WHY OCTOBER 6?

FROM KREFELD TO PHILADELPHIA

Following a 75-day voyage on the vessel "Concord," the thirteen Mennonite families from Krefeld arrived in Philadelphia, six miles from which they cleared a tract and founded the settlement which they named Germantown. Led by Franz Daniel Pastorius, a 30-year-old lawyer from Franconia, these first Germans to emigrate to the New World as a group included weavers, tailors, carpenters and a shoemaker. Their undertaking was the result of the efforts of the Quaker and colonial aristocrat William Penn's "Holy Experiment" to attract Europeans subjected to religious persecution to Pennsylvania, which, particularly in the 18th century, became a refuge for Pietists, Lutherans, Reformers and other victims of religious intolerance on the Continent, and where they now could lead a "quiet, honest and godfearing life" in liberty and free of animosity. One year after their arrival, those first German-Americans had already harvested their first crop of flax, built looms, set up their spinning wheels, and could hold their first sale in Philadelphia. Their community was incorporated as a town in 1689 with Pastorius as the first mayor. A year earlier he had written the first resolution against Negro slavery. Under his leadership a school system was established with evening classes for adults, and Germantown prospered steadily as the population increased with new arrivals from the Rhineland. Its administration, founded on self-government and civic responsibility, became a model for many new German settlements in America. The Germantown Fair, first held in 1701, became a center for display and sale of products of their craftsmanship and industry in early Pennsylvania.

from Wolfgang Glaser, Americans and Germans, p. 90 & 92.

G-A DAY IN INDIANAPOLIS, OCT. 6

German-American Day will be celebrated in Indianapolis at the City Market Plaza from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Activities will be similar to those of past years. Proclamations will be read by representatives from the governor's and mayor's offices declaring October 6 German-American Day. There will also be live music by die Doppeladler Musikanten and folkdance demonstrations by die Fledermausen Tanzgruppe from the German American Klub. The event will also include exhibits and displays by various German societies and historical organizations. The event is sponsored by the Indiana German Heritage Society.

TEACHING UNIT FOR G-A DAY

Ruth Reichmann reports that a teaching unit "German Immigration and Famous German-Americans" designed to celebrate German-American Day has been mailed to 350 German and social studies teachers. The unit is designed for use with the video: Off To New Shores: 100 Years of German Immigration To North America which is available to schools for $10 from the German Language Video Center (Heidelberg Haus) on Pendleton Pike in Indianapolis, just east of I-465. The unit is free for the asking through October and will be available at our booths at the Ethnic Expo in Columbus and International Festival in Indianapolis.

Ruth Reichmann and her committee are currently working on a second unit: "The Immigrant Experience." It will become available in October. If you are interested in obtaining copies of the units, contact the German-American Center at 317-264-9004.
GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY ESSAY CONTEST

IGHS is sponsoring an essay contest. The essay, in English, between 1,000-2,000 words must deal with the theme: THE GERMAN IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA. First prize is $50, second is $25, third is $10 and several book prizes for runners up. All high school students are eligible. For contest rules contact the German-American Center, 317-464-9004.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, INDIANAPOLIS

The International Festival in Indianapolis, 16-18 October promises to be a weekend of international entertainment and celebration of heritage and IGHS will be there! In the spirit of commemorating the 500th year of the voyage of Columbus, the theme is "Rediscovering America." The 3-day event will be held in the West Pavilion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, 38th Street and Fall Creek Parkway, Indianapolis. Adult tickets are $5 at the door, we are selling advance tickets for $3 available at the German-American Center, 401 E. Michigan, 317-464-9004. Children (6-12) tickets $2.50 are sold only at the door, under 5 are free. Festival hours are Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday hours are from 10-6. Parking is free.

Culture booths and food booths will fill the pavilion representing the various ethnic groups and diverse cultural heritage of Indianapolis. Many performing groups will entertain the festival goers. IGHS will have exhibits and videos about the German immigration to America, handouts, and books for sale. Visitors will be able to work out an immigration matching puzzle. From the correct entries we will draw winners. At 2 p.m. on the 16th Ernestine Dillon of Marian College and students will present a scene from the play, "Good-Bye Black Forest" about the Dierenbach's family emigration from Pfaffenweiler to America in 1847.

We are looking for volunteers to help at the booths. Anyone willing to work a minimum of 3 hours will receive a free ticket. Please contact Ruth Reichmann at the German-American Center immediately.

ETHNIC EXPO IN COLUMBUS, INDIANA
9-11 OCTOBER

Once again IGHS will have a display and table with handouts at the Ethnic Expo in Columbus, Indiana on Saturday, 10 October. Expo festivities will begin Friday evening, the parade is Saturday morning. It is followed by cultural exhibits, an international bazaar and a vast array of exotic foods. If you can help staff the table call Ruth Reichmann at 317-464-9004 or 812-988-2866.

SECOND OHIO VALLEY GERMAN SYMPOSIUM

The Second Ohio Valley German Symposium on "Amerika and German Literary Culture" will be held on 16-17 October at the University of Cincinnati, and is sponsored by the German-American Studies Program and the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures. The first such symposium was held in 1990, and focused on the German heritage of the Ohio Valley; the papers of this meeting are scheduled for publication in the fall of 1992. The Second OVGS focuses on America in view of the 500th anniversary of the Columbian discovery. Papers cover German-American authors and historians from the Ohio Valley, as well as German-language poetry readings. For information contact Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Langsam Library M.L. 33, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221.

GERMAN EMIGRATION MUSEUM

A group of private citizens announced that they established a Foerderverein, Inc. for developing the German Emigration Museum in Bremerhaven, a logical site for such a facility.

Millions of emigrants left from the port of Bremerhaven, the largest emigration site on the European continent. The Foerderverein plans museum exhibits showing the history of emigration and help for those who are tracing their family history; it has a library, archives and a photo collection. In addition, there will be an important center for emigration research that also provides up to date information on questions pertaining to emigration.

The Foerderverein requests financial support and assistance in providing materials for the museum. You can become a "Friend of the German Emigration Museum" to support this cause. For further information, contact: German Emigrant Museum, Inselstrasse 6, 2850 Bremerhaven, Germany.

EXHIBIT AT ELLIS ISLAND

As the U.S. celebrates the 500th anniversary of Columbus landing in America and the centennial of Ellis Island, which for 17 million immigrants served as the gateway to their new homeland, a special exhibit from Bremen under the title "Pane Fortuna and Sweet Liberty" commemorates the role Bremen and Bremerhaven played for European and German immigration. The exhibit dates are 10 September-11 November, featuring Germany as an emigration nation and the U.S. as immigrant nation from 1815-1915 when the harbors of Bremen and Bremerhaven were the principal departure points for a new life in America.

Profs. LaVern Rippley and Eberhard Reichmann were asked to translate and edit a book dealing with the German immigration. It is intended for visitors at Ellis Island.
102d Congress
1st Session

H.J.RES.180

Designating October 6, 1991, and October 6, 1992 each as
"German American Day".

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 6, 1991

Mr. Luken introduced the following joint resolution: which was referred to
the committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating October 6th, 1991, and October 6, 1992, each as
"German American Day".

Whereas since the arrival of the first German immigrants to America on
October 6th, 1683, in the area of Germantown, Pennsylvania, German-
Americans have made significant contributions to the quality of the life in
the United States:

Whereas German-Americans are proud of the existing friendship and
cooperation between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United
States, of which the German-American Friendship Garden in
Washington, D.C. is evidence:

Whereas German-Americans pledge their unconditional support for further
expansion of the existing friendship between Germany and the United
States, and will continue to contribute to the culture of the United States,
support its government and democratic principles, and will also work to
help assure the freedom of all people:

Whereas President Bush lauded German unification and the spirit of
friendship and cooperation between the people of the Federal Republic of
Germany and the people of the United States during proclamation
ceremonies for German-American Flag Day on October 3, 1990:

Whereas the Congress unanimously passed joint resolutions designating
October 6th of 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990 each as "German-American
Day"; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States
of America in Congress assembled. That October 6, 1991, and October 6,
1992, are each designated as "German-American Day", and the President is
authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the
United States to observe such days with appropriate ceremonies and
activities.
GERMAN-AMERICANS AND THE 1990 CENSUS

Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, President of the Society for German-American Studies has analyzed the results of the 1990 Census as it relates to the German-American element.

The Society for German-American Studies requested of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, that all German heritage groups appear in a single tally in the 1990 Census. This is done for other groups, for example, the term Hispanics is used in the 1990 census to tally Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, Chinese from Jamaica, German-Brazilians, etc. The Bureau of the Census refused to do this for the German element, without any explanation as to why this element was to be treated differently than other groups. The 1990 U.S. Census tallies separately the Germans, the Pennsylvania Germans, the Austrians, etc. Dr. Tolzmann’s tally provides the desired analysis to wit:

The first results of the 1990 U.S. Census have appeared, and indicate that the total U.S. population is 248,709,873. The 5 major groups and their percentages of the total population is as follows:

1. German 57,985,595 (23.3%)
2. Irish 38,737,548 (15.6%)
3. English 32,655,779 (13.1%)
4. Italian 14,714,939 (5.9%)
5. Polish 9,366,106 (3.8%)

As the author has pointed out in numerous articles, the German category does not include Germans from other German-speaking states and regions of Europe and the Americans. Hence, to the German statistic the following can be added:

1. Alsatian 16,465
2. Austrian 870,531
3. Luxemburger 9,061
4. Swiss-German 700,000 (70% of total)
5. German-Russian 10,531
6. Pennsylvania-German 305,841

These 6 additional German ethnic groups total 1,952,051. The total combination then of all the 7 German ethnic categories is:

German category 57,985,595
Other categories 1,952,051
Total 59,937,646

The results clearly indicate that German-Americans constitute a full one-fourth of the population. German-Americans may with justification take pride in the fact that they are without questions the major ethnic group in America, just as they can rightfully be group of their long history, dating back to the arrival of the first Germans in America at Jamestown, Virginia in 1608.

Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann
Deutsch Welt-U.S.A., Jul./Aug 1992

NEW MEMBERS

Ralph H. Voelkel, Bloomington
Paul Schesussele, Boonville
Marshall & Virginia Miller, Vincennes
Howard, Helga & Christiane Keller, Bloomington

INDIANA’S ETHNIC HISTORY FOCUS OF SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The ethnic groups that have contributed to shaping Hoosier history will be the theme of the Indiana Historical Society’s 74th annual Indiana History Conference Saturday, 7 November at the University Place Center in Indianapolis.

Titled "Ethnic Indiana, Past and Present," the statewide conference is one component of an extensive program undertaken by the Society’s Ethnic History Project. Since 1990, the project has worked to document the state rich diversity of peoples and nationalities. The project has already produced a traveling exhibition (to be on display at the conference), is compiling a centralized computerized data base on the state’s ethnic population over time and is planning to publish in 1995 an authoritative one-volume collection of illustrated essays by various authors on Indiana’s ethnic groups.

The approximately 30 authors who are preparing essays for the book will be on hand at the conference to share the results of their work on Indiana’s ethnicities. Six concurrent sessions will be offered in the morning and again in the afternoon. Some of the topics to be discussed include: "Broken Promises and Unfilled Dreams: Indiana’s Native Americans and African Americans," "Immigrants in Industrial Indiana" and "Surmounting the Barriers: Irish and Germans and the Building of the Hoosier State."

Also during the conference, Dr. Gary L. Bunker, Brigham Young University professor of psychology, will present a special luncheon slide program on "Caricatures, Cartoons and Ethnicity."

Conference registration costs $5 and begins at 8 a.m. Saturday 7 November at the University Place Conference Center, 850 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis. Cost for the luncheon Saturday is $15 (which includes the registration fee). To preregister, mail a check or money order payable to the Indiana Historical Society by 3 November to: Annual Conference, Indiana Historical Society, 315 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. For more information call 317-232-1882.

CALENDAR PROJECT

IGHS board members Eberhard Reichmann, Ray Hall and Bill Selm are planning to publish an Indiana German Heritage Calendar for 1994. It will feature well known German-American structures around the state. The calendar will also list Indiana German-American organizations. Reichmann and Hall are planning to contact all German-American organizations and request their activities for inclusion. Deadline will be April, 1993. If you belong to, or know of, an organization that should be included, write to Ray Hall c/o German-American Center, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.
The "Research Center Lower Saxons in the USA" was established in 1986 and is a division of the Institute for Political Science II at the Carl von Ossietzky Universität, Oldenburg, Germany. Among its cooperating partners are: IUPUI, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana German Heritage Society, University of Cincinnati, Society for German-American Studies and University of Groningen, Netherlands.

The Research Center collects letters, diaries, memoirs and other biographical evidence of emigrants mainly from Lower Saxony and from the 19th century. It evaluates the materials and publishes certain selections.

It collects church registers of former German congregations and parishes in the USA. Registers from almost all Protestant congregations in Cincinnati, Ohio and numerous congregations in Indiana are available on microfilm.

Significant among its holdings are the 1,500 rolls of microfilm of 19th century passenger lists from the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

The Research Center has a reference library, a collection of slides and other materials on emigration to North America.

The work of the Research Center includes socio-historical (community) studies and studies of congregations and parishes in the U.S. as well as biographical studies evaluating by example causes and motives for emigration and processes of acculturation in the lives of emigrants. Thus, emigration from regions in Lower Saxony and ethnic regional history in the USA forms a double focus for the Center’s work.

Supporting dialogue and exchange within the field, the Research Center makes its materials available to academic institutions as well as individual researchers in the U.S. and Germany.

Beyond publications, lectures, seminars and conferences, it utilizes other forms of communicating research results. It supports private genealogical research, prepares exhibitions and organizes study trips to the U.S. and Germany.

For more information contact Prof. Dr. Antonius Holtmann, Institut für Politikwissenschaft II, Carl von Ossietzky Universität, Ammerländer Heerstr. 114-118, Postfach 2503, 2900 Oldenburg Germany.

ATHENAEUM UPDATE

Despite some interesting applications of Murphy’s Law, the first phase of the Athenaeum’s restoration is now complete, according to Foundation president Richard R. Hofstetter.

We initially focused our attention on restoring the Rathskeller Restaurant and establishing a dining, banquet, and conference facility that capitalizes on our unique historic building. The Foundation has restored the Rathskeller, Kellersaal (downstairs dining hall), Kneipe and Veterans Rooms, as well as cleaned, painted and re-equipped the kitchen. The result is a modern dining facility capable of handling banquets of up to 400 in an authentic 19th century setting.

Visually, phase one is a stunning success. A time traveler from 1894 would scarcely notice a difference. Even the Fraktur murals, hidden for years behind indifferent coats of paint, once again adorn the wall in the Rathskeller. Many of the improvements, however, do not meet the eye.

When the Foundation took control of the Athenaeum on 1 January, it inherited a developer’s nightmare and a litigator’s dream—over 1,000 linear feet of pipe wrapped in asbestos; a leaky, antiquated steam-heating system; a broken hot water system; broken toilets and clogged drains; ungrounded electrical outlets and dangerously wire fixtures and fuse boxes; leaky water pipes; non-functioning fire extinguishers and exit signs; numerous broken windows and doors; and highly combustible material stashed in various corners.

In four short months, the Foundation has made proud progress—the Athenaeum is asbestos-free, with a new hot water system and building wide circulating pump; new fire extinguishers, fire alarm and security systems; and new and repaired fire exit signs. We’ve unlogged all drains and fixed all broken sinks and toilets; repaired, replaced or re-insulated 1,000 feet of steam pipe; added new thermostats and valves for better and more efficient heat zoning; installed fire-rated steel doors at the back of the building; replaced broken windows; and replaced bad wiring, fixtures, and fuse boxes. Although many of these improvements are invisible to the visitor, they collectively represent a hefty portion of the $300,000 spent so far to restore the building.

If the Athenaeum building were a medical case, then the patient has been moved from the emergency room to intensive care.

The Foundation has renovated the townhouse (German-American Center) and made many cosmetic repairs. Roof repairs are also being discussed. Ratio, our architectural firm, put roof repairs at $12 million, big money by anyone’s standards. We can’t afford it, but we can’t afford to ignore the problem because when the roof is bad, the building remains in jeopardy. The Foundation is formulating a fundraising plan for a capital campaign. In the meantime, of course, all contributions are welcome. Send contributions to The Athenaeum Foundation, Inc., 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Athenaeum News (with updates), Summer, 1992
GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY QUIZ

Fill in the blanks from the following pool of words and numbers:

Albert Bierstadt
John Jacob Astor
Albert Einstein
Walter Gropius
Johann A. Roebling
Thomas Mann
Thomas Nast
Daniel Pastorius
Peter Minuit
Heinrich John Heinz
Kurt Vonnegut
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Carl Schurz
Henry Steinway
Levi Strauss
John Sutter
George Westinghouse
Friedrich von Steuben
"Silent Night"
Christmas tree
Easter Bunny
Kindergarten
Santa Claus
St. Niklaus

35.8
59.9
Plymouth
Jamestown
Austria
Berlin
Vienna
New Amsterdam
Krefeld
Beer
Bratwurst and Sauerkraut

1) ________________________
2) ________________________
3) ________________________
4) ________________________
5) ________________________
6) ________________________

October 6 acknowledges the contributions of immigrants and their descendants from Germany, (1), Switzerland, and other German-speaking areas. On this day the first group of German immigrants arrived from (2) on the ship "Concord" and settled in Germantown, Pa. The census of 1990 showed that (3) million U.S. citizens claim German ancestry.

Germans were among the residents of the British colony of (4), Virginia in 1608. (5) purchased Manhattan Island from the Indians in 1626 and was governor of (6) (now New York) until 1629.

German immigrants contributed to the economic and cultural growth of the United States. Some prominent German-Americans include: (7) who trained George Washington's troops; (8) who became a general in the American Civil War; (9) who was a political cartoonist noted for the Republican Elephant and Democrat donkey, and "Santa Claus"; (10) who founded a piano company; (11) who was a landscape painter of western motifs and painted for the White House; (12) who was a fur trader and New York real estate investor and became the richest man in America; (13) who designed the Brooklyn Bridge; (14) who opened a pickle factory in Sharpsburg, Pa. and became a giant in the food industry; (15) who made durable work clothes from the sail cloth and denim from covered wagons; (16) was a Nobel Prize winner and is known as the "pope of physics".
German-speaking immigrants brought their interests, talents and traditions with them. Among the German customs that have found their way into the American mainstream are: (17), the (18) and Christmas carols; the best known of these carols is (19). Interest in educating their young led to the creation of the (20); The best known German foods are: (21). Together with the most popular German beverage (22) they are a part of many German festivals around the nation. Almost every state has a city named after the German city of (23), the Austrian city of (24), and fifty-two settlements were named after the Swiss city of (25).

INDIANA SPECIAL

Indiana Word Bank: Fr. Joseph Rudolf Rathskeller
Fr. Joseph Kundek Oldenburg
Richard Lieber New Harmony
Amish Duesenberg
Tony Hulman Heidelberg Haus Cafe
Clement Studebaker Harmonists

1) (1) was a member of a family of successful wagon, carriage, and automobile manufacturers in South Bend. (2) was the missionary priest who founded the town of Ferdinand and several other villages in southern Indiana. The (3) still use the German language and have settlements in northern as well as in southern Indiana. The (4) restaurant serves authentic German food and is the oldest continuing restaurant in Indianapolis. It is located in the Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum. The German-American community of (5) in south-eastern Indiana is known as "The Village of Spires." The (6) is perhaps the most beautiful automobile ever built.
WASSERBURGER VISIT REVIEW

The seven day stay in Indianapolis concluded on 13 August when the group of 54 departed for Germany. Their stay included several sightseeing jaunts, three performances and many occasions for fun and fellowship with our German-American community.

The highlight was the 12 August reception at German Park which was attended by approximately 400. Bob Lawson, President of the Federation of German Societies, was master of ceremonies for a very enjoyable program. Indianapolis Deputy Mayor Cathy Scorrier and Honorary German Consul Horst Winkler welcomed the Wasserburgers prior to performances by the Liederkranz, Saenger-Chor, Maennerchor, Die Fleider-maushen Tanzgruppe, and Trachtenverein Almrausch. After the performances both dance groups and several members of the audience continued dancing to recorded old world and American favorites.

George & Mary Ellen Wehrle
Reprinted from GAK Newsletter, Sept., 1992
Ernestine Dillon reports that after a 41 hour flight, the group performed in Jasper and received a warm welcome by the mayor and the community and toured southwestern Indiana. They were also warmly received in St. Joseph, Michigan by the mayor and the German National Congress, and they performed on the closed off streets of that downtown area. After a day of touring Chicago, the group returned to Indiana where they were welcomed with military honors at Vincennes. The Wasserburgers performed at the Vincennes Germanfest and at a mass the Sunday after the fest. Next on the schedule was their activities in Indianapolis highlighted by the friendship evening. The final stop was at Goshen where they performed at the downtown theater and toured the Amish country around Nappanee. Among the IGHS members who significantly contributed to the Wasserburger’s stay included Bob Vaughn and Claude Eckert at Jasper, Mr. Ruppel in Vincennes and Marie Wuttke in Indianapolis. The U.S. organizers and the Wasserburgers wish to thank all those not mentioned but equally important who helped make the tour a smashing success.

INDPLS—COLOGNE SISTER CITY INFO.

Delegation to Cologne—In July, 1991, the first delegation representing the Indianapolis-Cologne Sister City Committee visited its counterpart in Cologne. The delegation consisted of IV-Tech President Gerald Lemkin and Mrs. Lemkin, IV-Tech Indianapolis Chancellor Dr. Merideth Carter and Mrs. Carter, City-County Councilman Carlton Curry and Mrs. Curry, and Dr. Giles Hoyt of IUPUI. The delegation concentrated primarily on educational contacts, but also visited the Cologne Airport Authority and met with members of the Freundskeis Köln-Indianapolis which is the Cologne Sister City Committee. Since that trip, Gerald Lemkin has taken over the chairmanship of the Committee from Horst Winkler who had led the Committee from its inception in 1989. Horst Winkler, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in Indianapolis, was one of the main proponents of the Sister City relationship between Indianapolis and Cologne. The Chair of the Cologne "Freundskeis," Volkmar Schultz, visited Indianapolis during early March to discuss plans for future programs.

Educational Exchange—A very active section of the Committee is its Education Sub-Committee, chaired by Dr. Giles Hoyt. A group of 14 German high-school students visited Indianapolis during March and early April along with accompanying teacher, Gerhard Ziegenfuss. In June, a group of Indianapolis high school students visited their counterparts in Cologne and in Oelde, a small city north of Cologne. They were accompanied by Kathryn Lech, a member of the Sub-Committee and a teacher of German at Park Tudor School. The participating students came from high schools all over the Indianapolis area, including Broad Ripple, North Central, Howe, Roncalli, Ben Davis, Zionsville, Mooresville and Carmel. Very good relations were established with Städtisches Gymnasium Köln-Nippes and its administration Dr. Doris Bielebaum, principal, and Manfred Husch, vice-principal. The exchange is arranged through the Fulbright Society in Cologne headed by Dr. Bruno Schieber.

A very important exchange was instituted by the Mayor’s Office of Cologne to celebrate the partnerships with its sister cities of Indianapolis and Volgograd, Russia. During July ten young people of college age from both cities were invited to spend ten days in Cologne meeting their German counterparts. The young people have an opportunity to get to know each other from the vantage point of three different cultures. It was a very successful event. The Indianapolis Committee hopes to repeat the event in Indianapolis next year. A committee headed by Nancy Ruckle from the Education Sub-Committee is in charge of selecting and preparing the students from Indianapolis. For information, she can be contacted at 317-873-6651.

Dr. Meredith Carter, IV-Tech Indianapolis, has established with a grant from Christel DeHaan of Resort Condominiums International a scholarship for students interested in the international aspects of technical careers. In cooperation with IUPUI’s German Department, students will be prepared starting in high school for a position in Cologne at the conclusion of their work at IV-Tech. Also, an exchange of Continuing Education students learning English and German in Cologne and Indianapolis respectively is being planned for 1993. Dr. Ruth Reichmann of Sister Cities, Inc. is helping with the latter program.

Carnival—And not to forget Carnival, the "Freundskeis" has promised to help Indianapolis Sister Cities develop a "Karneval" in the Rheinisch tradition. This is also in the works for 1993 and will help popularize the Sister City relationship.

For more information on Indianapolis-Cologne Sister Cities, contact Giles Hoyt at 317-274-2330, FAX: 317-274-2347.
WASSERBURGERGERS WANDER INDIANA

Photos courtesy of Ernestine Dillon
ST. NIKOLAUS RETURNS TO ATHENAEUM

December 6 has been observed for centuries by Christians as the feast day of Sankt Nikolaus, Bischof von Myra. The great saint is the patron of children, bankers and pawnbrokers, but on Sunday, 6 December, he will be honored in Indianapolis at the Athenaeum as the patron saint of children. Since 1985, Sankt Nikolaus has descended upon the Athenaeum from his heavenly throne attired in his episcopal mitre and cope and carrying his crosier. He is accompanied by his wild and rough servant, Knecht Ruprecht, who carries the presents for the good, the bundle of switches for the bad, and the great Goldenes Buch. This book contains the names of all the children present, and the saint uses it to examine each child. Children are encouraged to perform for their patron with music, poems, prayers, use of German, etc.

The program is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. and will include an afternoon of music and entertainment to delight one and all. Dinner is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. followed by singing of traditional Weihnachtslieder. Reservations will be required and must be accompanied with payment. Price for the afternoon has not been determined at this time. Information will be sent out closer to the day of the event. For information contact Rosalind McCarter at 317-846-8613. The event is again sponsored by the Athenaeum with help from the IGHS and the Athenaeum Foundation.

KARNEVAL-VEREIN

We will participate in the establishment of a Karneval-Verein to plan and execute a Rhenish carnival in a big way and are looking for other "fools" to help us. No special talents are needed! As a first step, we are planning a kick-off on or near the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month at the Athenaeum. The ending party will take place on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday and may be in the form of a masquerade ball. If you would like to be involved or be included on the mailing list, contact Kelly Templeman at 317-630-4569.

COSNUL GENERAL TO SPEAK AT ATHENAEUM

Consul General Dr. Detlof von Berg will be the speaker at a luncheon to be held at the Rathskeller Restaurant, 16 October, at 11:30 a.m. His topic "German Perspectives of Europe's Future" is interesting and timely. Dr. von Berg has been in the Foreign Service of the Federal Republic of Germany for 20 years. Before his appointment as Consul General in Detroit in 1991, he was with German offices in London, Tripoli, East Berlin, and most recently in Budapest as acting ambassador. The consul's territory includes the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. For information and luncheon reservations call the German-American Center at 317-464-9004.

IHS PRESENTS "THE MELTING POT"

In celebration of American ethnicity, the Indiana Historical Society and the Indianapolis Civic Theatre are joining forces to present a special performance of the historic play, "The Melting Pot," at 7:30 p.m., Thursday 15 October at the Madame Walker Urban Life Center and Theatre in Indianapolis.

Written by Israel Zangwill, an English author with Russian-Jewish roots, the play is one of many efforts undertaken by the Society's Ethnic History Project, established in 1990 to document the state's rich diversity of peoples and nationalities. First performed in 1908 in Washington, D.C. and later on Broadway, "The Melting Pot" examines the life of David Quixano, a young Russian Jewish composer in New York who hopes to write a symphony about the variety of races and nationalities in America. He becomes romantically involved with Vera, a beautiful Christian girl. "America," the Quixano character proclaims, "is God's crucible, the great Melting Pot where all the races of Europe are melting and reforming."

Tickets for the performance are priced at $10 ($8 for students and senior citizens) and are available from the Madame Walker Urban Life Center and Theatre, 617 Indiana Ave., Indianapolis, 317-236-2099, and ticketmaster outlets. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres with an ethnic theme will be served prior to the performance.

STAMMTISCH

To celebrate the Athenaeum's newly restored Rathskeller Restaurant and the wonderful German food served by Robert Schmalvogel and his team, we will be gathering at "Stammtisch" on the second Wednesday evening of the month. A "Stammtisch" requires talk (auf deutsch!), good food and drink. If you would like to practice your German, join us for dinner at 6 p.m.

ELDERHOSTEL TO BE REPEATED

"The German-American Experience" was the theme of an one-week Elderhostel conducted by Prof. Eberhard Reichmann, Ruth Reichmann and Annemarie Springer at the St. Benedictine Monastery in Ferdinand. The 49 participants from all over the U.S. enjoyed it so much that a repeat is already scheduled for 16-22 May 1993.

The hostelers included IGHS members Virginia Willkie, Sr. Mary Kenneth Schoessele, Paul Schoessele, Bill Schertzinger, and Board member Ray Hall. Speak of good German cooking: some reported weight gains of 1-2 pounds!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 6  GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY!
Oct. 10 Ethnic Expo, Columbus, Indiana, see article in Newsletter
Oct. 14 IGHS Board of Directors Meeting, Athenaeum Rathskeller Restaurant, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 14 Stammtisch, Athenaeum Rathskeller Restaurant, 6:00 p.m.--see article in Newsletter for program.
Oct. 16 Consul General von Berg speaks at Athenaeum Rathskeller, 11:30 p.m.--see Newsletter for details.
Oct. 16- Oct. 18 International Festival, Indianapolis, see article in Newsletter.

Oct. 16 "Melting Pot" performance at Madame Walker Theater, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m., see article in Newsletter.
Nov. 7 Indiana Historical Society Annual Meeting, Indianapolis.
Nov. 11 IGHS Board of Directors Meeting, Athenaeum Rathskeller Restaurant, 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 11 Karneval Kickoff, Athenaeum, see article in Newsletter.
Dec. 6 St. Nikolaus Day, Athenaeum, see Newsletter for details.
Dec. 9 IGHS Board of Directors Meeting, Athenaeum Rathskeller Restaurant, 1:00 p.m.
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