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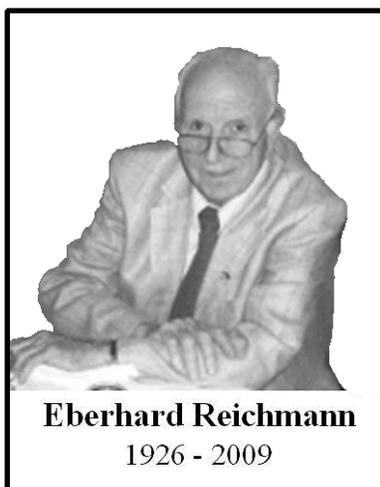
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### EBERHARD REICHMANN 1926 - 2009

Eberhard Reichmann passed away on October 16, 2009, at Hospice in Columbus, surrounded by family and friends.

Eb was born December 8, 1926 in Stuttgart, Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1953. He met his future wife, Ruth Backmund, a Bavarian, while both were attending the University of Cincinnati. They were married on Dec. 21, 1956 and stayed together for over fifty years despite their friends and fellow students' warning that this marriage would not last. Not only did they have a happy marriage, they also developed over the years a great working partnership. The mix of personality and interests made them an extremely productive couple.



**Eberhard Reichmann**  
1926 - 2009

In 1959 Eberhard completed his doctorate in German Studies and started his career at Indiana University Bloomington, where he taught for 32 years, retiring in 1991. His retirement was in name only since he continued as an active scholar and teacher, producing numerous books, articles, and lectures, mostly in the field of German-American Studies.

During his long career at Indiana University Dr. Reichmann helped popularize and develop the field of German Studies. He served as Research Director for the improvement of the Teaching of German in the US and was founding editor of the significant

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### THE HOOSIER GERMAN HERITAGE ANTHOLOGY AN UPDATE

Many of our members have contributed both financially and intellectually to the expansive anthology project which Dr. Eberhard Reichmann

began many years ago. Certainly, Eberhard's passing in October represents a sad moment for all of us in the IGHS and a great intellectual and spiritual loss for the entire German-American community. However, work on this important piece of Indiana German Americana has not halted. On the contrary, the many contributors to the anthology have continued and even accelerated work on the volume over the last six months. Concrete plans are in place to finish work on the volume in Eberhard's memory and as a memorial to his spirited commitment to Indiana German-American studies.

In May of 2009 Fred Yaniga (Butler University) joined the collaborators on the project as Associate Editor and began working closely with Eberhard and other colleagues throughout the summer and into the fall on outlining chapters, bringing together loose ends in the project. During this past summer Eberhard was concentrated on completing a number of the chapters as well as delegating other chapters to the volume's collaborators (Daniel Nuetzel, Michael and Vicky Peake, Steven Schmidt, Ruth Reichmann, Robert Reichmann, William Selm and others) to edit, revise and develop individual chapters. The result of this concentrated effort has

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pedagogical journal  
*Unterrichtspraxis: Journal for  
the Teaching of German.*

Later as the director of the Institute of German Studies at IU, he helped bring about the recognition of German Culture Studies as an integral part of the curriculum. In the 1980s he and his wife Ruth delved deep into the German background of Indiana and helped to understand and preserve that heritage. Together with Ruth he served the German and international community of his beloved Indiana in many capacities.

Eb Reichmann was fully engaged in life. A talented musician, he played several instruments. He wrote eloquently and prolifically in English, German, and his native Swabian dialect. As an editor he saw the publication of several books rarely missing a phrase that was out of line or an inappropriately used word. He served as the Chief Editor of the IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center and the Indiana German Heritage Society, both of which he was a co-founder. The Reichmanns helped fund an endowed professorship in German-American Studies at IUPUI, an example of their generosity and dedication.

Eberhard Reichmann held many honors because of his considerable accomplishments. Among them are the Federal Cross of Merit First Class from the Federal Republic of Germany, College Teacher of the Year in 1990 from the Indiana Association of Teachers of German, the Distinguished Service Award from the Society for German-American Studies. Shortly before his death he also was named Hoosier German-American of the Year by the IGHS.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Ruth Reichmann, their two children, 4 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

A celebration of Eberhard's life was held on November 18th at the Athenaeum in Indianapolis featuring members of the Athenaeum Pops Orchestra, Indianapolis Liederkrantz and

You can view a preview of the  
**Hoosier German Heritage**

**Anthology at:**

<http://HoosierGermanHeritage.info>

Liederkrantz Damenchor, the Indianapolis Männerchor, and a number of speakers, including Indiana Poet Laureate Norbert Krapf who read two poems including "Eberhard Reichmann at Peter's Gate." The Rathskeller Restaurant donated a full German meal, served to app. 200 who

attended.

Gifts in memory of Prof. Eberhard Reichmann can be sent to the Publication Fund of the Indiana German Heritage Society, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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been that work on nine of the sixteen chapters has been completed or is nearing completion.

The true value of this anthology will certainly be in the careful selection and grouping of these writings which portray what had been for so long fairly unknown contributions by German-Americans to our state's history and growth.

Contributions for both the on-going anthology project and IGHS publications in general are always welcome and needed. Moving these projects to print form is often an expensive endeavor made possible only by your generous contributions.

	<b>Indiana German Heritage Society</b> & <b>IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center</b>	
<b>Newsletter</b>		
The Indiana German Heritage Society was founded in 1984 as a statewide historical and educational membership organization aimed at preserving and celebrating Indiana's German Heritage. The Society is headed by a volunteer board of directors, it is a non-profit organization and qualifies for tax-deductible donations.		
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- Fred Yaniga, Associate Editor

**IGHS 2010 ANNUAL MEETING &  
SYMPOSIUM  
TO BE HELD JOINTLY WITH SGAS  
APRIL 22-25  
AT THE NEW HARMONY INN  
IN HISTORIC NEW HARMONY**

Mark your calendar for the 2010 IGHS Annual Meeting, to be held in the afternoon of Friday, April 23, followed by the Symposium on Saturday, April 24. We will meet jointly with the Society for German-American Studies in the historic town of New Harmony in southern Indiana, not far from Evansville. IGHS members can choose to participate only in the IGHS events or they can sign up for the SGAS Symposium, which lasts from the afternoon of Thursday, April 22 through Sunday, April 25.

New Harmony is among the most interesting German heritage sites in Indiana. It was founded in 1814 by the "Harmonie Gesellschaft," a group of



Lutheran separatists who were led by their spiritual father Johann Georg Rapp. They built a thriving Utopian community on the Indiana frontier and lived

there until 1824, when they sold everything to the Scotsman Robert Owen and moved back east to establish the town of Economy in Pennsylvania. Many of the original structures from the German "Harmonie on the Wabash" still remain, and there will be time for visiting the various sites and exhibits.

Program details and registration information and information on hotel reservations can be found on our website: [www.IGHS.org](http://www.IGHS.org) and will be available in the next issue of the Newsletter.

**HOOSIER GERMAN-AMERICAN  
OF THE YEAR 2009**

At the German-American Day celebration in Indianapolis, held on October 6 at the City Market with proclamations and speeches, Eberhard Reichmann was honored as Hoosier German-American of the Year. The announcement was made by Giles Hoyt at the City Market event and presented to him personally by Giles a few days later. It reads:

*HOOSIER  
GERMAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR 2009  
Awarded to  
Dr. EBERHARD REICHMANN  
For Lifelong Commitment and Leadership Within  
the Indiana German Heritage Society  
The Deutsche Haus Athenaeum and  
the German-American Community  
By the  
Indiana German Heritage Society*

Past recipients of the IGHS award were Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. in 2007 and Dr. Carl Sputh in 2008.

At the German-American Day dinner, on October 6, in Jasper, Vic and Monica Knies were presented the 2009 German-Heritage Award, sponsored by the

Jasper Deutscher Verein. They were cited for their personal engagement in establishing, maintaining, and improving the area German heritage. Mr. Knies efforts have been vital in the coordination and continued growth of the partnership between Pfaffenweiler and Jasper for the betterment of both.

Matt Hilger who made the presentation stated that "the Knieses background formulated the desire and willingness to assist in enriching German-related programs, organization and the Deutscher Verein to our community and county. Their primary goals have always been to encourage the continuance of our German heritage."

The Knieses "have given generously of themselves and are proud of how the German heritage they love has touched the lives of so many."

## **OLDEST CIVIL WAR MONUMENT SAVED**

By Michael Peake

In a brief though bloody Civil War battle at Rowlett's Station, the Green River town of Munfordville, Kentucky, bore witness to the inevitable clash of arms between the Union and Confederate forces on December 17, 1861. During that savage, close quarter combat, thirteen German immigrants of the 1<sup>st</sup> German, 32<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry paid the ultimate price of devotion to their adopted homeland.

Soon after their burials at Munfordville, Private August Bloedner, noted for meritorious conduct during the battle, hand carved a beautiful monument to his comrades that was laid among the graves in January 1862. After the war, the remains of the dead, along with the monument, were removed in the summer of 1867 to Louisville's Cave Hill Cemetery as part of the Federal mandate to recover all Union dead to National Cemeteries. At that time, the memorial was mounted upright on a commemorative base stone that ultimately

contributed to the deterioration of what has become the oldest surviving Civil War monument in the Nation.

By the time a serious preservation effort to save the stone began in early 2000, Bloedner's monument had lost much of the German Fraktur-style inscription providing an account of the fight and the names of the dead, their birth dates and places of origin. Part of the suggested preservation plan recommended that the monument be moved to a facility indoors to avoid additional weathering, that

a duplicate be made to replace the original, and after preservation, the monument would be returned to the point of origin, Munfordville, Kentucky. The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration (NCA), the stewards of all National Cemeteries, had to be convinced that the Bloedner Monument existed as a National Treasure. The NCA immediately took the position that VA policy would preclude removal of the monument for any purpose other than the preservation treatment after which it must be returned to Cave Hill. Ultimately, the preservation effort began by John Trowbridge, then manager of the Kentucky Military History Museum in Frankfort, and

regional historian Michael A. Peake, was successful in having a weather shield installed and an interpretive panel placed on site. Very important preservation treatments began immediately.

During installation of the protective shelter over the monument in September 2001, University of Kentucky conservators discussed the immediate need of applying a paper "facing" to adhere a palm sized piece of inscription, bearing the name of Lieutenant Max Sachs, from flaking off of the surface. Sachs, a former 1848 revolutionary from Fraustadt, Prussia, was the only officer lost in the action, and is believed to be the first Jewish officer killed in the Civil War. Bloedner's monument remained at Cave Hill Cemetery until December 17,



The Bloedner's monument as seen in 1955 (above) and 1994 (below)



2008, the 147<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rowlett's Station battle. Early on that morning, a work crew removed the weathered memorial to the University of Louisville where it underwent extensive cleaning and conservation. The NCA contracted with Heritage Preservation, Inc. of Washington, D. C., to oversee conservation, memorial replacement design, and selection of a host institution to display the original monument when conservation was complete. Three designs for a replacement monument were produced, and interested parties were contacted for recommendations.

For the replacement designs, Heritage Preservation relied on a May 31, 1871 *Täglicher Louisville Anzeiger* article describing the monument, and although it was the most accurate period account provided, it was not without error. Thanks to the efforts of Fred Yaniga, Heiko Muehr and Michael Peake, the contractor now has the proper German text that is as historically accurate as possible. However, it may not be possible to replicate the Fraktur script due to the inability of finding stonemasons with the skill and knowledge to create such script.

Unlike the original, the replacement will have an English translation of the German text on the reverse, and all of the casualty names will be included. The most critical goals of the preservation effort that began over a decade ago have been met. The NCA moved this very important historical icon inside, treatments for conserving the monument have been accomplished and a replica of the original will be placed at the gravesites. To date, there has been no official selection of the replacement monument design or the host agency that will display August Bloedner's heart-felt memorial. The most likely replacement design will be the sample created from a cast of the original.

Only three host agencies were under consideration to display the monument, but none were from the State of Indiana. The Patton Museum at Fort Knox, Kentucky was included despite the fact that the facility is actually downsizing collections to concentrate on items related to the history of their namesake. Patton Museum currently has no Civil War display or relationship to that era, and plans for

a Civil War display were vague, at best. The Munfordville, Kentucky facility has recently upgraded their interpretive center to meet the requirements outlined by the Veterans Administration, but additional work would be required to house the monument. Also under consideration, the Frazier Museum in downtown Louisville has no Civil War exhibit, and plans to create one remain two years down the road.

One more facility that should be considered is the Colonel Eli Lilly Civil War Museum located in the base of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument at Indianapolis. This facility far exceeds VA's requirements, and unlike the Frazier Museum, the Indianapolis facility is a non-profit organization dedicated solely to Indiana in the Civil War. In reality, Bloedner's monument could go in the Lilly Museum today with very little site preparation required. Although Munfordville would benefit far more than the others in developing their growing Civil War programs, Indiana would provide the most dignified and honored home for our Nation's oldest Civil War Monument.

**Editor's Note:** *At its October Board Meeting, the IGHS board voted to ask Senator Lugar's office to make an official request to the National Cemetery Administration to have the original monument installed in the Lilly museum in the Soldiers and Sailor's Monument in Indianapolis. This request is currently in process.*

## SAVE ST. JOHANNISKIRCHE!



St. Johanniskirche, the German Church at the intersection of German Church Road and Washington Street on the eastside of Indianapolis is

threatened with demolition to make way for a CVS drug store.

The Historic Preservation Commission has ruled that the church is historic and has drafted a protection plan, which needs to be approved by the Metropolitan Development Commission.

The IGHS Board authorized Bill Selm to draft and send a letter on behalf of IGHS and to speak at the hearing in support of the preservation plan.

The Metropolitan Development Commission has granted a continuance to St. Johanniskirche until its 3 Feb. 2010 meeting to discuss the preservation plan prepared by the Preservation Commission.

### **IGHS AND GERMAN KLUB WIN 1ST PLACE AT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL!**



Congratulations to the Indiana German Heritage Society and Butler University German Klub for taking First Place Overall with our culture booth at this year's 2009 International Festival! Our project "20 Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall" was honored in a celebration on Saturday

evening following the Parade of Nations.

The culture booth featured four 4'x8' sections of "Berlin Wall" onto which festival visitors could write their own graffiti. Students from Butler's German Klub and especially from Fred Yaniga's GR 305 class provided information about different aspects of the wall which was displayed around the exhibit along with color and black and white photos.

Many IGHS members joined students from Butler University on Thursday and Friday greeting visitors and explaining the exhibit. Many more dedicated volunteers helped to staff the exhibit and sales table throughout the weekend. Special thanks to Jim and Jane Feit, Giles Hoyt, Tony Reichmann, Jim Gould, Pat Stevens, Dan Nuetzel, Lore Harle, Boyd Obermeyer, Vicki and Michael Peake, Frederike

Benfield, Gail and Al Ammons, Willi Schwoebel, Shana Kelso, Steven Schmidt, Heiko Muehr, Chrystina Huk, the Griesemers and the Selms for all your time over this weekend!

Festival judges were impressed by the informative and eye-catching display which included Checkpoint Charlie as the focal point (constructed by Kerstin Rust and Travis Garcia – President and Vice President of German Klub) as well as video monitors with running images from the historic 9th of November, 1989. The display was covered with graffiti by the end of the weekend, as intended, and provided an interactive and fun learning opportunity for the festival-goers.

Every year the Indianapolis International Festival welcomes thousands of visitors to the State Fairgrounds and features countless culture and sales booth as well as dancing and music groups. The first place prize for best overall exhibit was honored with a colorful ribbon and a trophy. The trophy is being engraved and will be on display at Butler University late this semester before moving to the Athenaeum for the remainder of the year. Who has ideas for defending our title next year?

*Vielen Herzlichen Dank  
an alle die geholfen haben!*

Fred Yaniga

### **IGHS ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**



The Education Committee of the IGHS is proud to announce the winners of this year's German-American Day Essay Contest.

The topic was: "German-American Friendships 20 Years after the fall of the Berlin Wall" and we received a number of very strong submissions. In the end two entries were selected the best.

Congratulations to Zach Fenton (Zionsville High School) and Sawyer Morgan (Hamilton Southeastern)!

Zach, who will graduate early this December and is planning to study in Germany in the Spring of 2010

currently is taking advanced German classes at Butler University and assisting at the IGEL School in the Athenaeum. His essay is presented below.

For their efforts Zach and Sawyer will received a \$200 and \$100 prize respectively and be invited to share their presentations at the IGHS Stammtisch on Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

Thank you to all who entered and to all German teachers who encouraged their students to research and write on the theme.

## **GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY ESSAY 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER**

**“GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP”**  
by **Zach Fenton**  
Zionsville High School



Twenty Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall, we see a Germany which has grown to become an economic powerhouse. Exporting more than China or any other country in the world and housing the Central Bank of Europe, Germany is a strong ally to the United States, and the relations between them have long been a matter

of great importance. Once again the United States will work with its European partner through the new friendship that is emerging under the administrations of Bundeskanzler Angela Merkel and President Barack Obama. This new relationship is reminiscent of that which Bundeskanzler Helmut Kohl had with Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush two decades ago and will yield equally great results.

V-E Day, 1985 – on the fortieth anniversary of the end of hostilities in the European theatre of World War II, Reagan and Kohl visited Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and a German military cemetery. Though Germany was still paying the price of World War II – the split of the country into East and West, communist and capitalist – this was the beginning of the end of the World War II era for them. Negative feelings against one another had subsided and a strong relationship between the United States and Germany was growing. Kohl looked up to Reagan and his political, economic,

and foreign policies and intended on bringing those capitalistic reforms, which his friend espoused in the United States, to Germany. Like the US, Germany implemented tax reductions, reformed its welfare system, and accepted more aggressive policies against the USSR.

Because of the First and Second World Wars, and because of Americanism and Prohibition, the once strong German societies in the United States had dissolved to a great extent. But as these nations once again grew together, President Reagan realized that his people had a history with Germany that should not be ignored. The largest ethnic group in his nation was German, and they had made huge cultural contributions to the overall culture of America. With this notion, in 1987 Congress made the 6th of October German-American day, reestablishing an intimate connection which many had thought would be impossible to restore. By doing this Reagan would not only draw the United States and West Germany together but truly tie the American people to the German people, West and East. In his famous speech in which Reagan implored Gorbachev that the Berlin Wall be torn down for the sake of peace, prosperity, and liberalization of Eastern Europe, Reagan appealed to East Berliners by saying, “Es gibt nur ein Berlin,” (there is only one Berlin) and by suggesting that cultural exchanges should take place between the East and West. Even the East Germans would find that they had a closer cultural and historical connection to the United States than to Russia, and this would naturally lead them to what was to come.

As the decade came to a close, President Bush continued the policy of embracing Western Europe, particularly Germany. Bush and Kohl worked together on a number of issues, occasionally diverging on their policies but never conflicting. Soon the pressure that the allies had put on Gorbachev paid off. At the end of 1989, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher told thousands of East German refugees in Prague that they could come to West Germany; this served as yet another blow to the Berlin Wall.

Finally on the 9th of November 1989 the Berlin Wall fell and, just under a year later, the BRD absorbed the DDR, and Germany was reunified.

The World War II era for Germany and the Cold War era of the world were over; reparations had been made, and the nation had huge prospects for the post-Cold-War era with its close ally the United States.

Though Germany collaborated closely with the Bush Administration to combat terrorism, disagreements over the Iraq War brought tension to the ties between the US and Europe. Washington D.C. and Berlin had never been as far apart as they were under leaders G.W. Bush and Schröder. Since the Iraq War, SPD party members likened Bush's foreign policies to those of Julius Caesar and Adolf Hitler, and Schröder was even accused of espousing anti-American sentiment. But with the election of the widely popular Barack Obama and the reelection of Angela Merkel, a new period of transatlantic partnership is dawning. Germany has been America's strongest ally in Afghanistan; with new policies on the American side and the continuation of a CDU/CSU lead, pro-German-American-partnership coalition government, Germany will work with the United States over political and economic issues as well as over security issues. Obama and Bush do not differ as much in policy as they certainly do in perception; the German people came by the thousands to see him speak in Berlin even before his election. This image has truly helped to bring the US and Germany back together to work on the issues ahead. Merkel and Obama have already been working together on stopping tax evasion aided by Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and other tax havens whose banks provide secret bank accounts, and the two will soon be working together on climate change policy and economic recovery. Together these leaders might even do away with the protectionism which has for decades plagued European and American economies.

The United States and Germany share a lot, and what will be accomplished in the next few years will be reminiscent of the great triumphs of twenty years past. A quote by Bundeskanzler Kohl summarizes this German-American relationship best:

The friendship between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany is of existential importance.... It has always been that

way, and it will remain so in the future. It was the idea of freedom which brought us together, and today, more than ever, we know how important it is to stand together to defend our freedom and unity.

## **German-American Day Essay 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner:**

### **“Germany and the United States in the Last Decade”**

by

Sawyer Morgan,

Hamilton Southeastern High School



After the attacks of September 11, 2001, Germany joined the United States in its invasion of Afghanistan against the Taliban. However, it refused to join the US-led multinational force in Iraq. Germany has remained one of the United States' strongest allies and partners, but this led to derisive exchange and political disagreement. Since President Obama's taking of office, he has begun plans for withdrawal from Iraq and implemented more liberal policies. Having made multiple visits to Germany, Obama hopes to better the association of the two nations. After the deteriorating political relationship between Germany and the United States during the Presidency of George W. Bush due to Germany's reluctance to join the Iraq War, President Barack Obama has sought to advance the two nations' policies.

In October 2001, one month after the 9/11 attacks, President George W. Bush ordered an invasion of Afghanistan, where the Taliban was located. During his May 2002 visit to Berlin, Bush affirmed to the Bundestag that he wanted their advice on the situation in the Middle East. Germany would send thousands of Bundeswehr troops to Afghanistan as part of the NATO coalition. Bush initiated the War in Iraq in March 2003 to assure the national security of the United States. Germany, as well as other countries including France and Russia, considered this act to be in violation of international law. In 2002 the German justice minister Herta Däubler-Gmelin claimed that Bush was planning a war to distract the public from the economic downturn and

other domestic concerns, and she compared his tactics to those of Hitler. She was fired by Chancellor Gerhard Schröder soon after his reelection. Later, German foreign minister Joschka Fischer confronted US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld concerning the lack of evidence for Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction. In 2003, 71% of Germans were against the War in Iraq. An embarrassing event occurred when Bush gave Chancellor Angela Merkel an impromptu shoulder rub during the G-8 Summit in July 2006. In addition, Bush disagreed with Merkel on the issue of climate change, as Bush refused to set reduced carbon emission targets, which was a key priority of Merkel. While Bush did not significantly impair the political ties with Germany, the invasion of Iraq increased foreign tensions.

On the campaign trail in July 2008, Barack Obama gave a speech at the Siegessäule in Berlin's Tiergarten concerning foreign policy. To a crowd of over 100,000, Obama raised the Berliners' perceptions of the United States and emphasized his planned shift of troops from Iraq to Afghanistan, requiring more NATO support. The speech, reminiscent of John F. Kennedy's and Ronald Reagan's iconic speeches there, was rhetoric about being a global citizen, the peril of nuclear weapons, and Middle Eastern conflict. When he called for correcting the United States' misdeeds, the crowd cheered. Obama also met with Chancellor Angela Merkel and foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier after being called a political pop star by the *Bild* magazine. In June 2009, Obama returned to Germany as president, visiting the Buchenwald concentration camp with Merkel and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel. This was important because he stressed society's obligation to fight evil and mentioned Germans' shame of their nation's past.

As a personal connection to him, Obama's great-uncle was a soldier in World War II who liberated the concentration camp. As a major change from his predecessor, one of Obama's goals is to limit carbon emissions, an ambition shared by many European leaders. In the most recent developments, Angela Merkel plans to travel to Washington to address both the Senate and House of Representatives, the first chancellor to do so since

Konrad Adenauer in 1957, in part commemorating the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Although President Obama's policies are not completely in line with those of Germany, they are far closer than President Bush's. The United States' invasion of Iraq was widely criticized, and it reduced America's popularity in Europe. With a more liberal leader, more Germans favor the United States and its policies. Only a partial withdrawal from Iraq will be executed, but with a German contingency in Afghanistan of 4,500 and 39 deaths, most Germans are excited for the change in course. Following George W. Bush's policies that strained Germany-United States relations, Barack Obama has worked for better bilateral affairs.

## GERMAN PARK TURNS 75

On August 22, 2009, German Park celebrated its 75th anniversary.

In 1934, the Federation of German Societies bought 26 acres at 8600 S. Meridian St. for \$4,500 to create the park. The society, a collection of German clubs, was founded in 1932.

Don Hohlt, a life-long resident of the neighborhood, is quoted as saying his parents often visited the park. "I probably was still in diapers," he said of his earliest visits. "I can remember cattle roaming back in his pasture." He said the park's first feature was a shelter, later expanded into a dance floor, while the first kitchen was in an old interurban car.

Now the park has a kitchen building, 100 picnic tables, outdoor basketball court, softball field, volleyball court and horseshoe pits. The park is available for leasing to groups for special events, and hosts a series of festivals and events almost once a week from May to November.

The Indianapolis Soccer Club, leases the soccer field, and the German-American Klub, has operated its Edelweiss Restaurant in the park for more than 30 years. The restaurant is open year round, serving German cuisine Tuesdays through Saturdays.

- Reported by the *Indianapolis Star* Aug 20, 2009.

## **GOSHEN – BEXBACH SISTER CITIES CELEBRATE 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

On September 9, 2009, twelve citizens from the town of Bexbach, including the Bürgermeister, a City Councilman and the President of the



Patenstadtverein Bexbach, arrived in Goshen to celebrate a 30 year friendship. All were hosted by Goshen families and old friends.

The group was met upon their arrival at the South Bend airport right on time - but their luggage was not on board! The hosts managed to fill in with the necessities for the next morning's reception at the Mayor's office and the following trip to Lake Michigan. The luggage was delivered by the time they returned from their day-trip.

The evening was spent together with host families at The Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury where everyone enjoyed a great meal and lively conversation. The following morning the group boarded a small bus, that took them to Indianapolis, the Athenaeum Rathskeller for lunch, and a conversation with Fred Yaniga, from Butler University and a tour of the historic building led by Jim Gould.

With the help of the "Wegweiser" the visitors explored Lockerbie Square, the old Germantown, before proceeding to the Monument Circle and the State House. Claudia Grossman caught up with the group and provided perfect translations for the guided tour of the State House.

Many thanks to Fred, Jim and Claudia for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet and greet our delegates from Bexbach. The bus ride back to

Goshen was long, but considered by all, well worth the time

Saturday was free to explore downtown Goshen, to spend time with family and friends, and to get ready for the evening festivity. We had 60 invited guests at a catered dinner with DJ "Johnny" entertaining with "Golden Oldies" during the social and dinner hour.

Goshen Mayor Allan Kauffman and Bexbach Bürgermeister Heinz Müller recalled the many visits during the 30 years and thanked the retiring Chairperson, Gaby Botts, for her 21 years of service. She was presented with a Globe-Trophy from the City of Goshen and an Ehrenteller of the City of Bexbach. The Sister City Committee of Bexbach also presented her with a "Book of Memories" consisting of various pictures donated by former visitors in Goshen. Ingrid Simmons, the newly appointed Chairperson of the Sister City Committee, presented Bexbach with a hand-quilted wall-hanging, created by Ingrid and local artists.

Sunday afternoon everyone enjoyed a great picnic at the Simmons' home and yard, yet another beautiful social event to end a visit with our friends from Bexbach. Even the weather was better than expected Monday morning they boarded a bus to Chicago

We wished them all a safe trip back home and "Kommt bald wieder!"

### **THANKS FROM THE FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN**

As we near the end of another year, I want you all to know how much the Friends of Wyneken appreciate your help and support! It's been a year of some significant milestones for us, particularly the transfer of the title of the land to the IGHS (FOW).

As I'm sure all of you realize, the IGHS, and the FOW, probably wouldn't exist without the contributions and sacrifices of time, talent, and money, of many of its members and supporters. In this case, the beyond words generosity of the land

donation by one of our founding members, Dona Schaefer, has made it possible for us to have a permanent home for the irreplaceable Wyneken House.

Other milestones this year included permits, surveying, hearings, drawings, bidding, and more; all necessary things to keep the House moving ahead toward the eventual fulfillment of our vision.



At the same time, much physical work was accomplished on the House; much of it to get it back to the condition it was before years of neglect and plunder. Obviously much, much more remains to be done, but we're getting there, one nail, one brush full of paint, and one rebuilt window or door at a time!

We have much more we must accomplish in the coming year, but we all believe that with your continued help, advice, and support, we'll get there.

We wish for you all the very Merriest of Christmases, and an enjoyable, healthful, and prosperous New Year!

Ken Selking, Chairman  
Friends of Wyneken Committee

**SOUTH BEND-ARZBERG:  
FROM SISTER CITY FEST TO  
600 YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
AND INTO THE FUTURE**  
by Gabrielle Robinson

At the Sister City Celebration in Arzberg in 2006 South Bend mayor Stephen Luecke pledged: "We share a common past and now have committed ourselves to a shared future." On a sunny weekend in the middle of June the grand festivity began with a dinner in honor of the South Bend visitors. It was held in the recently restored Müssel Brewery which

dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Together with mayor Luecke and Councilman Roland Kelly, more than 30 people from South Bend participated.

Many had family roots in Arzberg and came to re-establish old family ties. The Germans were the largest immigrant group in South Bend in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the greatest number of those Germans had come from the Arzberg area. Four members of the Müssel were there, excited to meet the Arzberg branch of their family. They had come from as far away as Singapore and New York. Bob Lang, who attended with 3 generations of his family, exclaimed: "I am still in awe of the fact that my grandmother was born and raised in Arzberg. It's kind of a strange feeling to know that she worshipped in the church here and right next door was her school."



The following day saw the formal signing of the partnership document and each participant was given a beautifully decorated copy painted on Arzberg china. Gabrielle Robinson who had helped to build this connection was awarded the Ehren and Dank Medal of the City of Arzberg. At the same time her book, German Settlers of South Bend, was made available in a German translation. South Bend artist Tuck Langland unveiled a bronze medal for the occasion. It portrays the skyline of Arzberg on one side and that of South Bend on the other, with a ship passing through a hole in the middle. The medal symbolizes the Arzberg immigrants coming to South Bend in the past and at the same time connects the two cities in the present.

The celebration concluded with a fest for the entire city, not unlike the ones the Germans would have brought with them to South Bend over 150 years ago, complete with beer, brats, and brass music. Sitting at long wooden tables shaded by old oaks under a cloudless sky, we listened and danced to a local band as well to the celebrated US Military Band stationed in Heidelberg. At the end Councilman Kelly enthused: "I have enjoyed it all so much. The hospitality has been fabulous, the friendships that have developed are out of sight, the whole process has been eye opening and very

positive. I hope and pray that we can do the same thing when the people from Arzberg come to visit us.”

And Arzbergers did come to South Bend and were warmly welcomed here. In addition to formal visits, we also hosted a seminary student who absolved a 6-months internship at Zion Church. The church had been founded by people from Arzberg and its stained windows still bear their dedications in German. We also have started a student exchange in order to forge ties among the younger generation. Each Advent, we have a Christmas party. It's in the afternoon here in South Bend and at the same time in the evening in Arzberg. We call each other with a toast and best wishes for the Christmas season. We take pictures of each group and email them right away so that we can see who all is participating. People on both sides of the Atlantic look forward to this annual event.

In 2008 Arzberg celebrated its 600 year anniversary as a city and again people from South Bend, including Mayor Luecke and his wife, were part of the festivities. Pastor David Gerth of Zion Church stayed with Pastor Schübel of Arzberg and they discussed ways in which the two churches might collaborate in the future.

Arzberg always throws a great party but this one was on a scale we had not yet seen. The entire city was transformed into a medieval market, much as it must have been at its founding in 1408. Becoming a city was important in the Middle Ages when country folk belonged to the local lord while only the artisans and business men of the city enjoyed freedom. Germans have a saying from that time: “Stadtluft macht frei,” “city air makes you free.” It was a lucky coincidence that the South Benders joined the celebration on our own Independence Day weekend.

The South Bend group wandered streets crowded with artisans and performers. They watched butter being churned and chain mail put together. They enjoyed freshly caught trout, big slices of roast pig, fresh bread with churned butter, and sausages of all sorts. The air was full of the music of travelling musicians playing flute, recorder, and hurley gurley.

At night the city with its ancient towers and spires was lit by fires and torches.

On Sunday the South Bend group, dressed in t-shirts designed by Peg Luecke, was recognized in a procession. Fanfares announced their arrival. The new Arzberg mayor Stefan Göcking stressed the importance of our relationship which creates understanding and friendship between people, communities, and nations. Mayor Luecke agreed. “We have developed a wonderful relationship that has helped us to rediscover some of our history and look forward to a shared future.” Afterwards everyone went to the “South Bend Room” in the Müssel Brewery to view an exhibit of South Bend photographs put together by Gabrielle Robinson.

Arzberg has captured both events in two films that beautifully commemorate these occasions. Gabrielle Robinson and her husband Mike Keen often think back in wonder to that first visit to Arzberg they made in 2001 when they arrived alone and unannounced at the station. So much has happened since then, with the help of many people, especially the mayors and city councils of Arzberg and South Bend. Before that time Arzbergers chiefly remembered Americans from the occupation and the Care packages after World War II. Now the memorial erected in front of the Arzberg city hall in 2002 reminds them both of their 150 year history and their present friendship. Part of the memorial reads in English and German:

The citizens of Arzberg and the citizens of South Bend set here a symbol of friendship and solidarity between the German and the American people.

## WE GET LETTERS

Eberhard Reichmann's passing has created a deluge of letters and messages. We are able here to give you only a small selection.



I deeply regret that I cannot come to Indianapolis for this celebration of Eb's life. Your friendship was so special. Eb would always greet me with these words: "Gelobt sei Jesus Christus" -- I would answer his greeting: "In Ewigkeit. Amen"

Now Eb enjoys Eternity. May God grant him the rewards of his work on earth. Without Eb and Ruth I would never have been able to host the 150th celebration in "Celebration in Celestine" in 1993. Over the years Eb and Ruth as a team helped us all to appreciate our German roots in the Hoosier state.

I will deeply miss him and his great hug. Jesus, give Eb a big hug for me in heaven.

Fr John Boeglin,  
Pastor of Holy Family Church,  
Jasper, Indiana



Eb was a great person. I can only hope that his enthusiasm for teaching and for the field of German-Americans has rubbed off on me to the extent that I can inspire my students in much the same way that he inspired me.

I will always have fond memories of playing Skat at Rapp's pizza parlor, working on IGHS projects with him and visiting New Harmony. May the good memories also help you through this difficult time.

Gordon Hartig,  
German teacher,  
Westport Maine



A great oak has fallen. A great voice has been silenced. I was privileged to have known Eberhard Reichmann for almost the last quarter century of his nearly 83 years.

It was a cheery voice, a deep gravelly voice that epitomized this German professor who was not the least bit stodgy, but a barrel of fun, laughs, thoughts and knowledge.

To me his greatest accomplishments were not in the academic world, although they were numerous, but as the co-creator of the Indiana German Heritage Society with his indefatigable wife Ruth, and as her co-advocate for the preservation of Das Deutsche Haus in Indianapolis.

His impact on me was enormous. He encouraged my interest in my German antecedents as part of a larger community, which I in turn promoted in the Batesville vicinity. He also provided a framework, a

methodology, an approach to recognizing and rejuvenating other cultures.

In particular, I found my activities in both Indiana and Mississippi as they relate to the preservation and promulgation of African-American culture were profoundly influenced by Dr. Reichmann's approach as a popularizer of Hoosier German culture.

He focused on Hoosier Germans large and small, from Vonnegut and Willkie to the PlattDeutsche and other dialect speakers of Oldenburg and Jasper. The parallels which needed to be made in Mississippi were for me quite obvious as a result.

If we publicize the accomplishments of great local ethnic leaders, we will soon begin to see other accomplishments of their people as well, and instill a pride in those accomplishments and the local ethnic identity and heritage from which they sprang.

If Oldenburg, Brownstown and Jasper were important centers for Hoosier Germans, then Gloster, Cranfield, Woodville and Foster's Fields could also be celebrated for their African-American heritage in the rural areas around Natchez.

If I could talk to anonymous Hoosier Germans about their family history, I could do the same with African-Americans in Mississippi, and the friendships made as a result would be long and lasting.

If African-Americans talked about a long history of discrimination, I would at least have some understanding of cultural suppression in Prohibition, the caricatures of Germans in Hogan's Heroes, and the elimination of German language from the schools.

I came to understand the Blues in much the way I came to understand the um-pah band: as a cultural legacy which I might not care for, but which held significance to its people. I now enjoy listening to the blues.

Much of this I owe to Eberhard who taught by examples that could easily be imitated by others.

Our loss on his passing is immense, but his legacy is well-established to influence future generations of Hoosier Germans, as well as others who believe that our diversity is our strength, not our weakness.

David S. Dreyer,  
Natchez, Missouri

**EBERHARD REICHMANN AT PETER'S GATE**  
**A POEM BY NORBERT KRAPF**

He's following in the footsteps  
of all the German immigrants  
whose stories he helped to tell.

As he passes, they greet him,  
give him a Wurst and stein of beer,  
say once more, "Auf Wiedersehen."

At Heaven's Door, he teaches  
St. Peter how to sing the immortal  
hymns in Swabian dialect.

The Great Gate swings open,  
the heavenly choir sings,  
and Eb's voice leads the way

as we follow in his footsteps  
singing with him the lyrics  
he led us back to with gusto.

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**AUF DEUTSCH I**

Vor wenigen Tagen haben wir erfahren, dass Eberhard, umgeben von Dir und Eurer Familie entschlafen ist. Wir möchten Euch wissen lassen, dass seither unsere Gedanken oft bei Euch sind. Wir fühlen mit Euch, weil wir wissen, dass Abschied immer weh tut, egal wann wir damit konfrontiert werden.

Wir hoffen, dass Ihr einander in der Familie Halt und Trost gebt und sich Eure Trauer und Euer Schmerz nach und nach wandeln kann. Wandeln in tiefe Dankbarkeit und Freude darüber, dass Ihr solange miteinander auf dem Weg sein durftet. Daß Ihr auf Eurem gemeinsamen Weg so viel miteinander erleben und gestalten durftet.

Ja, wir empfinden es so, dass Euer gemeinsames Leben ein sehr „reiches“ Leben war. Reich in dem Sinne, was Euch möglich war. Durch Eure Aktivitäten hat sich in der Welt doch ziemlich viel verändert. Das Leben hat sich also gelohnt.

Wir - und vor allem Fritz - werden nie vergessen, was Ihr für unsere Partnerschaft mit Jasper getan habt. Eure Besuche in Pfaffenweiler - der erste 1984 - waren wichtige Meilensteine für unsere Partnerschaft! Diese konnten wir schon 1985 besiegen nächstes Jahr im Juni feiern wir hier in Pfaffenweiler 25 Jahre Sister Cities - und Eberhard machte die gesamte Übersetzungsarbeit. Ihr habt immer wieder wichtige Impulse gegeben. Unsere Partnerschaft existiert nicht nur auf dem Papier und wird nicht nur zwischen Bürgermeister und Gemeinderäten gepflegt, sondern ist eine sehr lebendige Partnerschaft zwischen vielen Bürgern, Schülern und jungen Menschen - bis zum heutigen Tag. In diesem Sommer hat der Nachfolger von Fritz (Fritz ist inzwischen schon 3 Jahre pensioniert) seinen Antrittsbesuch mit einer weiteren Gruppe von Bürgern in Jasper gemacht. Es wurde ans diesem Anlaß die wiederaufgebaute Eckert Mühle eingeweiht. Wir hoffen, dass auch unter unserem neuen Bürgermeister diese Lebendigkeit erhalten bleibt.

In Verbundenheit  
Brigitte und Fritz Gutsell

**TRANSLATION**

A few days ago we learnt that Eberhard, surrounded by you and your family, passed away. We would like you to know that since then our thoughts were often with you. We feel with you, because we know, that parting always hurts, no matter when we are confronted with it.

We hope that the family can give each other support and consolation, and that your sorrow and your pain can little by little change. Change into deep gratefulness and joy that you have been allowed to be together on this path. That on your path together you were allowed to experience and create so much.

Yes - we feel that your life together was a very "rich" life. Rich in the sense of what was possible to you. Therefore life was worth living.

We--and most of all Fritz--will never forget what you have done for our partnership with Jasper. Your visits in Pfaffenweiler--the first in 1984--were important milestones for our partnership! We were able to formalize it in 1985--next year in June we will celebrate here in Pfaffenweiler 25 years Sister Cities--and Eberhard did the whole translation. You have always given important impulses. Our partnership exists not only on paper and is not only maintained between mayor and councilmen, it is a very lively partnership between many citizens, students and young people--to this day. This summer the successor of Fritz (Fritz is now already 3 years retired) has paid his first visit to Jasper with a further group of citizens. At this occasion the newly reconstructed Eckert Mill was dedicated. We hope that under the leadership of our new mayor the lively exchanges will continue.

With affection  
Brigitte and Fritz Gutgsell  
(Fritz Gutgsell is the retired mayor of  
Pfaffenweiler, Jasper's Sister City.)

## AUF DEUTSCH II

Eberhard habe ich zu Beginn der 80er Jahre kennengelernt, zusammen mit Ruth, im bayerischen Augsburg, auf einer Konferenz.

Es wurde konferiert, ich weiß nicht mehr worüber. Aber ich weiß noch, wie beide auf mich zukamen, weil sie jemanden suchten, der sich in Norddeutschland auskannte. Sie hatten Briefe eines norddeutschen Auswanderers gefunden, der aus Rieste kam, im Kirchspiel Bramsche im Amt Vörden im Königreich Hannover. Eberhard's Engagement, seine lebhaftige Begeisterung steckten mich an.

Ich fand den Ort, den Bauernhof der Familie zur Oeveste und weitere Briefe. Und daraus entwickelte ich eine Forschungsstelle an der Universität Oldenburg: "Deutsche Auswanderer in den USA / DAUSA". Und eine gemeinsame Arbeit am deutschen Erbe in Indiana ergab sich daraus.

Meine Frau Renate und ich sind gute Freunde geworden. Wir sind traurig, dass er schon von uns gegangen ist.

Wir erinnern uns gern an Ruths und Eberhard's Besuch bei uns in Oldenburg. Sie haben das ihnen noch fremde weite flache Land hinterm Nordseedeich gemocht. An seinen *Hoosier German Tales* hat er auch bei uns geschrieben.

Eb war unermüdlich bis zuletzt. Mir war er Freund und Vorbild.

Antonius Holtmann

## TRANSLATION

I met Eberhard at the beginning of the 1980s, together with Ruth, at a conference in Bavarian Augsburg.

I don't know any more what the conference was about. But I do know how the two of them came up to me because they were looking for someone who was acquainted with North Germany. They had found letters of a North German emigrant, who came from Rieste in the Parish of Bramsche of the Office of Vörden in the Kingdom of Hannover. Eberhard's interest, his lively enthusiasm was infectious.

I found the place, the farm of the zur Oeveste Family, and more letters. And out of this I developed a research center at the University of Oldenburg: German Emigration to the USA/DAUSA. And joint work on the German cultural heritage in Indiana ensued.

My wife Renate and I were good friends with Ruth and Eberhard. We are sad that he has already gone from us.

We remember fondly Ruth and Eberhard's visit with us here in Oldenburg. They very much liked the once unfamiliar wide, flat land behind the North Sea dikes. Eberhard worked at our place on his *Hoosier German Tales*.

Eb was tireless to the end. To me he was a friend and mentor.

Antonius Holtmann is Prof. Emeritus,  
Oldenburg University, Germany

# INDIANA GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CALENDAR

## STAMMTISCH AND PROGRAMS

*As always, the programs are held at the Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis. They are in English--free of charge and open to the public. Optional dinner with conversation at 6:30 p.m. with program at 7:30 p.m. For questions contact Claudia Grossmann at the Max Kade Center 317.274.2330, [cgrossma@iupui.edu](mailto:cgrossma@iupui.edu).*

**January 2010:** no board, no Stammtisch and program

**Wednesday, February 10, 2010: "Student Presentations"** The IGHS supports students studying German in various ways. Our Stammtisch will feature presentations from the 2009 IGHS Essay Contest winners Zach Fenton and Sawyer Morgan. We will see and hear their presentations on the topic "German-American Friendships 20 Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall". Additionally, the group will be joined by other students who have enjoyed IGHS sponsorship or who are returning from recent study abroad experiences.

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010: "A Classic Hoosier-German Automotive Story: Harry Clayton Stutz and the Stutz Motor Company"** John L. Rupp, automotive historian, author, and lecturer, will speak on the history of the Stutz automobile in Indiana. For nearly 15 years, he has researched locally based automobile companies, including German-American companies such as Stutz and Studebaker. He has worked with groups such as the Indiana State Museum and the Classic Car Club of Indiana. John Rupp is the founder and director of the newly organized Center for the Study of Automotive History in Indianapolis

## KARNEVAL IN INDIANAPOLIS

**Saturday, January 16: Fasching at the German American Klub** in Indianapolis, featuring music by Jay Fox. Celebrate in costume in the Edelweiss Ballroom of the Clubhouse, located at 8602 South Meridian, in German Park, Indianapolis. Info 317.888.6940 or <http://www/germanpark.org/gak>)

**Saturday, January 23:** Join the Indianapolis Royalty at the *Grand Masquerade Ball of the Erste Karnevals Gesellschaft Cincinnati* at the Germania Society Klubhaus, Germania Park, 3529 West Kemper Rd., Cincinnati. For info [www.germaniasociety.com](http://www.germaniasociety.com) or call 513.742.0060, or [drlprinz@fuse.net](mailto:drlprinz@fuse.net)



**Saturday, January 30, 6-11 p.m. Karneval / Masked Ball in the Athenaeum's Kellersaal,** 401 E. Michigan St., The Indianapolis Athenaeum Foundation. and Athenaeum Turners present "Karneval 2010"--Shoot Out at the "A", with the Athenaeum German Band, the Indianapolis Männerchor and the Cincinnati Erste Karneval Gesellschaft. Dancing with the Euro-American Party Band "Prost" from Cincinnati.

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**Sunday, February 7**, 3-5 p.m. **KINDERKARNEVAL** (*German Children's Mardi Gras*) at the Athenaeum. Games, Dancing, Performances & Fun! Please come in costume. Admission \$5.00 individual, \$10 per family. Info and reservations: 317.630.4569 Ext. 1. Walk-ins welcome!

## OTHER PROGRAMS

**Monday February 15:** Prof. Giles Hoyt invites you to an Athenaeum Turner pre-Spring fling: "*A German Sauerbraten Dinner*" with entertainment. Cocktails at 6:30--Dinner at 7:00 PM. Price all inclusive: \$25; Cash bar. Reservations to Buddy McCart 317.846.8613 or e-mail to [dmccart@indy.rr.com](mailto:dmccart@indy.rr.com) by Feb. 8.

**Friday, April 2**, 10 a.m. The *Annual German Good Friday Service* will be held at Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, 416 E. North St., corner of North and New Jersey Streets (1 block from the Athenaeum). Although the worship service is conducted in German, it is easy to follow. The hymns are familiar to most church-goers and the sermon is printed in English. Everyone, including students, are encouraged to attend. No denominational restrictions. Convenient parking is located north of the Church. Handicapped and hearing impaired accessible. Info: 317.639.5411.

**Fri./Sat., April, 22-25:** *IGHS Annual Meeting & Symposium with the Society for German-American Studies* (SGAS) in New Harmony - membership meeting Friday 5-6 pm. *Mark your Calendar* and make it a weekend in New Harmony.

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