INDIANA CELEBRATES ITS GERMAN HERITAGE

108 Indiana and German citizens will be recognized by Governor Orr for their contribution to the promotion of German Heritage and German-American Relations and the donation of time and expertise to the German-American Tricentennial. They will be, the guests of the Tricentennial Commission at a RECEPTION LUNCHEON at the Athenaeum Turners in Indianapolis on September 9.

In Indianapolis it began with a Concert and Mai Tanz. In St. Henry they held a Heinrichsfest; in Fort Wayne and Vincennes a Germanfest; in Evansville a Heritage Day; in Jasper a Strassenfest; in Evansville a Volksfest and there is more to come.

Indiana's rich fare of German Festivals is augmented this year by Tricentennial Celebrations. The Indiana Historical Society and The Indiana Chapter of Palatines to America sponsored a Spring Symposium "Three Hundred Years of Germans in America", Evansville Germania Maennerchor and Fauenchor presented a Tricentennial Concert. Trinity Episcopal Church of Indianapolis, St. Stephen's Festival of Music of New Harmony, and the City of Fort Wayne sponsored the Chamber Choir of Kloster Maulbronn, Germany and the well-known German Organist, Christoph Bossert.
Indiana Posters available at 50 cents a piece from:
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These sturdy 15x22 inch posters are black, blue, red and yellow on white ground with the Tricentennial emblem and the outline of Indiana. They are suitable for store windows, as decorations and souvenirs.

Fundraising for Indiana Tricentennial Memorial
Send your tax deductible contribution to: Indiana Tricentennial Commission
Sarah Jane Holmes, Treasurer
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President Reagan said, the Tricentennial is "a visible sign of the United States-German friendship and the strength of our partnership."

The historical German-American contributions to our nation and the lasting friendship between the United States and the Federal Republic will be enduringly symbolized in a Friendship Garden, to be located between the White House and the Jefferson Memorial on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

With a contribution of $8.00 you can provide a flower for this national garden. With a donation of $500.00 or more, you will receive a certificate signed by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Co-Chairmen of the U.S. Tricentennial Commission.

Please, send your gift to:
The Presidential Commission for the German-American Tricentennial, Friendship Garden Fund, 730 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington D.C. 20006

German-Americans: A Distinguished History

The Germans who came to America in search of freedom and opportunity helped to increase our prosperity, enrich our culture, strengthen our government, and extend our liberty. Colonial immigrants from Germany were admired for thrift, neat and prosperous farms, and craftsmanship. The very diversity of German religious groups promoted religious tolerance.

German-Americans contributed substantially to our education and culture. Albert Einstein changed our understanding of nature's most fundamental rules, and our literature would be diminished without writers like John Steinbeck and Kurt Vonnegut. Even kindergarten is a German creation. We enjoy the musical artistry of Kurt Weill and Oscar Hammerstein. Josef Albers and Lionel Feininger inspired successive generations of artists; Marlene Dietrich, Ernst Lang, and Babe Ruth enriched popular entertainment and sports and Wernher von Braun took us into space.

From colonial days, when Baron von Steuben drilled the Continental Army, German-Americans contributed to the defense of American democracy. Dwight D. Eisenhower, a general of German descent, led us to victory in World War II and later became president. Many German-Americans have been faithful public servants.

Outstanding German-American entrepreneurs and engineers include George Westinghouse and Charles Steinmetz. The Roeblings engineered the century-old Brooklyn Bridge, and Levi Strauss gave us blue jeans. These are some of the distinctive contributions to our nation we acknowledge through the celebration of the German-American Tricentennial.
Calendar of Events

August 14: Terre Haute - Historical Museum of the Wabash Valley: German Heritage Month, special exhibit in the Hulman Room

August 25-September 24: Shelbyville - The Bears of Blue River Festival: 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

September 1: Shelbyville - "Trachten und Volkstanzgruppe" Angersbach, West Germany will perform German folk dances in authentic costumes at The Bears of Blue River Festival, 4 to 8:30 p.m.

September 6: Evansville - Private party for the Real People TV Show to be aired on November 16

September 2-10: Indianapolis Tricentennial Celebration

September 2: 4 p.m. - Oktoberfest at the German Park, three dance floors, 15 domestic bands, carnival, German food, sponsored by German-American Klub in cooperation with other organizations

September 3: noon - Oktoberfest at the German Park with domestic bands, soccer game

September 9: 11:15 a.m. - TRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION at the Steps of the State House with Governor Robert D. Orr (see Front Page); sponsored by State Tricentennial Commission

4 p.m. - Oktoberfest at the German Park, three dance floors, 15 domestic bands and Mittelbuch Village Band from Germany

6 p.m. - Tricentennial address by Mayor William Hudnut at the German Park

September 10: noon - Oktoberfest at the German Park with domestic bands and Mittelbuch Village Band

September 9-10: Terre Haute - Vigo County Fairgrounds: Oktoberfest with nine German-style bands; folk dance demonstrations; puppet and magic shows; food and drink specialties; German crafts and souvenirs; sponsored by German Oberlander Club

September 12: Fort Wayne - Band concert at Foellinger Theater featuring the Mittelbuch Village Band; sponsored by Fort Wayne Sport Club

September 13: Lafayette - All day Tricentennial Festival:

noon - "Cookout Downtown on the Square" with Mittelbuch Village Band and Mayor James F. Riehle of Lafayette

6:00 p.m. - Concert at Lafayette Armory with Mittelbuch Village Band; sponsored by Heidelberg Restaurant and Tricentennial Commission
September 16: Terre Haute - Downtown concerts with the Mittelbuch Village Band, sponsored by the Terre Haute Tricentennial Commission

September 16-17: Terre Haute - Vigo County Fairgrounds: Oktoberfest with nine German-style bands and Mittelbuch Village Band from Germany; folk dance demonstrations; puppet and magic shows; food and drink specialties; German crafts and souvenirs; sponsored by German Oberlander Club

September 17-18: New Harmony - Kunstfest and Flintlock Frolic. Many shops and historical buildings will feature crafts and demonstrations typical of early America; sponsored by New Harmony Business Associates

September 18: Bloomington - Concert of Mittelbuch Village Band at the Courthouse Lawn, 2 p.m.; sponsored by the Oktoberfest Committee of Bloomington

September 24: Evansville - Museum of Arts and Sciences: Plussfest (Riverfest) highlights the river as the entry point for most local Germans and features German food, drink, music, and dance

The State Tricentennial Commission was created in May by Governor Orr. These dedicated men and women have set as their goal to promote interest in the Tricentennial and Indiana's German heritage as one heritage among many which makes Hoosier culture such a rich tapestry of traditions. They are trying to make an inventory of German heritage activities and identify German Heritage Societies and Clubs.

Can you help us? Please, send us your events and activities so that we can include them in our next newsletter.

Type of event __________________________ Date(s) __________

Title __________________________ Place __________________________

Sponsor(s) __________________________

Address __________________________

A long list of Tricentennial German/English publications and mementos are available which range from titles such as: 1776-1976 Two Hundred Years of German-American Relations by Thomas Piltz (Ed.) in English/German to bumper stickers, neck-ties, ashtrays, beer steins, to silver and gold medals.

For further information contact: NCSA Literatur, R. 5, Box 175, Nashville, IN 47448
Coming soon: The media committee is currently designing an Indiana Poster which will be available soon.

Also available will be copies of Governor Orr's proclamation.

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Fundraising: The Tricentennial Commission is soliciting funds designed to:

* sponsor a state-wide event designed to bring together in Indianapolis in September, individuals and representatives of groups, in order to celebrate the Tricentennial

* establish a memorial to commemorate the Tricentennial Celebration

Make checks payable to: German-American Tricentennial Commission, INC.

and mail to: Sarah Jane Holmes, Treasurer
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All Indiana Communities and Towns interested in the German-American Tricentennial are encouraged to ask their mayor to join with President Reagan and Governor Orr in issuing a proclamation and forming a Tricentennial Commission.