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### Upcoming Events:

GACS Banquet, Saurday,  
January 14th

Singer Open House  
Tuesday, January. 17th

Fasching Ball / Mardi Gras  
Saturday,. February 18th



St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Saturday, March 17th

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## Editor's Comments

Wow! 2011 went by so fast. Just think, in a couple of months German Fest season will be here again. The upcoming District Sangerfest will also bring even more focus on our rich German tradition we have here in the Peoria area.

Our fests have started to grow again and offer a lot more than just food, beer, and a couple of polka bands.

For those of you who read this and are not currently members, we would like you to consider joining us as we begin another exciting new year.

Our organization has a lot more to offer than just singing, soccer, and shooting. Our club has probably the highest concentration of members who own and are proud to wear German tracht - lederhosen and drindls in the Midwest.

We currently run on an annual basis, seven major community events a year, besides hosting a number of smaller ones. We are the most active ethnic group in the Peoria area. We are almost 400 members strong. You do not have to be of German decent to join us. You just need to be willing to work and have a bit of fun along the way.

*- Jeff Pulfer*

*Editor*



**SVP Members at their Appreciation Banquet**

# AFFILIATE NEWS



Please allow me to introduce to you our Officers and Committee Representatives, and to list our main activities that promote the German-American Sport Culture in the Peoria area. If you would like a 2012 SVP Membership card, they are available at each business meeting, or contact our Membership Secretary, Steve Dippel. may be contacted by U.S. Postal Service at: Sportverein, attn (Officer's/Rep.'s name) 7601 N. Harker Drive Peoria, IL 61615

## Officers:

President - Paul Bishop  
1st Vice President - Tommy Franken  
2d Vice President - Nate Eisfelder  
Treasurer - Mat Hanley,  
Membership Secretary - Steve Dippel,  
Recording Secretary - Julie Brown

## Standing Committee Representatives:

Lindenhof - Bobby Franken  
Hickory Grove- Bill Ross  
Media - Steve Dippel  
Music and Culture - Gary Emery

## Events and Programs for your participation and/or volunteer support:-

Soccer - Men's and Women's Leagues at Hickory Grove Park - Nate Eisfelder.  
Airgun League - 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays starting at 5PM Olympic-style air rifle and air pistol calendar year league - Paul Bishop.  
Running - Kristina Vollmer.  
Volkssport (hiking, biking, canoeing/kayaking) - Chris Knapp.  
Golf League - Jane Klockenga.  
Archery League - April-November - see web calendar for dates - Bryan Brown.  
Sommerfest - June 9-10 - SVP hosted fest at Hickory Grove Park - Tommy Franken to volunteer.  
Andreas Hofer Airgun Match and Shooters' Ball - June

23rd - Paul Bishop-

Hubertusschiessen in St. Louis - August 25th

Shooters' Kitchen Crew - Jan 27, Apr 6, Jun 15, Aug 24, Nov 9 - Paul Bishop-

Oktoberfest - September 21-23 @ Peoria Riverfront - Mary Reichel, or SVP Food Tent, Tommy, Nate or Mat-

Schützenzelt - Shooting Gallery at all Hickory Grove Fests - Jun 10, Jul 1, Aug 5, Oct 7(?) - Paul Bishop-

Königsschiessen and Vogelschiessen - noon December 22nd - Paul Bishop-

Appreciation Dinner - December 22nd - 5PM Doors Open@ Lindenhof - Paul Bishop

Your club experience is much richer when you participate in club activities and share in the camaraderie of volunteering for our club cultural and fund-raising activities. Please review the events list and contact the chairperson for all activities you would like to join or work for the club. The points of contact listed will be happy to answer any questions you might have relating to their activity.

And please make a note on your calendar of our Annual Appreciation Dinner, where the club can show you some appreciation for the participation and support you give the club throughout the year.

I thank you for volunteering in whatever capacity you can this year as none of our events would be possible without the support of our members

Alles Gute!

- *Paul Bishop, President*



Enjoying the SVP Appreciation Banquet

# SVP Schuetzen News

Our 2012 Airgun League starts up again on January 5th, with shooting every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month. Season passes are for the calendar year and are due again with your first shoot of the season. Our first match will be in Chicago, most likely on March 17th, while our Peoria match will be held on June 23rd, which is a bit later in the month than usual. "The match in St Louis will be on August 25th instead of in October as it has been in previous years."

If you are interested in travelling to the state of Brandenburg, Germany in September to compete in an International Air Pistol Match, please contact me as soon as you can. We intend to start training in January for this match.

Also thank you for marking your calendar for the dates to help for the Shooters' Friday night kitchen crew and the Hickory Grove Fest Shooters' tent work crews.

Schuss Heil!

- Paul Bishop, Hauptmann

## Ad Sponsors Needed for District Sangerfest

The German-American Central Society will be hosting the 60th SOKII District Sangerfest in Peoria on April 14 & 15, 2012. We will have choruses from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois joining us in song at a concert at the Peoria Civic Center on April 14.

In conjunction with this event we are putting together a program book and are asking local businesses to consider placing an ad in the book, which will be distributed to all the people who attend or participate in the concert.

Ad prices are the same as they were for the annual year book except the ads are twice the size. Each page of the program is 8.5 x 11 in. vs 4.250 x 5.5 in. Ad prices are shown on the right.

For those of you who sell via the internet or do business outside of Central Illinois, advertising in this program could be a good way to reach new customers as well as promote the Peoria German American Society. For more details or to place an ad contact Jeff Pulfer at 444-4656 or via e-mail.

# More from SVP....

Running: Congratulations to all the runners this past year. We had over 10 runners compete in over 25 different events. The top three were; 3rd place with 27.5 points Noah Buerkett, in 2nd place with 30.22 points Kristina Vollmer and the 2011 SVP Runner of the Year with 32.52 points is Danielle Buerkett. Way to go Runners!

Soccer: On December 17th we had 3 more players inducted into our Soccer Hall of Fame.

Player, former team manager and former SVP President Matt Eisfelder, Former Player, former team manager and former SVP President Ron Rusheinski, and player, PSV soccer coordinator, team manager and former SVP President Nate Eisfelder.

Also the SVP "retired" four more jerseys of Hall of Fame members. Walter White , Otto Johann, Lou Basso and Nate Eisfelder.

Congratulations to those fine soccer players and SVP members.

*Nate Eisfelder*



New SVP Hall of Fame Members, Otto Johann, Nate Eisfelder and Lou Basso

## Sangerfest Program Prices

Full Page	\$150.00	Half Page	\$80.00
Quarter Page	\$50.00	Eighth Page	\$35.00
Patrons:			
Two Lines	\$10.00	One Line	\$5.00

More info can be found at [www.peoriagermans.net](http://www.peoriagermans.net) as well. All ads must be in by March 1st.

All ad sponsors will be listed on our website.

# Harmonie-Concordia

Thank you to Jeff Pulfer, Al Hedeman, Louie Mayer and all of the other workers who helped make our 2nd Annual Kristkindlmarkt even better than our first. Not sure what we can do for an encore or even where we can hold this ever expanding event in years to come.

It is hard to believe that in in such a short time the Kristkindlmarkt has become the biggest event held at the Lindenhof and the second biggest annual event, next to the Oktoberfest, our organization holds to benefit the public.

## Harmonie Officers for 2012

Matt Doling - President  
Jeff Pulfer - 1st Vice President  
Bill Marriot - 2nd Vice President  
Andy Sepich - Secretary  
Adam Gudat - Treasurer  
Pete Bachfischer - Membership Secretary

As you've seen in other articles we need more folks that would like to sing with us to make sure we are well represented at the District Sangerfest in a few short months. Hope to see you all at the Singer Open House on January 17th.

## Matt Doling

Harmonie-Concordia President



Al's Pals at the Kristkindlmarkt

# Damenchor

I'd like to take this time to thank all of the women of the Damenchor for their hard work during 2011. It takes a lot of dedication and sacrifice to run a successful club and I think we do it in style. Of course, all of the hard work comes back to us ten-fold with all of the wonderful friendships we develop and all of the fun we have!

## Our officers for 2012 include:

Debbie Hedemann President  
Carol Hedemann 1st Vice President  
Joanne Pritchard 2nd Vice President  
Ruth Sepich Membership Secretary  
Ingrid Ruscheinski Treasurer  
Judy Slankard Recording Secretary

We have many exciting events coming up including the Bezirk Saengerfest which we are hosting in Peoria the weekend of April 13-15. Singing practices will continue in the new year for the Saengerfest. If you would like to sing with us please join us at our weekly practices. New singers are invited to come to a "kick-off" practice on January 17th. Contact any of the officers or Damenchor members for more information.

Also, many of us will be travelling to Kansas City in May for the Saenger Tag. The Saenger Tag will be a planning event for the National Saengerfest in Milwaukee in 2013. In addition, we will be gearing up for all of our festivals at the Lindenhof and Hickory Grove during the spring and summer months. We have a lot to look forward to.

Don't forget the GACS Appreciation Event on Saturday January 14.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2012. Please send your membership renewal to Ruth Sepich.

We're looking forward to another great year in 2012 for the Damenchor.

## Debbie Hedemann

Damenchor President

# COMMITTEE & EVENT NEWS

## Hickory Grove

We had another awesome year in 2011. A huge thank you to ALL members for their continued support of Hickory Grove. With the volunteer help of our members...and the donations from the affiliates...HG had a profitable year. Even with the heat in July which affected the turnout for the Corn Boil and Volksfest, we were still able to be self-sustaining!!!

Thanks to Nate Eisfelder who manages Hickory Grove and, of course, takes excellent care of the soccer field. Nate books, and rents HG several times during the season and is there for all the events, as well as doing general maintenance and coordinating the clean-ups. Also thanks to the rest of the Hickory Grove Committee, Bob Eissler, Dennis Kallvy, Steve Dippel and Bill Ross (and me), for responding to special projects and challenges that came up during the year. It's so nice to work with a committee who has such dedication to our club and facilities. Thanks to Bob Eissler for his service on the committee over the past few years and we welcome Matt Doling to the committee, replacing Bob. Hopefully Bob will continue to chair the Schlachtfest as he has done for the past several years.

Everything has been stored and utilities shut down until spring. Thanks to everyone who showed up for the leaf raking and general cleanup in November. We didn't have a lot of people but those who were there got most of the leaves taken care of. Thanks to the following (and I hope I didn't miss anyone):

Dennis Kallvy	Nate Eisfelder	Kristina Vollmer
Maggie Switzer	Daren Brown	Jeremy Rocke and Austin
Bob Barker	Jane & Rich Klockenga	Steve Dippel and 2 boys
Tom Franken	Bill Heitzman	Jeff Pulfer
Bryan Brown	Judy Slankard	Mary Dempster

Mat Hanley - for bringing out his mower that had mulching and bagging options!!!!

These volunteers put in a long day and worked hard to get HG ready for winter...you are absolutely awesome!!!! HG would not be what it is today without the help of our member volunteers. Hopefully we will have a bigger turnout for our cleanups next year. A total of 25-30 people for the cleanups would be very, very helpful...many hands make light work!!!! Please watch for spring cleanup dates in our e-news and newsletter.

Thanks to Nate for scheduling soccer games for the fests...a great tradition at HG that goes back many years...and also for scheduling and coordinating the Walter Reid and Joe Spies cup tournament in July. I can't finish this news item without a big thank you to Jeff Pulfer. He did a fantastic job in getting additional (mostly free) media coverage for our events at HG and also got a lot of vendors for our fests as well as the fantastic car shows. These attractions, along with the good food and beverages, entertainment, soccer, shooting and playground area helps attract people to our events.



Julie, Jeff and Gretchan at Hickory Grove

**Mary Dempster**

**The Hickory Grove Committee**

## Music and Culture Committee

By the time the Newsletter is published the Oktoberfest will have been finished. All cultural groups have been well prepared for spreading the Kultur and the Gemuetlichkeit.

The Lindenhof Echos should add the song, "On the Road Again," as they will be tooting their Alphorns in Seymour, Indiana on Oct. 1 and in Morton, Illinois on October 15 after playing at the World Fest, St. John Church, Bartonville, and the Oktoberfest in Peoria. The Peoria Volkstaenzer are not far behind in their travels, also dancing in Bartonville, the Oktoberfest in Peoria and possibly events in St. Louis and Moline.

Singing practice resumes January 10 at 7:00. I encourage all German American Society members who want to sing in the District Saengerfest on April 14, to come to this practice.

On January 17 I would like to invite singers from the general public to join us, to see if they would like to continue singing with us for the Saengerfest and become members.

The Peoria Volkstaenzer and the Lindenhof Echos have been asked to perform at St. Marks School on February 5th as part of a Diversity Fair.

## Al Hedeman

Chairman



## LEARN GERMAN FOLK DANCING

Calling all dancers young and not so young!

If you are interested in learning German Folk Dancing please contact Debbie Hedemann at [dhedemann@icc.edu](mailto:dhedemann@icc.edu) or 694-8424 or come to one of our practices on Sunday nights at the Lindenhof. We'd be happy to see you!

## GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETY SPONSORS OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE SINGERS

Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00

Singers in the Peoria Area interested in singing German and American songs at a District Saengerfest with between 300 and 400 singers, are invited to attend a rehearsal at the Lindenhof on January 17th at 7:00. Come and enjoy singing a variety of songs all the way from Beethoven to Folk songs. We sing about 60% of our songs in German and 40% in English.

If you enjoy this type of singing and want to return to continue practicing you may want to join our society so you are able to sing at our Sangerfest at the Civic Center on April 14th. Our district includes Southern Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois and groups from German singing societies from those states will attend, giving us an opportunity to socialize with many interesting people.

The German American Society's Lindenhof, is located at 7601 N. Harker Drive, Peoria, south off of Pioneer Parkway between the Finish Line and Enterprise businesses.

Rehearsal begins at 7:00 PM and runs until 9:00 with a refreshment time at about 8:00 PM. For more information call Director, Al Hedeman at 309 685 7217.



Santa's Workshop was a new addition to the Kristkindlmarkt!



# Oktoberfest 2011 & 2012 News

By Mary Reichel



## 2nd Annual Kristkindlmarkt @ The Lindenhof

A final report on the 2011 Oktoberfest will be made at the January G.A.C.S. Board meeting. Yes, we did make money in 2011!

Oktoberfest 2012 will be held on September 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The good news about this coming year is we will not be the same weekend as the Morton Pumpkin Festival. The 1st committee meeting is on January 9, 2012 at 600 pm at the Lindenhof.

We have some new ideas already in the works for the coming year. Jeff Pulfer has been talking to the Peoria Jaycees about running a foot race on Sunday morning of the Oktoberfest in the hope that the runners will stick around and enjoy the rest of what we have to offer. Also, we may have more focus on kid's activities and have a "Kinderfest", a fest within a fest in 2012.

*Mary Reichel*

*Oktoberfest Chairman*

### **ACTION REQUIRED:**

**German Club Regular Newsletter  
Delivery Via the Post Office To Stop  
Effective January 1, 2012**

The Quarterly newsletter:

**Nachrichten der Deutschamerikanischen  
Zentralverein zu Peoria**

will continue to be published primarily as a handout piece to non-members.

For those of you who do not have computers and/or e-mail addresses, please contact me, Jeff Pulfer, by January 1, 2012 (309) 444-4656 or send me a post card to 15 Pin Oak Ct, Washington, IL 61571. You will be added to a special list and will continue to get the next edition and future editions of the newsletter in the mail.

You will be able to pick up copies at the Lindenhof if you decide NOT to contact us.

If someone can explain why people poured into the Lindenhof on a cold and a wet weekend in November please tell me! The crowd was incredible. Our small hall was busting at the seams the whole weekend!

When I got up that morning I figured we were going to be in for a long dreary day trying to make the best of a bad situation. Instead the weather seemed to stop no one. Our vendors were blown away (as well of us) by the turnout. Some vendors even ran out of stock.

Our merchandise mix, I think, was even much better this year. There was more Christmas type items. Ropp Cheese, Progressive Poppers. St. Benedict's Abbey and Julie's Fudge helped fill a gap we had last year as to food items to purchase. My mother surprised me by agreeing to bake some Lebkuchen bars. She made more than just these and helped Harmonie have an incredible weekend.

Thanks to all of you who worked at the event. Without your help we couldn't have pulled it off.

Now the big question is what do we do next year and beyond?

- Run the Kristkindlmarkt two or more weekends?
- Move to a larger venue?
- Rent some tents? (These are not cheap, I've checked.)
- Be more selective on vendors? (If so, I will not be the one who tells a past vendor that they are out.)
- Expand the Lindenhof? (That might only be a short term fix).

Bottom line, we have a unique event that combines outstanding vendors, German entertainment, and German food, which most Christmas markets in the Midwest cannot match. Granted the Lindenhof adds a bit of charm, which would be difficult to replace, but the other features can be easily transported.

I'm not sure what the future holds for the Kristkindlmarkt, but we have started something that we can all be proud of and that has the potential of even being better and perhaps bigger in the future.

*- Jeff Pulfer, Kristkindlmarkt Chairman*



# The Lindenhof

**Serving Dinner Fridays  
5 - 8 P.M.  
Bar Open til Midnight -  
Please Join Us!**

7601 N. Harker Drive • Peoria, Illinois 61615  
by Finish Line Ford • (309) 691-7484

All meals are \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for children.  
Includes Salad, Bread & Butter. Desserts \$2 Extra.  
Children 5 and Under - Complimentary Hot Dogs!

**Jan. 6:** Wiener Schnitzel or Roast Beef

**Jan. 13:** Roast Port or Wienerwald Huehnchen  
(Baked Chicken)

**Jan. 20:** Schlachtplatte or Roast Beef

**Jan. 27:** German Style Buffet featuring 3 Meats

**Feb 3:** Roast Pork or Swiss Steak

**Feb 10:** Wiener Schnitzel or Roast Beef

**Feb 17:** Kassler Rippchen (Smoked Porkchops)  
or Wienerwald Huehnchen (Baked chicken)

**Feb 24:** Roast Pork, Sauerbraten, or Baked Tilapia

**March 2:** Wiener Schnitzel, Roast Beef, or Baked  
Tilapia

**March 9:** Roast Pork, Wienerwald Huehnchen  
(Baked chicken), or Fried Tilapia

**March 16:** (pending) Schlachtplatte, Beef  
Rouladen, or Tilapia

**March 23:** (pending) Roast Beef, Jaegerschnitzel,  
or Baked Tilapia

**March 30:** (pending) Wiener Schnitzel or Roast  
Beef

## Super Bowl Party @ the Lindenhof

If there is a Super Bowl Party at the Lindenhof, it  
will be on Sunday, February 5th.

Last year the doors opened at 4:30 pm. Game  
start at 5:30 pm. Cash bar. Bring a snack to  
share! Contact the Lindenhof to confirm details.

## Lindenhof Committee News

The Committee would like to thank all of our  
wonderful volunteers for giving their time and  
manpower to maintain the Lindenhof as well as  
for their continued support of the Affiliates. There  
are many duties/chores that get done 'silently' but  
are not unnoticed and are greatly appreciated by  
the committee members.

Special thanks go to Jane Klockenga and Julie  
Brown for their planting flowers, constant weeding  
and maintenance of the beautiful flower gardens  
at the Lindenhof. Please thank them when you  
see them and let them know if you would like to  
help next spring.

Please thank Julie Brown for taking over the  
Lindenhof supplies ordering. Julie transitioned  
very well into the position and is doing a great  
job.

Thank you to all the people that volunteered to  
work on kitchen teams in 2012. We added 3  
teams onto the roster and have a list of  
'substitutes' for back up.

Thanks to all the Bar captains and bartenders  
without whom this club would not be a success.

Lastly, thank you to Mary Dempster and all of the  
volunteers that worked on the Rentals this year.  
Rental income as well as Affiliate sponsored  
events at the Lindenhof have been a huge  
supplement to the Friday night dinner income  
which sustains the maintenance of the Lindenhof  
building. Please let Mary know if you are  
interested in helping with the Rentals next year.

The Lindenhof members for 2012 are:

Bob Franken, Al Smith Louie Mayer, Linda Doling,  
Bryan Brown. Please see them with any  
concerns/kudos that you may have regarding the  
Lindenhof.

*Judy Slankard*

*Editor's Note: The GACS Board would like to  
thank Judy Slankard for her work on the  
Lindenhof Committee the past few years.*

# St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 17th

A new year and something else to for us to do to promote the German-American Society as well as support our good friends the St. Patrick's Society. Since the parade is on a Saturday even more of us should be able to participate than in most years.

I have a green pickup, which can display a banner, as well as a green Z3 BMW convertible to use in the parade. Perhaps we can even pull the Weinstube behind the truck. This should be a lot of fun!!

Any of you who have ideas or want to participate please contact me, Jeff Pulfer.

# "Eierbaum" at The Lindenhof in April!

"Eierbaum", "Osterbaum" or "Ostereierbaum" in German, meaning a tree that is decorated with eggs at Easter is a German tradition. Sometime in March we will be decorating one or more of the deciduous trees in front of the Lindenhof.

Decorating one of the trees at the Lindenhof will hopefully become something we do annually at the Hall to celebrate the coming of Spring.

Easter is on Sunday, April 8th. Details for the decorating will be in the weekly eNewsletter or contact Jeff Pulfer.

*You are cordially invited to the:*  
**German-American Central Society**  
**Appreciation Dinner - at the Lindenhof**  
**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

- *The doors will open at 5:00 pm, Awards at 6:00 pm and Dinner at 6:30 pm.*
- *Music and Dancing to follow!*
- *The cost of this year's dinner is \$10.00 a person which will include the dinner and 2 drink tickets.*
- *Please make checks out to German-American Central Society or GACS.*
- *Please send all money to the Lindenhof c/o Angie Jungwirth at the above address.*
- *Any questions please contact Angie Jungwirth at 693-2349 or gacsangie@aol.com*

*Please fill out to update information*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the Dinner

\_\_\_\_\_ # of guests (including you)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid for dinner

\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend, but here is my updated information

# URGENT!!!!

## Membership Dues for 2012 are Payable Now!

\$30 for primary membership dues. \$15 for secondary membership dues. Junior membership fees are only \$10 per year.

Damenchor Members should send their checks to Ruth Sepich at 32 Oakridge Pt, Morton, IL 61550.

Harmonie Members should send their checks to Pete Bachfischer at 1357 Timber Oak Dr., Metamora, IL 61548.

SVP Members should send their checks to Steve Dippel at 101 Amsler St, Bartonville, IL 61607.

You can also hand over your check at a membership meeting to one of the officers above or if they are NOT there the affiliate treasurer or president.

For those of you who need an invoice for business purposes or for you record keeping, I've included a "new" GACS Membership Renewal form on the next page which you can use. You only need to fill it out and return it with your check if your information or interests have changed over the past year. You can also e-mail your changes directly to me if you do not want to fill out a form.

Unfortunately, you can not write one check to cover your primary and secondary membership dues. You'll need to write out a check for each affiliate you want to be a member of. You can make one check to cover multiple memberships of a single affiliate. Just make sure you clearly identify what the check covers in a separate note.

**NOTE:** I would encourage all members to renew by check. That way you will have a record of paying your dues.

I would suggest NOT mailing your check to the Lindenhof. Mail can easily be misfiled. Checks sent to the Lindenhof may also not be picked up in a timely manner since some of the officers can only make it to the hall once a month or even if they are there, they forget to check for mail. I know I'm guilty of this all of the time. Even if the

respective mail folder is checked, the processing of your check may be delayed by if not several days, several weeks, or even months.

**DO NOT GIVE YOUR CHECK TO SOMEONE BESIDES THE APPROPRIATE AFFILIATE OFFICER AT A FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER.**

If your check has not been cashed within 60 days of sending it, please contact one of the folks above. As a last resort you can contact me to follow-up.

*Jeff Pulfer*

G.A.C.S Membership Secretary 2012

## Join The Peoria German American Society Today!



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](http://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.

## *The Lindenhof*

Available for Group Rentals

7601 N. Harker Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61615  
by Finish Line Ford (309) 691-7484

The Perfect Setting for Your Gemutlichkeit!

Seating Capacity for 180+

Catering Available or Provide Your Own - On-site Kitchen  
Full Bar - P.A. Equipment - Paved Parking Lot

**Hickory Grove is also Available for Rent!**

CALL Mary Dempster at 309-691-3657 for Reservations and Rates

# German American Central Society

## Affiliate Membership Dues Renewal Form/Invoice

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues: \$30 for Primary Membership - Additional \$15 if joining a Secondary Club  
Junior (18 and Under) Membership is \$10 for the club you want to join.**

**Primary Membership:** Damenchor \_\_\_\_\_, Harmonie \_\_\_\_\_ or Sport Verein \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Membership:** Damenchor \_\_\_\_\_, Harmonie \_\_\_\_\_ or Sport Verein \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Damenchor, Harmonie or Sport Verein. Cash is also accepted, but not recommended.  
Renewals should be paid by January 1st of the following year. Separate form required for each membership.

***OPTIONAL Please fill out the following if you would like to become more  
involved with any of the activities below.***

**Would you be interested in being an active singer ?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you play an instrument?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you be interested in (Sport Verien sponsored):**

Soccer Program \_\_\_\_\_ Target Shooting \_\_\_\_\_ Golf League \_\_\_\_\_ Hiking Program \_\_\_\_\_

**Other activities you would like to participate in or help organize (check all that apply):**

Picnics \_\_\_ Dances \_\_\_ Weekly dinners \_\_\_ German Fests\_\_\_ Running \_\_\_

Bus Trips \_\_\_ Charity Events \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Youth Activities \_\_\_ Bike Rides \_\_\_

Folk Dancing \_\_\_ Puppet Theatre \_\_\_ Car Cruis'ns \_\_\_ Club Craft Fairs \_\_\_

Public Relations/Community Involvement\_\_\_\_\_

List others: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

***Please fill out the following if you information has changed during the last year.***

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: E-mail address is required to receive weekly e-Newsletter, quarterly newsletter, and updates.

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Year (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**To be filled out by an Affiliate Officer**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Signature or Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **!!ACHTUNG!!**

It is that time of year to think about renewing your membership dues. Your 2011 membership officially expires on January 1, 2012.

With our membership banquets coming up between now and the end of January, save yourself the cost of a stamp and renew at that time.

You can also pay at any of the membership meetings as well.

Thank you in advance for your continued support for our wonderful organization!

**- Your Officers**

# *Fasching Ball* *(Mardi Gras Ball)* *The Lindenhof*

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

**6:00 pm - 12:00 pm**

7601 N. Harker Drive in Peoria, IL

**Traditional German Costume Ball**

**DJ Spinning Tunes**

**Public Invited - Cash Bar**

**\$8.00 Per Person**

Please Bring an Appetizer to Share



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