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CENTRAL SOCIETY

Angie Blasek Jungwirth - GACS President

Happy Spring everyone! I bet everyone is glad as I am, that the colder weather is almost behind us! In the GACS that means Fest season! I hope everyone will come out this summer and supports the German American Central Society and its Affiliates at our different fests.

As you all know, in order to get ready for things, we need to clean up Hickory Grove. Please try to make it out to the Spring Clean ups before Sommerfest. The more hands there are, the less work there is! Also, please try to volunteer if you are able to for one of our events.

I know I say it all the time, but our club would not be able to function as it does with out the support and hard work from our members! Let's make it a GREAT summer season for the GACS!

Also, Dennis Kallvey and Jeff Pulfer were recognized as German Club members of the year for 2010. They both help made for a memorable year for me as well as the rest of the club members! Thank you gentlemen!

- Angie Jungwirth



AFFILIATE NEWS

Sport Verein News

From the Sportverein President: Sportverein members, we have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us. Please read each of our Sportverein activity articles for all of the details.

Our Membership Secretary, Steve Dippel, has some nice new membership cards this year, so if you don't have one yet, contact Steve, renew and get your card.

Let's all get together for the Spring clean-up at our beautiful Hickory Grove Park. I believe we get more use out of the park than anybody and need to do our part to make it look its best for the first fest of the year, which is our SVP Sommerfest on June 11 th and 12 th.

Tommy Franken and Nate Eisfelder are co-chairing this two-day event, so please let them know that you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you all in advance for all you do to keep our club fun and growing!

Prost!

- Paul Bishop, President

Soccer

The soccer program has been busy the last couple months. On Feb 19th we had a womens team take second place at a 7v7 indoor tournament in Mossville.

On March 5th and 6th our "Over 30" team took 3rd place in a tournament at the Avanti's Dome in Pekin. Ont Saturday March 19th, our coed team placed 1st in a tournament at Mossville. Our three summer teams are being put together as we speak.

Schedules should be done soon, and we invite you all to come out to Hickory Grove on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy some soccer and a cold beverage. Once schedules are done they will be posted on the GACS website as well as the Sport Verein and PSV Blues facebook pages.

*On the right, is a team pic after our 1st place finish...
picutred Left to right: Maya S, Danielle C, Nate E, PJ Blackford, Tommy F. front row-Ben C, Phil C, and Aaron S.*



SVP Schuetzen News

Sportverein Schützen: We have a very big year ahead so please mark your calendars. June 4 th is the 50 th anniversary of the St Louis Schützenverein, followed by our Andreas Hofer Wettschiessen and dinner dance on June 11 th . The Hubertusschiessen und Tanz in St Louis is on the 15th of October in St Louis. Wwe have kitchen duty at the Lindenhof on June 17th , August 26th and November 11th.

We also need to man the airgun tent at each of our festivals at Hickory Grove this season, so please let me know which of these events you are willing and able to participate in or work. Also watch the calendar on the web site for archery dates at Hickory Grove and be sure to help out with the Hickory Grove cleaning work parties.

Having said all of that about our work, see if you can find time to get some fun, safe and smart shooting practices in to fill in and upgrade the medals on your uniform. With a little attention to practice, Kameraderie and Gemütlichkeit, we'll be well prepared to travel to Germany in September of 2012 for an air pistol team match!

- Paul Bishop, Hauptmann



SVP Runners

On March 5th several SVP runners took part in the Jack Kenny 5K Gaelic Gallop. Of the SVP runners two, placed in their respective divisions. Danielle Cregier took 2nd in her age group and Kristina Vollmer took first in hers.

Other SVP runners that finished: Noah Buerkett, Nate Eisfelder, Tommy Franken, Tim Eisfelder, and Matt Eisfelder.

For more info on the runners, weekly training runs or upcoming races, contact Nate Eisfelder at eis yng20@yahoo.com or check out the Sport Verein Peoria Facebook page.



From the Gaelic Gallop, pictured left to right is Noah B, Tom F, Nate E and Kristina V

SVP Mixed Golf League

League play for 2011 will be at 4:05 p.m. starting April 12th through August 2nd at Kellogg playing the Executive 9.

From August 9th through August 30 we will be at Madison Golf Course.

Our league is open to all German club members, family and friends. We are a fun league with a few rules and enjoy dining out after each round of golf.

Anyone interested in playing can join us at our opening meeting or contact Jane at Jaklockenga@yahoo.com with the following information:

Name

Address

Phone #

E-Mail

Of course after a stressful round of the golf the group always retires afterwards to recover at one of our area's fine restaurants:

April 12	Double A's
April 19	Bananas
April 26	Bernardi's North
May 3	Mickey's
May 10	The Fox
May 17	Los Jimadores
May 24	Old Chicago at Grand Prairie
May 31	Tilted Kilt
June 7	Oliver's
June 14	Buffalo Wild Wings at Grand Prairie
June 21	Crusen's on War Memorial
June 28	TGIF's



Harmonie+Concordia

Thank you Jim McGill for of your work over the years. We appreciate all the hours you gave to the club. You are a Gentleman!!!

While we all try to do our part, Jim really had his heart in the right place.

We are going back to the Hickory Grove Park in the summer.

I want to thank all the singers for all the hours they have spent. Last year we performed at seven nursing homes, a church, and a Red Cross blood drive. I know that we are like the greatest thing since sliced bread at the nursing homes. We actually are greatly appreciated. Al thinks we performed in front of 750 people. Keep up with(con) chords harmonizing.

American/German Fact: Frederick William Baron von Steuben was given in 1786 16,000 acres north of Utica New York for his efforts in the Revolution-He was worth every acre. He made American soldiers believe they were as good as the British if not better. He also was a Gentleman.

Harmonie Bylaws and Policies: At Harmonie's April meeting significant revisions to the Bylaws and Polices were approved. A committee lead by Jeff Pulfer, along with Adam Gudat, Al Hedeman, Pete Bachfischer, and Mike Tubbs spent considerable time identifying the changes to made.

Mike Tubbs

Harmonie President

Damenchor

Happy Spring!

We're about to enter our "busy season" for the club and Damenchor will be participating in many activities in the coming months.

First, welcome to our new members! We are excited to see new faces and hope that you will attend our monthly meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Lindenhof. We have a potluck at 6:00pm and then our business meeting follows at 7:00pm. We will change our meeting place for the warmer months. From June - September we will meet at Hickory Grove. The times for dinner and the meeting remain the same.

We do have a policy about the weather, however. If it is 85 degrees by 3:00pm the day of the meeting, then we will move the meeting to the Lindenhof. In addition, if there are tornado/storm warnings for the area, we may decide to move as well. This decision is made jointly between the Damenchor president and the Harmonie president. There will be a mass e-mail sent when this decision is made. The Damenchor also has a calling committee who will try to give everyone a call to let them know about the change.

Our annual lifetime member luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at the Lindenhof. This is always a nice day and a great way to honor our lifetime members who have given so much to our club over the years. If you would like to attend or to help out, contact Delores Dalcher.



Many members of our group will be travelling to Cincinnati May 13 - 15 to attend and sing in the Bezirk Sangerfest. Our delegates from the Damenchor will also represent us at a meeting of all the delegates from the Sud-Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois Bezirke. We are taking a bus to the Sangerfest and this trip is open to non-singers as well. Contact me or Christine Strelecky if you want to join us.

If anyone is interested in being involved but does not yet have commitment anywhere, we are still looking for a representative from Damenchor to serve on the media committee. Please let me know if you have interest in this position. We are also in need of a final delegate to the Central Society. This person would attend the monthly GACS meeting and represent Damenchor.

Finally, I want to congratulate Delores Dalcher. She was named as the Damenchor member of the year at our annual GACS Membership Appreciation dinner in February. As a past president of the Damenchor for many years, Delores is much appreciated for her work in the organization.

Thanks to all of our members. I hope to see more of you as the weather continues to get nicer.

Debbie Hedemann

Damenchor President



BUS TRIP - Harmonie is sponsoring a bus trip to Milwaukee for the German Fest on Saturday July 30th and 31st, for their members. Each member can bring along one guest. A refundable deposit is to be made to Bill Marriott ASAP. Please contact Bill at 309-687-0931 to reserve your seats.

Participants will be responsible for their own meals/beverages, lodging, and admission to the festival.

Here's a link to the festival. Even though some of the information is still related to 2010 you should find the site helpful in determining if you want to go.

<http://www.germanfest.com/food/fooddrink.html>

Check out some of the new activities for 2011!!

<http://www.germanfest.com/festinfo/new2010.html>

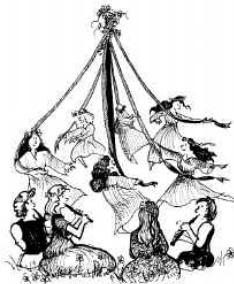
COMMITTEE AND EVENT NEWS

Music and Culture Committee

During the winter three "movies" were shown at the Lindenhof which provided a great atmosphere. Free popcorn was provided. The DVDs shown on the nice wide screen TV in the bar area were all in German, but had English subtitles. Each one proved to be more popular than the last. We definitely will schedule more "movies" next winter

Maifest!

You will never guess what is happening on May 1st - a May Festival or Maifest as we call it. Some of the old traditions of having a May Pole Ribbon Dance and fresh flowers for the ladies will occur.



Our special food offerings will be 1. Frikadella and 2. Kartoffel Pfannkuchen. In case you are not familiar with these foods they are 1. This is like a nicely seasoned Hamburger, only much bigger: shaped more like a football and is not eaten between bread. 2. This is otherwise known as Potato Pancakes. Both are delicious.

To round out the event there will be bands playing inside and outside as well as German Folk Dancing by our Peoria group and by the Metamora H. S. Schuplattlers.

Al Hedeman, Committee Chairman

Achtung! Young Dancers Needed for the Maifest!

We would like to have some children of members, grandchildren of members, nieces and nephews of members or perhaps neighbor kids of members who are interested in a one time only performance opportunity. The kids will practice about two times and do the May Pole Ribbon Dance at the Maifest. Practices will be held on March 20, April 3 and April 17. Let us know ahead of time if at all possible if you will be bringing children. This is a great opportunity to get involved with a minimum of time. Contact Al or Debbie Hedemann if interested.

Hickory Grove

Spring is here and the Hickory Grove Committee is anticipating GREAT fests this year. With the help of all our member volunteers, we hope to make this a bigger and better year than last year. Hickory Grove general cleanup is scheduled for May 21st at 9:00. Nate Eisfelder and the soccer players will be at HG two Saturdays in April to get started on getting the park ready for the festival season.

We are so happy to hear that the Harmonie and Damenchor have voted to return to HG for their meetings June thru September. Thank you very much. This generates a little income for HG and helps reach our goal of being self-sustaining.

We had a profitable year in 2010 and do not expect to have to ask the GACS for an advance. The Committee has decided to get some more sand for the playground area and we will be working on redoing the edging and other minor repairs that need to be done. Bill Ross and Dennis Kallvy are spearheading this project. If you can help them please give them a call as I know they would welcome some extra hands. This is long overdue and hopefully it will not be too costly to finish this up this year.

Sommerfest is June 11 & 12. More on that later. This opens our fest season. The Committee would like to thank Jeff Pulfer for all he is doing with the media, car shows, crafters, etc. Having these extra attractions at HG will bring additional people to the park, as evidenced by the very successful Schlachtfest we had in 2010.

NOW, PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER FOR OUR FESTS!!! Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the committee if you have any suggestions or would like to help with any of the work at HG...many hands make light work!!!

The Hickory Grove Committee



The Lindenhof

Serving Dinner Fridays
5 - 8 P.M.
Bar Open til Midnight -
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All meals are \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for children.
Includes Salad, Bread & Butter. Desserts \$2 Extra.
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APRIL 2011

April 1: Roast Pork with Applesauce or
Fried Walleye

April 8: Wienerwald Huehnchen (Baked
Chicken) or Fried Tilapia

April 15: Wiener Schnitzel or Maple Baked
Salmon

April 22: Ziguener (Gypsy) Schnitzel,
Roast Beef or Baked Salmon

April 29: Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roast
Pork

MAY 2011

May 6: Huhner Schnitzel or Catfish

May 13: ½ Fried Chicken or German Pulled
Pork

May 20: Weiner Schnitzel or Chicken and
Noodles

May 27: Sauerbraten, Smoked Pork Chop
or Pork Hock

JUNE 2011

June: To Be Determined



Lindenhof Committee News

It is with regret that we must inform you that Jim McGill has resigned from the Lindenhof committee due to ill health. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers. We welcome Louie Mayer (back) to replace Jim's position on the Lindenhof representing the Harmonie.

It is also with regret (for us) that Margaret and Tom Wibbenmeyer have decided to let someone else have the dubious honor of being the 'Supplies Manager' for the Lindenhof. Together, they have assumed this responsibility for the last 10 years and have done a wonderful job. Please thank them when you see them for their years of service.

With that said, we are asking for a volunteer(s) to take over the ordering of supplies. The person(s) would be responsible for buying/ordering the kitchen supplies for the Lindenhof - such as plates/napkins/utensils/coffee....etc.

Margaret has kept very detailed records and has offered to help with training the new person.

Please contact Judy Slankard (453-1517) if you are interested in the position. We would like to start training someone as soon as possible.



Eddie Korosa, Jr. and the Boys From Illinois at the Lindenhof on Saturday, March 26th.

Fine Arts & Craft Villages Hickory Grove Park



Vendors Needed

DATES AVAILABLE:

Sommerfest - Sun. June 12th

Volksfest - Sun. July 10th

Bratfest - Sun. August 7th

Schlachtfest - Sun. October 2nd

Noon to 5 PM

We Are Looking for Vendors That Make Fine Arts, Crafts, Jewelry, Giftware, Toys, Clothing, Furniture, Paintings, Bath & Body, Linens, Ceramics and More!

Contact Jeff Pulfer at 309-444-4656 or Pulfer_Jeff@yahoo.com for more details

Also visit our website: www.peoria.germans.net to download a vendor packet

Those of you who are members of one of the Peoria German Club affiliates or are a spouse of one of our members, you may rent a space for \$10 for a 12 ft x 12 ft area. If you need an additional 12 ft x 12 ft area, it is only \$5 more.

For non-members of the club space rental is \$15 per for a 12 ft x 12 ft area. If you want an additional 12 ft x 12 ft area then \$10 extra. You'll need to provide your own tents and tables. Tents are not required. We can arrange for table and chair rentals if needed.

Revenue generated from booth space rentals will be used to maintain and upgrade the playground equipment at Hickory Grove.

Race for the Cure

We will again sponsor a team for the annual Race for the Cure on Saturday, May 7th...our 15th year of sponsorship. Last year we had a little over 100 people join our team. Thanks to all for your support. Whether you walk or not you can still register and join the German-American Society team.

Adult registration fee is \$30.00. To register go to www.komenpeoria.org and click on register. Then click on join a team and search for the German-American Society. There will be a box on the right hand side of the page next to our name marked "join". Click this box to bring up the registration form and follow the instructions.

For those who want to register but do not want to use their credit card, please contact me, Mary Dempster, at 691-3657 and I will register for you.

As in the past, the Harmonie-Concordia will be cooking breakfast for all who register with our team, serving 9:00 - 11:00.

Everyone is welcome to join the team whether they are GACS members or not, so ask your friends and neighbors.



Classic American and German Car Cruis'ns at Hickory Grove Summer 2011

Sommerfest -

Sat. June 11th - American Classic Cars & Motorcycles

Sun. June 12th - German Cars & Motorcycles

Volksfest - Sun. July 10th

Pre-1960 Classic Cars, Trucks, & Motorcycles

Bratfest - Sun. August 7th

Muscle Cars, Hot Rods, & Customized Motorcycles

Schlachtfest - Sun. Oct. 2nd

German Cars and Motorcycles

To signup contact Jeff Pulfer at Pulfer_Jeff@yahoo.com within three days of each event. You can also call 309-444-4656.

No entry fees!

KENTUCKY DERBY DAY - SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011

Members and friends - please join us at the Lindenhof on Saturday, May 7, 2011 for the 137th 'Run for the Roses' Kentucky Derby race. This will be our 2nd annual Derby party. The Bar will open at 4:00 pm.

Coverage of the 137th running of the Kentucky Derby begins on NBC Television at 4 PM (cst), with post time set at approx. 5:25 PM.

As part of the tradition, we will be serving Mint Juleps and will be awarding a prize for the best 'Hat'. Hats could be large or small, contemporary or old-fashioned, big brimmed, feathered, flowery, furry or just plain fascinating. Pictured here is last year's winner! Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



CDs for Sale Capture the Legendary Ratskellar Brummer's on CD for a Limited Time Only!

The Brummer's have been playing crowd pleasing music for years, now you can own your very own collection of the Brummer's at their best!

A limited number of Peoria's own Ratskellar Brummer's CD, Sounds of Germany, have been uncovered and are for sale. The CD contains 20 of the Brummer's most popular German Polkas, Waltzes, and Marches. It is great for listening and dancing. They also make a good gift. They are available for \$5 each at upcoming Brummer events or by contacting Merv Rennich at mrennich@sbcglobal.net.

The CD's are also on sale on the Lindenhof each Friday Evening.

THE EASTER EGG AND EASTER BUNNY

When traveling in Southern Germany around Easter in years past I noticed numerous homes had colored Easter Eggs hanging from trees in their yard. Colored Easter Eggs is a evidently a centuries old tradition in German speaking countries. I've found a few websites related to this topic.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_Bunny

www.travellady.com/Issues/March06/3172EasterTraditions.htm

www.sassycats.com/easter_eggs.html

www.suite101.com/article.cfm/young_art/101303

www.wyrdology.com/festivals/easter/eggs.html

Glen Oak Zoo - Sat, April 16: 10:30 am

Peoria JCs - Detweiller Park, Sun, April 17: 1 pm

Wildlife Prairie Park, Sat, April 23



Louie Louie Parade Friday, May 27th

Last year the club was first time participants in this annual rite of late Spring in Peoria. Now that we think we know what we are doing we are hoping more of you will join us for an afternoon of fun as we promoted our organization, while blowing on Kazoos to the song "Louie, Louie". More details at the hall or contact Jeff Pulfer at 444-4656.

I'll be sponsoring the marchers again this year and will be providing my pickup with my legendary traveling billboard to promote Sommerfest!

I need at least one helper to find some marchers! The marchers will be at Sully's by 2:00 pm prior to the march.

Saturday April 30: Peoria Jaycees International Beer Fest Expo Gardens Volunteers Needed - 1-9 pm

Contact Jeff Pulfer interested in working. Would like to have most spots filled in next couple of weeks.

The various ethnic groups in the area being asked to volunteer to work this year's 19th annual International Beer Festival to pour beer. This is three shift operation requiring 2 people per table. I have committed the German Club to man at least two tables to pour beers from Germany. In return for our efforts we will be allowed to pass out handbills promoting our upcoming events as well as post 6 foot wide banners behind the tables we are working. The Jaycees would like us to wear clothing that reflects our culture whether it be lederhosen and drindl's to soccer uniforms.

While working you will be able to sample the beers that you are pouring as well as some of the beers at tables next to you. Of course you will be admitted free to the event. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Also all volunteers will be invited to the Beer Fest Appreciation Party to be held on Saturday May 14th.

This event attracts over 4000 people so this will be a great opportunity to remind those who have attended our events in the past of what we have coming up as well as reach people we never have. My pickup billboard will also be displayed in a prominent location.

If interested in working one of the German Club tables contact me ASAP. If I get more than 12 folks who want to do this, I'll ask for another table.

Shift Times:

1st shift 12:30 -3:45 pm

2nd shift 3:15 - 6:45 pm

3rd shift 6:15 - 9:00 pm

Wanted: Cuckoo Clock to be Displayed at the Lindenhof

Hey folks do any of you have a working or non-working authentic German Cuckoo Clock that the Lindenhof could buy at a reasonable cost or be given to in order to add to the ambience of the Hall? If so, contact Jeff Pulfer or Judy Slankard.

www.peoriagermans.net Sponsored by the Peoria Sport Verein

Sommerfest 2011 Hickory Grove Park



DIRECTIONS:

Take Illinois Rt 40
(Old 88) to
Hickory Grove
Road

MORE:

Folk Dancing
German Beer
Shooting Tent
Gift Shop
Bingo on Sunday

**Saturday, June 11th &
Sunday, June 12th
Noon - 8 pm**

**Saturday: Classic Cars &
Music 4:00 - 8:00 pm**

*The Players Club
(Funk, Blues, and Rock)*

Free Admission on Sat until 4:00 pm
then \$1.00

Sunday: Craft Village &

Sunday: German Bands

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The Peoria German American Society



Volkfest Hickory Grove Park

**Sunday, July 10th, 2010
Noon - 8 pm**

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Road

MORE:

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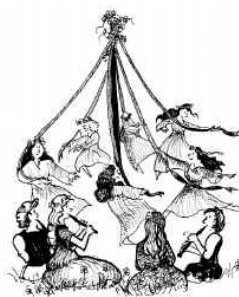
Hey folks, don't wait for someone to ask you to become a member. We maybe too busy having fun to think about asking you to join.

If you are not sure which group you want to join Harmonie and Damenchor meet the first Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Lindenhof October - May and at Hickory Grove the remaining months. Sport Verien meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Lindenhof. Check out a meeting or two and then join!

Membership applications can be downloaded from our website: www.peoriagermans.net. Checks are made out to the affiliate you want to join.

Primary Member Dues are \$30. If you are a member of second affiliate, those dues are \$15. Junior Membership fees are only \$10.

www.peoriagermans.net



**Maifest
at the
Lindenhof**

7601 N. HARKER DRIVE

**Sunday, May 1st, 2011
From Noon - 8:00 pm**

**Traditional German
Entertainment and
Food**

Cash Bar

Free Admission and Parking

Fun for the Whole Family

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Ribbon
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Polkas &
Waltzes Also
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Activities
Demonstrations
German Gift Shop
German Beer and
Wine**