

**Indiana German Heritage Society &  
IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center**



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# Newsletter

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## **CELEBRATE GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY**

2007 marked the 25th Anniversary of the first German-American Day when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the day to honor the long history of German immigrants and recognize their many contributions to this country. At the time he said, "Few people have blended so completely into the multicultural tapestry of American society and yet have made such singular economic, political, social, scientific, and cultural contributions to the growth and success of these United States as have Americans of German extraction."

When the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, Germany was able to regain its unity thanks to the unwavering American commitment to liberty and peace in Europe, which the U.S. has secured up to this day. On this joyous day we celebrate the manifold ties between Germany and America, those born of kinship and those based on common values and aspirations.

Germans will never forget America's indispensable role in postwar reconstruction, in protecting Western Europe during the Cold War and helping bring about the end of the Cold War, and in facilitating German unification.

Let us celebrate this deep and enduring bond on the 2008 German-American Day, October 6, 2008.

Klaus Scharioth, German Ambassador

## **COLOGNE GROUP TO VISIT INDY FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN WEEK**

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Indianapolis-Cologne Sister Cities Relationship and to help us celebrate German-American Week in Indianapolis a group of 26 persons from Cologne will arrive on October 1. It will be headed by Volkmar Schultz, Chair of the Cologne

Freundeskreis and former Lord Mayor Burger, who led the delegation 20 years ago and signed the Sister Cities Charter.

In keeping with the group's wishes and interests, to get a better insight into the Hoosier multicultural and multi-religious society, and to learn a little about Indianapolis and its environs, the Indianapolis Sister Cities Committee under the leadership of Sven Schumacher has put together a great program.

Indianapolis friends are invited to participate in as many of these events as they wish, however, note that there may be an attendance limit on some of them. Please, consult the program and other sections in the newsletter for specific information.

The group will stay at the Columbia Club on Monument Circle in the heart of Indianapolis. On October 2 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a Downtown walking tour led by Giles Hoyt. The afternoon features optional museum visits to the Children's Museum, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, and the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

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## NEWS FROM THE MAX KADE GERMAN AMERICAN CENTER

Dr. Daniel Nuetzel, the recently designated Hoyt-Reichmann Chair, will assume his directorship in August of 2009, along with his appointment as Associate Professor of German in the Department of World Languages and Cultures at IUPUI. Dr. Nuetzel is a linguist whose research interests and publications include the German dialects in Indiana, in particular in the Haysville area. He is currently finishing up a multi-year research project in Germany. For the interim period, Dr. Claudia Grossmann, German Program Director at IUPUI and Vice-President of the Indiana German Heritage Society, has been appointed Acting Director of the Max Kade German-American Center from August 2008 until July 2009.

The Max Kade German-American Center will again provide financial support to IUPUI students to study German. It offers two summer scholarships for study abroad each year, two fellowships for graduate students involved in research on a German-American topic at IUPUI, as well as scholarships to support the International Engineering Program in German at IUPUI. The Center will also contribute to the 25th anniversary celebration of the Indianapolis German School at IUPUI, a Saturday immersion program for children ages 3-12.

In the fall, the Center will be a co-sponsor of a breakfast briefing by Dr. Werner Hoyer, member of the German Bundestag, on "Global Challenges and Changes in Leadership in the United States and Europe." It will also work closely with the Indianapolis-Cologne Sister City Committee to host a delegation from Cologne on the 20th anniversary of the sister-city partnership.

Upcoming plans include working with other universities in Indianapolis on German-American topics, such as a two-semester interdisciplinary program planned by Butler University involving film, music, theatre, dance, and coursework that will examine various aspects of German and Austrian art, music, architecture, and design from 1880- 1940. In addition, the Center will continue its community outreach, in conjunction with the

Indiana German Heritage Society, as well as its ongoing publication efforts. The Center also provides instructional materials and curricular advice to middle and high school teachers who want to incorporate German-American Studies into their curriculum.


For more information on the Max Kade German-American Center please contact Dr. Claudia Grossmann at [cgrossma@iupui.edu](mailto:cgrossma@iupui.edu), 317.274.3943 or the Center office in the Athenaeum, at 317.464.9004.

Website: <http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/kade/>

### [COLOGNE GROUP CONTINUED]


On Friday morning, Dr. Werner Hoyer, a member of the Bundestag will present a talk on the unification of the two Germanys at the Independent Colleges of Indiana, 3135 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis. See the **Program** for more details.

Our guests from the Cologne Freundeskreis will tour the Eiteljorg Museum of Indian and Western Art and meet with some Native Americans from the Miami Nation. On Saturday the group will take a bus tour of Columbus and Nashville, with lunch at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park. That evening, they will be guests at the *Taste of Germany!* a fundraiser at the Firefighters Union



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The Indiana German Heritage Society was founded in 1984 as a statewide historical and educational membership organization aimed at preserving and celebrating Indiana's German Heritage. The Society is headed by a volunteer board of directors, it is a non-profit organization and qualifies for tax-deductible donations.

The IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center provides support to maintain an interdisciplinary research center for German-American Studies. Its mission is to support this field through research into German-American history and heritage with primary emphasis on Indianapolis and the Hoosier State, and through teaching and service.

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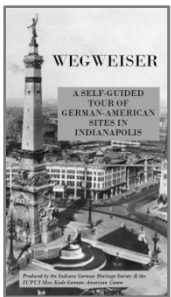
## [Cologne Group continued]

Hall, 748 Massachusetts Avenue. Sunday morning the group will attend services at the Light *of the World Christian Church*.

The first week in October is German-American Week, celebrating the arrival of the first Germans in Jamestown on October 1, 1608. German-American Day is celebrated nation-wide on October 6<sup>th</sup> with proclamations by the president, governors, and mayors. That morning, our guests from Cologne will visit the Indiana State Capitol Building, and the Indianapolis City-County Building including a panoramic view of the City from the 27th Floor. At Noon they will join in the traditional German-American Day celebration at the City Market with proclamations from the Governor and Mayor, music and dancing at the Market. Then that evening we will celebrate German-American Day and say "Auf Wiedersehen" to our friends with an informal party at The German House – Athenaeum.

There is room for you to join us for many of these events with the Cologne Freundeskreis. Contact the Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis 317.630.4569 Ext. 1 for more information

## INDIANAPOLIS WEGWEISER



Enclosed in this issue of the *Indiana German Heritage Society & IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center Newsletter* is a complimentary copy of the new *Wegweiser: a self-guided tour of German-American sites in Indianapolis*.

This new and greatly expanded edition was made possible thanks to grants from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, the Indiana Humanities Council, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and with the support of the Indiana German Heritage Society and the Max Kade German-American Center of IUPUI.

The *Wegweiser* (vague-vizer), a German word for signpost or guidebook, was researched and written by William Selm, and edited by Steven J. Schmidt.

The maps were provided by Robert T. Glenn, Principal Planner for the City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development, Division of Planning. This booklet is intended to be a guide to German-American landmarks in Indianapolis involving a wide range of buildings, structures, and sites.

German-Americans played a significant role in the shaping of the community, its history and culture, and in creating many of the historic landmarks that define the city. While the *Wegweiser* cannot possibly include every landmark, it can serve as a guide and a starting point for those who are interested in learning about the major German-American architects, sculptors, and builders, and to learn about the profound impact they had on the city of Indianapolis.

The *Wegweiser* includes buildings that are obviously German, such as the German House - Athenaeum which was built in the German style and was intended to house German athletic and cultural activities. Other buildings are not so obvious, but are included because they have a "German history," such as those built by German-American architects, builders, sculptors and craftsmen.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

This year's Annual International Festival will be November 20 to 23 and will be held again at the West Pavilion, Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, 1200 East 38th Street.

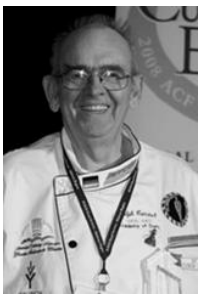
Volunteers are needed to staff our booths. Everyone working a 3 hour shift will get into the festival free. Thursday and Friday morning, November 20 & 21, between the hours of 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., the festival is devoted to students in an educational outreach program for central Indiana schools. We need a few native speakers willing to be interviewed and giving information about the German-speaking countries during this time when the students descend in droves.

If you are willing to help call Jim Gould at 317.655.2755, ext. 149 or email him at [jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com](mailto:jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com)

Public hours for the festival are:

- Friday, Nov. 21 from 2-9 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 23 from noon to 6 p.m.

We will have once again three booths. Our culture booth will have displays and many handouts. At the sales booth we will have interesting books and low-priced items, some of them specifically for children and young people.



The "Brats" booth, sponsored by IGHS and the IVY Tech Indianapolis Chapter of the ACF (American Culinary Foundation), Chef Ralph Comstock and his students will be selling Bratwurst with Kraut on German-style buns.

In all three booths we will have handouts and information on the German-speaking countries and the German-Americans. If you bring German handwritten materials, we may have someone there who can decipher them.

Highlights of the annual festival include culture booths hosted by volunteers in traditional dress; authentic food; artisans demonstrating unique cultural crafts; a Naturalization Ceremony; an International Marketplace; and continuous ethnic music and dance.

Tickets: Adults are \$7.00 in advance and \$9.00 at the door. Children 6-12 are \$6.00, and children under 5 are admitted free. Advance tickets will be available Oct. 27.

Info: <http://IndyInternationalFestival.org>

## JOHAN GALTUNG TO KEYNOTE OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> III CONFERENCE

Internationally renowned academic, author, and peace activist Johan Galtung will present the keynote address for the Interfaith Initiative Conference

(III) Conference being held at the Indiana War Memorial on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Galtung is prolific and eclectic in his approach to conflict, reconciliation and peace education. He is widely known as the founder of peace studies and peace journalism in Europe and around the world.



Among his many accomplishments he founded the International Peace Research Institute in Oslo, earned a Ph. D., seven honorary degrees, and published over 100 books and 1,000 articles.

Galtung, a Norwegian, lost his father in the Holocaust and has persevered in studying and perfecting techniques that effectively transform conflict through dialogue, reconciliation, respect for cultural diversity, and improved economic and social justice.

His address, a public discussion with Johan Galtung on "Nonviolent Strategies for Sustainable Peace." will be held on Tuesday October 7, at 7:00 to 8:30p.m in the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis.

A plenary session from 2-5 p.m. includes the following topics and respondents:

2-3 p.m.: Religion, Civil Society and Environmental Stewardship with Imam Mikal Saahir, George Wolfe, Reverend L. Lang Brownlee, Rabbi Lew Weiss, Judith Cebula, John Gibson, Schumacher, Ian McIntosh, Kim Overdyck, Robert Helfenbein

4-5 p.m.: Politics, Diplomacy and the Media, with Pierre Atlas, Siobhan McEvoy-Levy, Tim Swarens, Abdul Hakim-Shabazz, David Hoppe

The Public Discussion and Plenary Session are free and open to the public. They are held at the Indiana World War Memorial, located on the corner of Meridian and Michigan Streets in downtown Indianapolis. For more information about Galtung visit our website at [www.internationalinterfaith.org](http://www.internationalinterfaith.org) or call Charlie MacDonald at 317.283.2730.



## MEMBER NEWS

### NORBERT KRAPF NAMED INDIANA POET LAUREATE!!



Norbert Krapf, a Jasper native whose family roots run deep into Dubois County, has been named Indiana's poet laureate. It's a fitting honor for a poet who has spent his lifetime writing about people and places in southern Indiana.

The Indiana Arts Commission names the Indiana Poet Laureate. Duties include making presentations in schools and libraries and promoting poetry and writing.

Krapf was raised in Jasper, a community that offered him a "strong sense of belonging, of extended family, of being close to nature, of being not far removed from the farm that I grew up with." Those childhood experiences kept him in touch with the world of nature and the cycles of life and death, all of which are reflected in his poetry. Both his parent's families arrived in Dubois County in the 1840s from northern Bavaria. Norbert was born in 1943 in Jasper. "Few of us then, not long after World War II, had any command of the genealogical details, but many if not most of my Jasper relatives, friends and acquaintances had a similar background. We were one generation removed from the farm, two or three generations removed from Germany."

That small community of German-Americans has often been the focus of his poetry. "The southern Indiana landscape and the culture of Jasper -- that place where I grew up is seen, felt, touched, tasted, smelled and heard in my poems. I like to say the way to get at the universal for an artist is to go through the concrete particular. Jasper, Dubois County, southern Indiana hill country -- these are my particulars." One particular is St. Joseph Church in Jasper. "I love its history, its grandeur, it's simple elegance, its strength and fortress-like quality, the fact that it was built by local pioneers whose descendants were my friends and relatives."

His father built a replica of the church after they became parishioners at Holy Family. "We always placed this little St. Joseph's under our Christmas tree." After his parent died, he claimed this hand-made heirloom. The "German Catholicism" faith that he grew up with also influenced his poetry. "It gave me a wealth of imagery to draw on. Many of my poems are, in effect, prayers, hymns of praise to nature and the Spiritual Reality within it and beyond it."

Janet Kluemper, who went to Jasper High School with Krapf, is the exhibits chair at the Dubois County Museum. She described him as "totally committed to the arts, and he is a natural poet. He is part of southern Indiana, and he writes from his heart. . . That's who he is."

Krapf received his bachelor's degree in English from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer and an M.A. in English from the University of Notre Dame, as well as his Ph.D. in English and American literature with a concentration in American poetry. Krapf is now an emeritus professor of English at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, and lives in Indianapolis. His poetry collection includes "The Country I Come From," which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry. He said he is "moved and honored to be named Indiana Poet Laureate," adding, "this is the right time for me to make a contribution to the life of poetry in our state. I wish that my Indiana-loving parents were still alive to savor the unexpected honor."

Mary Ann Hughes  
From *The Criterion*, June 30, 2008

### CATERING TO HER HERITAGE



Jeanette Footman has never been one to shy away from a challenge. A native of Berlin, Germany, Footman, 41, has endured the division of her family by the Berlin Wall, worked as an au pair in England and made an international relocation. So it's no surprise that she is unflappable in the face of her current schedule: running a catering business,

working two additional jobs and raising three children under the age of 10. "Yeah," she says, "I've got a lot on my plate."

Fortunately for fans of her catering business, Zamovar, that plate is full of German pastries, as well as other culinary treats from her homeland. Launched in 2006, Zamovar grew out of Footman's initial desire to run a Russian tea room and is named for the samovar, an ornate metal container used to heat water in Russia.

The tea room idea didn't work out, but Footman kept the name, spelled with a Z, and turned her attention to German pastries. "My mom always baked: but when I moved here 13 years ago, I couldn't find what I was used to," she explains. "So I started baking and took (pastries) to friends and family. Germans are very critical when it comes to (cooking) . . . but it seemed they liked it.

Footman launched Zamovar, pulling from a collection of recipes gleaned from her mother, and German cookbooks. She honed each one until she was satisfied with the outcome. Clients include individuals, cafes and restaurants. Every Sunday afternoon, she holds a "Kaffeeklatsch" at Broad Ripple's *Perk Up*, which also hosts her occasional multi-course German dinners.

That sort of can-do attitude always has been part of Footman's personality. Born in East Berlin, she was 7 when her father was ordered by the East German government to move to West Berlin. He was not allowed to take his family. Three years later Footman, her mother and sister were able to join him in West Berlin. In her 20s, she moved to England to work in the hotel industry, then as an au pair. Returning to Germany, she met Indianapolis native Terry Footman, at a Berlin nightclub. Terry moved back to the States, but the two kept in touch. Two years later she moved to the Circle City, and they married in 1995.

Zamovar is not yet a full-time business although she hopes to see it expand. That doesn't mean she's idle when the oven isn't on. She also teaches German to students at the Indianapolis German Language Institute, launched by Footman and a few friends in 2002. "We started a German school for kids who

have one parent that already speaks the language," Footman explains.

By Julie Cope Saetre, *Star* correspondent  
Excerpted from an *Indianapolis Star* article of  
August 18, 2008

**Editor's note:** Jeanette Footman serves on the board of IGHS and is co-chair of the Program Committee. The Sunday "Kaffeeklatsch," a German tradition of great coffee, German cake and good conversation is held at *Perk Up*, located at 6536 Cornell Avenue in Broadripple. She can be reached at 317.714.7838, or by e-mail at [Zamovar@sbcglobalnet](mailto:Zamovar@sbcglobalnet).

For more information on the IGeL school at the Athenaeum, contact Jeanette Footman or Jim Gould at 317.655.2755 ext. 149 or [jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com](mailto:jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com)

**REMEMBERING**  
**RICHARD CLEMENS VONNEGUT, SR.**  
**(1913-2008)**  
by William Selm

I first met Richard Vonnegut in the Athenaeum in 1983. I was new to the city, having moved to Indianapolis to start my new job as historian for the city's historic preservation commission. I immersed myself in the history of the city and immediately got involved with the German Immigration Tricentennial.

I knew the Vonnegut name, of course. I had been reading his cousin's novels, plays, and short stories since my late high school days in the early 1970s. Mr. Vonnegut immediately explained to me his relationship to his famous writer cousin, reciting the branches of the family tree back to their great grandfather, Clemens Vonnegut.

Clemens (1824-1906) emigrated from his native Muenster, Westphalia in 1851 and arrived in Indianapolis where a classmate had settled. By that time the railroads had just arrived and the city was booming. He founded two local institutions: Vonnegut Hardware Co. (1858) and the Indianapolis Turngemeinde (1851). The hardware company lasted for well over a century, ending in

the 1970s. Richard Vonnegut worked in the family business retiring as secretary/treasurer. The Turngemeinde survives today as Athenaeum Turners, 157 years old.

Mr. Vonnegut was an early supporter and benefactor of the Indiana German Heritage Society at its inception in 1984. He was present at numerous Stammtisch programs and attended all of the annual conferences. When the Athenaeum Foundation was conceived in 1991 he was a charter member and a generous donor.

I last visited Mr. Vonnegut in July, while researching the Athenaeum for the National Historic Landmark nomination. He remained in bed during the visit but was alert, clear, and interested in my questions. "My middle name is Clemens; I was named for my great grandfather, who founded the Turnverein," he began.

He recounted what his mother had said, in German, when he asked where the family was going. "In 1916 she said we are going to Das Deutsche Haus', and in 1917 she said 'we are going to the German House', and in 1918 I remember her saying 'we are going to the same place but now it's called Athenaeum'."

He was proud of his family and its accomplishments and how their efforts helped to shape the German community of the city and shape the city directly. He was a part of the generation that I call the *Deutschendämmerung*, the German twilight, when German was spoken in the home as the first language and reinforced at school with German language classes and an understanding of German and German American culture and identity. He was a graduate of Park School, a private boy's school

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

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or call Carol Schmitz

founded in the 1920s. Mr. Vonnegut told me that his and other German-American parents paid for a German tutor for their sons to learn how to read and write the Muttersprache.

Thank you, Mr. Vonnegut, and despite your *Freidenker* forbearers, God bless you. *Ruhe in Frieden.*

William Selm

## VISITORS FROM BAVARIA ENJOYED HOOSIER HOSPITALITY



In early July, nine Germans, members of the Bavarian Ministry of State, and their interpreters visited Indy. The program was organized by the US Dept. of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of International Visitors. The Indianapolis visit was handled by the International Center. IGHS received an urgent request for a few families to provide these visitors an opportunity to share a meal and socialize with an American family. On very short notice Anneliese and Joe Krauter and Monica and Fred Yaniga volunteered. We thank them!

As it turned out, one of the visitors, Dr. Roesner-Kraus and Anneliese had a mutual friend in Bavaria: Dr. Prof. Lorenz Kettner of the Schyren Gymnasium in Pfaffenhofen / Ilm. She called Dr. Kettner to confirm this fact, and sure enough, these two fellows have known each other for over 50 years. "We all marveled at our "small world" and of course became instant friends."

The evening started with a boat ride on Geist Reservoir, followed by a very down home "Hoosier" back yard barbecue--hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the grill, baked beans. They loved it and we enjoyed entertaining them!

Fred and Monica Yaniga took their guests to the IMA for a tour and then back to their home for drinks and lasagna dinner. Ina Roberts and her parents who were visiting from Germany, with Ina's daughter Isabella joined them for dinner.



## THE INTERNATIONAL INTERFAITH INITIATIVE AND ITS FOUNDER

The International Interfaith Initiative (III) was formed in January of 2005 when Mayor Bart Peterson of Indianapolis organized a meeting between local civic organizations and philanthropist Klaus Martin Finzel of Cologne, Germany. At that time Herr Finzel shared his dream of establishing the "World Interfaith Peace Center" in Indianapolis.

As a result of Herr Finzel's interest and dedication and the response of the Indianapolis community, the International Interfaith Initiative was created.

The goals of III are:

- To foster interfaith cooperation to strengthen civil society
- To cultivate Youth Interfaith Dialogues between middle school students from local public, private and faith-based schools
- To work towards establishing an International Interfaith Research Center and Museum in Indianapolis

The following speech was presented by Finzel at the 2nd Annual International Interfaith Symposium, March 19, 2008.

*Many people wonder why I am creating "The World Interfaith Peace Center" in Indianapolis.*

*First: I love the United States of America. What is the reason? I studied and worked in the States and discovered the five most important values are: Freedom, Peace, Good Education for young people, Law and Order.*

*The United States fought against Germany in the Second World War then generously turned around to help Germany and Japan after the War ended. No other country in history has done something like this. It was The Marshall Plan and the Organization for European Economic Development. Without this help Germany would not have had The German Economic Miracle. Without money you cannot build up a solid industry.*

*We received care packages and food deliveries. I remember getting chocolate milk without paying for it. It was scrumptious and now I really love good chocolate. In recent history, America built the Berlin Bridge [Air Lift] and East and West Germany would not have come together without American help. For all of this I thank the American people with all of my heart. Now the USA and Germany are friends and allies.*

*"It would be easier for me to work in Germany; however, I feel America's heartland, Indiana, is the right place for this work to continue"*

*- Klaus Martin Finzel*

*Second: I was ten years old, when the Second World War ended. I tell you, war is, terrible. So many valuable people died and so much trouble came to innocent families. The French, English and American nations influenced our current constitution which was created after World War Two. It allows us only to defend ourselves. Peace is now requested by all Germans. All Holy Books*

*ask for peace. Therefore we need the religions to work together on a consistent level. We need that because the world is changing so fast. It has to be a permanent institution.*

*Third: We have to work very closely with the United Nations in New York and help to inform the US Government about the different religions in the world. Mrs. Madeleine K. Albright has strongly recommended this in international newspapers and in her recent book "The Mighty and the All Mighty". Within the World Interfaith Peace Center we must also install an international business information center because globalization is going on. You cannot stop it.*

*We have computers, internet, cell phones, and television, where everyone can be informed about*



*what is going on in the world instantaneously. We are now like a large village and globalization is good if we work with it. We had the Hanse in the middle ages in Europe. It was something like globalization and all citizens which were involved became wealthy. Merchandise was exchanged so that everyone had an advantage. Today we need to strengthen education systems throughout the world. If we do not have good education, people too easily exploit our differences and continue to create trouble. War will inevitably continue. With globalization, everyone has to benefit so that problems in the world can be solved peacefully. We desperately need an effective non-denominational religious institution that is respected by all faiths and nationalities: The World Interfaith Peace Center will promote cooperation that strengthens civil society throughout the world. Religions have much power and we must harness it for the good.*

*Fourth: We need to inspire philanthropy. As I mentioned earlier I am giving 60% of my estate so that everyone can see that I am committed to this proposal. I will establish a foundation according to German law which says it is for art and culture. We need money to establish The World Interfaith Peace Center. Everyone who gives a donation will be mentioned with their name on a special plaque mounted near the entrance of the Center. It will be in the front of the museum, where most people come to visit. It will be a wonderful sales promotion forever.*

*Fifth: I found that by far most American people deeply value humanity, generosity, ethics, and morality and they want fair play among cultures and nations. Also, we are planning another Symposium in October with Prof. Johan Galtung from Transcend. We are also looking at getting other speakers to talk about helping the world by helping yourself. As we work together during this Symposium and plan for the next, let us pray and*

*give thanks that we have such wonderful inspiration as we move in a direction toward world peace!"*

The Max Kade Center has been involved with the symposia of III, which had its beginnings in Indianapolis's relationship with its Sister City Cologne, Germany. The Center has cooperated most closely here with the Consortium for Urban & Multicultural Education in the School of Education at IUPUI. The Initiative is still just a beginning, but exciting things are happening.

For information on the III, please visit:

<http://www.internationalinterfaith.org/index.php>

### **SISTER CITIES IS PEACE THROUGH PEOPLE**

Affiliations between cities in the United States and other countries began shortly after 1945, but no real national focus was realized until President Dwight D.

Eisenhower initiated the People-to-People Program in 1956. Out of this grew Sister Cities International, headquartered in Washington, D.C. It has assisted nearly 1000 U.S. cities and counties to establish links with more than 1,500 communities in app. 100 other nations of the world.

Indiana has 9 German Sister Cities:

- Anderson – Bernburg
- Columbus – Löhne
- Ft. Wayne – Gera
- Indianapolis – Cologne
- Jasper – Pfaffenweiler
- New Harmony – Wiernsheim
- South Bend – Arzberg
- Vincennes – Wasserburg
- Goshen – Bexbach

For more information about Indiana Sister Cities, visit:  
[www.sister-cities.org](http://www.sister-cities.org)



The mission of Sister Cities International is to: "Promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, & cooperation - one individual, one community at a time."

SCI is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities. It strives to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development. It is a leader for local community development and volunteer action. Sister city

programs involve two-way communication and should mutually benefit partnering communities. For info: [www.sister-cities.org](http://www.sister-cities.org)

## NEW BOOKS

GEHLERT, CHRISTEL BEHNKE  
*RECOLLECTIONS OF A HAMBURGER, GROWING UP GERMAN, 1941-1962*

Christel Behnke Gehlert was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1941. Regular dashes to the bomb shelter, the gnawing hunger from a lack of food and fuel, and the personal upheavals her family endured defined Christel's childhood, but not her life.

On one occasion, the author writes: "shortly after we reached the safety of the shelter, a firebomb crashed through the roof of our house, fell through the second and first floors, and then with an awful thud bored into the floor about twenty inches away from the bassinet where I was sleeping peacefully, unaware of the war raging around me." But even in the midst of tragedy, Christel found joy. From the excitement of playing in ruins to the incessant longing for material goods, Christel describes the games and pranks she and her friends played, the joy of singing in a community choir, and the hearty, timeless traditions of growing up German.

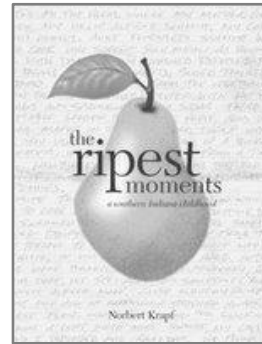


*Recollections of a Hamburger* intimately captures one young woman's coming-of-age during her nation's recovery from war and reveals how the power of memory shapes our lives forever.

Christel Behnke Gehlert is a retired teacher of German, intercultural communication, and English as a Second Language. She resides in Fort Wayne, where she was instrumental in establishing a sister cities relationship between Fort Wayne and Gera, Germany.

The book (ISBN 978-0-595-70782-9) can be ordered from iUniverse, Inc. 2021 Pine Lake Rd., Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68512, or [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

NORBERT KRAPF  
*THE RIPEST MOMENTS: A SOUTHERN INDIANA CHILDHOOD.*



Indiana poet laureate Norbert Krapf set his latest book in Jasper and Dubois County. The 275 page volume, illustrated with almost 70 photos, includes 42 short chapters about the people, episodes, sites, and customs that influenced him to become a writer who celebrates his origins and his German heritage. The book covers growing up in the period following WWII through about 1957. Published by the Indiana Historical Society Press.

*Bloodroot: Indiana Poems*, 175 selected from those written 1971-2007, including 40 new ones, with 61 b/w Dubois Co. photos by David Pierini. Published by Indiana University Press, *Bloodroot: Indiana Poems* is scheduled to arrive at their warehouse on Sept. 6. For info, sample photos and poems, and ordering details, visit <http://krapfpoetry.com/bloodroot.htm>.

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or online at [www.indianapolis-cologne.org](http://www.indianapolis-cologne.org).

Please make checks payable to: Greater Indianapolis Program Committee (GIPC) & 'A Taste of Germany' (ATG) in the memo field.



## ESSAY CONTEST FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY

On the occasion of German-American Day (October 6), the Indiana German Heritage Society is sponsoring an essay contest for Indiana high school students at any level. Participants do not have to be taking a German class in order to be eligible.

The topic for 2008 is "German-Americans Then and Now." Students should research 3-5 German-Americans who have had a significant influence on their new home country. At least one person should be a contemporary and at least one should be prior to the 20th century. Provide biographical information and information on their background in Germany (or other German-speaking country) and discuss their contribution to American society.

The essay length should be 750-1000 words. In addition, the information should also be presented in a PowerPoint format, including pictures and other images, to be put on display at the International Festival in Indianapolis in November. On an additional page, students should describe their own background, highlighting any experience with German language and culture they have had in their personal life and educational career, or their own German-American heritage. This information will also be displayed at the International Festival and/or German-American Day.

The essay, PowerPoint presentation, and the personal statement should be written in English.

Deadline: October 3, 2008

### Prizes:

- 1st prize: \$200.00
- 2nd prize: \$100.00
- 3rd prize: \$ 50.00
- Several prizes for runner-ups

To obtain an entry form please contact: Dr. Fred Yaniga, Butler University, (317) 940-9894, [fyaniga@butler.edu](mailto:fyaniga@butler.edu)



Check out these sites for more information on the Germans of Indiana:

- **Germany in US** <http://www.liberalarts.iupui.edu/giu/culture.htm>
- **IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center** <http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/kade/gahist.html#indiana>
- **German-Americans in Indianapolis:** <http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/special/digproj/circle/home.html>
- **Discover German Originality:** <http://www.germanoriginality.com>
- **Language Learning: German for Beginners:** <http://web.uvic.ca/german/149/>

# INDIANA GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CALENDAR

## STAMMTISCH AND PROGRAMS

### **Wednesday, November 12, Board Meeting, Stammtisch and Program:**

Christel Behnke Gehlert, author of *Recollection of a Hamburger Growing up German, 1941-1962* (see NEW BOOKS on page 10) will speak about growing up in a city that was firebombed in one of the heaviest assaults in the history of aerial warfare--later called the "Hiroshima of Germany" by British officials. Gehlert is a retired teacher and resides in Fort Wayne.

### **Wednesday, December 10, Board Meeting, Stammtisch and Christmas Program:**

Bring a wrapped Christmas tree ornament, new (max. value \$5) or one from your own collection, to the gift exchange and carol sing! Those participating in the exchange will take a new decoration home for their tree.

If you have an E-mail partner with the Bremen, Germany group (or any other overseas partner) write and find out about a Christmas tradition from their childhood. These traditions can then be shared with those present. The evening will conclude with a sing-along of Christmas songs both in German and English.

The programs are held at the Athenaeum located at 401 East Michigan Street in Indianapolis. They are in English, free of charge and open to the public. Optional supper with conversation begins at 6:30 p.m. with the program at 7:30 p.m. Info: 317.655.2755 ext. 149 or [jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com](mailto:jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com)

## OTHER PROGRAMS

**Sunday, September 27:** The *Athenaeum Turner/Indy G Walker Volksmarch* will originate and end at the Athenaeum. 9 a.m. to noon starting times and finish by 3 p.m. No entrance fee. Walkers register inside the YMCA entrance. Medals will be available for purchase. Info: Buddy McCart 317.845.8613

**Sunday, September 28, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. *Herbstfest*** - Family Fall Fest at the Athenaeum-Das Deutsche Haus! Inter-generational German Heritage Celebration! German Community Sangerfest, Dancing, Fun, Food, Children games and activities! Jay Fox Band! Individual \$7.00, Family \$20.00. Info: 317.655.2755 ext. 149 or [jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com](mailto:jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com)

**Thursday, October 2, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Join our Cologne friends for a *Downtown walking tour* led by Giles Hoyt. The tour starts at Columbia Club at 9:00 a.m. Info: Giles Hoyt, 317.509.0072 or [ghoyt@iupui.edu](mailto:ghoyt@iupui.edu)

**Friday, October 3, 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.:** Attend a discussion and breakfast with Dr. Werner Hoyer, Member of the Bundestag, on the "Global Challenges and Changes in Leadership in the United States and Europe." Presented at the Independent Colleges of Indiana, 3135 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis. RSVP to [Linda@icindiana.org](mailto:Linda@icindiana.org) or call 317.236.6090, ext. 221.

## Saturday, October 4:

**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Join our Cologne friends for a *bus tour of Columbus and Nashville* with a luncheon buffet at the Abe Martin Lodge, Brown County State Park. A limited number of seats are available for this tour. Contact the Grueninger Travel Group at 317.465.1122 for more information.

**5 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Celebrate German-American Week at *A Taste of Germany* featuring German beer, wine, German food, music and a silent auction at the historic Firefighters Union Hall, 748 Massachusetts Avenue. Here is your opportunity to sample a wide variety of German beer, wine and German food, as well as live Music and a Silent Auction.

Capacity is limited to 250, so get your tickets now. Advance tickets are \$40.00 each or 2 for \$75.00. At the door, tickets are \$50.00 per person. Order your tickets online at <http://www.indianapolis-cologne.org>. or email [Schmidt@iupuc.edu](mailto:Schmidt@iupuc.edu). Make checks payable to: Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (GIPC) and write *Taste of Germany* (or *TOG*) in the note field. For more info email Steven Schmidt at [Schmidt@iupuc.edu](mailto:Schmidt@iupuc.edu).

**Sunday, October 5, 10:a.m.** Join our Cologne Freundeskreis friends as they attend a Sunday Service at the *Light of the World Christian Church*, 4646 N Michigan Rd, Indianapolis.

## Monday, October 6:

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Join us and our Cologne friends at the City Market for the traditional *German-American Day celebration* with proclamations from the Governor and Mayor, music by *Die Doppel-Adler* and dancers performing. We will have pins, handouts and books available at special prices.

**5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Celebrate *German-American Day and say "Auf Wiedersehen"* at an informal German-American Day Party in the Biergarten of Das Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum. A cash bar, drinks and pretzels with mustard will be available. Info: 317.655.2755 ext. 149 or [jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com](mailto:jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com)

## Tuesday, October 7: *International Interfaith Initiative Symposium:*

**2 p.m. to 3 p.m.:** *Plenary session on Religion, Civil Society and Environmental Stewardship* with Imam Mikal Saahir, George Wolfe, Reverend L. Lang Brownlee, Rabbi Lew Weiss, Judith Cebula, John Gibson, Schumacher, Ian McIntosh, Kim Overdyck, Robert Helfenbein.

**4 p.m. to 5 p.m.:** *Plenary session on Politics, Diplomacy and the Media*, with Pierre Atlas, Siobhan McEvoy-Levy, Tim Swarens, Abdul Hakim-Shabazz, David Hopp

**7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** *Public Discussion with Johan Galtung* at the Indiana World War Memorial, located on the corner of Meridian and Michigan Streets downtown Indianapolis. (See story on page 4) Info: Charlie McDonald at 317.283.2730

**Saturday, November 8**, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Annual *St. Martin's Children's Lantern Festival*, Children and their families gather with their homemade lanterns in the Biergarten Tent at the Athenaeum for food and stories followed by the children's lantern parade through Lockerbie Square in Indianapolis's Original German Town. Admission is \$5.00 individual, \$15.00 Family at gate. Info: 317.655.2755 ext. 149 or [jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com](mailto:jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com).

**Tuesday, November 11**, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Gather on Kurt Vonnegut's birthday to explore his imaginative theology and hear his humorous riffs on God with "*The Gospel According to Kurt Vonnegut*." Enjoy an exhibit of selected Vonnegut artwork and birthday cake after the service. Free. At Lockerbie Central United Methodist Church, 237 N. East St. Parking is available on the street and in the church parking lot. Info: 317.354.3207 or [mikeoles3@mac.com](mailto:mikeoles3@mac.com)

**Thursday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> through December, 24:** The *Chicago Christkindlmarkt* is located on Daley Plaza between Washington, Clark & Dearborn Street in the Chicago Loop. Admission is free. The market is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily starting on Friday, November 28 through Dec. 23rd. On Christmas Eve, the market is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info: <http://www.christkindlmarkt.com/about.html>.

**December 5, 6 and 7:** Bring the children and join us for the *Annual St. Nikolausfest and Christkindlmarkt* at the German House/Athenaeum for its annual German Sankt Nikolaus holiday celebration and old-world crafts and gift market. Market hours are 6-9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5:00 Sunday, December 7. Info: 317.655.2755 ext. 149 or [jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com](mailto:jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com).

**Sunday, December 7**, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: *St. Nikolausfest!* Families and children of all ages can enjoy the tasty challenge of constructing gingerbread houses, take in the Melchior marionettes, shopping at the Christkindl market, listening to German carols and watching lighting of the Christmas tree with real candles. At 3:30 p.m. a fanfare announces the arrival of Sankt Nikolaus and Knecht Ruprecht. Nikolaus will call the children up by name and have them account for their behavior through the year. Seating is limited and children must be registered for the program. Cost (Sunday only); Adults, \$7.00; children under 13, \$5.00. Reservations are a must! For info or registration call 317.655.2755.

**Sunday, December 14**, 3 p.m., Experience a *German Christmas Service* at Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, Indianapolis. Although the service is conducted in German, it is easy to follow. The hymns are familiar and the service is printed in English for participants to follow. Everyone, including students, is encouraged to attend. No denominational restrictions. The church is located at the corner of North and New Jersey Streets., 1 block from the Athenaeum. For more Info call 317.257.0493 or 317.639.5411.

# The Indiana German Heritage Society

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**Membership Chair**  
**401 East Michigan Street**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed to staff our booths. Everyone working a 3 hour shift will get into the festival free.

For Thursday and Friday morning, when the students descend in droves, we need a few native speakers willing to be interviewed by the students and giving information about the German-speaking countries.

If you are willing to help call Jim Gould at 317.655.2755 ext. 149 or [jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com](mailto:jimgould@athenaeumfoundation.com)

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