



Indiana German Heritage Society & IUPUI Max Kade German American Center



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A Celebration of Life — Dr. Ruth Reichmann

A Celebration of Life was held at the Athenaeum on February 25th as we were united by the profound sense of loss we felt for a person who touched our lives in many ways. Ruth's physical presence was absent, but her vision and teachings will continue to inspire us. Ruth was a person of extraordinary intellect, of unwavering dedication to all of her interests and joys, but was also known to have an endearing trait of Sturheit.

Ruth's German-American activities started with research with her late husband, Dr. Eberhard Reichmann on the New Harmony Ethnic Heritage Project in 1980-81. As such, Governor Robert Orr announced the creation of a German American Tri-Centennial-Commission in 1983. Both Reichmanns were appointed by the Governor to the Indiana State German Immigration Tricentennial Commission with Ruth as its Executive Vice Chairman. The responsibilities of the commission were to stimulate interest in contributions made to America by German immigrants, to promote interest in the Tri-centennial and improve relations between Germany and the United States.

Quoting Ruth from the Indiana German Heritage Society's (IGHS's) first newsletter dated February 1985,

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Update from the IUPUI Max Kade Center – Spring 2024

Another academic year comes to a close with a new outlook for the Max Kade German American Center (MKC) at IUPUI and some big campus changes to come.



L to R — Brian Griesemer - IGHS President, Dr. Giles Hoyt, Dr. Claudia Grossmann, and Honorary Consul Sven Schumacher

We want to begin by paying our respects to Dr. Ruth Reichmann, who was an important figure in and patron to the Max Kade Center. Ruth passed at the beginning of this year, leaving behind an incredible legacy to the German American community and, particularly, to IUPUI's German Program and MKC. As our first director and an adjunct professor at IUPUI, Ruth's work shaped the Center's trajectory, helped to give it its national reputation, endowed a German chair

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Karneval Successfully Returns to the Athenaeum//Das Deutsche Haus



The Karneval Maskerade Party was held on Saturday, January 27 in the Basile Theatre in the Historic Athenaeum with live music and jesters. See <https://athenaeumindy.org/> for more information.

Bundesturnfeste in Indy

By Marcia Gascho

There have been 56 national Turnfeste held in the US since 1851. I contacted American Turner historian Daniel Hoisington and got a complete list of the cities where Turnfeste have been held. Since 1948 they have been held every four years, the year before the Olympics. Indianapolis hosted them in 1905, 1983 and 1991.

The 29th National Turnfest was held June 21-26, 1905. I have found many historical photos from that event from the IUPUI archives. I've also found articles from Indianapolis newspapers about the event with the help of Newspapers.com.



It took months of planning for the event as they expected 3,000 athletes from all over the US and 15,000 visitors. According to reports, 2,500 athletes from the US and 8 from Germany came to Indy. Chicago, Milwaukee and Cincinnati sent large numbers of competitors. A tent city was set up for the athletes at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. This included reception, sleeping, cooking and dining areas. Some Turner clubs had beautiful tents equipped with pillars, banners and recreation rooms. Dayton, Ohio, named their tent group Camp Froehlich and had a barbershop, hospital and wooden flooring. Sculptor Rudolph Schwarz created 18 foot tall statues representing a runner, shot putter, weightlifter and hurdler set up downtown. Das Deutsche Haus welcomed visitors on June 20 and 21 with tours of the facilities. German-American veterans of the Civil War fired guns and a trombone quartet played on Monument

Circle near the top of the monument. Two large parades were held: one by torchlight at night and the other during the day with many floats, horses and wagons on Washington Street. All gymnastics and track and field competitions were at the Fairgrounds except for swimming events at Broad Ripple. Thousands of spectators watched from the Fairgrounds grandstand. People were so impressed with this Turnfest, they wanted to keep it in Indy for future years. However it would be another 78 years before another one was held in the city again. An Indianapolis newspaper article favorably compared this Turnfest to the Pan Am Games that Indy hosted in 1987.

The 46th National Turnfest was held June 23-26, 1983. According to an Indianapolis newspaper article from June 13, 1983, 900 athletes from 8 states were expected. Cultural exhibits (painting, dramatics, sewing, ceramics, photography) were held in the newly air conditioned Athenaeum theater.



The IUPUI campus showed off its new sports facilities for 8 different events--gymnastics, track and field, swimming, diving, fencing, tennis, racquetball and a marathon run. Volleyball events were held at a YMCA near the campus. Bob Swan was the Athenaeum president. There were more than 100 Athenaeum volunteers at the Turnfest. Tickets were sold to the public to attend the banquet and sports events. The banquet was held in the Kellersaal. Gymnastics demos and musical

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Celebrate Your German Heritage!
Join the Indiana German Heritage Society and Belong Today!

Let's Welcome Our New IGHS Board of Directors

Lucy Wright is originally from Belarus. As a young girl, she spent 5 years in Germany, in Rostock, where she discovered and developed a love of German language and culture. This love determined her life and stayed with her forever.



When she moved back to Belarus, she enrolled in a school with intensive German class. Afterward, she went to the Linguistic University and received a Master degree Interpreter and translator for German, English, and Russian with the focus on international business. After University, she spent a year living with a German family as an Au-Pair near Cologne. This helped to develop her language skills and make her more fluent. Once the Au-Pair year was over, Lucy enrolled at a technical university in city Wuppertal and received Bsc. EE/IT. She then spent almost a year doing a practicum and working on her Bachelor thesis at a German company in Mannheim, Pepperl+Fuchs, which employed her for almost 12 years.

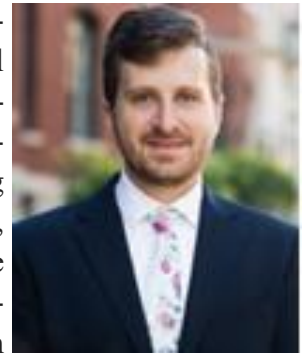
During this time Lucy became a German citizen and court certified German-Russian interpreter in Darmstadt and Frankfurt / Main. In Germany, Lucy met her American husband, Jason. Two (2) boys – James and Boris were born in that time in Germany (they both are in German School Indianapolis now). April 2018 the whole family, including grandmother Zhanetta, the valuable and integral family member, moved to the State of Washington due to Lucy's husband's work assignment where she continued working for the same German company. Additionally, Lucy became a certified medical interpreter and translator German, Russian, English. Lucy was actively seeking the German community and found among others Tacoma German Language School where she taught German on Saturdays.

In July 2023 another assignment of Lucy's husband brought her with the family to Noblesville, Indiana. The German company kept Lucy as a Field Application Engineer for the new territory; but she didn't want to lose

connections to the German community and before moving she was able to find Dr. Claudia Grossmann, the former director of the enrichment program, and with her help and dedication to reopen German Saturday School in Indianapolis. In the second semester the school has already grown with new students.

With her love for German language and culture, experience in teaching, and organizational skills will be a good fit for IGHS.

Colin Renk leads The International Center's programs and services department which includes the organization's office of protocol and business services including intercultural workshops, trainings, protocol, consulting and relocation services. Prior to joining The Center in May 2022, Renk served as executive director of the America China Society of Indiana which facilitated bilateral business connections between Indiana and China. Prior to joining ACSI in 2012, Colin served at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and was a Governor's Fellow for the Office of Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels. Mr. Renk holds an M.B.A. from Butler University and a B.S. in Public & Non-Profit Management from Indiana University.



With a lifelong passion for Germany, Colin studied German in high school and was an



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The Indianapolis German School (“Deutsche Samstagsschule”), a community outreach program of the



Dept. of World Languages and Cultures at IUPUI, in conjunction with IGHS, continued offering classes in the spring of 2024. Two classes were offered: Pre-K/Kindergarten and Grundschule 1&2. In addition to language instruction, crafts and cultural activities, we also celebrated *Karneval/Fasching* with a costume

parade, singing, and dancing. And yes, there was candy too. There are plans for a *Tanz in den Mai* on the last day of the semester, with instruction on folk dancing and a dance demonstration by members of the *Fledermaeuschen*. Fun was had by everyone. We look forward to expanding the program in the Fall. Please visit the IGHS website for an announcement this summer or contact Claudia Grossmann at cgrossma@iupui.edu for information.



The IGHS 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 qualified for tax-free 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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Indiana German Heritage Society Vision:

The vision of the Indiana German Heritage Society is to be the catalyst for the preservation and celebration of the state’s German-American heritage, and to support groups and communities in activities that coincide with our mission.

Indiana German Heritage Society Mission:

The mission of the IGHS is to understand, promote, and celebrate the contributions of German-speaking immigrants and their descendants to the multi-cultural heritage of the state and the nation.

We are guided by a commitment to learn and an obligation to share our knowledge with accuracy, integrity, and respect for all heritages.

IGHS NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

In order to get our newsletter out to the membership on schedule, please submit your stories, events and pictures by the listed deadlines:

Issue #1 (Winter)	<u>December 1</u>
Issue #2 (Spring)	<u>February 1</u>
Issue #3 (Summer)	<u>May 1</u>
Issue #4 (Fall)	<u>August 1</u>

IGHS Announces 2024 IUHPFL and GAPP Scholarship Winners

The IGHS offers scholarships to Indiana high school students participating in an organized program in a German-speaking country, such as the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages, a five-week immersion program in Graz, Austria, or the German American Partnership Program, a three-week exchange program between partner high schools. This year, a total of \$5,000 in scholarship money was awarded to five students.



Four (4) scholarships in the amount of \$1,100 each were awarded to the following students for participating in the I.U. Honors Program in Graz, Austria. This is a five-week full immersion program with homestays, language instruction, and cultural excursions.

- Charles Henson, Fishers High School (teacher: Robin Geisinger)
- Jakob Polly, Fishers High School (teacher: Robin Geisinger)
- Josie Arthur, Bloomington North High School (teacher: Vanessa Domizlaff)
- Giles Bradley, Marian High School, Mishawaka (teacher: David Rosenbaum)

A scholarship in the amount of \$600 was awarded to John Malan from Roncalli High School for participating in the school's GAPP program, an exchange program with a German partner school. John's teacher is Louise Hibner.

We congratulate all the scholarship award winners and applaud their teachers for their encouragement and support.

Southside Turnverein Historical Marker Dedication

The historical marker commemorating the Southside Turnverein in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood will be dedicated in the coming months. The marker, approved by the Indiana Historical Bureau, was installed in 2023 at 306 Prospect Street. The Southside Turnverein was an athletic and social club founded in 1893 to foster German cultural traditions. Under the leadership of local businessman and immigrant, Henry Victor, the club expanded quickly. The building, designed by the prominent local architectural firm of Vonnegut & Bohn and dedicated in 1901, hosted many athletic and other events. Its membership peaked in the 1930s before declining again. The building was restored and formally reopened in 2018, as the home of Point Comfort Underwriters. You can view a picture of the marker at <https://www.in.gov/history/>.

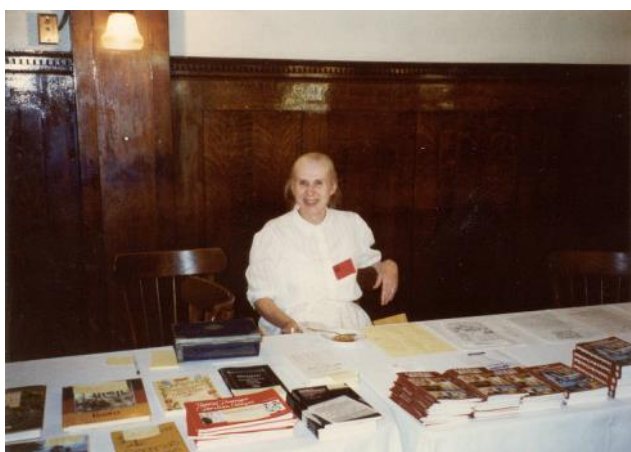


ROCK OUT WITH YOUR BOCK OUT APRIL 13TH AT
ST. BENNO FEST

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entertainment were in the Beer Garden. Bill Woehrle, a Turner I met at the New Ulm Turnfest last year, brought the Turner club from Madison, Wisconsin. He attended the Normal College at the Athenaeum in the 1960s and became a Turner gymnastics instructor.

Indy hosted the 48th National Turnfest June 26-29, 1991. The Athenaeum once again served as the headquarters. Gray Line buses gave city tours to visitors. A symposium called "Sports, Society and the Turners" was at the IUPUI Conference Center.



Moderators included Giles Hoyt and Ruth Reichmann. There was a parade, Turner cultural exhibits in the Athenaeum and a Miss Turner contest. Opening Ceremonies were at the IUPUI Track and Field stadium. Sports competitions were held at IUPUI and other locations around town. Some of the many competitions were racquetball, fencing, cycling, track and field, soccer, gymnastics, golf, bowling, swimming and volleyball. Banquets and musical entertainment were held at the Athenaeum. Approximately 100 athletes competed.

The 1905 Turnfest was a huge event for Indianapolis. In just 9 years World War I would start and the Turners began their sad decline in the US. There are only about 50 Turner clubs left in the US today but fortunately Turnfeste are still being planned for the future!



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and library support, and funded multiple scholarships. We will miss her and her dedication to intercultural education.

As mentioned, with the recent changes to the MKC financial structure, MKC has had to change its approach to outreach, limiting events to only two to three a year. We hope, however, this means that you will be able to attend all of our events in the new academic year. Please watch the MKC website (<https://liberalarts.iupui.edu/centers/maxkade/>) in August to see what we've got in store!

With our scholarships competition coming to a close, we were pleased to offer IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center Study Abroad Scholarship to one undergraduate student and have offered one Max Kade Foundation graduate fellowship. Though these have not yet been accepted, we are glad to give away funding to support student research and work. Are your students soon to enter IUI? Remind them that majoring or minoring in German can mean financial support! Visit the MKC website for more information.

When we reopen next year, MKC will be part of the inaugural year of the Indiana University Indianapolis campus. Though little will change in the running of MKC, this may mean some changes for the German Program and the Center – more information will come also in the fall.

And, as we near the end of our fiscal year, I want to extend a reminder that IGHS members can support the MKC programming and scholarships. You may donate by going to our website and clicking on the "donate now" button on our front page.

Finally, a reminder that the Max Kade Center will be closed during the IUPUI summer break. Have a great summer!

Nichole Neuman, PhD
Director, Max Kade German-American Research
and Resource Center

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“During the Tricentennial year with all its fun packed and fast paced activities, we began to notice various degrees of awareness and knowledge about Hoosier Germans. But we also realized that three generations of withdrawal from ethnic considerations had, of necessity, led to historical indifference and an inevitable disappearance of the German language that was still spoken fluently “in (great) grandfather’s house.” The strong show of interest and enthusiasm with German-Americana and the dedication of the commissions and committees throughout Indiana quite naturally called for continuing our efforts beyond the anniversary year celebrations. A challenge was born: to regain an understanding of our rich but largely forgotten heritage. This led to the founding of the Indiana German Heritage Society.”

Through this commission they met many Indiana Germans throughout the state longing for recognition of Indiana Germanness and history. Ruth, Eberhard and others founded the IGHS in 1984 as a non-profit, state-wide organization to continue the work of the commission, with Ruth as its first president. This non-profit organization continues today celebrating, promoting and perpetuating Indiana Germanness throughout the state of Indiana, which coincidentally is celebrating its 40th year.

Ruth served as editor and contributor to the *IGHS Newsletter* for several decades and served on the board of directors of the IGHS for over 30 years. IGHS named her President Emerita. In 2013 it was my pleasure as President of the IGHS, to introduce her as the newest recipient of the Hoosier German American of the Year Award which recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the cultural and

historical heritage of the Hoosier German-American community as she joined past recipients Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. and Senator Richard Lugar.

She envisioned finishing the Hoosier German Anthology, an extensive project she and Eberhard started in the 1980s that pertains to the life of Germans and German-Americans in the Hoosier state.

Amazingly through determination and with some Sturheit, she was physically present and participated in last year’s annual meeting at the Sherman in Batesville/Oldenbourg. Although Ruth was no longer on the IGHS board of directors she continuously embraced current technology and was routinely able to attend our monthly board meetings via ZOOM and continued to make valuable contributions to the organization’s progress.

Personally, I first met Ruth in 2009 soon after becoming a new IGHS board member. I had been involved in the German community at Samstagschule and in the Kindertanzgruppe at the German American Klub; but, had not personally met Ruth prior to my onboarding. However, I certainly had heard of Ruth – we all did. We knew she and Eb sponsored the Sankt Nikolaus celebration at the Athenaeum in which we first attended in 2008. We returned every year thereafter as this was indeed a special and authentic family event that included the Christmas tree candle lighting ceremony which was one of the essential customs the Reichmanns insisted on doing to promote German traditions.

Gott hat seine Tochter nach Hause gerufen.

God has called his daughter home.

Ruhe in Frieden, Ruth!

Brian Griesemer,
IGHS President

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Indiana’s
German Heritage!**
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Ruth Reichmann — Obituary

by William Selm

Ruth M. Reichmann, PhD passed away on 6 January 2024 in her home outside of Nashville, Indiana at the age of 95. She was well-known in Brown County, throughout the state, nation, and in her native Germany because of her many activities and publications. She was an academic and a civic activist.

Dr. Reichmann was born in Munich, the capital of the German state of Bavaria on 29 July 1928, the daughter of Dr. Karl-Heinz and Lillianne Bachmund. She grew up in the famous city of Nuremburg in Franconian Bavaria, where she witnessed the destruction of her city and country during the Second World War. This had a profound effect on her.

Her academic career began in Nuremburg, earning a business school certificate in 1951, qualifying her to work in the export department of a manufacturer rebuilding after the war. Seeking greater opportunities, she immigrated to America in 1952 and enrolled as a pre-med student at the University of Cincinnati. At U.C. she met her future husband Eberhard Reichmann, an immigrant from Swabia Germany. They married in 1956 and enjoyed 53 years of marriage and shared interests. The couple moved to Bloomington, Indiana, in 1959 where Eberhard had secured a teaching position at Indiana University, Department of German. Ruth was endowed with an oversized intellectual curiosity and with the energy to match. At Indiana University in the 1960s she earned her B.A. in Speech and Theater, a Master of Arts in Teaching, and ultimately a PhD in 1986 with her dissertation "Intercultural Adult Education: Its Nature and Exemplification."

Ruth was engaged in her many activities rooted in what she experienced during the war. She was a practical *Weltverbesserin*, working to make the world better through civic engagement, democratic participation, the defense of nature, preservation of the historic environment, intercultural and international understanding, education, and studying Indiana's rich and diverse German heritage. She was an active

member and leader in the Brown County Historical Center, Brown County League of Women Voters, Indiana Sister Cities, Inc., Sassafras Audubon Society of south-central Indiana, the Max Kade German-American Center of IUPUI, Society for German-American Studies, the Indiana German Heritage Society, the Brown County Community Foundation, the Peaceful Valley Heritage and Preservation Society, the Athenaeum Turners, and the Athenaeum Foundation. She was instrumental in reviving Karneval and starting the St. Nikolaus Fest in the Athenaeum.

Her German-American activities started with research with her husband on the New Harmony Ethnic Heritage Project in 1980-81. New Harmony was the state's first German community. Both Reichmanns were appointed by Governor Robert Orr in 1983 to the Indiana State German Immigration Tricentennial Commission with Ruth as Executive Vice Chairman. Through this commission they met many Indiana Germans throughout the state longing for recognition of Indiana Germanness and history. Ruth and Eberhard and others founded the Indiana German Heritage Society (IGHS) in 1984 to continue the work of the commission, with Ruth as its first president. Tours, conferences, workshops, exhibits, and publications followed. Ruth served as editor and contributor to the *IGHS Newsletter* for several decades and served on the board of directors of the IGHS for over 30 years. IGHS named her President Emerita and Hoosier German-American of the Year in 2013. Although Ruth and Eberhard left Germany a century after the massive wave of German immigration to Indiana, they were aware that they were in the footsteps of the *Auswanderer* of the nineteenth century. They had their own immigrant experience.

Ruth and Eberhard put their money where their mouths were. They and Drs. Giles and Dolores Hoyt endowed the chair to the Max Kade German-American Center in the School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI, which they founded in 1989 to guarantee the perpetuation of the teaching of the German language and the study of German Americana. She served as

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the center's first director.

She leaves behind a legacy of service, making Indiana, America, and the world a better place by thinking, doing, and leading. Ruth received many awards recognizing her vision, planning, passion, devotion, time, energy, and stubbornness in her many fields of interest. Her many awards came from the Sassafras Audubon Society, Brown County Community Foundation, IUPUI (Spirit of Philanthropy Award), and the Society for German-American Studies. Prestigious awards came from Indiana Governor Orr (Sagamore of the Wabash, 1987), and the Federal Republic of Germany's highest civilian honor (*Bundesverdienstkreuz*, 1991; and German-American Friendship Award, 1985).

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Colin Renk (cont'd) active participant in the Indianapolis-Cologne Sister City. In 2018, Renk received a grant from Wunderbar Together: Deutschlandjahr USA to organize the first-ever business conference between Indiana and Germany.

The success of that initiative led Colin to form the Indiana-Germany Business Council in 2021 with the organization formally launching in 2022 with Governor Holcomb. By joining IGHS, Renk hopes to promote a modern and vibrant Germany to younger audiences and create new cultural engagement opportunities in the transatlantic relationship.



DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT THE IGHS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Support the IGHS Scholarship Funds. The Marie Schoch Endowment Fund was established for the benefit of "qualified persons wishing to gain and distribute knowledge with respect to the cultural, historic and linguistic contributions of the German American community." German language study at secondary or university level may be included.

The donations are tax-exempt. Checks may be sent to the Indiana German Heritage Society, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR IGHS MEMBERSHIP!

IGHS is a not-for-profit membership organization, so we rely on membership fees, donations, and occasional grants to provide the essential support for the activities and programs of the organization, including our quarterly Newsletter, which focuses mainly on Indiana German-American history and heritage, but brings also items of general interest.

Renew online at www.ighs.org/renew.html or use the renewal form located at the back of this newsletter. You can also use the same forms to give the gift of an IGHS Membership!



If you are uncertain of your membership status, please send an e-mail to ighsmembership@gmail.com.

Wanna be German? Of course you do. And now you can, as German comedian Paco Erhard teaches you how. Sold out worldwide, this multi-award winning show finally hits Indy on none other than the stage at the Athenaeum. See <https://athenaeumindy.org/> for more information.

Indiana Leaders Form Coalition to Build and Grow a Swiss-Style Youth Apprenticeship Program

By Colin Renk

More than 100 Indiana leaders, including corporate CEOs, university presidents, K-12 superintendents and state government officials, have joined a coalition to develop a statewide modern youth apprenticeship system in Indiana as one potential solution to the state's mounting workforce crisis.

The group recently kicked off a 10-month Implementation Lab (referred to as an iLab), an intensive collaborative that will result in a comprehensive, statewide plan to increase the number of available modern youth apprenticeships. The youth apprenticeship model allows 11th grade high school students to participate in a three-year, paid work-and-learn program. The apprenticeship culminates in a high school diploma, college credit and an industry credential, while at the same time preparing students for in-demand careers. CEMETS iLab Indiana is the brain-child of Ursula Renold, Ph.D., and Katie Caves, Ph.D., of the Center on Economics and Management of Education and Training Systems (CEMETS) at ETH Zurich, who are considered the preeminent experts in workplace learning research and implementation.

Indiana's long-standing talent shortages worsened during the pandemic and are projected to increase due to an aging population and only a 63% labor force participation rate. Further, by 2031, 72% of jobs in the U.S. will require postsecondary education and/or training. Indiana is not on track to meet that need, with only 39% of Hoosier adults 25 years and over having an associate degree or higher. To complicate matters, college enrollment in Indiana declined from 65% in 2015 to 53% in 2021. All told, for each high school graduating class, only about 30% earn a college degree – meaning 70% enter the labor market without a degree or credential.

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The Jasper DeutscherVerein – Jasper German Club

The Jasper DeutscherVerein was founded in January, 1980 to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage in Jasper and surrounding area. The Club is intended to be primarily Social and Not-For Profit.

The DeutscherVerein's only yearly fund raiser is having food booths at the Jasper Strassenfest in August. We have a food booth and a pastry booth and members, friends, and students of the Exchange Program work these booths.

The Jasper Strassenfest officially opens on Thursday night and that night has been proclaimed as German Heritage night with many events pertaining to German heritage taking place that night on the Willkommen Stage or the Glockenspiel Stage. The kinder dance around the Mai Pole in their German dresses and lederhosen and the adults perform the Ländler Dance in the Bier Garten. Also taking place during the Strassenfest is Das Schokospiel, Children's Chicken Dance Contest, Schnitzelbank Song Sing-Along, Das Glockenspiel, Log Sawing Contest, Polka Contest, and many other activities for children and adults.

Members of the DeutscherVerein lead the walking parade in their dirndls and lederhosen to the Bier Garten after the opening ceremonies of Strassenfest to celebrate the beginning of four days of celebrating our German heritage.

In May, the Jasper DeutscherVerein awards a scholarship to a local student who has met set criteria.

Since 1985, the Jasper DeutscherVerein has maintained a Mai Pole with a colorful mural at the corner of 6th and Newton Streets.

There are approximately seven meetings each year with additional activities throughout the year. In Oc-

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The iLab's members include leaders in business, education, government and philanthropy, many of whom became supporters of the modern youth apprenticeship movement during a September 2023 Indy Chamber Leadership Exchange trip to see Switzerland's system in action. The Swiss are internationally recognized for their system, with two-thirds of 10th graders entering a three- or four-year paid apprenticeship from about 250 different occupations spanning all sectors of the economy.

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tober, members of the Jasper Deutscher Verein, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper Partnership Commission celebrate our German Heritage with the German-American Day Dinner and the German Heritage Award presented to a worthy individual for their contributions to promoting and maintaining our local German heritage. The first German Heritage Award was presented in 1999 and continues.



The Mai Pole at the corner of 6th and Newton Streets in Jasper

In 2002, the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment was established at the Dubois County Community Foundation.

In 2022, the Glockenspiel Stage was designed and built by members of the Jasper Deutscher Verein and proudly hosts many events during the Strassenfest.



The Glockenspiel built in 2022

Dues for the Deutscher Verein are \$15 a person. Out of this \$15, a \$1 goes to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$1 per member goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. for dues, and \$13.00 is retained for club operating expenses. As a paid member of the Jasper Deutscher Verein, \$1.00 of the dues goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. making each Jasper Deutscher Verein member a member of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

The Jasper Deutscher Verein has a website – www.jaspergermanclub.org and a Facebook page.



**More from
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Ferdinand — Chapel Dedication

On November 5, Bishop Joseph M. Siegel dedicated the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother on Calvary Hill in Ferdinand for its new purpose as a columbarium — a place to inter cremains. He will be joined by St. Ferdinand/Christ the King Pastor Fr. Anthony Govind, former pastor Fr. Jack Durchholz, Deacon James King, Deacon Phillip Rogier, St. Ferdinand's choir and members of the Preservation Committee, including Fr. Anthony, Diane and Alvin Hoppenjans, Lori Klem, Ralph Pund, Gloria Rahman, Sr. Barbara Lynn Schmitz and Kathy Tretter.

Bishop Siegel blessed the niches in preparation for becoming a final resting place, as well as everyone in attendance. By the way, everyone is invited but seating might be tight.

One feature not missed in this newly restored space is the Snippets of History in the choir loft, where Father Eberhard Stadler's desk also holds a place of honor. The Snippets of History features massive "pages" telling the story (with pictures) of Ferdinand's founding. Readers may remember it was Fr. Eberhard who fulfilled Ferdinand founder Father Joseph Kundek's vision to place a chapel on Mount Calvary Hill.

Before going forward it would seem appropriate to take a look back to how this restoration came to pass.

The Ferdinand Historical Society hosted a gathering for Indiana Landmarks in 2015, during which the Society was honored with an award for the restoration of the Wollenmann House. Camile Fife, who wrote the nomination to get the house on the National Register, mentioned to Diane Hoppenjans, "Now that you're done with the Wollenmann House you can start on the chapel."

The chapel was already on the Society's radar and the first of what would be many meetings was held February 1, 2016.

What could be the purpose for this sacred space was the first question in need of an answer.

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The late Father John Schipp posited the idea of a columbarium, explaining many more people were choosing cremation.

A feasibility study followed, along with an application to get all of St. Ferdinand's property on the National Register, which took a while to be approved. Fundraising began in earnest and grants helped along the way, including a \$100,000 Historic Preservation Grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and \$35,000 from the Dubois County Community Foundation. The total cost came in over \$1 million so all the donations were essential. For a bit of perspective, the chapel cost \$6,464.64 when it was built in 1876/77.

Diane and Alvin Hoppenjans took the lead on the project (and deserve buckets of accolades), and Ralph Pund has been a Godsend when he joined the team. Together he and Alvin served as clerks of the work.

The project was completed in phases. The late Jane Jochem and Joan Lange at St. Ferdinand were indispensable, keeping track of all the donors and handling much of the paperwork.

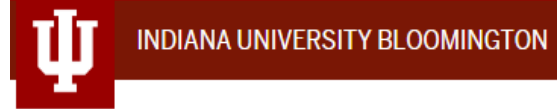
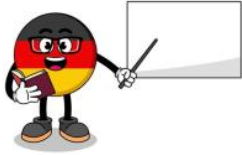
Many of the committee members were busy attaching marble faces on the niches and working to complete other finishing touches. The Snippets of History panels were delivered on Monday and touch ups were ongoing all week in preparation for the dedication.

Frühlingsfest April 26—27, 2024



**Frühlingsfest 2024:
Indy's Spring Festival
Weekend is Friday
and Saturday, April
26th and 27th in German Park.
See <https://indianapolisgak.com/>**

Some of the Indiana Universities and Colleges offering degrees in German



Wabash.



Indiana University South Bend



Komm lieber Mai, a childrens' poem, written by Christian Adolf Overbeck in 1776, and set to music by

Auf Deutsch



Komm lieber Mai und mache die Bäume wieder grün,
und lass mir an dem Bache die kleinen Veilchen blüh'n.
Wie möcht' ich doch so gerne, ein Veilchen wieder seh'n!
Ach, lieber Mai, wie gerne einmal spazieren geh'n!

Ach, wenn's doch erst gelinder und grüner draußen wär',
komm lieber Mai, wir Kinder, wir bitten dich so sehr.
O komm und bring vor allem uns viele Veilchen mit,
bring auch viel' Nachtigallen und schöne Kuckucks mit



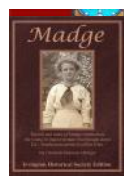
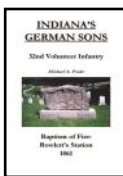
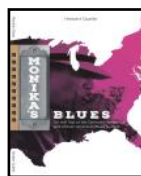
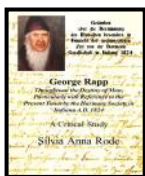
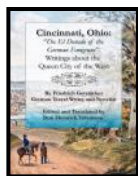
In English

Come, dear May, and make the trees green again,
and let the violets bloom again by the brook.
I would love to see a violet bloom again
and, dear Mai, I would love to go for a walk.

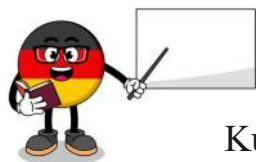
Oh, if only it would be more mild and greener outside!
Come, dear May, we children are begging you!
Please come and above all bring along lots of violets,
many nightingales and also beautiful cuckoo birds



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Auf Deutsch

Kuckuck, Kuckuck ruft's aus dem Wald.

Lasset uns singen, tanzen, und springen,
Frühling, Frühling, wird es nun bald!



Kuckuck, Kuckuck, lässt nicht sein Schrei'n:

Kommt in die Felder, Wiesen und Wälder,

Frühling, Frühling, stelle dich ein!



Kuckuck, Kuckuck, trefflicher Held
Was du gesungen, ist dir gelungen,
Winter, Winter, räumt das Feld!



In English

Cuckoo, cuckoo is calling from the woods.

Let's sing, dance, and jump around,
Spring, Spring is coming soon!

Cuckoo, cuckoo, doesn't stop calling.

Come outside into the fields,
meadows and woods,
Spring, Spring, we are waiting for you!

Cuckoo, cuckoo, you splendid hero.

What you sang about, you have accomplished:

Winter, Winter, is going away!



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Hoosier German - American Of The Year

Nominations Sought for 2024 Hoosier German-American of the Year

Each fall, the IGHS recognizes an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the cultural and historical heritage of the Hoosier German-American community. This individual or group must have been active in the German-American Community of their area for a minimum of 10 years.

Nominations are now being accepted from the entire IGHS membership for The Hoosier German-American of the Year for 2024.

Please send us the name of the individual or group you would like to nominate for this prestigious award. Be sure to include an explanation of why you believe that this individual or group should be chosen to receive this award. Please send your name, address, telephone number, and email address along with your nomination to:

Brian Griesemer, Chairperson
IGHS Awards Committee
401 E. Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

or email to: griesemerbp@lilly.com

Nominations are due by August 1.

The award will be presented at the German-American Day presentation held in October at the Athenaeum German Fest, with proclamations by the Governor and the Mayor. The recipient will receive a plaque and the recipient's name will be permanently displayed at the Deutsche Haus/Athenaeum.

For information pertaining to the requirements for Annual Hoosier-German American Award please go to <https://www.ighs.org/hoosier-german-american-of-the-year.html>

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE IGHS HOOSIER GERMAN-AMERICAN AWARD INCLUDE:

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2011 Prof. Ron Warner
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2023 Gerhard Klemm
2024 — ?

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Indiana German Heritage Society

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Knowledge of German Language: ☐ None ☐ Some ☐ Fluent

Knowledge of Old German Script (Sütterlin): ☐ None ☐ Some ☐ Good

I am willing to help with activities (Circle one): Yes No

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To join or renew online, go to IGHS.org!





INDIANA GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CALENDAR



STAMMTISCH AND PROGRAMS

Wednesday 10 April:

The German Market Gardeners of Bluff Road



Bethany Natali, a historian with Weintraut & Associates (W&A), will be presenting “The German Market Gardeners of Bluff Road.” This presentation will examine the history of the Bluff Road Historic District, a collection of German market gardens, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 1 September 2023. Many of the Bluff Road farmers were members of the Deutsche Gärtner Unterstützungs Verein von Indianapolis.

ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ztEuceChrzsHdLc_pNSb83Zly-1x3bXBPBS

Wednesday 8 May:

VON DUPRIN

The History of Von Duprin Company of Indianapolis

The story of the Von Duprin Panic Bar hardware is quite interesting. It was invented in the wake of the catastrophic 1903 Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago that claimed 602 lives. Carl Prinzler, the “prin” of Von Duprin, was an employee of Vonnegut Hardware Company (the “Von” of Von Duprin) was instrumental in the development of the panic bar. The Athenaeum is fitted with Von Duprin panic bars and while leading a tour of the building and noting the panic bars, Marcia met a retired employee of Von Duprin who provided valuable insights into the company and its famous product.

Marcia Gascho will be presenting “The History of Von Duprin Company of Indianapolis” and is a native of South Dakota who has been an Indianapolis resident since 1980. She was awarded a B.A. in German by Uni Alabama Huntsville and has been giving tours at the Athenaeum and Christkindlmarkt for over 5 years. She is a IGHS board member and has immersed herself in the people and culture of Das Deutsche Haus.

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZMtf--prjkhHdSUJkXJWvv0bwDCiX55Hygp>

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STAMMTISCH AND PROGRAMS

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Wednesday 12 June:

Wegweiser: German place Names in Indiana



William L. Selm will present this topic on the German origins of towns and villages in the state which are named for places in German-speaking Europe such as Oldenburg in Franklin County, Berne in Adams County, and Vienna in Scott County. Many more towns and villages were founded by Germans (or German Swiss) such as Tell City and Ferdinand, but these place names are not on a map of Europe.

William L. Selm is an Indianapolis historian with roots in Franklin County, IN. He is a co-founder of the IGHS.

ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpc-qprTtiG9Kk2vSAarO_kbCmaHlyJnZV

All Stammtisch programs are presented in English, are free of charge, and are open to everyone. The programs begin at 7:30 PM. Most programs are offered both in person or via Zoom.

Registration is required for all Zoom events. Use the links above to register in advance for each program. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Did you miss the 40th Annual Meeting and Symposium at the Athenaeum -
Das Deutsche Haus on March 22 - 23, 2024?**

Topic: German-American Cuisine.

See <https://www.ighs.org/recorded-presentations.html>
for recorded presentations



7:30 PM Friday
"German influence on US and Indiana Beer"
Ron Smith
Marketwise solutions; MBA Classes and Trips



9:00 AM Saturday
"Moving the Feast—German cooking, Hoosier Style"
Steve Schmidt
Librarian Emeritus-Indiana State Library, Author.



10:00 AM Saturday
"The Midwestern Creole—evolution of German-American cuisine across our region"
Travis Jerde, Ph.D.
Professor--Indiana University;
VP Cultural Affairs--German American Klub Indianapolis



11:00 AM Saturday
"Germans and Their Love of Bread"
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