In Cologne, Indianapolis' Sister City, they call it Karneval, the period between 11 November and Ash-Wednesday—the "Fifth Season of the Year." It begins on the 11th day of the 11th month at exactly 11 minutes past 11 o'clock in the morning. This is when the Karneval Honor Guard—at least in the Rhineland, in Cologne, Bonn or Mainz—marches up. The jesters are drawn into the street, where they have one day to revel in pleasant anticipation. Then it's over again for a while— but only for outsiders. In carnival clubs, street and neighborhood groups, there are now regular meetings and activities, as the preparations for "dieollen Tage," the crazy days, are in full swing.

After the official initiation in the fall, Karneval begins on New Year's Day or immediately following the Twelfth Night, the festival of the Three Kings (or Magi) on Epiphany, 6 January, and it ends with Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. At those jolly-good-time parties, dances and balls, folks wear "Kappen" (caps) often accompanied by masks. In each city a Prinz Karneval, referred to as "His Crazy Highness", is elected to head with his princess or other retinue a court of fools and lead the frolics. In Cologne, the ruling Dreigestirn consists of the Prince, the Bauer and the Jungfrau (virgin). On Shrove Tuesday the crazy couple will move with their retinue into the Rathaus (city hall) to govern until midnight, when the merrymaking and foolishness comes to a sudden halt, yielding to the observation of Lent.

The tradition dates back to the Middle Ages. It combines a number of old fertility rites and customs like the driving out of winter. In the midst of winter doldrums, Fasching generates—the young and the young-at-heart—ten times the fun of Oktoberfests. No kidding!

Ruth Reichmann

GAK FASCHING CELEBRATION, 12 Feb.

The German-American Klub, 8600 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, will hold their 5th annual pre-lenten "Karneval" the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, 12 February.

This year's event will feature music by Jay Fox, a German dinner, a procession of costumed guests, and entertainment of various types by the members of the GAK.

Tickets are $13.50 per person. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Call 317-888-6940 or 783-2667 for reservation or other information. Reservations should be made well in advance as this is a popular event and space is limited.

WINTER FESTIVALS

Saturday 29 January at 6:30 pm the Nationalities Council of Indiana Winter Gala: Annual Ethnic Festival at the Athenaeum with ethnic foods and entertainment provided by Council members. Winter Gala is a time to celebrate ethnic diversity, and to get to know one another better after the successful completion and hectic involvement in the International Festival.
Please bring the following:

1. A dish of ethnic food (main course, salad, or dessert), please bring double the amount you would use to feed your group. Call Ruth Reichmann at 317-464-9004 or 812-988-2866 and let her know how many in your party and what you will bring.

2. A wrapped gift (per family or group) within $10 to be used as a raffle prize.

IGHS is an active member and supporter of the activities of the Nationalities Council of Indiana. Ruth Reichmann, the coordinator of our International Festival activities, is currently serving as the 1st Vice President of NCi.

Friday, 11 February at 7:00 pm Sister Cities Annual Masked Ball, at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis.

A Celebration of "Karneval" with dinner, wine, music, dancing and other entertainment will be on tap. Costume or black tie with mask (masks can be purchased at the Ball) is recommended.

Cost of the Sister Cities Ball is $50 per person. For more information, call Henry Cole at 317-573-2250 or Ruth Reichmann at the numbers listed above.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

A new year, a new volume of the NEWSLETTER all means it is time to renew your IGHS membership. Please use the enclosed renewal form in this NEWSLETTER and return it to IGHS Membership Renewal, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Because of the cost of postage involved, YOU WILL NOT BE SENT AN INDIVIDUAL RENEWAL NOTICE. Also, for your convenience, we have printed an IGHS membership card on the renewal form. If you wish to have a membership card for your records, please print or sign your name and cut along the lines. Please send in your renewal early. We have an organization goal of 350 members.

JOE MCKINSTER

Long time IGHS member Joe McKinster, 83, passed away last October. Although he never served on the IGHS Board, McKinster was very active in our activities and was a frequent attendee at board meetings. He had been an electrical engineer 40 years for Public Service of Indiana, retiring in 1975. He was a member of Irvington United Methodist Church. McKinster was a 1935 graduate of Purdue University. He was survived by a daughter and two grandchildren.

NEW IGHS MEMBERS, OCT. 1-NOV. 10, 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Albert, Indianapolis
Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Carlson, Indianapolis
Ms. Angie Folco, Greenwood
Ms. Gita Goetsch, Columbus
Mr. Erik Hartman, Kokomo
Ms. Jana Jarrett, Anderson
Ms. Hannah Johnson, Speedway* (student)
Ms. Lillian Kraezig, Indianapolis
Ms. Beth Kroehler, Muncie
Mr. and Mrs. Ray McClothlin, Nashville
Mr. Duane Miner, Muncie (student)
Mr. Richard A. Most, Indianapolis
Dr. and Mrs. Philip R. Reid, Carmel
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Ms. Ellen Storvick, Indianapolis
Mrs. Anna Stultz, Indianapolis
Ms. Cynthia Trombeshen, Indianapolis
Mrs. Park York, Nashville

Note: Names marked with "*" are International Festival winners! They won a year's free membership.

IGHS UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Two publications are on the table for Summer, 1994: A bilingual German/English edition of Jacob Nix, The Sioux Uprising in Minnesota, 1862, ed. by Don Heinrich Tolzmann, and The German Press of Indiana, ed. by James Ziegler. The former deals with the battle of New Ulm, Minnesota--the only German Turner town ever founded--and the tragic white man/red man conflict. Captain Jacob Nix's son, Robert, became supervisor for foreign language instruction in Indianapolis schools around 1900.

James Ziegler's bibliography is the most comprehensive one on the subject of Hoosier German newspapers and periodicals. It will be an extremely valuable tool for research in our field. Before WW I, the German press output in America amounted to more than 50% of all non-English publications.

INDIANAPOLIS GERMAN SCHOOL

The next classes in the Indianapolis German School at IUPUI will start on Saturday, 22 January, 1994. Classes are from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings and last for 12 weeks. They are designed for grade and high school students. Students are grouped by prior knowledge of the language. Classes will meet at the Mary Cable Building on the IUPUI campus. Cost for the class is $75 with a 10% discount for 2 or more students. For more information and registration forms, contact Claudia Grossmann at the IUPUI German Department, 317-274-0062.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

If you wish to join or renew your membership, please enclose your check with this statement. Our membership year is from 1 January through 31 December. To increase Society support, you may wish to designate a higher category. All contributions are tax deductible.

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SOCIETY DEDICATES HISTORICAL PLAQUE

An historical marker noting the importance of General German Protestant Children's Home was unveiled on 16 October at KOALA Hospital, 1404 S. State Ave.

Sponsored by the Marion County-Indianapolis Historical Society and KOALA Hospital, the plaque honors the home founded by local Germans in 1867 as a place for their Civil War orphans. The Allgemeine Deutsche Protestantische Waisenverein (General German Protestant Orphan Association) built the facility in 1871 on land donated by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. More than 3,000 orphans were cared for in the home from 1868 to 1971. The building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places was designed by the Indianapolis architectural firm of D.A. Bohlen & Son.

In 1971, the home was converted from a custodial institution for children to a residential treatment center for adolescents and renamed the Pleasant Run Children's Home. As the child welfare system increasingly placed orphans with adopted or foster families, Pleasant Run turned to providing vocational training, special education, counseling, recreation and other services.

KOALA Hospital purchased the property in 1982 and began offering adolescent chemical dependency and psychiatric treatment programs along with adult chemical dependency services. In 1992, KOALA added a residential treatment center for adolescents requiring long-term care. The Waisenhaus is the only 19th century orphanage building still standing in Indianapolis.

ALLGEMEINE DEUTSCHE PROTESTANTISCHE WAISENVEREIN

In May of 1867 a number of local Germans went on an excursion to attend the annual festival of the Cincinnati German orphanage. The beneficial work of the orphanage aroused in them the desire to build such an institution of human kindness in Indianapolis. Just a few months later the idea became a reality. On August 12, 1867 the General German Protestant Orphanage Association organized and elected the following officers: F. Thomas, H. Mankedick, F. Gusepohl, C. Schmidt, W. Schoppenhorst, C. Ruse, J.H. and H.H. Koch, H. Helm, J.F. Wenner, and C. and W. Teckenbrock. After only two years, the organization was able to acquire a piece of land, 7.5 acres, for $3,800. In February of 1871 a building committee comprised of F. Ruschhaupt, H. Helm, and H. Mankedick was put in charge of carrying out the construction of an orphanage in cooperation with architect D.A. Bohlen. In the fall of 1872, the construction, for which $25,000 was spent was completed.

The financial situation of the organization improved year after year, and its domain widened proportionately, so that the average number of orphans cared for climbed to 52 per year. The assets, free of debt, are estimated at almost $90,000; certainly proof of the magnanimity that exists among our German population as well as the Association's conscientious conduct of business. The current officers are: Martin Reifferd, H.C. Bakemeyer, C.H. Rosebrock, H.C. Prange, C.F. Volkene, Henry Rüse, H.F. Habenay, Jos. H. Schaup, L. Beermann, W. Rathert, J.P.C. Meyer, F.J. Mack, W. Stolte, W. Buscher, A. Elbrecht and Frank Lindemann.

Since 1892, the administration of the institution has been in the hands of Heinrich Rosener and his wife. Furthermore, it should be mentioned that since 1870 a ladies' club has assisted the orphanage actively by word and deed.


GAK FOLK DANCE LESSONS

The German-American Klub will sponsor a series of classes in German and other European folk dances starting Tuesday, 26 January at the GAK, 8600 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. The classes last for 10 weeks and are conducted by Don Smith of "die Fledermausen Tanzgruppe". Cost of the classes is $25. For more information, contact Ron Bebus 317-926-8761.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The IGHS Education Committee announced the winners of this year's German-American Day essay contest. The cash prize winners as well as the honorable mentions will receive an one year members in the IGHS.

The 1st Prize of $50 went to Amy Suzanne Moore of Center Grove High School, Greenwood, for her paper, "Hoosier German Customs and Traditions." This essay is printed below.

The $25 2nd Prize went to Eric Burdall, Thompson High School, Evansville, for his paper, "German Heritage."

Eric Tkazyk of Clay Jr. High, Carmel, received the $10 3rd Prize for "Hoosier German Customs and Traditions: Holidays and Festivals."

The following received an honorable mention: Monica Altman, Kathy Hoffman, Carrie Banks, J.J. Steed, all of Center Grove High School; Keely Jackson of Jasper High School, and Mark Stephon of Huntington North H.S.

We express our appreciation to the teachers who made this Essay Contest possible. Next year's theme will be "German Names and Words in the Hoosier Mainstream Culture." For further information contact Prof. Ruth Reichmann at the Max Kade German-American Center.
HOOSIER GERMAN CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Meine "Hoosier" Deutsche Herkunft

My life and the lives of many other Hoosiers has been greatly influenced by the customs, traditions, and cultures of our German ancestors. Whether it is a holiday, a family reunion, just a visit, or even a mention of our family name, I am always aware of my German heritage. My German ancestors can be traced to Bartholomeu, Jackson, Johnson, and Marion Counties.

To begin, our family name, Pottschmidt, was brought over by my great-great-grandfather, William Carl Pottschmidt, in 1861. His family came to start their new life in Seymour, Indiana, in a German Lutheran neighborhood, where other relatives had already settled. Here, they became farmers, an occupation different from that in their homeland. Many times your name was an indication of the work you did. For instance, my family were "pot-smiths," which involved the craft of designing and making cooking utensils, hence the name Pottschmidt. To our knowledge, this has remained our unique name and all Pottschmidts in Indiana are related. Our name stayed the same, unlike many immigrants whose names were Anglicized or changed all together.

During the holidays, I feel the closest to my German ancestors. In our family, Christmas is our most favorite holiday. My grandfather and his sisters tell us about their Christmas on the farm. They would light real candles and put them on the Christmas tree, which St. Nicholas, just like some aspects of the old country. My mother remembers, as a child, visiting her grandparents during the holiday season. A special memory is of the wooden Christmas tree centerpiece displayed in the parlor. It was made with wooden rungs of different sizes that formed the shape of a tree. Each rung had a carved scene representing different aspects of Christmas. As the candle were lit on the tree, the heat from the flames would make each rung revolve. This wooden Christmas tree was a gift to the Pottschmidt family in Germany and one of my aunts now has this family keepsake in her home. My grandfather always tells us grandchildren that a Christmas, when he was a child, instead of presents, naughty children may have found a bundle of sticks or coal under the tree. In fact, my grandfather said he got a bundle of sticks one year, but he will never tell us why!

Since I can remember, Advent Calendars are an important part of Christmas at our house. It is always special to open the little windows and view each tiny scene. A special trip, at time, through the years, has been to go to Frankenmuth, Michigan, and pick out our Advent Calendar and accessories for Christmas. In many homes, as Christmas nears, they begin a time of special sharing in the lighting of the Advent Candles, until Christmas Day is here. Also, music is a big part of our family. We always sit around the tree and sing Christmas carols and read the Christmas story, before opening the presents. My grandfather remembers always singing O Tannenbaum. This is the only German that he can recall. Today, we try to sing it, but our Hoosier English is much better than our German.

Another tradition in our family is to see "The Nutcracker Ballet," every year. Before we go, I receive another Nutcracker to add to my collection. My most prized Nutcracker is the one I received last year. It is my second one directly from Germany. It is a music box that plays "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy." My mother bought it at store in Indianapolis, specializing in German collectibles. Besides collecting Nutcrackers, I also have a collection of miniatures, many of which came from Germany. My most recent piece was a Reutter original, which is a shadow box of a kitchen.

My grandfather remembers little German being spoken in their home, but certainly the stories and tales of the homeland were shared. One he remembers is of the "German Night Knocker." This was the man who wore a three cornered black hat, black cape, and carried a lighted lantern. He would come around to children's houses each night and knock on the door to ask if the children were fast asleep in their beds. This was an encouragement for children to get to sleep, before they heard the knock on the door.

My grandfather and great-aunts remember many dishes and meals that they had as children, that were brought over from Germany. For economical reasons, sauerkraut was added with many dishes. Blood sausage was a favorite too. For the farmers returning home, a mixture of sweet milk and clabber milk into a soup would be eaten with bread. Potato pancake were made with raw potatoes, rather than mashed potatoes used today. The juice from the potatoes was used in making a firm black bread. A special soup for the family was made with mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, and meat. A gift of hard Christmas cookies, called "Springerlees" and "Pfeffermusse" would be given out by neighbors. Today my aunt's German potato salad is always requested at family gatherings, a recipe brought over from the old homeland.

Even the halls of the school I walk through now, can remind me of my German family. The family were strong Lutherans. My grandfather remembers going to a Lutheran elementary school in Indianapolis. Most of the students and teachers in the neighborhood were of German descent. From Marion County, his...
family moved to a farm in Johnson County. My grandfather and his brother and sisters attended Center Grove Schools. Almost all of these Pottschmidts have gone to Center Grove. In fact, my grandfather helped choose the team name "Trojans," almost fifty years ago, which has continued to be a symbol of Center Grove Schools. So today, I can sit in my German class at Center Grove High School and think of the "Trojan's" which is not only a symbol of school spirit, but in a way, unique only to me, also a reminder of my German heritage that come a long distance through the years. More and more, my family are true Hoosiers, yet we will never forget our family's German traditions and beliefs.  

by Amy Suzanne Moore

DEUTSCHE WELLE

Deutsche Welle's fledgling television program has only been broadcast via satellite from Berlin for one year, yet already 50 million US viewers can watch it. "One in five US citizens can receive our programming, one in five can inform themselves about Germany through programming made in Germany," says Gerhard Besserer, US special representative in Deutsche Welle's Washington bureau.

Deutsche Welle broadcasts 14 hours to North America from 10:00 am until midnight (EST). Programming consists of news reports, backgrounders and documentaries.

"Our programs have additional information for people who are interested in matters German and European," Besserer adds.

That is why "DW," as it is known, targets the millions of German immigrants to the United States, some of whom still speak fluent German, as well as political and economic opinion makers. Thus, the State Department personnel are as much viewers of DW programs as are the members of the American Association of Teachers of German. And the cadets at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado learn German with the aid of DW programs.

Deutsche Welle reaches its viewers inexpensively and in many ways. A recent example: the cooperation with US broadcaster SCOLA. SCOLA rebroadcasts news reports from various TV networks worldwide. Besides news shows from Canada, France, Italy, Sweden or Brazil, Deutsche Welle's "Journal" can be seen weekdays in German at 11:00 am EST and various magazines at 11:30 EST. Additional magazines are shown on the weekend. SCOLA reaches an audience of 15 million viewers in 40 countries.

In the United States, Deutsche Welle comes to most viewers via cable. Mind Extension University (MEU) carries DW programs weekdays at 5:00 pm EST in English and at 6:30 pm EST in German. Additional magazines are broadcast on the weekend. The International Channel carries DW programs weekdays at 6:00 am and at 10:00 am, both

EST. In addition, approximately three million viewers receive the DW broadcasts daily via their satellite dishes. Apart from that, Deutsche Welle is also gaining a foothold in school and university channels.

North American viewers seem to be extremely interested in Deutsche Welle's programs: fully half the audience mail received comes from the US and Canada.

If you do not receive Deutsche Welle through your local cable, please contact them. DW can be picked up free of charge from the Satcom C-4 satellite on the frequency of 3.8 GHz, with vertical polarization in the NTSC norm. The sound is transmitted at 6.8 MHz. Because of the strong signal, dishes from six feet and up are adequate for good reception. For more information, have your cable company contact Mr. Gerhard Besserer, Director, Deutsche Welle-USA, P.O. Box 50641, Washington, D. C. 20091-0641. Phone 202-393-7427. Fax: 202-393-7434. Please stress to them that receiving DW is easy to obtain and free.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE ATHENAEUM
By Richard Lugard

The Athenaeum building first entered my consciousness during Easter visits to the elderly Scheller sisters who lived in the 500 block of East Michigan. The Schellers were remnant of a strong German-American neighborhood, which had originally included my great-grandparents, the Hoereths, and my grandmother, Anna Green.

Just across the street and a short distance to the east of the Athenaeum building, which had been a focal point of life for the Schellers and the Hoereths. By listening carefully and asking questions, I learned of this impressive building.

Many years later after my father died, my mother married Howard Caldwell, Sr. They enjoyed inviting their children and grandchildren to meals in the Athenaeum on special occasions.

During my first term as Mayor of Indianapolis, I invited mayors from Europe, Latin America, and Asia to an International Conference on Cities, stimulated by my appointment to the NATO Committee on the Challenges of a Modern Society. Each of the nationalities represented at the conference attempted to pull together citizens of Indiana who had kinship with distinguished visiting guests. The Athenaeum was the center of many of these gatherings, vividly demonstrating the remarkable ethnic history of Indianapolis.

Others will testify to a myriad of historical events which have taken place in the Athenaeum. But my memories are very personal ones of boyhood wonderment and warm family involvement, evoking strong feelings of roots.

Athenaeum News, Fall, 1993
Somewhere in Southern Indiana: Poems of Midwestern Origins
by Norbert Krapf

The cassette edition ($9.95) of Norbert Krapf reading each of the 48 poems in this collection of poems drawn from twenty years of writing is now available. To place your order directly from Time Being Books, please use the form included below. Should you wish to save time and order by phone, please note the publisher's 800 number.

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of all colleagues in the German Consulate General in Detroit I wish to convey to you our sincere wishes for a spiritful and joyful Christmas Season and, as this year ends, also some relaxation. May God bless you and all your beloved and friends with good health and happiness in the coming year!

It is for us in the family of the German Consulate General a great experience to have the chance to live in this great country and see so many new developments in the American Society of people from so many different nations. Their many different cultures have so greatly contributed to the wealth of this nation. We, the Germans, have still to learn our lesson in this field.

With confidence we wish for the growing-together of the people in our once divided country to one multicultural European nation,- after Maastricht a step further on the way to European Unity. The Europe of the Twelve will grow to become the Europe of the Sixteen by the end of next year, and other nations will follow.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has opened an enormous market on this continent; it will contribute to a higher standard of living in the Latin American countries, which have come much closer now to the U.S. and Canada. The die for a community reaching far beyond free trade only has been cast: the twenty-first century may see other Latin American countries to join the Community, as the EC sees other European countries joining.

Although the recent elections in Poland seem to have passed by the Solidarity movement that brought so many changes to Central and Eastern European countries, and to German’s new “Länder” as well, grass roots democratic thought has already spread so far in that part of the world that we may expect a further stabilization after the up-coming elections in Russia. The people there and elsewhere need our support to give them the feeling of belonging to the great community of nations.

While a number of conflicts have shown us the limits of peace-keeping and peace-making efforts, we should continue to help for humanitarian reasons. The economic necessity of international cooperation is also evident. And promoting cultural exchanges and training programs in as many fields as possible are the best investment in the future. World market opportunities are at best, where profits are distributed with concern for the well-being of the working people, including the health of their families and the education of their children.

May you get some breath in the stream of events of our time and be able to participate successfully in some of these challenges: with courage to do once-in-a-while something different, with endurance to live up to your aims, how far-reaching they may be, with patience, if you are not yet blessed with success and with determination to never lose hope.

With sincere season’s wishes,

Mananne Warnow
Silent Night, 175 Years Old—1993 marked the 175th anniversary of Germany’s most famous Christmas Carol, *Stille Nacht! heilige Nacht!* (Silent Night! Holy Night). The song was first heard during Christmas, 1818, at the small church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, which is near Salzburg and the German-Austrian border. The writer of the text, Joseph Mohr, was assistant priest there from 1817–1819. Franz Xaver Gruber, the composer, had been the teacher and organist at nearby Arnsdorf since 1807.

Jasper-Pfaffenweiler News—Last summer 23 students from Jasper went to Pfaffenweiler and attended the partner school, Stauffen Gymnasium; 20 students from Pfaffenweiler spent time and attended school in Jasper. A Pfaffenweiler Accordion Band and Fold Dance group will be in Jasper and participate in the Strassenfest, 4–7 August, in all they are expecting 86 people from the Sister City.

IGHS Annual Meeting—The annual IGHS meeting is scheduled for 18 and 19 March. The business meeting will be at the German-American Klub on Friday, 18 March. The meeting program will be held at the Athenaum on Saturday, 19 March. This year’s program will focus on sports and the Turners. More information in the next Newsletter.

Student Exchange Growing—Marian Heights Academy, the college preparatory school for girls in Ferdinand, Dubois County, hosted 13 students and a teacher from Seligenthal Gymnasium in Landshut, Bavaria, for a month of experiencing America (with trips to somewhat larger areas such as Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Washington, D.C.). In 1992 a group from Marian Heights and their teacher visited Seligenthal and initiated the school partnership.

Ferdinand Elderhostel—From 1–7 May there will be an Elderhostel on the German-Americans and German-American Heritage at the Benedictine Monastery in Ferdinand, presented again by Ruth and Eberhard Reichmann and Annemarie Springer. For information on the Elderhostel, contact Sister Karlene Sensmeier, Kordes Enrichment Center, Sister of St. Benedict, 841 East 14th Street, Ferdinand, IN 47532-9216, or phone 812-367-2777.

Indianapolis Stammtisch—The Indianapolis *Konzertgruppe* will continue to meet on the second Wednesday evening of the month. If you would like to practice your German, join us for dinner at 6 pm at the Athenaem Rathskeller in Indianapolis.

Brown County IGHS Chapter—The Brown County Chapter, comprising the Nashville, Bloomington, Columbus Area, is meeting on the first Thursday of the month. Other activities for the summer are planned. If you would like to join the group or would like to have more information, call the Chapter President, Al Mood of Nashville at 812-988-7376.

**Pastorius Heim Offers Travel Bargains**

Ingelore and David Welch of the Blomington Chapter will be house parents in Bad Windsheim from February, 1994, until February, 1995, and they invite all IGHS members to come and visit. A stay in the Pastorius Heim and idyllic town is a real bargain.

The Welches describe their house parenting as "a labor of love to continue the memory of Franz Daniel Pastorius, the first person to establish a German settlement in America 300 years ago; thus the establishment of the Home in Bad Windsheim is a historical monument to the long years of German-American friendship and offers all its visitors a home away from home."

Besides being open to young people attending European history and culture courses, the Pastorius Home offers the visitor cozy, fully modern rooms, each with a bath. At the more than reasonable price of $25 per person per day based on double occupancy, the Home is probably the best bargain in Europe. [Price of the room also includes the traditional German breakfast.]

Besides being picturesque by itself, Bad Windsheim is located in the Romantic Road area of upper Bavaria and is part of the Nürnberg-Würzburg-Ansbach triangle. Rothenenburg is only 10 miles away while the Frankfurt airport can be reached by auto in two hours. It is the perfect home base for many one day outings.

You are also encouraged to become a member of the Pastorius Home Association at the cost of $10. The Association also offers low airfare year round as well as lovely tours and gives detailed information and brochures. For more information, contact the Pastorius Home Association Inc., Box 66, Germansville, PA 18053. Request information and make reservations early to ensure a place!

**New Book from Richmond GHS**

Thanks to Don Royer's efforts, the history of Richmond’s German-Americans is being rediscovered and documented. In this present Vol. II, the first appeared in 1989, Royer concentrates on the David and Henry Hoover families, architect John Hasecoaster, and shoemaker and painter George Heinemann.

The 101 pp. illustrated volume also contains Carla Beard's "Home Place, An Oral History of the Hartman Family." The work is published by the Richmond German Heritage Society. For information about obtaining copies of the book, contact Don Royer, 715 College Ave., Richmond, IN 47374.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 29  Annual Ethnic Festival of Nationalities Council of Indianapolis, Athenaeum, 6:30 pm, see article in Newsletter.

February 9  IGHS Board of Directors, 1 pm Athenaeum

February 9  Stammtisch, 6 pm, Athenaeum

February 11  Sister Cities Masked Ball, Westin, 7 pm, see article in Newsletter.

February 12  Fasching Celebration, German-American Klub, Indianapolis, see article in Newsletter.

March 18-19  IGHS Annual Meeting, German-American Klub (Friday) and Athenaeum (Saturday), see article in Newsletter.

April 13  IGHS Board of Directors, 1 pm Athenaeum

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