

# Rundschreiben

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## May is a Very Busy Month at The German-American Klub



**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
SOUTHSIDE**

**SÜDZFEST**

**GERMAN PARK • INDY**

**A CELEBRATION OF SOUTHSIDE CRAFT BEERS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015**  
GERMAN PARK 8600 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis

**4 PM TO 9 PM**  
Admission is \$5 per person with under 21 free!

**SERVING TRADITIONAL GERMAN FARE**  
BRATWURST • KNACKWURST • HOT DOGS • GERMAN POTATO SALAD  
SAUERKRAUT • BAVARIAN PRETZELS

**MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT BY:**  
The Original Alpine Express

FEATURED BREWERIES INCLUDE:






Each brewery will feature 2 of their craft beers. Beer tickets will be \$5 each for a 16 ounce cup

Go to [www.eventbrite.com/sudzfest](http://www.eventbrite.com/sudzfest)  
to purchase advance admission tickets

## TGAK Maintenance Fund



TGAK Maintenance Fund:

With the arrival of Spring, unexpected expenses have come up. This is to be expected with the age of our facility.

Thanks to those who made donations to the fund:

- Anonymous
- Dave & Thea Cozad's Chicken Hat Sales at last year's Oktoberfest
- Hugo Hildebrandt

A portion of these funds have been used for the annual maintenance on the water heater and our suppression system...



### Oktoberfest Update:

Plans are moving forward with the entertainment for this year's Oktoberfest.

We are very excited to have Henry Lee Summer performing on the Biergarten stage on Saturday night and Tastes Like Chicken on Friday night!

Polkamotion will open Friday and Saturday night on the Biergarten stage.

The Original Alpine Express and Jay Fox and the Bavarian Showtime Band will be performing on the pavilion stage.

Lou Mueller is already putting her list of volunteers together. If you want to be a part of this exciting event, come join us at the planning meetings or contact Lou at (317)-786-6341 to volunteer! She will contact you closer to Oktoberfest to confirm when and where you would like to volunteer.

The next planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 at the Edelweiss.

*Did you know:*

*The Kinder Root Bier Garten went through 7 kegs of root beer and 22 gallons of ice cream last year.*

*That's a lot of root beer floats!!*

## New Board Member's Bios

### Gary Hildenbrand

Gary resides on the Southside with his wife Diane. Gary is retired, after serving 39 years in the Army National Guard. He retired at the rank of Command Sergeant Major. Gary and Diane have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. He is a member of St. Barnabas Catholic Church. Gary is an avid golfer.

### Clyde "Butch" Rhorer

Clyde "Butch" Rhorer along with his wife Jennifer, daughter Jessica, and Son Nicolas are longtime residents of Perry Township and very involved in the community. Butch has worked at Eli Lilly and Company as a Material Planner in the Engineering/ Sourcing dept. for about 12 years. Butch is involved in Boy Scout leadership along with his son Nicolas. Butch is very excited about being elected to TGAK Board and ready to serve.

## Biergarten Beautification!

With the warm temps, many diners are heading out to the biergarten. The Klub is working on securing new umbrellas for the tables. Joel Melcher and Dave Cozad have painted the picnic table and the plant hangers.

As you are picking out your spring flowers, please consider picking up an extra hanging basket for the biergarten. Petunias, geraniums – any and all are welcome!



# Board News

## Facility Report

Spring is finally here and there is plenty happening on the grounds of the GAK. The maintenance fund is seeing a lot of activity with several donations coming in and money being spent. Thanks to the healthy donations from Gerhard Klemm, and Dave and Thea Cozad, plus the many donations from those that wish to remain anonymous, I have been able to start making some small improvements to the grounds and building. Mulch has been purchased and is being spread. Some landscaping equipment and supplies, including a new gas powered weed eater, have been bought and being put to good use. New entrance mats, and the semiannual inspection of the fire suppression system are in the works. Those interested in the exact amount of money going in and out of the fund are welcome to attend the monthly membership meeting were I will give a detailed report of where and how the money is being spent. I am still searching for a bargain priced riding mower to keep the grass in the area around the building under control. A large thanks to the members that have been assisting me in push mowing all of that ground lately. Thank you to the Ladies' Auxiliary for purchasing the mulch and flowers that can be seen in the front of the building and thanks to Merrill Simmerman, Dave and Thea Cozad for cleaning up that area and laying down the mulch. As always, thanks to Joel Melcher for all the work that you do around the Klub. I have several plans and projects for the grounds and facility that I would like to accomplish during my last year as grounds chairman. With the help of volunteers and donations from the membership, I hope to be able to make a noticeable difference around here during this year. Again, thank you to everyone, donors and volunteers, which have assisted in making your Klub a better place.

Ryan Powell

## Ladies' Auxiliary Enjoys Spring Success!

Great weather, lots of treasures, and enthusiastic shoppers made the annual garage sale a success! A big thank you to all who donated items and their time with set up on sale day.

The Fashion Show and Champagne Brunch on April 18 was the highlight of the spring season. The show was well-attended, and many compliments were received. The models looked fabulous in the spring and summer fashions from dressbarn. Several of the models and attendees were seen at the dressbarn that afternoon making purchases. A big thank-you to all who worked and helped to make the fashion show a success!

## Volunteer Help Needed With Sudzfest

Südzfest – Calling all Volunteers!

Our first annual Südzfest is fast approaching and volunteers are needed to help at the following stations:

*Drive Gate*

*Walk Gate*

*Ticket Sales*

*Pretzel Sales*

If you have a few hours to spare on Saturday, May 30 from 3 to 9 pm, please contact Patty Johns at 317-445-3929 or [pjohns@ibj.com](mailto:pjohns@ibj.com).

We would love to have you join us and help make this first annual Südzfest a success!

## Membership Committee

We are so glad that membership renewals are still coming in. If you know of some one that would be a good member be sure to ask them to join our klub.

As far as I know, each annual membership household has at least one card at this point and the records are all up to date and complete. Now that I understand how to adjust the printer for card stock printing, I'm happy to print out a second membership card for a second adult member as they may appear on the application. Please contact me or the Klub to make that request.

Two years ago we had our TGAK logo processed so we could have it embroidered on shirts and hats when requested. Embroidery 'N Things will take individual orders so members can have this logo placed on items of their choice and in the size and color needed. They are located at 357 S. State Road 135, Greenwood, IN 46142.....(317)859-8963. If ordered by May 17th they could have the item back for you in time for our

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### ***Important May Dates to Remember***

*Fri., May 1st.....Music in Edelweiss by Ron Jon*  
*Sun., May 3rd.....Fletcher Place Food Tasting*  
*Wed., May 6th.....Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe Practice, 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.*  
*Thurs., May 7th.....Ballroom Dance Lessons; 7:00 P.M*  
*Fri., May 8th.....Music in Edelweiss by Polka Bob*  
*Tues., May 12th .....Executive Board Meeting; 7:00 P.M*  
*Wed., May 13th.....Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe - No Practice - 2nd Wednesday*  
*Thurs., May 14th.....Ballroom Dance Lessons; 7:00 P.M.*  
*Fri., May 15th.....Music in Edelweiss by Party of Two (Steve & Joy)*  
*Tues., May 19th.....TGAK Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting; 7:00 P.M*  
*Tues., May 19th .....TGAK Membership Meeting; 8:00 P.M*  
*Wed., May 20th.....Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe Practice, 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.*  
*Thurs., May 21st.....Ballroom Dance Lessons; 7:00 P.M.*  
*Fri., May 22nd..... Music in Edelweiss by Rick Matillo*  
*Wed., May 27th.....Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe Practice, 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.*  
*Thurs., May 28th.....Oktoberfest Planning Meeting, 7:00 P.M.*  
*Thurs., May 28th.....Ballroom Dance Lessons; 7:00 P.M.*  
*Fri., May 29th.....Music in Edelweiss by Scott Strange*  
*Sat., May 30th.....Südzfest - German Park - Craft Bier Festival*