Volksfest is a German state of mind
"People's Party" kicks off

You don't have to be German to enjoy the Germania Männerchor Volksfest – you just need a German state of mind.

This year [2011], the West Side festival celebrates 50 consecutive years of honoring the heritage of many of the city's pioneers. The Germania Männerchor Volksfest is an Evansville tradition that celebrates our German Heritage starting at lunch and ending well into the evening. 21+ after 2 p.m.

Members of Germania Männerchor already have spent weeks preparing the food, which includes kraut balls, pig knuckles, bratwurst, potato salad and much more. The festival will kick off Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. and will have official opening ceremonies at 6 p.m., featuring a military Color Guard and songs performed by the Germania men's and women's choir.

"Every year, we try to improve it," said Tom Memmer, a Germania Männerchor member and Volksfest co-chairman who has been to every Volksfest since the event was restarted in 1962. "We don't know what prompted them to start this festival. We assume it was a money maker, but they didn't keep very good records back then. It has always been run by the (Germania Männerchor) members.

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Our German Citizens

There is something quite remarkable in the tenacity with which our German friends cling to their distinctively national characteristics and habits, even years after they have become citizens of this country. While other foreigners fall readily into our ways, the Teuton brings here the traditions of the Fatherland, engraves them onto the native stock of our civilization, and they bear fruit of which even the sternest descendants of the Puritans are glad to eat. Christmas was looked upon by the people of New England as a conceit of the Scarlet Woman, until its true meaning as the holy festival of peace and good will, was pointed out by the Germans. Other customs have been brought here by them, and are rapidly finding favor. The Sängerfest, the Schützenfest, and no end of other festivals are celebrated with the same details of song, jollity and good-fellowship as characterizes similar demonstrations in the old country, and every year their American participants increase in number. Even the home dietary list is clung to, and German bakers, German butchers and German restaurants find favor, to say nothing of the immense quantities of the extremely popular beverage, lager beer, that finds daily consumption. No other nationality of immigrants has done so much to infuse a spirit of good-fellowship into our social growth; and of all the citizens we have adopted

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none who have been more true to us than the German in all our hours of peril, or more staunch in all tests of citizenship.


NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Fabian Knopfler** is the Junior Partner of David A. Noyes & Company’s “Legacy Wealth Group.” Together with his partners he develops and implements wealth management plans to cover the interconnected areas of an individual’s financial life which include: Investment, Liability, Risk, and Transition Management. He also advises endowments, foundations, and corporations on Institutional Money and Risk Management.

Butler University recruited Fabian from Germany in 2007 to play Division 1 soccer for the university on full scholarship. After graduating in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and International Business, he successfully finished his MBA at Butler with a concentration in Finance within eleven months and then joined the Legacy Wealth Group in October 2011.

“It is very important to me to be involved in the Indianapolis community. I cannot think of a better way to do so while staying connected to my German roots than being part of the Indiana German Heritage Society,” says the Reutlingen-native, who is also a member of the German Sister City Committee. Fabian is also involved in the soccer community, where he is the head goalkeeper coach at the Zionsville Youth Soccer Academy passing on his extensive knowledge to children ages 10 to 18.

**Jane Gehlhausen** has dedicated much of her life and career to international affairs. She joins the Office of Mayor Greg Ballard and the City of Indianapolis with extensive experience in the realm of international business development and outreach. As the former International Vice President at Walker Information, Ms. Gehlhausen successfully managed and developed more than 30 international partnerships in over 75 countries and was the driving force behind the strategic direction of Walker Information’s Global Network. Her efforts in developing partnerships in the international community has led her to travel extensively throughout the world in more than 55 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

Her involvement in the cultivation of international business is not left to the realm of the corporate world and extends to her civic interests. Among her numerous posts, she was a Past Chair of the Board of Directors for the International Center of Indianapolis, President of the Board of Directors for the World Trade Club of Indiana, and she has served on the Board of Directors for the Sisters Cities Association among many others. Appointed as the Director of International and Cultural Affairs for the Ballard administration in August 2010, Ms. Gehlhausen is leading the strategic direction and implementation to enhance globalization and culture for the city of Indianapolis with the aim of strengthening Indianapolis’ global connections across business, conventions, universities, sports, and the arts. In addition, she provides outreach to more than 100 international associations and local ethnic communities in the Indianapolis area.
**DR. RUTH REICHMANN SELECTED 2013 HOOSIER GERMAN – AMERICAN**

Ruth Reichmann was born in Munich, and grew up in Germany during the war years. While studying at the University of Cincinnati, she met her late husband, Eberhard Reichmann. After he took a position with the German department at Indiana University, they moved to Bloomington. Ruth transferred from Pre-Med at U. of Cincinnati to Speech and Theater at I.U. and finished her B.A. degree work there. Both decided to stay in the U.S. and became U.S. citizens.

Ruth Reichmann's background and interests are diverse and extend from environmental to historic preservation, from community organizing, economic and community development and organizational development, to establishing and aiding sister cities committees.

From 1982-1990 she served as State Coordinator and Indiana State Representative of Sister Cities International in Washington, D.C. In 1987, she was the founding President of Indiana Sister Cities, the State Sister Cities organization. She aided in the forming of town affiliations, including New Harmony and Wiernsheim, Jasper and Pfaffenweiler, and Indianapolis and Cologne.

In 1983 she was appointed by Governor Orr to the German Immigration Tricentennial Commission, State of Indiana, where she served as the Executive Vice Chair. In 1984 she became the founding President of the Indiana German Heritage Society and still serves as President Emerita on the Board.

In 1988 she was appointed Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of German Languages and Literature and in 1989 she was the founding Director of the IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center. Together with Profs. Giles and Dolores Hoyt and Eberhard Reichmann they endowed a chair to the IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center which provides Indiana and the Eastern area of the Midwest with a center for conducting research and teaching its German-American history and heritage. Since its inception, she has been the Managing Editor of the IGHS newsletter, which is published quarterly and brings information on current events and articles of historical interest on the immigration and settling of Indiana by persons from the German-speaking areas of Europe.

Both Reichmanns worked closely as a team. They conducted programs and Elderhostels, and wrote and published widely on topics. Reichmann received a M.A. in German and a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Theory of Adult and Intercultural Education, from IU Bloomington, graduated cum laude and was elected Phi Beta Kappa in 1964. She was awarded The Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award, 1985, the Sagamore of the Wabash, the Governor's Award, 1987, and in 1991 the Bundesverdienstkreuz (Cross of Merit) of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Dr. Reichmann will accept her award on October 12, at the GermanFest celebration in Indianapolis.

**Earlier Recipients**

2007: Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.
2008: Dr. Carl Sputh
2009: Dr. Eberhard Reichmann,
2010: Rev. Arthur Schwenk,
2011: Prof. Ron Warner

**Volksfest, continued:**

And after that first year, they just kept on going with it.

The Volksfest is the biggest annual fundraiser for Germania Männerchor, which is a German singing club. The event is held behind the club's 98-year-old building on Fulton Avenue, as well as inside the upstairs dance hall and the basement Rathskeller. "This is our 50th Volksfest in a row," said Volksfest co-chairman Jim Kluesner. "We do things behind the scenes until May, but then the work really kicks off. We've got it pretty streamlined now. The last few days, we're just finalizing some details. It is pretty labor-intensive. You have to really love the club to come down and do it every year. If we didn't have this core group doing it, we could not pull it off. But it is a labor of love."

In Germany, a traditional Volksfest – which translates as "the people's party" – is held at the end of
of summer or of the harvest season. The tradition began generations ago, and most towns in Germany still hold similar events each year. The Germania Männerchor Volksfest is intended to replicate one of those ethnic festivals.

"You come down, meet with old friends and make new friends," said Memmer. "Most of the people are from Evansville, but they do come from a wide area." "You may only see some of these people one time a year, and it is at the Volksfest," said Kluesner. "But they remember you, and you'll remember them."

 Evansville's Germania Männerchor first began a yearly festival in 1934. Those early events celebrated German heritage, with traditional food, beer, games, music, clothing and more. The outbreak of World War II in 1941 put an end to the German Days Festival for more than two decades. "During World War II, anything German was put on the back burner," said club president Jim Scheu. "It is amazing when you go back and look at what that did to a lot of people's lives."

When the celebration was revived for the Evansville sesquicentennial in 1962, it was renamed. Volksfest was an immediate hit, drawing thousands of people from around the Midwest to Evansville. In that first year, Germania Männerchor sold out of every scrap of food it had. Eventually, crowds for the three-day festival swelled to over 14,000 in the early 1990s.

At its height, the Volksfest served up 238 half-barrels of beer, two tons of bratwurst, 2,000 pounds of pig knuckles, 950 gallons of potato salad and 10,000 kraut balls. Recent festivals have seen slightly smaller crowds, partly due to alcohol restrictions and also due to a menu that is foreign to younger generations. "A lot of older people, people who knew the German traditions and were German-speaking, have died," said Memmer. "The younger people haven't embraced their heritage as much. And we know the food is not an average meal for a young person."

All of the food is made from scratch and by hand. The recipes for the bratwurst and kraut balls are a closely-guarded secret – they are known only to a few Germania Männerchor members and are not written down. "People always ask us for the kraut ball recipe, but we don't give it to them," said Memmer. "You have to come to work for us. And to do those kraut balls is more than a one-day process, and we have as many as 16 people working on them at a time."

The Volksfest is open Aug. 4-6 from 11 a.m. until midnight each day. There is no admission charge until 5 p.m. In addition, there will be a kids carnival. Each child in attendance gets a free hot dog, chips and soft drink along with a ticket to each carnival booth.

Music this year will be performed by two bands. The Rhein Valley Brass and Rathskeller Band from Evansville will perform in the upstairs dance hall from 8 p.m. until midnight each day. The Schnapps Band of Cincinnati will perform each night in the biergarten from 6 p.m. until midnight.

For more information, contact Germania Männerchor at 812-422-1915 or go online to http://evansvillegermania.com.

THE JOY OF COOKING

Irma von Starkloff Rombauer (1877-1962), a leading twentieth-century American cookbook author, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, during the city's nineteenth-century economic and cultural heyday. Rombauer belonged to prominent German American social circles and until middle age had only the knowledge of food to be expected of a sophisticated, well-traveled hostess and clubwoman. When she was widowed in 1930, she decided to support herself by writing a cookbook. The Joy of Cooking, published at her own expense in 1931, was initially a modest, fairly conventional recipe collection with assorted contributions from family and friends, but she shortly began planning an expanded version.

Rombauer was able to interest the Bobbs-Merrill Company of Indianapolis and New York in her idea, which featured a recipe-writing format of her
own devising, with ingredients introduced in the order of their use rather than as an initial list. The first Bobbs-Merrill edition appeared in 1936. Rombauer also differentiated her work from others by stressing an informal, chatty personal tone-present but less conspicuous in the first edition-that was at the time unorthodox in a cookbook.

The first commercial Joy of Cooking was moderately successful, but the book did not become a best seller until 1943, when Rombauer revised it to incorporate the contents of her shorter 1939 work, "Streamlined Cooking", and a small selection of recipes meant to help cooks cope with World War II meat and sugar rationing. The resulting version cemented her national reputation and made her highly individual "voice" known to a wide and demographically diverse audience, including people who ordinarily detested cooking and cookbooks but gained confidence through her breezy encouragement.

By the time of this success, Rombauer was in her mid-sixties. It was clear that a serious updating of The Joy of Cooking, possibly requiring the contributions of a younger cook, would eventually be needed in order to address rapid changes on the food scene.

In the late 1940s, Rombauer invited her daughter, Marion Rombauer Becker (1903-1976), to work with her on the next revision. The Cincinnati-based Becker had been involved with the production of the 1931 version and was familiar with Joy as it had developed. Her participation caused some adjustment of priorities, beginning with the far-reaching revision that appeared in 1951. Reflecting Becker's bent for serious instruction and interest in nutrition and "natural" foods, included such new material as meats "roasted" in foil, aspic base made "from scratch," and whole-grain breads (with expanded information on flours) and sought to bolster coverage of weak areas, such as fish.

After 1955, illness prevented Rombauer from further work on the book. Her daughter (assisted by her husband, John W. Becker) prepared two large, ambitious revisions that would long earn Joy the reputation of an inexhaustible reference work equally suited to state-of-the-art kitchens and desert islands. It sought to preserve the lively, personal Rombauer voice while trimming many old convenience-food recipes, broadening the international range of coverage, and greatly increasing the amount of space given to information about ingredients and cooking processes. In 1975 she completed her last and most ambitious edition of Joy. For at least a generation, Becker's two revisions of her mother's cookbook would be the best general source of knowledge about many culinary matters, including unusual herbs and formerly exotic fruits and vegetables.

Becker was succeeded as author by her son Ethan Becker. A new publisher, Scribner, issued a dramatically transformed version in 1997. Prepared by a large group of contributors under the direction of the well-known editor Maria Guarnaschelli, it replaced nearly all of the earlier contents with an up-to-date, eclectic mix of recipes. Guarnaschelli also oversaw a 1998 reprint of the original 1931 edition.

In Rombauer's and, to a certain extent, Becker's lifetimes, The Joy of Cooking was exceptional among American cookbooks as a Midwestern rather than an East Coast production, as the work of culinary amateurs rather than professional recipe developers, and as a family affair. The first success of her book had little to do with directing American taste in any particular culinary path. Rombauer's achievement was rather to spontaneously embody or bring to life the state of mid-twentieth-century American taste-in all its extremes and inconsistencies-across many social and culinary fault lines, without lapsing into mere shapelessness. Under Becker the book retained a modicum of its irreverent, inclusive, person-to-person quality while at the same time replicating many aims of the sober turn-of-the-twentieth-century kitchen bibles, to which, ironically, Rombauer's first efforts had been at least partly meant as an antidote.

Abridged from:
Anne Mendelson "Rombauer, Irma"
German-American Day
Essay Contest
Sponsored by: Indiana German Heritage Society
Deadline: October 31, 2013

Prizes:
1st prize: $300.00, 2nd prize: $200.00, 3rd prize: $100.00
Several prizes for runner-ups

“German-American Visionaries, Heroes and Heroines”

On the occasion of German-American Day (October 6), the Indiana German Heritage Society is sponsoring an essay contest for Indiana high school students. Participants do not have to be currently enrolled in a German class in order to be eligible. However, they should be able to write a brief biographical statement in German.

Description: Immigrants from German-speaking countries constitute the largest ancestry group in the United States. From the early years on, they contributed to the growth and success of their new homeland. Names such as John Jacob Astor, Levi Strauss, Albert Einstein, Wernher von Braun, or Marlene Dietrich are familiar to most Americans. German-speaking immigrants include people from all walks of life. In your essay, describe the life and impact of 3-5 of these immigrants who could be considered visionaries, heroes or heroines. These may be historical or contemporary figures. If possible, the essay should include an Indiana connection. Factual evidence and personal analysis will both be considered equally.

Contest Requirements:

1) Essay of 750-1000 words (in English).
2) PowerPoint presentation including pictures and other images (in English).
3) One page statement of student’s background (in German), highlighting any experiences with German language and culture which have influenced their personal life and educational career, or their own German-American heritage (if applicable).
4) Submit entries to Dr. Claudia Grossmann, IUPUI German Program, cgrossma@iupui.edu, Ph. (317) 274-3943, Fax (317) 278-7375

Students are also encouraged to participate in the national essay contest of the German American Hall of Fame, http://www.gamhof.org (deadline 12/31/13)
ENTREPRENEUR SUCCESS STORY:  
PERK UP CAFE

When Jeanette Footman arrived in Indianapolis from Germany in 1995, she couldn’t find the quality pastries she had grown up with, so she began baking them herself for family and friends. In 2006, with encouragement from her husband, she started a catering business called Zamovar. Although busy baking, Jeanette found time to take business classes through the Central Indiana Women’s Business Center (CIWBC). “I took every possible class available to me to help me get a better sense of what I was getting myself into,” said Jeanette. “From accounting to marketing and everything in between, I felt it was important to know and understand every aspect of the business. I knew about baking, but not about running a business.”

In 2008, she met Alice Matsuo, who had recently moved to Indianapolis. She is a chemist by trade and had just finished a 3-year bread-baking course in Germany. It was a “chance meeting” in a coffee shop that has led to a tasty and successful business for the two women.

A year later, their dream of introducing the marvelous world of German artisan breads and German homemade pastries to Hoosiers became a reality. The two pooled their talents and launched Brotgarten at Perk Up Café in Broad Ripple in August, 2009, where they say they started “contaminating the air at the coffee shop with the scent of freshly baked breads and pastries.”

As they say, the rest is history. Today, they now own Perk Up Café – a café well-known to its customers as the place “where in-house roasted coffee, in-house baked German Artisan bread & pastry and good times come together!”

Together, Jeanette and Alice make German sourdough breads, pretzels, hard rolls, baguettes, ciabattas, bagels, pie crusts and specialty breads along with cheese cakes, tortes, cookies, brownies and more. Their delicious creations are available at Perk Up Café on Cornell Ave. by the Monon, at the Broad Ripple Farmer’s Market and Carmel Farmers Market on Saturdays. They are a pivotal point in their business: determining what to do, where to go and how to continue to grow. And as they work through those decisions, they know CIWBC and BOI are both available to them as resources.

“We hope to find the time between baking and running a business to look into Microloans and a few other workshops we think will help us continue to grow,” said Jeanette. “But for now, we’re too busy baking, which is a good thing for business.”

HOOK'S DRUG STORE  
MUSEUM AND SODA FOUNTAIN

A restored 19th-century Hook's drug store stands at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, and is a popular attraction at the annual Indiana State Fair. It was originally built in 1849 and has been restored with authentic 19th century cabinets. Hook's Drugstore Museum & Soda Fountain Hook's can be found at 1180 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, on the grounds of the Indiana State Fair. In January of 1900 at the age of nineteen with six years of experience in the drug business John August Hook was registered by examination as a pharmacist and received a general average of 90 percent. In October 1900, Hook, the son of German immigrants opened his first “Deutsche Apotheke” (German Apothecary) in an Indianapolis German community at the corner of South East and Prospect Streets. A second location opened at the corner of New Jersey and East Washington Streets and Hook added Edward F. Roesch as a partner. By 1912, the chain had expanded to twelve stores. Many of Hook's interwar drug stores were designed by Kurt Vonnegut Sr. of Vonnegut & Bohn.

Roesch became president of the company in 1943 upon Hook's death. In 1956, following Roesch's death in a traffic accident, F. “Bud” Hook, John’s son, who has been active in the business since he was a teen, took over as president. The former
Purdue University athlete and pharmacy grad, helps guide Hook’s Drugs through the postwar era. The chain added 150 new stores between 1946 and 1972.

In 1966, the company gives Hook’s Historical Drug Store and Pharmacy Museum as a gift to the people of Indiana to commemorate the state’s sesquicentennial. Located at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the restoration of a late 19th century drugstore contains authentic 19th century cabinets from a drugstore in Cambridge City, Indiana. Artifacts that are displayed in the Hook’s Drugstore Museum & Soda Fountain comprise approximately 20% of the full collection.

In 1985, The Kroger Company outbid Rite Aid and acquired the Hook's chain. Kroger divested itself of Hook's a year later and Hook's became a division of the privately held Hook's-SupeRx. Hook's-SupeRx was acquired by Revco in 1994. Revco was subsequently acquired by CVS in 1997. Many former Hook's locations are now CVS Pharmacies.

In 2000, the great-grandchildren of John A. Hook opened Hook's Apothecary in Evansville, Indiana. The store specializes in compounding prescriptions. As a pharmacy focusing solely on drug compounding, Hook's Apothecary embraces its 100-year history in a "back to the future" kind of way, according to owner-pharmacist John Voliva. When they opened the pharmacy, Voliva said, it was the sole compounding-only pharmacy in Indiana. Now, he said, there are six such stores in the state.

Source: Connections, Indiana Historical Society, Fall/Winter 2012.

Columbus-Löhne Partnership Celebrated
By Rev. Arthur Schwenk

In 1988, Hans-Günther Lichte of Löhne, Germany, located the grave of his wife Edith’s great-great-grandmother Anne Maria Engel Scheidt in the cemetery of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus, Indiana. Scheidt had come to America to visit her son in the mid-19th century, got sick while here, and never returned to Germany. After a couple generations, her descendants in Germany had lost track of where she had gone, died, and was buried. The discovery of her grave was the beginning of the establishment of a very special relationship between Columbus and Löhne. After extensive research it was discovered that nearly two thirds of the signers of the constitution of St. Paul had indeed emigrated from Löhne. This discovery forged a strong bond between St. Paul in Columbus and St. Simeon in Löhne. This in turn resulted in a formal establishment of a partnership between the two cities in 1993.

Throughout the intervening years numerous visits and exchanges between adults, political dignitaries, and students have taken place between the two cities. A student exchange was also established in 1993 when the first group of students from the Gymnasium in Löhne, under the leadership of English teacher Christina Albani, visited Columbus North High School. A reciprocal visit of students from Columbus North visited Löhne the following year under the leadership of German teacher Arthur Schwenk. For twenty years the student exchanges have continued in both directions.
St. Paul celebrated its 150th anniversary in 1998. Hans-Günter Lichte had come to Columbus especially for the celebration as an emissary from St. Simeon in Löhne. However, the morning of the celebration, Lichte died at the home of Arthur and Marcia Schwenk and did not make it to the celebration. This year St. Paul celebrates its 165th anniversary and H.-G. Lichte’s son Martin Lichte, along with his wife Andrea and children Jan David and Anna, and Gerald and Heike Schwarz and their children Finn-Ole and Karina visited Columbus. They brought with them a greeting from Bürgermeister Held to Mayor Brown and a special gift from St. Simeon. A pipe from the original organ at St. Simeon was presented by Lichte to Pastor Douglas Bauman and the congregation of St. Paul during the 165th celebration on August 4, 2013. The organ pipe will be displayed at St. Paul along with the previous gifts received from her mother church St. Simeon throughout the past twenty years.

**PENCE, COATS, GERMAN DIPLOMAT TOUT JOBS ALLIANCE**

German Ambassador Peter Ammon and two top Indiana leaders spent Monday touting international skills training they say will help fill well-paying and vacant jobs in the state. Indiana and German leaders are focusing on training Indiana residents to fill the skills gap between available work and unemployed Hoosiers. Ammon, U.S. Sen. Dan Coats and Gov. Mike Pence told university and business leaders gathered at Ivy Tech in Indianapolis about their joint efforts.

Germany’s top diplomat in the U.S. told the crowd that improving supply chains internationally through synchronizing operations, including training, promotes economic growth in both countries. He said not every student is meant to obtain a PhD or other advanced degrees. "I'm afraid that here, but also in Germany, there is a trend toward überakademization," Ammon said. "It's simply true that not everybody can become a neurosurgeon, or a lawyer, or a financial wizard. Manufacturing requires different skills."

Pence has spent much of his first year in office focusing on ways to change how Indiana students and workers are trained. He said Monday he will announced new appointments to the Indiana Career Council, a panel charged with identifying what training is needed to fill vacant jobs. While the state lagged in that area over the last few years, Indiana universities and local high schools were acting on their own to train students for advanced manufacturing jobs, Pence said. The governor said Indiana is now getting in the game with those schools as well institutions like Ivy Tech to help train students and re-train adults.

"We all know unemployment is too high in Indiana. And it's been too high for too long," he said. "What people don't realize is that we have a quarter million Hoosiers that are out of work, but there are literally tens of thousands of jobs in Indiana that are going unfilled today because employers can't find men and women with the background and the training to be able to fill those jobs."

The career council won bipartisan support during the 2013 legislative session and is expected to spend the rest of the year studying the issue before reporting back to lawmakers and Pence with potential solutions.

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**GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION BERLIN EXHIBIT!**

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of Kennedy’s famous “Ich bin ein Berliner” speech in front of Berlin’s Schöneberg City Hall struck us as a natural idea – and not only a celebration in Berlin, but in Washington, D.C., too. This gesture would symbolize the gratitude of Germans and German-Americans, many of them with Berliner roots, towards America for Kennedy’s assurances to Berlin and to Germany. Our idea sparked interest and brought us the cooperation of a number of players.

Visit Berlin, the marketing agency of Berlin, as well as Partner Berlin, who are both responsible for the German capital’s economic development, took on the majority of the event’s costs. In place of the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Klaus Wowereit, who had prior commitments, Berlin’s Minister of the Interior and Mayor Frank Henkel came to Washington instead.
In the Newseum, one of the most appealing museums in the world, we found a venue with the perfect historical backdrop.

Not only is it home to the largest historical exhibit about the Berlin Wall outside of Germany, but an exhibition about JFK is currently on display. Many agreed it would have been impossible to find a more perfect location. The presentation of a historical clip from 1963 was the prelude to the event. It was black and white footage from the original live CBS broadcast in West Berlin on June 26, 1963, narrated by Dan Schorr.

The speakers and guest list read like a “Who’s Who?” in German-American prominence:

- Greeting address from the German Ambassador, Peter Ammon
- A video message from the U.S. Ambassador from Berlin, Phil Murphy
- A speech from Mayor of Berlin, Frank Henkel
- A speech from Professor William Richard Smyser, then aide-de camp of General Lucius D. Clay
- Commentary from Marvin Kalb, former CBS correspondent who was present during Kennedy’s 1963 visit.

The festive gala evening was just a preface to the next day’s events, which centered on “Berlin’s Introduction to Washington.” A Press conference and breakfast, catered by Café Berlin, centered on the topic “Berlin as a Travel Destination, Economic and Investment Location, and as the Culture Capital of Europe.” The press conference, attended by both German and American journalists alike, was followed by a wreath laying at President John F Kennedy’s grave. After all, it would not have been a proper visit without stopping to thank the man who still today has a special place in the hearts of Berliners and all Germans!

Frank Henkel, Mayor of Berlin, laid the celebratory wreath at the grave of John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery. The wreath read, “Thank you Mr. President, The People of the United City of Berlin 2013.”

It was a moving moment for all who were able to be there. The Berlin Mayor and the Berlin delegation met with the Deputy Mayor of Washington, D.C., Victor L. Hoskins, and his colleagues. Then there was the event that ultimately brought us together: the grand exhibition opening of “Berlin/Germany meets Berlins-Made in USA,” a culmination of months of work, at the German-American Heritage Museum.

Over 40 American cities, townships, and boroughs are named Berlin. Many of them have an interesting – if not to say extraordinary – history. One example is that of East Berlin, Pennsylvania, which didn’t take its name from the former capital of the German Democratic Republic; rather, the name goes back 180 years, decided by the US Post Office, as there was another city to the west also named Berlin. Through painstaking research we gathered many of these small anecdotes, and now they are on display throughout 14 large panels. Many of the US Berlins were faithfully represented by their mayor or fans at the opening of our exhibit. The exhibit will run until the end of the year in Washington. We are also planning to present it as a traveling exhibition in different American cities, townships, and German-American institutions. This extraordinary day ended with a Berlin Movie Night that was organized by the German-American Heritage Museum together with the Goethe Institut. There were more than 150 attendees present to watch films and documentaries about Berlin on the big screen, one being the classic One, Two, Three by Billy Wilder. Beer and pretzels were also provided. By this time, the specially baked Berliners (jelly doughnuts) were long gone! Clearly, this mammoth of a project wasn’t the only success – when it comes to food, the Berlin Days were also a hit!

Rüdiger Lentz, Executive Director
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CELEBRATES
165 YEARS

Pastor Doug Bauman receives from Martin Lichte a special gift presented to the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church at Clifty on the occasion of the church’s 165th anniversary on August 4, 2013. Lichte brought with him from St. Simeon in Löhne Germany, the mother church of St. Paul’s, an organ pipe from the church’s former organ in honor of the historical relationship between the two congregations. Lichte led a delegation from Löhne for the special celebration, including his wife Andrea Lichte, their two children Jan David and Anne, and Gerald and Heike Schwarz and their children Finn-Ole and Carina.

Also presented to the congregation was a letter from Pastor Harwald Ludewig of St. Simeon, a letter explaining that the congregation at St. Simeon had been combined with two other congregations in Löhne in September 2012, thus making the congregation at St. Paul now the oldest of the congregations.

A history of Herbstein documents the hard times that had beset the village that was chartered in 1262. Devastation was caused by the 30 Years War (mid 1600s). Even the Seven Years War in the 18th Century struck the city and brought economic wounds of war debts. In the 19th century Russian divisions passed through the city and demanded supplies for humans and animals. Efforts to improve living conditions and to raise the standard of living for the inhabitants did not produce the desired results.

As Maximillian developed into manhood, the future of Herbstein continued to be bleak with no sign of relief...until the news came of a promising new world in North America. German emigration had started in the late 1600s and was about to explode ... the attraction of land was great. Maximillian helped to light the fuse for that explosion and lead one of the first groups that left Herbstein for America. It was certainly not a one-man show, but Maximillian provided the leadership, starting in Herbstein and continuing in America. The Ruhl family was involved in the plans to leave Herbstein ... Maximillian's sister, Beatrix was married to Christian Ruhl. Another family leaving Herbstein was that of Gregor Staubach. The group left Herbstein in the early 1830's. Of the men listed, Maximillian was the eldest at about 33 years old ... the others were on the average, about 25. Some were already married, but it appears that none had children ... that would change in America. The risks of travel, along a path filled with unscrupulous scoundrels, were not fully realized, but one thing was for sure... God would provide.

Cincinnati and surrounding river valleys was the group's destination. One just has to visit both Herbstein and Cincinnati to realize how similar the two areas are. Other Germans had the same idea, as the Indiana Territory had opened up to settlement and Indiana had become a state in 1816. For these land-poor Germans, the vision of hundreds of acres of land was a great attraction. That there were no roads, no stores, no churches, and none of the amenities that even the beleaguered town of Herbstein had available really not much mattered.

As the group arrived in Cincinnati, there were so many things to do...find a place to live; find a place to worship; for some, find a wife; start a family; and eventually find & purchase land.
Indiana's population had steadily been growing and the 'better' land was gobbled up, much of it was flat, productive farm land. However, nestled in south, central Indiana were parcels of land that were not as flat, nor perhaps as fertile, but were available.

From the Original Returns on Federal Land Sales in Indiana, land was purchased in Decatur County by Maximillian Snyder, Maximillian Snider, and M. Snider at two different times— in 1838 and 1839. Christian and Gerhart Ruhl also bought land at the same time. Maximillian Schneider had acquired 830 acres in Decatur County, Indiana. While the actual purchase price is not documented, typically it was about $1.25 per acre for that region of Indiana. Maximillian retained some of the land and is believed to have been a broker for other families for the remainder of the 830 acres.

Life was not on hold for these new families, still living in Ohio. Maximillian met Catharine Pistner and they married on May 21, 1835 at the Holy Trinity Church in Cincinnati. Daughter, Margaret and son, Martin were born in Ohio, as Maximillian was away, procuring the land. The others from Herbstein, along with other German 'recruits' lived and worked with a sole purpose to form a settlement of German Catholics in the new Indiana landscape, finally the day came to start that new life.

From a local history of Millhousen, Indiana, comes this account. Maximillian Schneider, therefore, set out for Indiana and bought up a huge tract of virgin forest in South Decatur County. Setting out from Cincinnati, the pioneers of Millhousen began the journey to Decatur County. The prairie schooners, drawn by horses and oxen, groaned and creaked under the burden of household goods, tools and provisions, along the beaten paths while human hearts beat fast with expectancy. It was a happy, though toilsome trail and when, at length, the caravan reached Napoleon, Ind., it was confronted with the task of chopping a way through to the final destination six miles away. Through forests and over bridgeless streams the hardy pioneers beat and pushed their way till, after prodigious floors, they stood in the silence of the great forest in which they were to build their homes.

The reality of a German community was, at last, realized now for the religious dream. As far as the availability of Catholic priests and the community's ability to practice their faith, the entire state of Indiana was then part of the Diocese of Bardstown, KY. From Catholic Church history accounts, one priest, Fr. Joseph Ferneding...

found his calling in ministering to these people, saying Mass where he could, teaching Christ's message, offering spiritual counsel and a sympathetic ear, hearing confessions, performing baptisms, marriages and funeral rites. Because of the dispersion of settlers in this large area he decided to move, with Bishop Flaget's approval, to New Alsace, Indiana, a small community west of Cincinnati. There he worked among the German settlers in Dearborn, Ripley, Franklin, Decatur and Jackson Counties, an area of over 60 by 60 miles. His younger sister Catharine emigrated to America a year after his arrival. She traveled to New Alsace to join him as his housekeeper and helper and remained with him for the next twenty-three years."

Another history of Decatur County shows that the religious dream envisioned in Herbstein several years before was finally realized in 1840.

The church of the Immaculate Conception, in Millhousen, Rev. J.P. Gillig, pastor, was the first Catholic parish organized in the county of Decatur. On June 20, 1840, Maximilian Schneider donated forty acres of land, in trust, to Rt Rev. Celestine de la Hailandiere, bishop of Vincennes, for the benefit of the Catholics of Millhousen, and in the same year the congregation, consisting of thirteen families, decided to erect a house of worship. This was a plain log building, twenty by twenty-four feet, with a rough exterior, chinked and daubed with mud, and was constructed under the auspices of Rev.
Joseph Ferneding. The flock was comprised of Germans, and among the foremost of these in promoting the interests of the congregation, as well as of the town, was Bernard Hardebeck. The increase of Catholics at Millhousen was surprising; wherefore they determined to build, instead of the wooden church, a good-sized brick church, thirty-eight by sixth feet. This was completed in 1850, and dedicated as St Boniface's church.

Descendants of Maximillian and Catharine Schneider were very prolific and spread the family name over much of central Indiana. Their son Frank travelled west into Oregon and settled into a life of silvicultur and timber his descendants live throughout the west coast and are in contact with Schneider cousins who descended from Martin. The family is interested in contacting other cousins who descended from Maximilian and Catherine.

A Schneider family gathering is planned for Sunday, October 6th, 2013 at the school in Millhousen. All cousins are invited to reenact the trek from Napoleon to Millhousen in a morning Volksmarch! Contact billschneider919@gmail.com for details.

Editor's Note: Lewis A. Harding's *1915 History of Decatur County* (p.135) states: "The name Millhousen was adopted for the proposed town in honor of Mr. Schneider's native town of the same name in Germany."

AUF DEUTSCH!

[Reprinted from the *Indiana Tribune*, 2 January 1904]

ZWEI TURNLEHRER OPFER DER ENTSETZLICHEN BRAND = CATASTROPHE

Herr Theodor Stempfel, der 1. Schriftwart des Vororts des Nord-Amerikanischen Turnerbundes, erhielt heute Vormittag aus Chicago die Trauerbotschaft, dass die Turnlehrer Herman Dreisel vom Socialen Turnverein und Jacob Schneider, Turnlehrer an den öffentlichen Schulen in Chicago, sowie dessen Frau bei dem Brande des Iroquois Theater um's Leben gekommen sind.

TWO WERE VICTIMS OF THE HORRIFIC FIRE = CATASTROPHE

Mr. Theodor Stempfel, the 1st historian of the North American Turner society, received this morning the sad news from Chicago, that the teacher Herman Dreisel, of the Social Turner society and Jacob Schneider, a teacher in the public schools in Chicago, as well as his wife lost their lives in the fire of the Iroquois Theater.

**The Indianapolis International Festival** is November 21-24

Contact Claudia Grossmann at the Max Kade Center 317-274-2330 or cgrossma@iupui.edu to volunteer.
4TH ANNUAL
LEDERHOSEN 5K LAUF

Come join the Indiana German Heritage Society on October 12, 2013 to kick-off GermanFest with our 4th annual Lederhosen 5K Lauf.

Proceeds from this year’s Lauf will benefit the Athenaeum Foundation and we are once again expecting Indianapolis’s Herr Burgermeister Ballard to kick-off the Lauf.

Participants will receive free admission to Original and Fabulous GermanFest and entrants dressed in their best Bavarian trachten will receive five drink or food coupons.

Visit to register at: http://www.planetadventurerace.com/races/lederhosenlauf/

5TH ANNUAL
SANKT NIKOLAUS
5K-5MILE LAUF.

On December 7, 2013 the Indiana German Heritage Society will host the 5th annual Sankt Nikolaus 5K-5Mile Lauf.

Proceeds from the 2013 Sankt Nikolaus Lauf will benefit the Riley Hospital for Children, the Greater Indianapolis YMCA, and Lutheran Family and Child Services.

Come get your picture with St. Nikolaus, Ruprecht, and Krampus; however, do not get caught during the race by Ruprecht or Krampus.

Register at:
http://www.planetadventurerace.com/races/sankt-nikolaus-day-lauf-5k-5-mile-runwalk/

If have questions concerning either of these upcoming fun events, please contact Brian Griesemer at indylaufmeister@gmail.com.
The Fall Workshop of the Indiana Chapter of Palatines to America will be held on Saturday, October 19 at the MCL Cafeteria South Banquet Room, 3630 S. East Street in Indianapolis.

The theme will be “The Religions of Our German Ancestors.” We are pleased to have the privilege to feature two prominent presenters.

Dr. James Divita will speak about the religions of our ancestors during their time in Germany.

Dr. Giles Hoyt will present information regarding various denominations that had significant German membership in America.

The afternoon session will include a presentation about locating church records in the US with a focus on Indiana and the Midwest.

Member Sue Dillon will conclude the day’s events by showing and describing Frakturs and a family Bible printed in 1788 in Nuremberg. A summary document translation service will also be provided.

Registration begins at 9 AM and the meeting will begin at 9:30 AM.


For questions contact indianapalam@gmail.com.

Come join us at 2 o’clock on Saturday, October 5th for a presentation of Jazz from Cologne in the History Room of the the Indiana State Library. Six student musicians from Cologne will be visiting Indianapolis under the direction of André Nendza, as a part of the 25th Anniversary of the Indianapolis-Cologne Sister City Partnership.

On Saturday afternoon, they will be giving a free concert in the Indiana State Library, preceded by a presentation on the history of Jazz music in Indiana, including its German influences, presented by Historian Duncan Schiedt and IU Distinguished Professor of Music (Jazz Studies) David Baker.

This is first for the State Library and it is sure to be a memorable event.

The Indiana State Library is located at 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, 46204. Direct questions about the event to Steven Schmidt at Schmidt@iupui.edu.

Have you renewed your Indiana German Heritage Society Membership yet?
Wednesday, November 13: Board Meeting, Stammtisch and program: Ken Selking, president of the Friends of Wyneken (FOW), and Heiko Mühr, chair of the IGHS Preservation Committee, will report on efforts to restore the Wyneken House and Indiana's German and Lutheran heritage. Friedrich Conrad Dietrich Wyneken (1810-1879), a German immigrant, came to Indiana as a missionary circuit rider serving Lutheran congregations in northern Indiana. Wyneken's timber-framed farm house, became the national headquarters of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod just before the Civil War. Today, the Wyneken House sits on Winchester Road, the only surviving home of an Indiana pioneer religious leader. The FOW has worked on the renovation of the house, and will shortly issue a guide to help students understand the story of Indiana's diverse German-American heritage.

Wednesday, December 11: Board Meeting, Stammtisch and program: Hoosier Christmas Trees Grow Up From German Roots with Phillip Endres. Germany is credited with starting, in the 16th century, the Christmas tree tradition as we now know it today. Endres will relate how the Christmas tree has evolved from these beginnings to both traditional and modern customs today in Germany and the United States. A brief synopsis of the Christmas tree industry in the state of Indiana will also be featured. Phillip Endres, is on the Board of IGHS, and has been involved in the Indiana 4H forestry project as a Boone County 4H project leader, and Indiana State Fair judge for over ten years.

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.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Through October 31: Celebrating 25 Years * Indianapolis-Cologne Sister City Partnership an exhibit: exploring Cologne and the German-American Experience at the Indianapolis-Marion County Central Library, 40 E. St. Clair Street, Indianapolis. Free.


Saturday, October 12: German-American Day celebrated at GermanFest with Mayor's and Governor's resolutions, announcement of Hoosier German-American of the Year, fun, food, music. Join Us!

Saturday, October 12, 12:00-6 p.m. The Original and Fabulous GermanFest: An indoor/outdoor family festival celebrating all things German at the Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan Street, Indianapolis featuring Wiener Dog Races, a 5k Lederhosen Lauf, Bavarian Stone Lifting Contest, Food, Drink, Music & Kids Activities! Info: Corey Behmer 317.655.2755 or cbehmer@athenaeumfoundation.org

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Saturday, October 19: 9 a.m. All day Fall Workshop of the Indiana Chapter of Palatines to America at the MCL Cafeteria South Banquet Room, 3630 S. East Street in Indianapolis. *The Religions of Our German Ancestors*, with Dr. James Divita and Dr. Giles Hoyt; also locating church records and info on Frakturs. Info www.Palam.org or email: indianapalam@gmail.com.

November 21-24: *International Festival* at the West Pavilion, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis. The topic: *Visionaries, Heroes, and Heroines*. The first day is only open to school groups. Nov. 22-24 is open to the public. Hours: Nov 22, 2pm - 9pm, Nov 23, 10am - 9pm, Nov 24, Noon - 6pm. If you wish to volunteer or for info contact Claudia Grossmann at the Max Kade Center 317-274-2330 or cgrossma@iupui.edu. See http://www.familyevents.com/event/204.

December 8: 1-5 p.m. *Annual St. Nikolaus Fest at the Athenaeum*. This intergenerational Fest celebrates the arrival of Sankt Nikolaus, with Gingerbread House Making, the Melchior Marionettes performing, and the lighting of the Christmas tree as Sankt Nikolaus Arrives. St. Nikolaus’ Court fills up rapidly so registration is a must. For info or to register your child call 1.317.655.2755

Sunday December 15, 3:00 pm. *German language Advent service* with special music and fellowship following the service at Zion Evangelical Church. Everyone is invited! With the bilingual German-English bulletin the service and hymns are easy to follow. The Church is located at 603 North New Jersey Street, in downtown Indianapolis. Everyone is invited! Info 317.639.5411 or email zion@zioneucc.org.

2013 Festivals Around the State


Friday, October 5: *Octoberfest* with the Alpine Express at the Liederkranz, 1417 E. Washington St. Indianapolis. www.indyliederkranz.org.

October 19: *Cabaret with the Jenkins Sisters - Movie Music at the Liederkranz*, 1417 E. Washington St. Indianapolis. www.indyliederkranz.org

November 2: *Men's Concert and Dance* with the Alpine Express at the Liederkranz, 1417 E. Washington St. Indianapolis. www.indyliederkranz.org.


September 21 – December 7, 2013
No classes 10/19 (Fall Break) and 11/30 (Thanksgiving Break)
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Location:
International School of Indiana (“Taurel Building”)
4330 N. Michigan Road

Fees
One Child: $130.00
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GRUNDSCHULE 2 (3rd - 5th grade, intermediate/advanced)

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2013

For additional information please contact:
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The Indiana German Heritage Society

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