SUMMER PROGRAMS

RICHMOND, MAY 20

"Discover the 'South End Dutch'" is the title for the May 20 meeting and excursion which will explore Richmond's German Heritage. Don Royer, Ph.D., will organize the program that will include a tour of a number of historic German-American sites. Royer, a German-speaking native of Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, is a historical sociologist who has served on the faculties at Earlham College, IUPUI, and Ball State. He also has headed the Richmond German Heritage Project and is the author of the soon to be published work titled The German-American Contribution to Richmond's Development, 1831-1933. Local interest in the project resulted in the founding of the Richmond German Heritage Society which will serve as the host organization for the May 20 program.

Richmond was incorporated in 1818 and was originally settled by members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) from North Carolina. Pioneer Quaker settlers Andrew Hoover and his son, David, were instrumental in influencing the North Carolina Quakers to migrate. David Hoover named the community after Richmond, Kentucky, The Hoover family Anglicized its German name Huber sometime in the 18th century after arriving in Germantown, Pennsylvania.

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The first Germans to settle in Richmond were the Baumers who arrived in 1833. The early migration of Germans who arrived in Richmond between 1833 and 1850 came from their native land through the ports of Baltimore and New Orleans and settled in Cincinnati. The construction of the National Road bridge over the East Fork of the Whitewater River in 1834 resulted in the increased migration of Germans seeking work as stone cutters, stone masons, and laborers. The construction of the bridge also resulted in a population shift within the town with the Anglo-Quakers moving out of the original residential area. They developed a newer residential area to the northeast along the National Road. The vacated old houses and cottages were left to the new comers Germans and Blacks. This “Old Richmond” area contains the German heritage churches including St. John Lutheran Church, founded in 1844, and St. Andrew Catholic Church, founded in 1846, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded in 1853. St. John Church was the city's first German Church and continued German language services until 1843. The original church building still stands but now functions as an apartment building. The current church was built in 1907-1908.

Richmond’s first German-language newspaper, the Hausfreund, was founded in 1872 and merged with the Correspondent to form Die Volkszeitung which ceased publication in 1966. Dr. Royer’s study reveals that Germans comprised 32% of the city’s population in 1875 with many immigrants from Kreis Osnabrueck in the kingdom of Hannover.

A walking tour of “Old Richmond” is planned to begin at St. John Lutheran Church at 1:00 p.m. The afternoon program will also feature a tour of the historic Abram Gaar House and a presentation on Richmond’s close City Partnership with Zweibruecken in West Germany.

Members of the Indiana German Heritage Society are invited to join the Richmond German Heritage Society in a pitch-in meal at St. John Church at 1:30 p.m. The IGHS board meeting will take place immediately following the meal with other activities taking place between 1:00 and 4:30.

Directions to Richmond: From Interstate 70, take the U.S. 27 exit (the second Richmond exit) south into Richmond which becomes 8th Street. Stay on 8th Street through the downtown area to South “E” Street, then west one block to St. John Church at South “E” and South 7th Streets.

If you plan to attend the 11:30 luncheon, please inform William L. Selna by May 17 (Wednesday) at (317) 283-7820 (home) or 236-4406 (work) or Don Royer at (317) 962-8212. Dress appropriately for the weather and walking.

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**ZIONSVILLE, JUNE 10**

Bill and Dorothea Renner have invited the IGHS to their farm for an informal Board/Stammtisch meeting on Saturday, June 10. The meeting will be held at their party barn which is adjacent to a small lake. The barn was built by Bill’s grandfather in 1893. Mrs. Gwen Yeaman, a nationally known basket maker, will present a program on basketry including German and Shaker baskets. The itinerary is as follows:

- **2:30 Board Meeting**
- **4:00 Yeaman Presentation**
- **5:00 Covered Dish Dinner**

The Renner’s will furnish meat, rolls, ice tea and table service. If you wish to bring your own soft drinks, beer, or wine, coolers will be available for their storage. If you would like to fish in the Renner’s lake, bring your own tackle and keep. To help them with food preparation, please call the Renner’s at (317) 873-2384 by the evening of June 7 (Wednesday) if you plan to attend.

The Renner’s reside at 10010 Zionsville Road. It is located on the west side of Zionsville Road, the second drive north of Interstate #465, and is marked by 2 charcoal grey mail boxes. The red barn and lake are also visible from Zionsville Road. From the east side of Indianapolis, take I-465 west to Indiana #421 exit. Go north 1 block to 96th Street. Turn left on 96th Street and travel about 1.5 miles to Zionsville Road and turn right (north). The Renner’s home is 3/8 mile north of the intersection on the left. From the west side of Indianapolis, take 1-465 north to 86th Street (Rd. #100). Travel east on 86th Street to Zionsville Road (stop light) and turn left. Continue about 1 3/8 miles north on Zionsville Road to the Renner’s home on the left. If you come from Zionsville, come straight south 1.5 miles.

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**BROOKVILLE, JULY 8**

Brookville, located in the beautiful Franklin County hills, will be the site for the July 8 Summer Program of the IGHS. The town is situated in the heart of the scenic and historic Whitewater Valley on U.S. Highway 52, between Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

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The program will include some of the most interesting sights and points of attraction in the valley. The first stop will be the former home of J. Otis Adams and T.C. Steele, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shea. The Hermitage was established by Adams and William Forsythe in 1897. Mr. Adams conducted an art school at "The Hermitage," and from 1898 to 1927 this school was a center of art activity with Adams, Forsythe, Stare, and T.C. Steele making their headquarters during frequent intervals throughout the period. Steele and his first wife spent six summers at "The Hermitage," occupying the south studio and entertaining many fellow artists. Steele conducted various art classes, attracting students from the Indianapolis and Cincinnati areas. After his wife's death in 1907, Steele left the mansion to the Adanses and bought 200 acres in Brown County.

"The Hermitage" is situated at the foot of 8th Street (650 East 8th Street) in Brookville. The program will include a noon lunch (prepaid reservation only--use the reservation form in the Newsletter); to be followed by a 1 p.m. meeting of the Executive Board; followed by tours of the 19 room beautifully renovated home.

Also on the Brookville program are visits to the "Old Brick Church" in the Lutheran Cemetery on East 10th Street, and the "Brookville Seminary" at 5th and Mill Streets. The church was built by Methodists in 1821, but it was later acquired by Presbyterians and finally Lutherans. The adjoining cemetery is the resting place for many of the town's settlers. The seminary was built between 1828 and 1830, and was one of the first such educational centers in the state. The building was used as a public school from 1851-1973, and became a private residence in 1898.

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LUNCHEON - 12 NOON at "The Hermitage" (Dine in the Artist's Studio)
PREPAID RESERVATION OF $5 PER PERSON

Send check to Martha Shea, 650 East Eighth Street, Brookville, Indiana 47012.

$5 enclosed for each person _______ Amount enclosed _______

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STRASSENFEST IN JASPER

On Saturday, August 5th, Der Deutsche Verein of Jasper will serve as hosts to the Indiana German Heritage Society for a visit to historic Jasper and its delightful Strassenfest.

IGHS members and friends should meet for lunch at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant at 12 noon. The Schnitzelbank is at 393 S. 3rd Street (State Road 162). A tour of the historic areas of Jasper will be given as well as a discussion of the history of the community.

And, of course, there will be the music, food, and gutes Bier at the Strassenfest!

If you need more information, contact Giles R. Hoyt, 317-274-2330.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Annual Meeting of the Indiana German Heritage Society, 11 March 1989, the following Board Members were elected to a three year term to expire in 1992:

- Martha Enyart, Indianapolis
- William A. Hoelker, Oldenburg
- Lee McDougal, Indianapolis
- Walter Noct, Greenwood
- Eberhard Reichmann, Nashville
- W.D. Renner, Zionsville
- Joseph Salmons, West Lafayette
- James Talley, Tipton

In addition, the following were elected as officers of the IGHS:

President--Walbert Runz, Indpls.
V.P.--Helen Moore, Rushville
V.P. & Counsel--R. Hofstatter, Indpls.
Secretary--Rosalind McCarr, Carmel
Treasurer--Giles Hoyt, Indpls.
GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY OCTOBER 6

The IGHS believes that October 6 is worthy of being recognized as German-American Day every year and are joining with other organizations around the nation to reactivate this old tradition. We hope that the President, this year once again, will issue a proclamation calling on Americans to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. For October 6 to become an established day of celebration, Congressional resolutions will have to be reissued several times. We ask for your help.

Here is what you can do:
1. Thank Senator Lugar for again introducing a resolution recognizing October 6, 1989 as German-American Day and request your Representative to support House Joint Resolution 104.
2. Request your town council to declare October 6, 1989 as German-American Day in your community, and refer to the national celebration.
3. Organize a celebration in your community or join in celebrating German-American Day.
   Help us make October 6 German-American Day!

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Board of the IGHS and the German-American Center Publishing Program of the IUPUI German Department are pleased to announce the forthcoming publications:


Information and order address:
German Department, Indiana University-Indianapolis, 425 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Also scheduled for publication in 1989 is the second volume of the Studies in Indiana German-American published by the IGHS and the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department of Purdue University, West Lafayette.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INCENTIVE

For those who have procrastinated in renewing their IGHS membership, we are adding a little incentive in cooperation with the Indiana Historical Society. If you become a new member of the Indiana Historical Society before May 30 at the price of $15.00, you may have $5.00 of that sum applied toward your membership in the Indiana German Heritage Society. When you fill out your IGHS membership form, indicate your new membership in the Indiana Historical Society by marking IHS in the upper right hand corner of the form and deduct $5.00 from your membership category. You must also fill out the Indiana Historical Society Membership Drive Application and return it to address listed on the form. If you do not wish to join the Historical Society, but still wish to renew your membership in the IGHS complete the appropriate form and enclose the regular membership dues.

This is the last year for the almost unheard of low membership price of $15.00 to belong to the Historical Society. Dues will be increased in January, 1990. The IHS membership package includes many benefits that far exceed the dues. Included are free copies of two noteworthy publications: a subscription to the quarterly new popular history magazine, Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History; a subscription to the quarterly Indiana Magazine of History; a subscription to the Society’s bimonthly newsletter; membership in two special sections; and at least a 20% discount on all IHS and many Indiana University Press publications, including the Grammy-nominated record/cassette, The Classic Hoagy Carmichael.
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Please make checks payable to the Indiana German Heritage Society.

My areas of interest are: (e.g. genealogy, family history, local and state history, religious history, traditions, education, cultural and educational exchanges, etc.)

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Date __________
Name ____________________
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Indiana Historical Society Membership Drive Application

The Indiana Historical Society is offering local historical societies and other historical organizations an opportunity to participate in a one time membership drive. For every new annual $15.00 membership received by the Society, $5.00 will be returned to the participating local society or historical group. The drive begins March 1, 1989 and ends May 30, 1989.

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Name and address of local society or historical agency to receive credit for membership

Name __________________________

Address _________________________

Please make your $15.00 check payable to and mail to: Indiana Historical Society, 315 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202

I wish to become a member of the following sections of the Indiana Historical Society and receive their publications:

No more than two please

Family History ________ Black History ________

Archaeology ________ Medical History ________
Scholars from West Germany and the United States will meet in New Harmony from September 28-October 1 for a conference entitled EMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PATTERNS OF GERMAN COMMUNITIES IN NORTH AMERICA. The conference will be held in the Conference Center of the New Harmony Inn. New Harmony is located in the southern tip of Indiana, approximately 25 minutes from the Evansville Airport with shuttle service to the Inn.

New Harmony was founded in 1814 as the second settlement of George Rapp of Iptingen and his followers. It is an important interpretive site for German-American history and heritage with an excellent museum complex and program on the Harmonie Society.

Sessions will include Congregations and Parishes, Secular Settlements, Ethnic Culture, Communal Societies, and Settlements by Regional Ethnic Groups.

German presenters include professors from universities in Oldenburg, Hamburg, Bremen, Bochum, and the Free University Berlin. American presenters include faculty from IUPUI, Texas A&M, University of Illinois-Chicago, and the University of Louisville.

U.S. sponsors are the German-American Center of the IUPUI Department of German Language and Literature, the Indiana German Heritage Society, the Society for German-American Studies, the German Studies Association, and the National Historic Communal Societies Association.

German sponsors are the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., and the Center for Emigration Research at the University of Oldenburg, Germany.

This conference is intended to bring together American and German researchers who have been working on aspects of this topic, to promote interest in German-American studies as a viable field, to provide an opportunity to share research, and to encourage closer cooperation.

Registration is $30.00 if received before August 15 and $40.00 after that date. Please address correspondence to Ruth Reichmann, Conference Coordinator, R. 5, Box 175, Nashville, Indiana 47448 (317) 988-2866.

Rooms at the New Harmony Inn are approximately $55. For reservations contact the Inn at P.O. Box 583, New Harmony, Indiana 47631. (812) 682-4491. Since there are a limited number of rooms at the Inn, it is recommended that reservations be made as soon as possible. If there are no vacancies, there are a number of good motels in Evansville.

THE CONFERENCE IS OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.

ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS

oral History, the tape recording reminiscences, is the theme of a workshop to be held later this year by the Field Services Division of the Indiana Historical Society at three different locations throughout the state. The workshops will be conducted by F. Gerald Handfield, Jr., Indiana State Archivist and former director of the Oral History Project of the Indiana State Library as well as the author of History on Tape: A Guide for Oral History in Indiana. Handfield has served as the consultant for the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association oral history project, which has resulted in a slide-tape show and several books. He has been actively involved in oral history for almost twenty years and has been teaching oral history workshops for more than a decade. Designed for local historians, librarians, history teachers, and even individuals just interested in "getting Grandpa on tape," the workshop will address such issues as organization, selecting the proper equipment, interviewing techniques, and processing the information after the interview is over.

Each workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Dates and locations are these:

- May 20 Indiana State Library, Indianapolis
- June 3 Holiday Inn, Jasper
- September 9 Holiday Inn, Elkhart

Preregistration for the workshops is required. Registration deadlines are May 13 for the May 20 Indianapolis workshop, May 30 for the Jasper workshop, and September 2 for the Elkhart workshop. A registration fee of $8.00 includes lunch and all printed materials. To obtain a registration form, call or write: Oral History Workshop, Field Services Division, Indiana Historical Society, 315 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Phone: (317) 232-1882.
Eberhard Reichmann has been travelling all over the state introducing Hoosiers of German descent to the vast field of German Americana. In Ferdinand he recently presented "The Hoosier Germans," a slide lecture that highlights the Hoosier-German experience. Following a brief overview of the history of the German immigration to the U.S., he brings the manifold aspects of the Hoosier German culture alive. On June 22 he will present the slide lecture at a Mini University of Continuing Education in Bloomington, and on June 23 he will present a slide lecture at the Palatines to America National Conference at Marian College in Indianapolis.

Reichmann is Professor of German Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, and is chair of the Indiana German Heritage Society Publications Committee. He is interested in oral history recording of individual experiences, German lore, customs, and traditions. He is currently editing a comprehensive anthology "The Hoosier German Heritage" and is collecting "Hoosier German Tales."

Another service Eberhard and Ruth Reichmann are providing throughout the state are document interpretation sessions. Anyone having immigrant letters or other letters, photographs or documents, written in German can bring them to these sessions and will receive help with deciphering and interpreting German script.

Eberhard Reichmann, Joe Gogel, Ruth Reichmann, and Marilyn Nathan examine a map of Germany at the Ferdinand Convent.
Photo Courtesy of Jeff Wollenmann
The "Little Jasper Germans" are singing the praises of their heritage. They are 30 children in this Southwestern Indiana community studying German under Marilyn Nathan of Crystal, a tutor who's studied and taught Germanic languages for 20 years.

"They've been meeting one day a week after school in Dubois County for about five years, singing, reading and learning about their ancestors' culture. Area organizations, appreciative of German folk songs and dancing, youthful faces ranging from 7 to 13 years old, started inviting the kids to club meetings and special events. Now things have blossomed," says Sharon Dilger, a mother of two choir members who also help with the kids.

The children perform regularly (nine times last December) and have attended various festivals, including Jasper's Strassenfest the past four years, and the ICHS Sankt Nikolaus Fest and Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Nathan said she uses a "multi-cultural" approach to teaching, meaning German isn't the only culture her pupils recognize and value.

A 16 year old German tutor, Justin Vaughn, along with Mrs. Dilger, helps instruct and manage the group. The community also lends support. Mrs. Nathan writes her own material but a local business machine store provides copying services. An area philanthropist, Alvin C. Ruxer, has become another sponsor, providing colorful new costumes for the children, plus transportation to events.

The tutor said she's happy children are learning a language their grandparents are still heard to speak as they browse through local grocery stores. Meanwhile, Mrs. Nathan is using knowledge from her own family experiences each class session. "I'm just teaching songs my grandparents taught me when I was little," she said.
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CONFIRMATION IN ENGLISH OR GERMAN?

When Elfrieda Lang was to be confirmed, her father thought it should better be done in English. When her grandmother heard it, she said: "Oh, not 'cause if it's not done in German, Elfrieda won't get to heaven." Heard from Elfrieda Lang, Bloomington, In, 1986.

TAKING DAD TO THE POOR HOUSE

Sixty years ago, my dad told me that a young man in his 30's was walking his father over the hills to put him in the county poor house. As they got near, they sat down on a big rock overlooking the poor house, and the old man started to cry and said: "Thirty-five years ago I sat on this same rock when I took my dad to the poor house." The young man looked at his watch and said: "Pop, if we hurry we can make it home for dinner." Told by Irvin "Mugs" Waechter, Oldenburg, In, 3 Nov. 1988.

ZUNGENBRECHER (Tongue Twisters)

Wir Wiener Wäscheweiber
wurden weisere Wäsche waschen,
wen wir wüssten,
wo wärmeres Wasser wäre.
(We Viennese washwomen would get our laundry whiter if we knew where we could find warmer water.--Burton Hannechal of Indianapolis learned this "zungenbrecher" from his immigrant father.)

PAL-AM CONFERENCE IN INDY

The National Conference of the Palatines to America is scheduled for Marian College in Indianapolis from June 22-24. The theme of the conference is "Into the Old Northwest" and will feature Maralyn Wellauer as the keynote speaker. Wellauer will give three presentation on "Events that Encouraged Emigration: Conditions in Germany and Switzerland in the 19th Century"; "Maps! Maps! Maps!"; and "Resources for Researching German-speaking Ancestry." Other leading historians and genealogists are scheduled for the conference. The banquet will be held on June 23 with Die Fledermaeschen Tanzgruppe of the German American Klub, Indianapolis performing German dancing and Professor Eberhard Reichmann of Indiana University and the IGHS delivering a slide presentation on "The Hoosier German."

Registration forms should be available by May 1, and should be returned by June 2. The cost is not absolutely fixed as yet, but should run approximately $75.00 per person, double occupancy. The will include supper on Thursday evening and Maralyn Wellauer's first presentation; lodging for Thursday and Friday nights, breakfast and lunch on Friday, Saturday, and will also include the Friday evening banquet and entertainment. For those who live in and around Indianapolis, a commuter package is also being worked out. If you would like conference information and are not a member of the organization, write to Anne L. Rodick, 211 S. Spriggs Court, Bloomington, IN 47401.

SPRICHWOERTER

Wer den Pfennig nich ehrt, is den Taler nicht wert. (He who doesn't honor the penny, isn't worth the dollar.)

Die kleinen Diebe hangt man und die grossen lasst man laufen. (The little thieves are hanged, and the big ones are allowed to go free.)

Ein Spatz in der Hand ist besser als eine Taube auf dem Dach. (A sparrow in the hand is better than a dove on the roof.)
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14  German-American Lecture Series, Goethe Inst. of Cincinnati, Letters & Pictures From the Life of a German Immigrant Woman, 3 p.m., Don Tolzmann, (513) 556-1859.

May 20  IGHS Summer Program, Richmond, Bill Selma 317-283-7820 (h), 317-236-4466 (w) or Don Royer 317-962-8212.

June 10  IGHS Summer Program, Zionsville, W.D. Renner 317-873-2364.

June 22-24  Palatines to America, Annual Meeting, Marian College, Indianapolis, Anne Nodick, 317 S. Spriggs Ct., Bloomington, IN 47401.

July 8  IGHS Summer Program, Brookville, Helen Moore 317-932-2267.

August 5  IGHS Summer Program, at Jasper Strassenfest Giles Hoyt, 317-274-2330.


October 6  GERMAN AMERICAN DAY!

October 7  German-American Day Celebration, Atheneum, 317-636-0396.