



Indiana German Heritage Society & IUPUI Max Kade German American Center



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UPDATE FROM IUPUI MAX KADE CENTER

Welcome to a brand new year! We hope you were able to visit the Carmel Christkindlmarkt, which the Max Kade Center sponsors annually and are excited for the great things to come.

While our slate of events for the spring semester are not confirmed by press deadline, know you can always visit our [website: https://liberalarts.iupui.edu/centers/maxkade/](https://liberalarts.iupui.edu/centers/maxkade/) or email mkgac@iupui.edu to join our newsletter and event updates list so you never miss a thing.

This fall, you may have attended a wonderful talk by Dr. Joshua Brown (UW-Eau Claire) on the German-speaking community and how multilingualism affected various criminal proceedings or a great presentation by our Max Kade Graduate Fellow, Grace MacDowell, presenting her work on animal care and activism in both Germany and Indiana.

Financial support of students like Grace is at the heart of the MKC's mission as an academic center. We will open our scholarships competition in the new year with support for both undergraduates and graduate students working on German or German-American topics. Because of generosity of people like you, we can continue this wonderful tradition. If you have space in your philanthropic budget, please consider a donation to MKC or one of our scholarship programs. You may donate through our aforementioned [website](https://liberalarts.iupui.edu/centers/maxkade/).

MKC has two other exciting items to share with IGHS members! First, we finally will resume support of the IUPUI German study abroad program, which enables students to have faculty-led experiences in Berlin and Heilbronn. In addition to excursions where students can interact with German speakers and culture, they will have language instruction to strengthen their speaking and writing skills. MKC offers scholarships for study abroad, including this program, and experiences

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2022 ANNUAL MEETING & SYMPOSIUM

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Albert Einstein, one of the leading scientific geniuses of the 20th century is often credited with saying: "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. This year, however, I believe that we can prove that Herr Doctor Professor Einstein was wrong! Since 2019, the Indiana German Heritage Society has been planning for its annual meeting and symposium to be held at the Sherman



House in Batesville, Indiana. In 2019, it was cancelled at the last minute by COVID. In 2020, it was forced online due to COVID and last year, it was once again moved to an online only event. This year however, we are all inoculated and masked, if necessary, so we are trying once again to descend upon the Batesville and Oldenburg region to experience its *Gemütlich* setting.

For those of you who are not familiar with the area, the Black Forest is an ancient-forested region in southwest Germany. It is known for its forests, vineyards, cuckoo clocks and fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm. The Black Forest of Germany may be far away from Indiana, but sometimes it doesn't feel that way, especially when you visit the Sherman House in Batesville.

Located in the historic downtown Batesville, Indiana, the Sherman House is a beautifully restored boutique hotel which has been a favorite resting place for travelers since Lincoln. Its 168-year history starts in 1852 when German immigrant, Johann Brinkmann built his hotel. During the Civil War, Brinkmann renaming his hotel

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR IGHS MEMBERSHIP!

The IGHS membership runs concurrently with the calendar year. This means that once again it is time to renew for 2023.

IGHS is a not-for-profit membership organization, so we rely on membership fees, donations, and occasional grants to provide the essential support for the activities and programs of the organization, including our quarterly Newsletter, which focuses mainly on Indiana German-American history and heritage, but brings also items of general interest.

Renew online at www.ighs.org/renew.html or use the renewal form located at the back of this newsletter. You can also use the same forms to give the gift of an Indiana German Heritage Membership!

If you are uncertain of your membership status, check your newsletter label. You can also check by sending an e-mail to ighsmembership@gmail.com.

Please renew right away. Thank you!

The Membership Committee

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT THE IGHS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Support the IGHS Scholarship Funds. The Marie Schoch Endowment Fund was established for the benefit of "qualified persons wishing to gain and distribute knowledge with respect to the cultural, historic and linguistic contributions of the German American community." German language study at secondary or university level may be included. The Daniel Nützel, scholarship was established by IGHS, IUPUI Max Kade Center, and the Athenaeum Foundation in memory of Dr. Daniel Nützel, former German professor and Director of the IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center, to honor his contributions to the German Program at IUPUI and the German-American community of Indiana. The scholarship supports undergraduate or graduate students with the pursuit of a part-time professional internship at a German-American organization or institution for the duration of one semester or over the summer.

The donations are tax-exempt. Checks may be sent to the Indiana German Heritage Society, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Please include a note stating that the contribution is intended for the Marie Schoch Endowment Fund or the Daniel Nuetzel Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

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<p>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 qualified for tax-free donations.</p> <p>The IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center provides support to maintain an interdisciplinary research center for German-American Studies. Its mission is to support this field through research into German-American history and heritage with primary emphasis on Indianapolis and the Hoosier State, and through teaching and service.</p> <p>The Indiana German Heritage Society & IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center Newsletter (ISSN: 1939-3261) is published quarterly by the:</p>		
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like this make such an incredible impact on students learning German. If you have an IUPUI student interested in attending, applications for this two-week program close February 15. Any student having completed two semesters at the university-level are eligible to apply.

Our second, exciting item to share is the participation of the Max Kade Center in the Urban X-Change Program. Brought to our attention by the Indianapolis-Cologne Sister Cities program, we are initially partnering with them and a Volkshochschule and Cologne's Sister Cities group to provide programming around LGBTQ+ issues in both cities. We look forward to excellent programming that connects both cities and their communities in the spirit of dialogue and citizen democracy and in support of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. To learn more, join our mailing lists or visit the Max Kade [web-site](#).

Would you like to be more involved in the Max Kade Center? Don't forget, IGHS members are very welcome at all our events, can volunteer for the Center, and are encouraged to provide support via annual giving.

We look forward to seeing you in spring. Till then, may you and your loved ones be safe and healthy.

Wir wünschen Ihnen einen guten Rutsch!

Nichole M. Neuman

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AROUND THE STATE

INDIANAPOLIS

New Marker Installed

Last October, the Indiana Historical Bureau and the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association dedicated the 23rd state historical marker of 2022. The marker commemorates the Hook's Drug Store chain and is located near 1101 East Street in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood of Indianapolis. John A. Hook opened his first store at this location in 1900 to serve the German neighborhood. Originally a small, family-run business, Hook's Drugs, Inc. expanded throughout Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. In 1966, to commemorate the state's sesquicentennial, the company opened a historical drugstore at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

NEW IGHS NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

In order to get our newsletter out to the membership on schedule, please submit your stories, events and pictures by the listed deadlines:

- Issue #1 (Winter)** **December 1**
- Issue #2 (Spring)** **February 1**
- Issue #3 (Summer)** **May 1**
- Issue #4 (Fall)** **August 1**



Thank you to David Steele for spearheading the application for this marker, the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association for their support, and everyone who attended the unveiling, which included several former Hook's employees and family members of former employees. You can learn more about the marker at: <https://tinyurl.com/HooksDrugs>

GERMAN NEWSPAPER MARKER FINALLY RETURNS!

In 2017, nearly a century after their demise, the Indiana German Heritage Society erected an Indiana Historical Marker recalling the Demise of the German Language Newspapers in Indiana on south Delaware Street. The free-standing, cast-metal historical marker was located just south of the Julia Carson Transit Center, on the west side of the Marion County Jail. The site was chosen because a century ago, this was the location of Germania Hall, which housed Täglicher Telegraph und Tribune, one of the major daily papers at the time.

In early April 2021, one of the staff members from the Indiana Historical Bureau noticed that the marker was missing. Casey Pfeiffer, the

director of the Historical Marker Program for the Indiana Historical Bureau, sent queries to the City of Indianapolis and the Department of Public Works, which was starting a major construction project in the area. Casey kept up a steady correspondence with DPW. It appears that the marker disappeared or was damaged during the during the construction, so DPW agreed to pay for its' replacement. The new marker was ordered and kept at the Historical Bureau until they were ready to reinstall it.

On October 17, 2022, 562 Days later, construction was finished and the new Indiana Historical Marker detailing the Demise of the German Language Newspapers in Indiana was restored to its rightful place. IGHS wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to Casey, the staff of the Indiana Historical Bureau and to all of our members who supported the replacement of this historic marker.

Learn more about this marker at: <https://tinyurl.com/GermanNewspapers>



Gov. HOLCOMB VISITS GERMANY & SWITZERLAND

In October, Governor Eric Holcomb returned from a weeklong economic development trip to Germany and Switzerland where he met with representatives of some of the state's largest foreign-owned businesses focused on industry growth and innovation in clean energy and life sciences.

“Europe is one of Indiana's top trading and foreign investment partners, accounting for nearly half of the 1,050 global businesses operating here,” said Gov. Holcomb. “Our global partnerships extend far beyond the numbers. Germany and Switzerland in particular have been long-standing partners and friends of Indiana for many decades.

On German Unity Day, Gov. Holcomb honored the long-standing Indiana-Germany relationship and the country's many contributions to the Hoosier State. In Berlin, he and the delegation paid tribute to Germany's history and reflected on German American relations at prominent landmarks, including the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and the Reichstag.

The delegation then traveled to Switzerland, which hosts 41 Swiss-owned businesses which operate in Indiana

This marks Gov. Holcomb's 13th international trip as governor and his third visit to both Germany and Switzerland. Indiana is home to more than 1,050 foreign-owned business establishments, including 535 European-owned businesses in Indiana that support 117,600 Hoosier jobs. In 2021, 47 foreign-owned businesses committed to locating or growing in Indiana. Together, these firms plan to invest \$3.55 billion in Indiana, creating jobs with an average wage of \$29.57 per hour and accounting for 14% of the total new jobs committed in 2021.



The new Indiana Historical Bureau Historic Marker for the German Newspapers' Demise



THE TRICENTENNIAL, THE ATHENAEUM AND THE NORMAL COLLEGE

by Ruth Reichmann, IGHS President emerita

Early in March of 1983 I received a phone call from Horst Winkler, the Honorary Consul of Germany in Indiana. He had been asked by Governor Orr, to head up and put together an Indiana Tricentennial Commission. Germany and the US had decided to embark on a joint nation-wide project to celebrate the Tricentennial of German group Immigration. The date and the occasion chosen for this was the Tricentennial of the arrival on October 6, 1983, of a group of Mennonites under the leadership of Franz Daniel Pastorius and the founding of Germantown Philadelphia.



We had been working with the Consul on issues pertaining to the German-American Community and relations with Germany. Eberhard was on the German Faculty in Bloomington, and I was the State Representative of Sister Cities in Indiana. I aided several German Sister Cities programs and the IU-PUI German Department on an exchange program for students. Winkler asked us, would we be willing to help with the Tricentennial Commission and would I (Ruth) be willing to be the Vice Chair. What a golden opportunity had come our way. We told him that we were delighted to accept this invitation.

A proclamation by Governor Robert D. Orr announced the celebration of 300 Years of German Immigration to the New World, to honor German-American contributions to the growth of Indiana, and the formation of an Indiana State German Immigration Tricentennial Commission. Named to head the commission were businessman Horst Winkler of Indianapolis and educator Ruth Reichmann of Bloomington. Other members were community leaders including William L. Selm and Gary Kah, Indianapolis, Sally Holmes, Frankfort, Jim Sack, Fort Wayne; Kent Schuette, Lafayette; James Smith, New Harmony; Eberhard Reichmann and several others. The Governor also issued a call for the formation of local

Tricentennial committees, and the dedication of numerous festivals and events all over Indiana to the history of German immigration to Indiana.

Selm, who was on the Indianapolis Historical Preservation Commission, suggested that the Tricentennial Commission meet in the Athenaeum, the former Deutsche Haus, located at the corner of Michigan and Massachusetts Avenue. A beautiful historic building, it was unfortunately not in very good condition. The huge slate roof leaked right into the impressively decorated ballroom. Without an income the owners faced financial problems and were unable to maintain the large structure. It began to fall into disrepair and came close to being offered at a Sheriff's sale.

The Athenaeum Turners were delighted to have us and we joined them and became members and they started working with us. The responsibilities of the commission was to work with interested groups around the state, to stimulate interest in contributions made to Indiana by German immigrants, to promote interest in the Tricentennial and improve relations between Germany and the United States. We planned to have several programs throughout the Tricentennial year in this building.

I was familiar with the German Turners but knew nothing about the American Turners. We learned that the Athenaeum was a Turnverein (a Turner Club) built by the Indianapolis Sozialer Turnverein (1893-1898). The German word "Turnen" according to the German Heritage Dictionary, is defined as a tumbler or gymnast.

The building had been a University Extension and served the Normal College of the American Turners and Indiana University until it was moved in 1970 onto the core campus as The School of Physical Education. P. Nicholas "Nick" Kellum, an instructor at the Normal College, served as its Dean over the years as it grew into The School of Physical Education, Health and Recreation of Indiana University.

The Normal College of the American Turners, the oldest continuous operating physical training school in the United States, was founded by the North American Turner Bund, who wanted to introduce Turnen not only in its clubs but also in the public schools. The Turners embraced the tenets of sound body and sound mind through physical fitness and all-round physical and mental development. Although their language preference remained German, membership was open across the ethnic spectrum. In 1850 they decided to found a physical education Seminary or Normal College for the training of professional physical education teachers. A Normal School or College is an institution, created to train High School graduates to be teachers, by educating

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them in the norms of pedagogy and curriculum. Most such schools today are known as Teachers Colleges. The first courses were offered in New York. During the following years the Normal College was moved several times to different locations. The move to Indianapolis and the Deutsche Haus proved to be optimal since it provided a great gymnasium and 12 rooms from lecture halls to library and meeting rooms.

I was somewhat familiar with the University Extensions and with the development of the downtown campus. While I was working toward a Ph.D. in Intercultural and Adult Education, I took classes in one of these extensions on 38th Street . During frequent visits to the German Department, which had been by then moved to Cavanaugh Hall, I was able to watch the downtown campus being built up and Cavanaugh Hall and other buildings, including the library, emerging. Before 1969 the various academic units of today's IUPUI Campus were scattered all over Indianapolis as University Extensions. Prior to the completion of Cavanaugh Hall IUPUI had seven locations in the city. The merger of the Purdue and Indiana University campuses in 1969 had initiated the arduous task of moving these University Extensions onto the downtown Campus.

On October 6, 1983, 300 years after the first group had arrived on American soil, we celebrated at the footsteps of the Indiana Capitol with a German Band and some talks, including a proclamation by Governor Orr. The governor so much enjoyed the Band that he started directing it under much applause. In the evening we had another celebration, again with the German band in the Biergarten of the Athenaeum. This October there were many Oktober-fests and Germanfests in Indiana, some old and some new.

A few days later, when the Tricentennial Commission met a last time, we decided that we had just begun and would change the Tricentennial Commission into a German Heritage Organization to continue the work. We formed an interim board who put together the Indiana German Heritage Society, It would be located in the Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum and aid the Turners and this great Landmark to raise money and to have it renovated. Lady Luck smiled on this endeavor as Downtown Indianapolis was growing in the direction of Mass Avenue and Lock-erbie Square, the former Germantown. Business leaders, entrepreneurs and young professionals began to move into the area and the Athenaeum was once again full of activities and celebrations.

in honor General Sherman who commanded the 83rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the War.

The restaurant with its century-old beams and private alcoves offers an authentic German-American dining experience in the Black Forest Bar or the Biergarten.

The Sherman House will be the site of this year's Indiana German Heritage Society's annual meeting and symposium on March 20 & 21, 2023. The topic for this year's symposium will be German/German-American Connection to Education.

There are still a few slots open for presentations for the symposium, so if you would be interested in offering a presentation, please contact Giles Hoyt at ghoyt@iupui.edu.

Watch the next IGHS newsletter or the website for details about symposium registration and hotel reservations. We look forward to seeing you at Indiana's own Black Forest Fairy Tale site in Batesville on March 20 & 21, 2023.

PRESIDENT KIENLE STEPS DOWN



At the October meeting, IGHS President Jim Kienle announced that he was stepping down due to personal reasons, but plans on remaining on the board.

We all want to thank him for his work as the IGHS president., 2019-2022. Vice-president Brian Griesemer will serve as president

through March 2023.

Additionally, IGHS Secretary Janet Price reported that a Strategic Planning Meeting for all board members will take place on Saturday, January 21 from 9am to 5 pm at the Athenaeum. We will have more information as we get closer to that date.

**Celebrate Your German Heritage!
Join the Indiana German Heritage Society Today**

Discovering the Family History

By Worth Hartman

I recently returned from an incredible tour exploring my German heritage and discovering the homes and churches of my ancestors in the Black Forest region of Germany. Our tour was led by Dr. Wolfgang Grams, a long time IGHS friend and collaborator. My genealogist brother, Elden, met Dr. Grams at a Palatines to America conference where he learned about Dr. Grams' "Routes to the Roots" tours. So when Elden asked if we would be interested in a tour led by Dr. Grams exploring family roots, my answer was a resounding Yes!

COVID and some personal issues delayed our departure, but last fall we finally began our pilgrimage to the Black Forest region, starting in Freiburg. I was impressed with the Freiburger Münster cathedral, where I imagined some of my ancestors visiting to attend some special celebration, and, like me, being overwhelmed with its size and beauty. As we walked the streets, we noticed the mosaics in the streets marking shops and craft guilds, the city towers and Rathaus, and the stumble stones naming Jewish residents who were sent to the Nazi death camps.

Next, we ventured into the Black Forest to Triberg and visited the world's largest cuckoo clock. Clocks were of special interest to us because some of our ancestors were watchmakers and this was a major watchmaking area. Finally we came to Vogtsbauernhof, the open air museum displaying traditional Black Forest buildings, farmsteads, a variety of mills, and shops for baking, distilling, and making wagons. The building that most interested me was the Altentiel (elder part). I am recently retired and contemplated what life would have been like for my wife and me, when our son took over the farm and set us up in a little house and garden plot to spend our final days.

Dr. Wolfgang Grams joined us as our fearless trip planner, researcher, guide, van driver and interpreter of German culture and history. We all crammed into our rented van and he drove us through the Black Forest, arriving at Titisee-Neustadt, the home territory of our great-grandmother Johanna Spiegelhalter.

Thanks to Elden's research we knew something of our family's German heritage and immigration. Johanna, who born in 1845, immigrated in 1852 with her mother Maria Agatha and six other family

members including her grandmother Barbara who died during the crossing. The Spiegelhalters departed from Bremen on the ship Elizabeth Denison and arrived in New Orleans. From there they traveled up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers landing in the Louisville / New Albany area. By 1860 Johanna was working as a domestic in the household of William Sampson, a justice of the peace in Floyd County, Indiana. The task now, was to work backwards and explore Johanna's roots and home places.

Dr. Grams's research had located several homes associated with the Spiegelhalter family. We began at in Neustadt, in the Holzlebrucke (wooden bridge) neighborhood. This had been the home of Jacob Spiegelhalter, born 1580. The current owner, Christa Harter, showed us around and opened up the barn/stable next door where we imagined it filled with cows and horses 400 years ago. We walked up the road to see the Spiegelhaldenhausle guest house, before driving into town to visit the beautiful Munster St. Jakobus. Gazing at the old stone baptismal fount, I could imagine my ancestors bringing their babies here to



Admiring Karles Hof home of G-G-G-G grandmother Christina Lang

be baptized.

As we drove up into the Viertaler area, Wolfgang explained the origin of our family name Spiegelhalter. We had heard the name translated mirror holder, but he explained it as referring to the sunny side of the valleys where our ancestor's homesteads were located. Those southern exposures received more sunlight and when snow-covered, reflected the sun like a mirror. Our trip theme song became "Keep on the Sunny Side".

We stayed the night in the small village of Waldau at "Zur Traube Schwarzwaldgasthof" one of the oldest guesthouses in the Black Forest. Our host was Eugen Winterhalder. His name, we learned reflected the fact that his family had lived on the shaded side of the valley. After a traditional German feast, we met Eduard Spiegelhalter, probably a distant cousin, his sister and children. Eduard is a woodworker, carrying on a long tradition of Black Forest trades. The next morning I attended mass at the Waldau village church, St. Nikolaus. Its massive doors were built by Eduard. After mass, I stopped in the village cemetery and found some Spiegelhalter graves.

Then we launched out into the valley to find the farmsteads of Christian Spiegelhalter, who died in 1687. His home, called Kutscherhof, was located right next door to Eduard Spiegelhal-

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ter's home. As Christian became more prosperous, he moved to the Rainhof in 1682 or 1686. This property was located on richer land in a wider, more accessible valley and contained a mill. The current owners, a retired couple from Dusseldorf invited us in for a tour of this beautifully remodeled this rambling barn/house.

Having seen what we could see of the Spiegelhalters, it was time to drive to the northeast part of the Black Forest, in search of our Hartmann roots. First stop was Neuweiler, the home of our great-grandfather Georg Frederick Hartmann, born 1842. Again Elden's research told us of a similar immigration story.

In 1852 little Fredrick and his widowed mother, Anna, seven siblings ranging from 3 to 22, and accompanied by Anna's brother John Roller sailed on the ship American Eagle from London, England for New York City. From there they came down the Ohio River and landing in New Albany, Indiana. By some amazing coincidence, in 1860 great-grandfather Frederick was working as a cooper in the household of George Washington "General" Daily, right next door to great-grandmother Johanna Spiegelhalter. The following year, the young couple were married in the home of Anna's employer, a justice of the peace.

Our first stop in Neuweiler was the Heimat Museum, which is housed in a former community school house. It was possible that Frederick might have been in this very room thinking about a trip to America. Next, we visited the Protestant church in the neighboring village of Zwernberg. We were met by a pair of local historians who led us on a walking tour of some of the important homes in our Hartman history. First, was Rechner Lang Hof, the home of the parents of four times great-grandmother Christina Lang, born 1738. Then we went to Karles Hof, where Christina lived with her husband Johann Hartmann, born 1737. As we walked, we noted the intricate panels of wooden siding and were told each village had its own pattern. At the end of our tour, we stayed the night in a local inn and enjoyed traditional German food and beer and the company of our local hosts.

On Monday we headed through forests to the village of Meistern, home of great-great-Grandmother Anna Roller. This is where her husband Johann died in 1850 possibly triggering her immigration to Indiana in 1852. Again we were met by local guides who toured us past more homes associated with our ancestors. Then it was down to Bad Wildbad-Calmbach for a visit of the Heimat and Flossermuseum [Home and rafting museum] where curator Hannelore Driver explained the importance of the forests to the local culture and economy. Our ancestors were part of

this local industry of cutting trees, transporting them down rivers and floating massive log rafts all the way to the North Sea.

On our final day, as we left the Black Forest, we stopped by a few more towns of importance to our history. First is Aichalden, birthplace of great-great-grandfather Johann Martin Hartman and seven great-grandmother Anna Maria Roller. We admired St Georg and St. Maria Church, and a half timbered barn and house that may have been a family homestead. Then to Gaugenwald, with its beautifully carved coat of arms, birthplace of Johannes Hartmann. Finally we stopped at Martinsmoos, the birthplace of three times great-grandparents Leonhard and Anna Maria Hartmann with one last church and possible family residence.

So we said goodbye to the beautiful Schwarzwald, we understood Wolfgang's concept of a heritage tour which did more than just visit some family sites but also introduced us to the culture and history of one's country of origin. As we said thank you and farewell to Wolfgang, we expressed our gratitude for all we have learned.



FALL FESTIVALS

By Marcia Gascho

During the Fall I have been busy volunteering at several German-related festivals. In late September I helped represent the Christkindlmarkt at the Carmel Oktoberfest. I volunteered at their booth where we displayed beer steins and Gluhwein cups. The event was very popular and crowded with long lines for food and beverages. The lively Polkamotion band performed on stage. I'll be back at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt in December.

In October, I was one of several Indiana Landmarks docents who gave some short "sneak peek" tours of the Athenaeum at the annual German-Fest. The weather was sunny and chilly. I wore a German sweater but saw many people in dirndls and lederhosen with bare arms and legs. I always enjoy talking to Ann and Johann the Gnomes at the Kinder craft area. IGHS had a nice tent that featured the Wegweiser and was selling books and various Germanic items. There was a big stage set up on New



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Jersey Street for musical entertainment. I saw Travis Jerde and his wife Amy making lots of Kartoffelpuffer! Unfortunately the food lines were very long and I was unable to get anything to eat before I left. As usual the Dachshund races were hugely popular. Many of the dogs wore cute little sweaters or costumes.

Later that month I volunteered at the International Festival. The Festival has been canceled entirely in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. Worst still, there hadn't been a German booth at the Festival since at least 2017! So, I decided to take charge of organizing volunteers and setting up items for our IGHS booth.

I quickly learned how to use SignUpGenius to schedule volunteer shifts and was very happy when people began to sign up. Bill Selm was there to set up the Wegweiser, Melissa Hopson brought Cologne Sister Cities items and Kent Robinson provided some Palatines to America literature.



The theme this year was "Arts and Crafts" so I brought various German items from home like an Advent calendar holiday ornaments, woodcarvings, lace, embroidery, etc. Several ladies and I participated in a Fashion Show on stage Friday morning where I modeled my German outfit. During the Parade of Nations I marched carrying the German flag. Our booth earned an Honorable

Mention ribbon.

I enjoyed talking to people about their German heritage and stamping passports for the kids. Unfortunately the Expo Hall was much emptier this year due to fewer nationality groups and vendor booths. Except for Friday morning when busloads of school children arrived, the crowds were definitely smaller this year. In years past, the Festival was held in November but this year it apparently conflicted with a large Latino Fest and school fall breaks. I learned a lot this year and hope to make improvements to our IGHS booth next year.

Thanks to all who volunteered!



GERMANS IN THE COURT

There was one other German themed display that happens last fall. Former IGHS Board member and past president of the Indianapolis—Cologne Sister City Committee Sonja Simpson hosted a full week German themed displays and presentations at her work in the U.S. Courts Library in Indianapolis.

Her exhibit ran October 17-24, and featured presentations by Dr. Giles Hoyt and William Selm.

**Celebrate
Indiana's
German Heritage!**

**Join the
Indiana German Heritage Society
Today!**

2022 IGHS HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The IGHS Education Committee is pleased to announce the winners of this year's High School Essay Contest. This year, our high school German students learned and wrote about these Indiana's Sister City relationships for IGHS's essay contest. Congratulations to Summer Williams of Columbus North High School, who wrote the winning essay about Columbus' relationship with the German city of Löhne in North-Rhine Westphalia. Ms. Williams is a student of German teacher Amelia Shaw. Columbus has an active Sister City relationship, and the city will be hosting high school students from Löhne this spring.

Please join us in congratulating all of the winners:

- 1st prize (\$300): Summer Williams (Columbus North High School)
- 2nd prize (\$200): Abigail Hatfield (Avon High School)
- 3rd prize (\$100): Trevor Szymchack (Northwestern High School)

In addition, prizes were also awarded to two runners-up, who received \$50 each:

- Jasmine Holmes (Columbus North High School)
- Brooke Cottom (Terre Haute North Vigo High School)

Columbus German teacher Amelia Shaw at Columbus North High School and Erika Cantin of Terre Haute North Vigo High School tied with the most students submitting essays and will be receiving \$200 to spend on a German-themed class party!

The three top contest winners will be invited to an IGHS Stammtisch at Indianapolis' Rathskeller in the Athenaeum and in addition to their monetary prizes, and they will receive a complimentary IGHS membership. Special thanks go to all of the German teachers who encouraged their students to learn more about Indiana's German-American connections by participating in the IGHS Essay Contest.

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THE WINNING HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY

INDIANA'S GERMAN SISTER CITIES

By
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Columbus North High School

The idea of sister cities started way back in 1956 when President Dwight D Eisenhower wanted a way for the U.S. cities to create formal partnerships with foreign cities. This way cities could exchange information and ideas so they can develop friendships and deepen cultural understanding. This idea influenced the creation of Sister Cities International, which includes over 500 U.S. cities with relationships in over 145 countries. The main goal of Sister Cities International is to create peace through mutual respect, cooperation, and understanding - one person at a time.

Indiana is home to various German sister city relationships. Sister city relationships with Germany started right after WWII. They wanted a way for America to create friendships with Germany in order to keep the peace between the two countries. The two countries would be able to create vital friendships and prove to everyone that those friendships are possible. One in particular is the Columbus - Löhne sister city relationship. Columbus and Löhne have a history dating back to 1850. In a local newspaper from Löhne it says, "...in the year 1850 approximately 100 members of the Simeon congregation in Gohfeld, Germany, had left in order to settle in the area of the current city of Columbus.

The connection was established by Hans-Günter Lichte, who first came to Columbus in 1988 in search of his wife's ancestors. They found family members buried in a cemetery at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clifty. After that many others from Löhne emigrated in 1850 to America and settled in Clifty, just outside of Columbus. After much time, frequent visits turned into incredible friendships.

A huge part as to why this Columbus - Löhne sister exchange is so great, is due to a gentleman named Arthur Schwenk. He has been recognized for his instrumental role in the development of the Columbus sister city relationship with Löhne, Germany. Schwenk conducted student exchange tours in 1972, 1991, 1999, and 2001. And in 1991 he established an

official student exchange program between Columbus North High School, and the Städtische Gymnasium Löhne. From this achievement, a Sister City affiliation grew between Columbus and Löhne.

In 1993, Christina Albani led the first Löhne exchange from Löhne City High School to Columbus. That following year in 1994, Art Schwenk also made the first return trip to Löhne. Since then exchange visits between Columbus North High School and The City High have become more of a regular thing.

Columbus East High School participates in the Sister City exchange as well. The current German teacher at Columbus North High School and Columbus East High School is keeping this tradition alive. The students call her Frau Shaw, but her name is Amelia Shaw. This woman not only teaches German at one school, but she teaches at two, and is amazing at what she does. The two cities were united in a partnership that bonded cultural and religious similarities. It was also made to foster relationships between two cities of around the same size. Still to this day Columbus and Löhne are doing student exchanges.

In March of 2023 Columbus will welcome 16 Löhne students to come and visit for their spring break. These Löhne students will live with a Columbus family for two weeks and enjoy living in the Columbus environment.

There have been many people that contributed to the making of the sister city relationship between Columbus and Löhne. Each and every one of them are just as important as the next. Without them this Sister City relationship would probably not exist. Columbus is very proud to say that they have a Sister City relationship with Löhne and wouldn't have it any other way. This Sister City relationship has given students the chance to make lifelong friendships with people they probably never would have met without this exchange program. It has shown unity between two totally different countries and has also shown that making friendships with other countries is possible.

With the current events happening in the world right now, more Sister City relationships should be created. They can form bonds between

countries, respect between countries, and an understanding between countries.



SILVESTER - NEW YEAR'S EVE

The night of the Holy Sylvester, the last night of the year, was from times of old the night of fools and a frolicking good time. Pope Sylvester I, who was healed from leprosy and baptized Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, led the Church from 314 until his death on December 31, 335 into a period of peace.

Many old pagan gods faded from the forefront in this new Christian era, but they were not dead. They reappeared as sprightly devils, wicked demons, and clever goblins seeking to capture human souls. To drive out these evil spirits and to light up the darkness of the new year, Mummers moved in noisy processions through each town with crackers, whips, and rattles to scare away the evil spirits.

While the great year-end celebrations were of a pious nature, the night of the Holy Sylvester awakens something of the frolicking good time of life. When the old year disappears into the misty of the past, people cheer one another and make noise with all sorts of noise-making equipment. In many of the German-speaking areas the change of the year is celebrated noisily and merrily. Guests are invited to attend a "Silvester Ball" where there is eating, drinking, dancing and singing.

Often these celebrations were accompanied by the popular "Silvester" custom of Bleigiessen (For details, see accompanying article). A small piece of lead is melted in a spoon over a flame and dropped into a bowl of cold water. The shape it takes supposedly tells your fortune for the coming year. At midnight, when the old year is almost spent and the new year is about to start, glasses are filled with champagne or wine, and toasts and hugs go with wishing each other a "gutes neues Jahr". Some go out into the streets and listen to the bells

EIN BLICK IN DIE ZUKUNFT: THE GERMAN CUSTOM OF BLEIGIESSEN

Another popular German Silvester custom is Bleigiessen, or “Lead pouring.” A candle is lit, and a small chunk of lead is melted in a spoon held over the candle. Because of the low melting temperature of lead, this process does not take long. The molten lead is then quickly poured from the spoon into a bucket of cold water, where it hardens almost immediately. Each person tries to determine what he or she “sees” in the hardened lead figure, much like children see shapes and faces in the fluffy clouds.

Often the lead figure is held up to a light, and the shape of the shadow it casts aids in this important decision. The shape of the cooled lead determines the future of that person for the year to come.

Silvesterblei sets, complete with lead figures, a spoon, and a list of possible shapes and their meanings, were still readily available for purchase in most department stores in Germany until recently, however since the melting of lead emits dangerous fumes, many people today have substituted wax for the lead. A much safer option.

Here is a short list of some possible shapes and their meanings:

<u>SHAPE</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Adler (eagle)	Profit in your job
Baum (tree)	Growth in your capabilities
Besen (broom)	Conflict or small argument
Biene (bee)	Prospect of marriage
Blumen (flowers)	New friendships will develop
Brücke (bridge)	You will form new ties
Dreieck (triangle)	Finances improve
Engel (angel)	Good will come to you
Feder (feather)	Change in your home
Flasche (bottle)	Happy times to come
Glocke (bell)	Inheritance coming into view
Hase (rabbit)	Hang onto your luck
Hut (hat)	Good news
Igel (hedgehog)	People are envious of you
Klee (clover)	Satisfaction and luck
Rad (wheel)	Big changes coming
Storch (stork)	You will travel
Tänzerin (dancer)	Don't take life so seriously
Vogel (bird)	Good luck coming



KURT VONNEGUT CENTENARY 11.11.2022

By William L. Selm

One hundred years ago, on 11 November 1922, then known as Armistice Day, a baby boy was born to Kurt and Edith in Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. That very hospital was designed architectural firm of Vonnegut and Bohn. Kurt Vonnegut, jr. went on to be one of the most successful writers of the last half of the twentieth century. He wrote none of his novels, plays, or short stories in Indianapolis, but his family, his community, and the city shaped him as a writer and as a citizen of Planet Earth. He did write for his Shortridge High School newspaper, *the Daily Echo*.

Indianapolis could not let the centenary pass unnoticed. The Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library (KVML) observed the 100 mark with a series of activities. One of them was the IGHS Stammtisch on November 8, which was held at the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library in the Wilhelm Hindel Building at 543 Indiana Avenue. KVML founder Julia Whitehead was the speaker on the topic “Why Kurt Vonnegut Matters”. Contributing to the presentation were two Vonnegut scholars, Marc Leeds and Rodney Allen. Allen authored

GERMANS ON THE TEN MOST ENDANGERED STRUCTURES IN INDIANA

Rescuing threatened landmarks starts with public awareness of their plight. To aim the spotlight of attention on places in imminent jeopardy, each year Indiana Landmarks announces a list of the state's 10 Most Endangered historic places. The 2022 list includes several structures with rich German heritage.



- **Hulman Building & Garage, Evansville.**
Since its construction in 1929, a 10-story commercial building on Fourth Street has dominated Evansville's downtown skyline. Its eye-catching architecture inside and out has long made the Hulman Building a favorite photo backdrop for locals and visitors. Indianapolis firm, McGuire Shook designed the tower with stylized zig-zag, floral, and wave motifs in metal and stone, along with carvings of transportation and industrial scenes.

The anchor landmark has been largely vacant and neglected for many years, with water leaking in through the roof and windows. In spring 2022, an out-of-state buyer purchased the Hulman Building and neighboring 1927 garage in an online auction, relisting the properties for sale as separate parcels. Splitting up the properties and access to sufficient parking for the Hulman Building makes it less desirable for redevelopment, further jeopardizing the building's future.



- **Kamm & Schellinger Brewery, Mishawaka**
When German immigrant Adolph Kamm joined forces with his brother-in-law Nicholas Schellinger to operate a brewery in Mishawaka, the business really became a family affair. From their home on the property, Adolph's wife prepared meals for workers, who lived in the brewery itself. Today, the complex of nineteenth-century buildings along the St. Joseph River could use some of that same TLC.

The brewery proved its adaptability once before. After Kamm and Schellinger Brewery closed in 1951, in the 1970s developers transformed the site into 100 Center, a thriving complex of shops, residences, restaurants, and businesses, and an early example of adaptive reuse. Beginning in the late '80s, the center began losing tenants and earlier this year one of the few remaining businesses closed for good.

ONE SUCCESS STORY

At the turn of the twentieth century, brothers Theodore and Ludwig von Gerichten formed the Von Gerichten Art Glass Company in Columbus, Ohio. From studios there and in Germany, the company produced windows for hundreds of churches in the United States. In Vincennes church leaders commissioned ten von Gerichten-designed windows for the 1826 Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, the state's oldest cathedral. Installed in 1908 and restored in 2014 by Evansville-based Momi-nee Studios, the windows depict Biblical figures and stories.



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Auf Deutsch

This poem was often included with a Silvesterblei set: The poet is not identified, but authors as diverse as ETA Hoffman and Oscar Wilde have penned odes to the tradition.

In der Silvester-Nacht

In der Silvester-Nacht
wird das Blei zum Schmelzen gebracht.
Es wird gekippt in Wasser, kalt und klar;
rate, was stellen die Figuren dar?
Schau sie an, so wie sie sind;
rätst die Gestalt du nicht geschwind.
Halt sie hinters Licht,
das Schattenbild dir mehr verspricht.
Kommt es dir nicht in den Sinn,
schau auf dieses Büchlein hin.
Es sagt dir frank und frei,
so allerlei...!

On New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve
the lead is made to melt.
It is tipped into water, cold and clear;
guess, what do the figures represent?
Look at them as they are;
Guess not the figure swiftly.
Hold them behind the light,
the shadowy image promises thee more.
If it does not occur to you,
Look at this booklet.
It tells you frankly and freely
all sorts of...!



A New Year's Poem

Gedanken zum Jahresende
Wieder hat ein neues Jahr
für uns alle heut' begonnen.
Und das Alte, nun zerronnen,
sei bedankt für das was war.
Freude gab es uns und Schmerz.
Regentage, Sonnenstunden.
Und im Geist mit Euch verbunden,
ist voll Hoffnung unser Herz.
Auch in Zukunft wollen wir,
wie in den vergan'nen Jahren,
gute Freundschaft treu bewahren,
denn sie ist das Beste hier.

Renee Christian Hildebrandt

A New Year's Poem

Thoughts on the end of the year
Another new year
for all of us has begun today.
And the old, now gone
Give thanks for what was.
It gave us joy and pain.
Rainy days, sunny hours.
And united with you in spirit,
Our hearts are full of hope
In the future, too, we want
As in the years past,
good friendship faithful keep,
for it is the best thing here.

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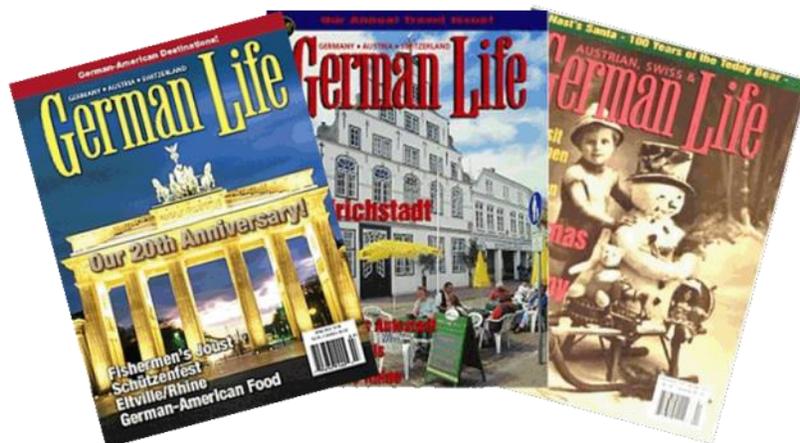
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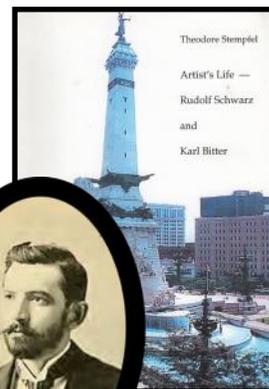
Wednesday, January 11, 2023: *No Board Meeting, Program or Stammtisch.*

Wednesday, February 8: “*Bruno Schmitz, Designer of Monuments: A Look at His Life and Work*”

Bruno Schmitz was Wilhelmine Germany’s greatest monument designer. His great works dot the German landscape including Deutsche Eck, Volkerschlachtdenkmal, Kyffhauser, and our very own Siegesdenkmal / Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

Presenter: Inge Davies is a German immigrant and a retired teacher. She served as the manager of the Customer Visit Program for Böhringer Mannheim / Roche Diagnostics Corp. She actively serves on the IGHS Board of Directors.

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Wednesday, March 8: “*Hook’s and Haag Drug Stores*”



Hook’s Drug Stores and Haag Drug Company were well-known for decades throughout central Indiana and both had German roots. John Hook, the druggist and founder was the son of the brewmaster of the Home Brewing Co. of Indianapolis. Louis and Julius Haag were born in Germany.

Presenter: David E. Steele is the managing principal of The Steele Group, a business consulting firm. He is a distant relative of the great Indiana painter T.C. Steele. He is a board member emeritas of Friends of T.C. Steele Historic Site in Brown County. The painter studied at the Royal Bavarian Academy in Munich.

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Wednesday, April 12: “The Pioneer Schramm Family of Sugar Creek Township, Hancock County, Indiana”

Sugar Creek Township had a large German Protestant settlement stretching from Cumberland to New Palestine. One of its well-known early pioneers was Jacob Schramm, who wrote long descriptive letters to his family in Germany. The letters were published in Germany and later translated into English by Schramm’s granddaughter Emma Schnull Vonnegut in 1935.

Presenter: Fran Reigle has been teaching German in Indianapolis area high schools for decades. She has always had a curiosity in the Indiana Germans.

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Wednesday, May 10: “Early Indiana Synagogues and the Germanic Period of Indiana Jewish History”

Indiana’s early German-speaking Jewish communities left a rich legacy in the state with the founding of congregations and the building of temples/synagogues. They left Prussia, Swabia, Austria, Bavaria, Posen, Alsace-Lorraine, and Bohemia to settle in and build in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Evansville, Lafayette, Columbus, Ligonier and other places.

Presenter: Michael Brown is the Executive Director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, which was founded in 1972. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University in 2007 and has a certificate from the Born’s Jewish Studies Program. He had previously worked for Israeli start-up businesses and was the executive director of The Hillel of Southern Illinois University.

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Other Programs

Saturday, January 21, 2023: A special Strategic Planning Meeting for all IGHS board members will take place on January 21, 2023 from 9 am to 5 pm at the Athenaeum. More information will be provided as we get closer to that date.

[Palentines in America???](#)

OTHER PROGRAMS

Saturday, January 21, 2023 : 1:30- 4:30 pm. Palatines to America – Indiana Chapter Collaborative Learning Session – *Kirchenbücher Online*.



Ever wonder what major resources are available for accessing digital church records for Protestant, Catholic, Reformed, and Mennonite records? Get your questions answered regarding these resources and learn useful techniques for researching your family history in the German speaking regions of Europe and America.

Join us on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 1:30- 4:30 pm at the Irvington Branch Library, 5625 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219. For full details, please see <https://inpalam.org/>. Preregistration is required, so please RSVP

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March 17 & 18, 2023 - 39th Annual IGHS Meeting & Symposium in Batesville/Oldenburg.

The Sherman House will be the site of this year's Indiana German Heritage Society's annual meeting and symposium on March 17 & 18, 2023. The topic for this year's symposium will be German/German-American Connection to Education. The meeting planners are now accepting proposals for presentations for the symposium. (See article on page 1 in this issue).

If you would be interested in offering a presentation, please contact Giles Hoyt at ghoyt@iupui.edu.

Saturday, May 20, 2023, Palatines to America – Indiana Chapter Spring Meeting.

The 2023 Palatines to America – Indiana Chapter Spring Meeting featuring Dr. Michael Lacopo will be held at the Indiana Historical Society, 450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

This hybrid event (in-person & virtual via Zoom) will feature four presentations by Dr. Michael Lacopo, who has research experience in numerous fields with particular strengths in research involving Mennonite families, Pennsylvania Germans and Midwest/Middle Atlantic research and genetic genealogy. He has published several books, journal articles and has lectured locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Registration includes lunch. Further details will be available soon at <https://inpalam.org/>.

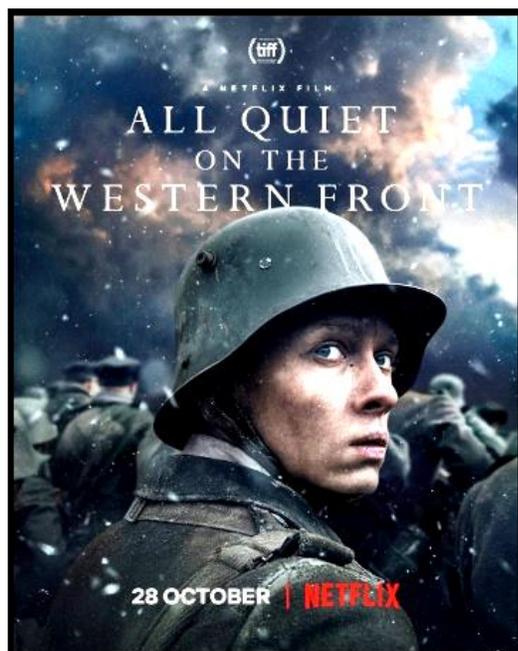


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