg on May 7, 1833 and died December 3, 1897 in Vienna. More than 175 events in his honor are planned throughout the year.

Brahms moved to Vienna 1862 and became a lifelong resident. Vienna also honors the composer with many performances. He will be remembered wherever good music is cherished. PBS as

well as IU's WFIU already aired several concerts in his memory.

The German Language Video Center, 7625-27 Pendleton Pike, Indpls. IN 46226 * (913)- 547-1230 has 55 min. videos on both composers (Schubert #1702; Brahms #1702). Also in the same "Klassix-13 Series" are videos on Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Liszt, Wagner and more.

200th Birthday of Heinrich Heine, December 13

In time for the famous poet's 200th birthday, the grand 16-volume edition of his works has been completed. Heine was born in Düsseldorf, Dec. 13, 1797 as son of Jewish clothier. Upon graduation from law school he converted to Protestantism, because being a Jew barred him from a career in public service. When he was nevertheless denied a position he turned to journalism and in 1831 took to Paris as correspondent of the Augsburger Allgemeine Zeitung. There he stayed until his death in 1856.

Heine's literary fame and commercial success began with his lyrical volumes of 1822/23. His poem about the beautiful Lorelei, sitting high on a rock above the Rhine, and her spell over the boatsman who crashes against the rock and drowns became world famous once set to music by Friedrich Silcher (1838).

His ironic-critical prose about the suppressive political situation in Germany before the 1848 Revolution led to the first ban of his works (1835) as "endangering state security". The second ban came a hundred years later as part of the Third Reich's anti-Semitic decrees. His "Lorelei" resisted the ban and was then declared to have been from "author unknown".

After some quarrels, Düsseldorf's uni-

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versity finally was named after him in 1988, and 1997 has been declared the Heine-Year with numerous programs, exhibits, contests, and a Heine coin.

Heine never visited America. But in the Bronx there is a Heine monument. It had been donated first in 1888 to the city of Düsseldorf by Empress Elizabeth of Austria. For political reasons, the city declined. German-Americans in New York heard about that. They acquired the monument and built a fountain to go with it. Since 1893, Heine at the feet of his "Lorelei" and surrounded by mermaids looks down on the Grand Concourse. The German inscription reads: "Heinrich Heine. From the Germans in America to their great poet." Sadly, the monument is in need of repair.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

BANISHED INTO PARADISE

In Fall 1995 the little Black Forest town of Pfaffenweiler—Sister City of Jasper, IN—was reliving the time of the 19th century when hundreds of folks from that vicinity sought to escape economic misery and famine. Juergen Stumpfhaus filmed a 30 min. documentary capturing the first southwest German emigration wave to America (1816/17) following the Napoleonic wars. Numerous local persons, including children and senior citizens, supported by professional actors participated in this impressive film. We received an original German copy from Bürgermeister Fritz Gutgsell, a frequent visitor to Jasper, and an English version produced by Matt Hilger, a young man from Pfaffenweiler who, following ancestral tradition, immigrated to Jasper. We will arrange for several showings, esp. of the English version.

GERMAN AMERICANA ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

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<http://www-lib.iupui.edu/kade/>

Bibliography of some of the most recent works on Germans in America. Also of interest, not only for the teacher, are the Teaching Resources on German-American Day, Emigration & Immigration.

You can find more German Americana on Robert Shea's German-Americana Website:

<http://pw2.netcom.com/~nihan/germus.htm>

He has collected material on Germans in North America, German language in America (Declaration of Independence, Muhlenberg legends), cultural influence, German-American Day materials and info, bibliographies, databases, etc.

The contest winning story on Lou Gehrig (published in our last newsletter) is on his list of famous German-Americans:

<http://pw2.netcom.com/~nihan/grmnlst.htm>

<http://pw2.netcom.com/~nihan/call.htm> lists resources for learning German on the WEB

Also of interest is the page of The Germanic Conference

<http://www.megamed.com/cgei/>

German Corner/Deutsches Eck is a Resource Guide to Information and German Goods in North America

<http://www.german-usa.com/german/>

Have a question: Write to Eberhard and/or Ruth Reichmann at: reichman@ucs.indiana.edu

DEUTSCHE WELLE NOW ON THE INTERNET

You no longer need a cable or satellite television hook-up or short-wave radio to tune into Deutsche Welle, the international German broadcast service. Deutsche Welle went on-line April 8 and is now available world-wide to anyone with Internet access. The Deutsche Welle site provides general information and program listings as well as frequently updated news reports from Germany and around the world. Internet users with video and audio facilities can also receive Deutsche Welle's television and radio broadcasts live. The site's offerings are available in two dozen languages in addition to German. It can be reached at [Http://www.dwelle.de](http://www.dwelle.de)

The Week in Germany - April 11, 1997

WOERNER MEDAL FOR HOLBROOKE

For his distinguished services as a peace maker and promoter of American-German friendship, Richard Holbrooke received the Manfred Woerner Medal from Germany's minister of defense, Volker Rühe. The medal was instituted in memory of Germany's Manfred Woerner (+ 1994) who had served as General Secretary of NATO.

Minister Rühe recalled Holbrooke's meritorious peace efforts in the former Yugoslavia. Holbrook engineered the Dayton Peace Accord which ended warfare on the Balkan.

Before his 1994 recall to Washington by President Clinton, Holbrook served as US Ambassador in Bonn for 9 months.

The roots of his family go back to Germany. Holbrooke's grandfather, decorated with the Iron Cross in WW I, emigrated from Hamburg to the US in

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1933--after he had read Hitler's "Mein Kampf." Holbrooke's mother is also from Germany.

From: German Information Center, Jan., 1997.

BERLIN IS NOT ONLY ON THE SPREE

There are 118 Berlins in the world, including the German capital.

There is a Berlin almost everywhere, 26 in the United States of America alone. This phenomenon can be attributed to the homesickness of early immigrants, and sometimes to pure chance; it also gave Berlin Photographer Harry Hampel an idea: He wanted to make a long journey simply going from one Berlin to another all over the world. He took a plane to Boston in March 1995 carrying the good wishes of "Mama Berlin" along with his camera. He also took along with him a satellite picture of the German capital and a flag sporting a bear as a gift for each American mayor of a Berlin.

Harry Hampel set about photographing all the Berlins he could find. The first Berlin on American soil was East Berlin, Pennsylvania, incorporated in 1764. The largest Berlin in the United States—counting 35,000 inhabitants—he found in Wisconsin, and discovered the smallest, in Oregon, where just 38 Berliners get by even without the help of a sheriff. It was a Berlin where the photographer "met absolute nobody, which says something about the place."

"Ich bin ein Berliner," proclaimed John F. Kennedy on June 26, 1963. Apparently, nobody took these words as seriously as Harry Hampel. There are indeed Berliners all over the place, and Berlin is not only to be found in the United States. There are namesakes in New Zealand, Venezuela, El Salvador, Nicaragua, in Uruguay, the Dominican Republic, even in Ukraine.

This is the beginning of a larger article that appeared in "Deutschland: Magazine on Politics, Culture, Business and Science," No. 6, Dec. 1996. It appears 6 times a year in a German and an English edition and subscriptions are free. Write to Zeitschrift Deutschland, Vertriebsleitung, Postfach 100801, 60008, Frankfurt am Main.

PALATINES MET IN FORT WAYNE

Dig for Your Roots in Fort Wayne was the motto of the 1997 National Conference of the Palatines to America, German Genealogical Society. The conference (June 11-13) coincided with the grand Fort Wayne Germanfest (June 8-15).

Our close relationship with the Palatines was expressed by the strong participation of IGHS members. Eberhard Reichmann as keynoter spoke on "Tribal Origins and German Diversity," and at the banquet he read from his Hoosier German Tales. Dolores Hoyt gave a presentation on the "American Turner & Other German-American Organization Records in the Ruth Lilly Special Collection & Archives at IUPUI." Annemarie Springer spoke about "German-American Church Art," and Arthur Schwenk about "German Settlements in Southern Indiana."

WE'RE SORRY!

Because of changes in the not for profit bulk mailing regulations from the U.S. Post Office, many Newsletters were received late or not received at all. We were aware of some of the changes, but not all. Hopefully the problems have been rectified and this issue will reach our members around the third week in June. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope there are no more unannounced changes in the foreseeable future. Generally speaking, it should take about one week from mailing to receive

your Newsletters in most parts of Indiana. It will take longer for out of state members.

If you are a paid IGHS member and did not receive the Spring, 1997 issue, please let us know and we will happily send you one by first class mail. Send to IGHS Newsletter, 401 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

For what is worth, thanks to the persistence (or the Bavarianism) of president Ernestine Dillon, we did receive a formal apology from the U.S. Post Office for the confusion.

STAMMTISHCH PROGRAMS JULY-NOVEMBER

Programs for the second Wednesdays from July through November are set. Programs start at 6 p.m. with supper in the Rathskeller. Phone 317-636-0396 to make dinner reservations. For more information, or if you are interested in presenting a Stammtisch program, contact Sandra Henselmeier at Better Business Communications, 6208 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46220 or phone 317-253-9796.

JULY 9 Dr. Dolores Hoyt, IUPUI—German-Americana on the World Wide Web. [Dinner at the Rathskeller at 6 p.m.; program at IUPUI Library at 7:30.]

AUGUST 13 Mr. Horst Winkler, CEO & Owner of World Wide Motors—German Wines (tentative)

SEPTEMBER 10 American Cabaret Theatre—A representative will tell us about ACT and possibly take us on a behind the scenes tour.

OCTOBER 8 Mr. Larry Helkema, Ft. Harrison State Park—German Prisoners of War at Ft. Harrison.

NOVEMBER 12 Dr. Thomas E. Taylor—An Evening with Wagner's Opera.

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