IGHS PLANS FULL SUMMER

There will be no shortage of activities this summer for those interested in their celebrating their German heritage. In addition to the traditional monthly IGHS summer activities, we will continue the Stammtisch program with German folk dancing instruction. There also are non-IGHS sponsored but German related events in other towns and cities such as Oldenburg and Cincinnati. Check the articles and calendar in this NEWSLETTER for details.

BROOKVILLE & GERMANS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Professor C. Eugene Miller of Louisville will be the featured speaker at the IGHS’ June summer program. The program will be from 1-3 pm on Saturday, June 9, at the "Old Brick Church on 10th Street in Brookville. Professor Miller, the author of the Turner Soldier in the Civil War, will discuss the history of the 32nd Indiana Regiment (First German) as well as Germans from the Indiana area in the Civil War and the engagements in which they participated.

The historic "Old Brick" church is located across the street from the Old High School building. The church was constructed by Methodists in 1821, but has served as a place of worship for both Presbyterians and Lutherans before becoming the property of the Franklin County Historical Society.

For more information on this program, contact Helen Moore at 317-632-2297.

IN MEMORIAL

We are saddened to hear of the passing of James Kleifgen, a founder and long time board member of the IGHS, on May 13. Jim faithfully attended our meetings and activities as well as promoted German heritage in the schools and the community. Kleifgen was a former member of the Indianapolis Board of Public Safety, the Police and Fire Merit Commission, and the Board of Zoning Appeals. He was the technical editor of the Allison Gas Turbine Division of General Motors Corporation for 15 years before retiring in 1989. We shall miss him dearly.
FERDINAND CELEBRATES 150TH

Bishop Gerald Gottelfinger will officially open the week of festivities marking the town of Ferdinand's 150th Anniversary with a Mass in St. Ferdinand Church on Sunday, July 1. Many priests formerly assigned to St. Ferdinand will con-celebrate with the bishop. Following the Mass, a dinner will be held in the town's new Community Center for Gottelfinger and other invited guests.

Ferdinand News Editor Roy Haake will spearhead the sesquicentennial publicity.

Many traditional and non-traditional activities have been scheduled for Ferdinand's week-long celebration of history and heritage. Ludwig Laberger, with his 40-piece brass band, direct from Ihlringen, Germany will arrive in Ferdinand in mid-week and are scheduled to present at least two concert performances. Plans for the usual beard-growing contests, the wearing and judging of apparel from yesteryear, and Little Miss, Little Mister and Sesquicentennial Queen contests are well underway. Among other outstanding attractions will be the loud and nostalgic music of a steam calliope and threshing demonstrations using Ferdinand's own Kitten engine and threshing machine.

Rides, games, mouth-watering German food, an old-fashioned bake-off, professional entertainment, an outstanding July 4 fireworks display, a military air salute, and more activities are promised.

The history of Ferdinand will be presented in Forest Park Auditorium as a multimedia pageant enacted by a cast of some 100+ local people. The pageant is being written and produced by the people of Ferdinand, based on two years of research on the town's history.

The official IGHS summer program gathering will be on Saturday, July 7.

BAVARIAN WAX AUGUST 11

On Saturday, August 11, the IGHS will tour the Alpine Acres Waxworks, 5060 State Road 32, outside Anderson at 1 pm.

Alpine Acres is one of the world's finest producers of Bavarian wax art. Following a centuries-old tradition, owners Roberta and Jim Rady handcraft the largest variety of Bavarian wax art made in one workshop. Over 250 different beautiful decorative plaques, figurines and ornaments (not candles) delight the fancies of guests and customers. Now considered to be masters of this art form, the Rady's were among the first American artisans to become skilled craftsmen in handcrafting this art. They were the second to establish this type of operation in the United States.

GAC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The German American Center, located in the former caretaker's residence of the Athenaeum, is now open and ready for business, but is in need of IGHS members to staff the building. The center, which contains a wide variety of materials for researchers interested in Indiana's German heritage as well as German and immigrant histories and cultural items, currently does not maintain regular hours of operation. For more details contact Carol Kastner at 317-881-5055.
SUMMER STAMMTISCH

The Stammtisch program will continue through the summer. We will offer a dance program with Don Smith, director of the Fledermauschen Dance Group, on every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Athenaeum/Deutsche Haus. For dinner reservations at 6:00 pm, phone 636-0396 as usual.

Participants will learn the BASIC skills of German folk dancing as well as the Waltz, Polka and Rheinlander. The dates are May 9, June 13, July 11 (July date may have to be changed), and August 15. Each session will last approximately 2 hours. The registration fee is $10.00 for all four sessions.

For more information contact Claudia Grossman of the IUPUI German Department at 274-8290.

KÖLN UPDATE

On Friday, May 25, the Lord Mayor of Köln, Norbert Burger, will visit Indianapolis to ratify the Indianapolis-Köln Sister City Partnership. Last year a similar ceremony in the German city with Mayor William Hudnut as the guest of that city. Lord Mayor Burger will be the guest of the city of Indianapolis for several days and attend the 500 Mile Race on May 27.

HOOSIER GERMAN TALES

Eberhard Reichmann is near completion of his compilation of Hoosier German Tales. The collection is well over 300 in number covering a variety of subjects. Several examples have been published in previous NEWSLETTERS. Funding assistance for this forthcoming publication is being accepted. All donations over $40 will be mentioned in the front of the book. A run of 3,000 copies is anticipated given the overwhelming success of the GERMANS IN INDIANAPOLIS, which is nearly sold out. Please make checks payable to the Indiana University Foundation, however, be sure to note Hoosier German Tales in the memo corner of the check. Send the check to Eberhard Reichmann, RR 5, Box 175, Nashville, IN 47448

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PLANNED

The membership list of 1989-1990 IGHS members will be published in a directory this summer and sent to all members. The directory will include names and addresses of members throughout Indiana as well as those both nationally and internationally and will be listed alphabetically. Names and addresses of officers and board members will also be included. The purpose of the publication is to inform the membership about itself and to assist the Society in creating a network for information and coordinated activities.

The cut off date for the inclusion of new members is June 15, 1990. William L. Selm and Giles Hoyt are in charge of assembling the directory. Sponsorship is being sought to underwrite the printing and postage expenses. Businesses will receive advertising space in the directory. For suggestions or more information contact Bill Selm at (317) 236-4406 (work) or (317) 283-7820 (home).

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The 144th annual Oldenburg Corpus Christi procession will take place on Sunday, June 17, after the 10:30 mass at the Holy Family Catholic Church. The shooter’s company will honor the Blessed Sacrament as it is transported from the church to the shrine of the Sorrowful Mothers about one mile outside the village. Led by the Stars and Stripes and the Cross, the people will sing traditional hymns and recite prayers at various stations along the route. At the shrine there will be a homily followed by Benediction. All are invited to attend this piece of German tradition in Indiana. For more information contact William L. Selm at 317-236-4406 (work) or 317-283-7820 (home).
OLDENBURG FREUDENFEST

The 14th annual Oldenburg Freudenfest will take place on Saturday, July 21, beginning with the 6th annual international Volksmarch at 7 AM. German food, music by Die Doppel Addler, arts, crafts, and other entertainment are on the agenda. Those interested in the Volksmarch can complete the 10K walk between 7 AM and 2 PM. Breakfast will be served all morning. The award medal, designed by Karen Fraser, is a depiction of the historic Hackmann-Munchel store. Lunch will begin being served at 11 AM with the music scheduled to start at noon.

BOARD and it is asked that you attend each board meeting (and we would hope at least six of the twelve or have a good excuse) and then stay over for the Stammtisch since it has been arranged to have both on the same day so that you can make just one trip to downtown Indianapolis.

Thanks to each and every one for your cooperation." Helen Moore, President

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Beginning with this issue, the IGHS President will report on forthcoming events and issues being considered by the board of directors.

"The challenges I presented to you at the Annual Meeting at Indianapolis are at the forefront of our organization’s goals for the coming year. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act but a habit. We must continue to do our various jobs to uphold the tradition we have established, and the reputation our diligence has earned for us.

I want to again recognize our 1990-91 officers:

Senior Vice-Pres.--Wm. D. Renner
Counsel--Richard Hofstetter
Secretary--Rosalind McCart
Treasurer--Giles Hoyt
Pres. Emeritus--Ruth Reichmann

The Chairmen that were ratified will do an excellent job and we also want the IGHS to know who they are for the coming year:

Auditing--John Smith
Cultural Exchange--Rosalind McCart
Newsletter Editor--Paul Brockman
Education--Giles Hoyt
Finance--Wm. Renner & James Talley
Genealogy--Doris Leistner
German/Amer. Day--Hal Kunz & Wm. Selm
German-American Klub--Lorra Schroeder
Archivist--Martha Enyart
Karnival--Hoyt, McCart & Selm
Membership--Ruth Scanland
Publications--Eberhard Reichmann
Public Relations--Carol Kastner & Lee McDougall
St. Nikolaus Fest--Selm & McCart
Sister Cities--Ruth Reichmann
Stammtisch--Claudia Grossman
1991 Summer Program--Renner
Fall Meeting--Alan Goebes & Brockman

The IGHS Board Meeting will be held the second Wednesday of each month at the 1:00 PM at the Athenasum. Luncheon will be served at 12:30.

My gratitude is extended to all the members for their support in setting up the year 1990-1991 and I want to remind each and every board member that we are a "WORKING...

FERDINAND HISTORY AVAILABLE

The Ferdinand Historical Society is pleased to announce that the publication FERDINAND INDIANA - A SESUICENTENNIAL HISTORY has been completed and is now available for purchase. The book not only supplements the two previous history books about the town by up-dating the events since 1965; but also, includes a number of important lists which enhance the reference value of the volume. An order form is printed in this newsletter for those interested in ordering the publication and others published by the Ferdinand Historical Society.

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PASTORIUS HOME APPEAL

The Pastorius Home Association, Inc. of Germanville, PA is seeking help from the German-American community to keep open the historic home of Franz Daniel Pastorius in Bad Windsheim, Mittelfranken, Bavaria.

The Pastorius Home Association was founded as an American non-profit educational and cultural center in 1983, during the tricentennial of German emigration to America. Fund-raising was initiated and the Pastorius Home was acquired from the city of Bad Windsheim.

The Pastorius Home in Germany is a joint venture of Edelweiss Institute, the American German Language & Cultural Society, Inc. and the the Pastorius Home Association, Inc. Since its completion in 1986 it has offered a unique forum of German-American friendship and cultural understanding, providing educational facilities and a home away from home for hundreds of American students & teachers and for U.S. individuals traveling in Europe.

Teachers are invited to utilize the Pastorius Home for low cost student tour & study programs in Europe. Individuals and families may use it as their home in Germany.

In 1683, the German Pietist and scholar Franz Daniel Pastorius brought 13 families from Krefeld, Germany, to America. They arrived at Penn’s Landing in Philadelphia on October 6, 1683, and together established Germantown (Deutschstadt). These first German settlers in America elected Pastorius their first mayor.

Three hundred years later a group of U.S. citizens of German descent—some direct descendants of the 1683 settlers—traveled to the towns of Krefeld, Sommerhausen and Bad Windsheim in Germany, seeking relics their ancestors left behind. In Pastorius’ hometown of Bad Windsheim, the Americans discovered a deteriorated half-timber building, built in the 17th century by Pastorius’ father who was then the city’s mayor.

The Pastorius Home restoration was a unique German-American collaboration. Fifty percent of the entire project, valued at 1.5 million Deutschmarks, was paid for by donations from the Bavarian Historic Preservation Fund and from private individuals in the United States. A mortgage from the Sparkasse in Bad Windsheim covered the rest.

Restoration began in early 1985 and by October 6, 1986—the 300th anniversary of the first German’s arrival in America—the Pastorius Home was restored to its original beauty.

The names of donors of $1,000 or more will be permanently engraved in the entrance hall of the Pastorius Home. Donors of $50 or more will receive an original copper plate depicting the landmark. All donations are tax deductible.

Mail to: Pastorius Home Assoc. Inc., Box 66, Germanville, PA 18053.

By P. Sukop von Marko, Pres.
Edelweiss Institute

CINCINNATI GERMAN DAY, JUNE 10

The Deutsch-Amerikanische Bürger-Liga (German-American Citizens’ League) is extending an invitation to everyone to attend the 95th Annual German Day on Sunday, June 10th from 1-10 PM at Germania Park, 3529 West Kemper Road, Dunlap, Ohio (3/4 m. west of Hamilton Ave. Northern Hamilton county–Cincinnati.) German music and entertainment are scheduled all day including performances by Germania Schuhplattler, Kolping Sangerchor, Donauschwaben Schuhplattler and Kindergruppe. Holzshackerbuben play from 1-5 PM and 6-10 PM. There also will be food, games, and rides for the entire family. The day’s theme is a salute to Cincinnati and her German Sister City, Munich.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

The Educational Foundation for Foreign Study, a non-profit foundation, is looking for host families for a select group of teenagers from Asia, Europe, and Latin America. These teens are fully insured and bring their own spending money. They also bring an international perspective to your family, together with a special friendship which last through the years. Please call your local EF representative at 317-894-1428 or call toll free 1-800-44-SHARE.
GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

Researching the family of HENRY HESSMAN and wife LOUIZA LOGGAMAN HESSMAN who emigrated from Germany and settled in Richmond, Indiana between 1830-1835. Interested in any information concerning this family or their descendants before or after their emigration and settling in Richmond.

Steven G. Herbst, 5018 Cascade Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78413.

Interested in locating region in Germany from which father of FRANK GUSTAVE ISENTHAL (EISENTHAL) immigrated before settling on the south side of Indianapolis.

Frank Isenenthal, 9132 Tree Top Ln., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Researching the reasons why JOHN and ANNA MARIA (FRENZEL) SCHEIDT immigrated to St. Joseph's Hill in Clark County, IN from Alttheim (now Saar), Germany in November, 1868.

Kathryn (Scheidt) Carter, 718 West Washington, Box 327, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Genealogical queries are welcome from IGHS members. Address queries to Editor, Indiana German Heritage Society Newsletter, 315 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The February 2, 1990 issue of the THE WEEK IN GERMANY contained the following article entitled "East German Border Dogs Up for Adoption:"

"Since the opening of the intra-German border on November 9, the German Democratic Republic has begun dismantling parts of the once-feared border fortifications and has withdrawn most of its patrols along the dividing-line between the two German states. As a result of the changes, however, some 6000 East German guard dogs stationed along the border in cages 100 meters wide (109 yards by 6 ft. 7 in.) are out of a job and are facing an uncertain future. The German Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals announced recently that it had brought 2500 of the dogs, giant Schnauzers, German Shepherds and mixed breeds similar to St. Bernards to the Federal Republic for adoption.

...some 1000 of the remaining 3500 canines were privately adopted in the GDR, while the others will serve as guard dogs for public facilities such as factories.

There is disagreement among West German experts as to whether the border dogs would make suitable household pets. The society and the Federal Border Police stressed that the animals were not trained to attack humans, but rather solely served the function of a living 'acoustically warning system.' The Federal Border Police in Kassel (Hesse) stated that it knew of at least three incidents where East Germans looking to flee to the West were able to distract the animals with coaxing and a little sausage.

...The Association for German Shepherds, on the other hand, asserted that the guard dogs were dangerous and could not be retrained. The association called the adoption campaign a 'disservice' and said the dogs would be better off under the supervision of GDR authorities and could be better cared for with the help of donations."

PALATINES TO AMERICA

Sprechen sie Deutsch? Did any of your immigrant ancestors arrive speaking German? "Join Palatines to America, we welcome all persons researching German-speaking ancestry" invites George Evan, President of the 2300 member national genealogical society.

The purposes of "Pal-Am" are to promote the study of German immigration to North America, to publish such information of general interest, and to help members share findings with others. Pal-Am publishes a quarterly journal as well as a newsletter, and sponsors an annual conference. Annual membership dues of $19.00 also includes membership in one of the eight state societies (including Indiana.)

The 15th National Conference will be held at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, Michigan on June 21-23, 1990. Among the eight speakers featured in this genealogical potpourri or informative workshops and presentations are John W. Heisey and Annette Burgert, both from Pennsylvania. One of Heisey's talks is "They came from Europe," Burgert's is "Locating the village of origin of 18th century German-speaking immigrants."

For further information about the society, the national conference, or to join, write to: Palatines to America, Capital University, Box 101F, Columbus, Ohio 43209-1294.

MAYOR PROCLAIMS GERMAN AMERICAN DAY

Indianapolis Mayor William H. Hudnut proclaimed October 6 as German-American Day on September 14, 1989. The Indiana German Heritage Society, the Indianapolis Federation of German Societies and the Athenaeum Turners took the opportunity to present Hudnut with a West German tri-color flag for the Mayor's Conference Room in the City-County Building. IGHS President Halbert Kunz explained that "the German societies were supportive of his efforts to establish the partnership with Köln" and that "the flag is a practical gift—one that can be used when Kölner and other German officials visit the city." IGHS continues to strive for local, state and national recognition of October 6 as German-American Day.
RECENT EVENTS

MAYOR HUDNUT RECEIVES TRI-COLOR FROM THE GERMAN COMMUNITY

VISITORS FROM THE LOWER SAXONY AREA IN GERMANY RECEIVED A SAMPLING OF INDIANA CULTURE LAST APRIL. THE GROUP FOLLOWED THE ROUTE MANY GERMAN IMMIGRANTS TOOK ON THEIR JOURNEY TO INDIANA. SEE ARTICLE IN THE WINTER NEWSLETTER FOR THE COMPLETE STORY

PRESIDENT EMERITUS RUTH REICHMANN RECEIVES AWARD FOR HER SERVICE TO THE IOHS FROM NEW PRESIDENT HELEN MOORE DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9
IGHS Summer Program--Eugene Miller, Germans in the Civil War--"Old Brick" Church on 10th Street, Brookville, 1-3 PM

June 13
IGHS Board of Directors, Athenaeum, 12:30

June 13
Stammtisch--German Folk Dancing, 7:30 PM Athenaeum; optional dinner at 6:00; 317-636-0396 for dinner reservations

June 17
Corpus Christi Procession, Oldenburg, Holy Family Church after 10:30 AM Mass

July 1-7
Ferdinand Sesquicentennial Program--see article in Newsletter

July 11
IGHS Board of Directors Meeting, Athenaeum, 12:30 PM

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July 21
Freudenfest, Oldenburg--contact William L. Selin, 317-236-4406 for information

August 8
IGHS Board of Directors Meeting, Athenaeum, 12:30 PM

August 11
IGHS Summer Program--Bavarian Wax Art Gallery, 5680 SR 32 W, Anderson--1 PM; see article for more details

August 15
Stammtisch--German Folk Dancing, 7:30 PM, Athenaeum; optional dinner at 6:00; 317-636-0396 for dinner reservations