

Peoria German American Society's Weekly Newsletter
August 28, 2017



The Das Bier Run Makes for A Great Sunday at the Oktoberfest!

Editor's Comments:

Special Hotel Rates For the Oktoberfest

Please note our Hotel Packet for the Oktoberfest. Special rates from four hotels.

Tracht for the Oktoberfest

If you are looking for Tracht for the Oktoberfest make sure you scroll to the bottom of this letter for links to tracht sites. If you do not like some of these links, type in dirndl or lederhosen on E-Bay. I would order before Labor Day to make sure it arrives by our Oktoberfest!

Join Us Now!!!

Hey folks if you have been thinking about joining one of our affiliates now

we be a good time to do so. If you are not sure which group to join at the bottom of this newsletter is a brief explanation of each affiliate. If you join one of the affiliates, you are automatically a member of the GACS. Also, in most cases you may participate in the activities of any of the affiliates you do not join. For example: Hamonie and Damenchor members can play in the SVP Summer Golf League.

Click on the Link Below for an Application:

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This Week's Calendar

Sept. 1: Buffet w/ Buffet w/ Roast Pork Loin w/Spiced Apples, Wienerwald

Chicken, & Gypsy Schnitzel

Terry Bredenberg on the Accordion

Sept. 8: Buffet w/ Fried Chicken, Jaeger Schnitzel, & Roast Beef
Wilanna Vogel on the Accordion!

Stammtisch Night - Join Us and Practice Your German!

Sept. 15: CLOSED FOR OKTOBERFEST

Please join us on the Peoria Riverfront for our Oktoberfest

September 15, 16, & 17

All meals are \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for kids 6-10. Children under 5 Eat for Free!

Complimentary Hot Dogs! Includes Assorted Sides, Salad, Bread & Butter.

Desserts \$2 Extra. Cash or Checks Only! ATM Available on site.
Dinner is served from 5-8 pm

Please call the Lindenhof and leave a message as to how many you will have in your party if your party exceed 10 or more people. 309-691-7484

7601 N. Harker Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61615 by Enterprise Car Rental
(309) 691-7484

PUBLIC WELCOME

Featuring free WiFi!

ATM Now Available at the Lindenhof!

Click below for September Menu - Just Posted!

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Chat: Updated New Fest Issue for 2017! Version IV Now Available!!!

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URGENT!!!

For those of you who have moved and or planning to move PLEASE!!!!
notify Jeff Pulfer as to your new address and I will forward the change to the membership secretary in the affiliate you belong to as to your new address. I maintain the Master Roster for the GACS and due to sending

out the snail mail newsletter I tend to find out that people moved prior to the affiliate membership secretaries. If you change your e-mail address please contact us with the change!!!

FUTURE DATES



Monthly German Club Meetings
Harmonie and Damenchor Meetings, Wednesday,
September 6th
Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm September Meeting At
Hickory Grove Park!

If you are a Harmonie Member and we have 25 or more
members for the meeting we buy a round at the end of
the meeting!
September Meeting At Hickory Grove Park!

SVP Meeting, Thursday, September 7th at the Lindenhof

Meeting at 7:30 pm

Note: The October SVP Meeting to move to the second Thursday due to the New Ulm trip.

GACS Board Meeting, Monday, September 11 at Hickory Grove Park!

7:00 pm meeting

Oktoberfest Committee Meeting at 6pm at Hickory Grove Park

Note: The floor at the Lindenhof is being redone so the GACS meeting and Oktoberfest Meeting are being moved to the Hickory Grove Park for September only.



2017 Oktoberfest at Riverfont Festival Park

The German American Central Society and the Peoria Park District are sponsoring their 22nd Annual Peoria Oktoberfest on September 15th, 16th, and 17th, to promote German culture and heritage of Central Illinois!

The event will be held at the Peoria Riverfront Festival Park, 200 N.E. Water Street.

Times: Friday 9/15 - 5:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Saturday 9/16 - 12:00 pm to 11:30 pm and Sunday 9/17 – 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Admission: Friday \$10.00; Saturday \$7.00 until 5 pm, 10.00 after 5 pm, Sunday \$7.00. Children 12 and under always free.

Entertainment: Bolzen Beer Band, Spitzbu'am, Bavarski, Jonny Koenig, the Rathskellar Brummers, Lindenhof Echos, Vogel Musik, Al's Pals, the Peoria Accordion Club, and area German folkdancers.

Additional Activities: A German Heritage Tent display with a genealogy search will be available. Also, a Puppet Theatre, Log Sawing, and various contests such as the Masskrugstemmen (arm strength contest with filled steins) will be featured. Vendors with authentic German clothing and merchandise as well as other items will be available for purchase. Children's activities are also scheduled. A select number of area artisans will also be hand to demonstrate their skills. Carnival rides are available, including a merry-go-round.

Click below to download a flyer for the Oktoberfest:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/7223fe8e-b6f6-4d94-a61e-a9354320d94b/Oktoberfest_2017_Main_Flyer1.pdf

Oktoberfest Mass on Sunday, September 17th at 10:30 am

On Sunday morning there will be a Catholic Mass starting at 10:30 am. All attendees who bring a can good to the Mass will get into the Oktoberfest free of charge. Canned food is only good for admittance to the festival until 11am. At 11am, regular admission prices resume.

Please bring at least one can per person coming to the Mass!

Oktoberfest Volunteers!

Several folks asked me how to sign up to work at the Oktoberfest this year. Signups have started, but it has been mostly word of mouth. Please use oktoberfestpeoria@gmail.com to volunteer for the Oktoberfest.

If we get approval, volunteers will also be needed to help with our first ever German Dog Parade. If interested in helping out with this new activity please contact me: Jeff Pulfer
Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com

FRONT GATE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cindy Kipfer needs a few extra volunteers to handle entry

fees at the front gate. This is a great job if you prefer sitting down. The older I get, the nicer it is to sit vs standing for several hours.

If you want to work or have questions, please contact Cindy at: 453-4444

or send her an e-mail: cindykipfer@yahoo.com

Volunteers are needed are as followed:

9/15 Fri.

5:00-7:00pm 1 needed

7:00-10:00pm 4 needed

9/17 Sun.

11:30-2:30 pm 2 needed

2:30-4:30pm 2 needed.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Folks we need your help. We want to create a Frequently Asked Question page on the Oktoberfest Peoria web page and for our Facebook pages. We will provide answers for each question.

Examples of questions are as follows:

Question: Why is the Oktoberfest held in September?

Answer: The original Oktoberfest was held in October, but the originators moved it to September to take advantage of a bit more daylight, warmer weather, and hopefully sunnier days. In Munich, Germany the Oktoberfest runs for two weeks, so the last days of the Oktoberfest end in October.

Question: Why is the Peoria Oktoberfest the same weekend as the Morton Pumpkin festival most years, but in some years not?

Answer: The Peoria Oktoberfest begins on the 3rd Friday of the month, while the Morton Pumpkin Festival begins the week after Labor Day. (I think that is the logic)

Question: How do I become a volunteer?

Answer: Go to <http://www.oktoberfestpeoria.com/> and select Volunteer from the menu at the top.

Please send all questions to Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com

You do not need to provide the answer for the question unless you have it.



Area Hotels With Special Hotel Rates for the Oktoberfest

Please contact the one of the following hotels to get a discounted rate for Oktoberfest weekend!

Quality Inn and Suites

Address: 4112 N Brandywine Dr, Peoria, IL 61614

Phone: (309) 685-2556

Mark Twain Hotel

Address: 225 NE Adams St, Peoria, IL 61602

Phone: (309) 676-3600

Best Western Plus

Address: 300 Eastlight Court, East Peoria, IL 61611

Phone: (309) 694-4959

Holiday Inn Express

Address: 1100 Bass Pro Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611

Phone: (309) 694-9800

The Quality Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and Best Western offer a free shuttle service to the Oktoberfest. No need to drive home if you have a bit more than you can handle! When you contact them make sure you mention the Peoria Oktoberfest!

Click on the file below for special prices for each hotel:

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[es/ee56fab8-4fc0-4a68-b4b5-68b2f7cc6640/2017_Oktoberfest_Hotel_Packages_Rev.pdf](https://www.lee.com/ee56fab8-4fc0-4a68-b4b5-68b2f7cc6640/2017_Oktoberfest_Hotel_Packages_Rev.pdf)



DAS BIER RUN

Join us for the 6th Annual Das Bier Run! Held in conjunction with Peoria Oktoberfest, this Riverfront 5K run helps celebrate German heritage and raise funds for a good cause!

Register at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/31928>

You can also find the link to register on Facebook at DasBierRun

Registration is \$30 and includes entry to the Sunday events at Oktoberfest, a commemorative stein, and two drink tokens.

Participate in our costume contest to win great prizes! Check out our Das Bier Run Facebook page for inspiration from DBRs past!

We can't wait to see you there! Sign up today!

Note: The registration fee is \$5 lower this year than last year!



Schlachtfest and German-American Day Celebration Sunday,
October 1st

Join us on Sunday, October 1st for our annual Schlachtfest at Hickory Grove Park, 12403 Hickory Grove Rd., Dunlap, IL from noon to 8 pm. The event is sponsored by the Peoria German-American Central Society. Schlachtfest or slaughter fest is a old German tradition related to the slaughtering of animals in the Fall before Winter sets in.

The fest has been combined with a celebration of German-American Day and as a kick-off to German-American Heritage month in Peoria. German-American Day is officially the 6th of October. The first German settlement in American was established at Germantown, Pennsylvania on October 6, 1683. In 1987 Ronald Reagan signed S.J. Resolution 108 into law recognizing this date.

This holiday was originally celebrated during the 19th Century, but died out in World War I. The holiday was reestablished by Ronald Reagan in 1983 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the first German settlers to the colonies.

About one in four Americans claim to be of German descent. Even though Germans have settled in the United States for over 300 years, the first German settlers didn't arrive in Peoria until the 1830's.

The Germans have made significant contributions to the tri-county area since their arrival. Many of the businesses including retail stores, steel fabrication, breweries, butcher shops, etc. were largely German through the 1800's and on into the early 1900's . The population of Peoria more than tripled after the influx of, first, German immigrants, then Irish, Italian, and Lebanese immigrants. The influence of the Germans was heavy in the development of a city from a small town.

Hickory Grove is styled after a typical German Beer

Garden. The Schlachtfest and German-American Day Celebration features German food and entertainment.

The event will feature German Music by Vogel Musik and Al's Pals.

Complete German Dinners with Sides: \$10.00 Sandwiches Available Separately

More Activities: Shooting Tent, Bags, & German Gift Tent. Playground equipment for the kids. A campfire will round off the evening, including complimentary marshmallows.

Click Below For A Flyer:

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Classic German & American Car Cruis'ns at Hickory Grove Park - Summer 2017

Car and motorcycle cruisin's return this summer to Hickory Grove. Once again folks who show their vehicle will receive a coupon for a free drink or sandwich upon filling out a contact form day of the event. The car shows are to run from noon to 5 pm.

To receive the coupon for a drink or sandwich, vehicles must enter the park grounds no later than 2:00 pm. You may still participate in the car show if you arrive after this time, but you will not receive a coupon.

Schlachtfest - Sun. Oct. 1st
German Cars and Motorcycles

Click Below for a Flyer:

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Fine Arts and Craft Villages at Hickory Grove!!!

At the four German Picnics at Hickory Grove this summer we will be hosting Fine Arts and Craft Villages. These craft village proved to be a popular addition to our events and at Hickory Grove and we are looking forward to working with many of last year's vendors as well as meeting new ones. Each event attracts 500+ people, weather dependent.

Those of you who are members of one of the affiliates or your spouse may rent a space for \$10 for a 12 ft x 12 ft area. If you want 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 \$10 more. You'll need to provide your own tents and tables. Tents are not required. In some cases the trees will provide you with adequate coverage.

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

REMAINING DATES:

Schlachtfest - Sun. October 1st

Morning setup at each event will start at 10:00 am Gates open to the public at noon. Expect vendors to stay until at least 4:30 unless weather turns to the worse.

You can drop me an e-mail if interested in participating in one of these events. Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com You can also call me at 309-444-4656.

Click below for a Vendor Packet:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/f628b066-0ca0-4255-a051-a2e310340d11/2017_Craft_Village_Vendor_Packet.pdf



GACS Family Weiner Roast Sunday, October 8

Join us once again for our very popular Family Weiner Roast at Hickory Grove Park on Sunday, October 8th! The event is open for all GACS members and their guests. Hotdogs, buns, apple cider, and marshmallows will be provided - perhaps some beverages.

Also, anyone interested in joining the German Club is also welcome to attend.

Please bring a side dish or something to share.

Time: Noon to 7pm. Folks can stay later if they

choose. Feel free to come out sooner and enjoy the park. The leaves should be in full color. We will have a bonfire. Expect to start roasting hot dogs around 3 pm.

We will have a TV on-site to watch the NFL games!!

The event is co-sponsored by Harmonie and the Hickory Grove Committee.

NOTE: This is the same weekend as the trip to New Ulm, but our weekends in October are pretty much full. Even though we have 50 members going to New Ulm, the club has 350 other members who could attend the wiener roast.



Affiliate and Committee News

The following information is related to news from the different affiliates and the various committees of our club.



Harmonie Fall Membership Party
Saturday, September 31st
Beginning at 1pm!

Any Harmonie member in good standing is invited free of charge! Beverages provided as well as a steak dinner.

Appetizers will be served until dinner at 4:00 pm. Open bar with Harmonie members free and non members \$30.

We will also be brewing beer that afternoon as well as sampling beers we made this past summer as well as some of the beer left over from the craft beer tasting at the Bratfest this year. I will also contribute a few select Belgian beers to the sampling.

A well stocked bar is also available at no charge. Suggest you bring your favorite mixer though.

Non-members can attend by paying \$30 or join Harmonie by the September meeting and pay \$15. The event will be held at 15 Pin Oak Ct, in Washington at my home or as Al Haisch calls it - Lindenhof East.

Unfortunately, this is a male only event. Please make your reservation no later than September 27th.

Please contact Jeff Pulfer at 309-444-4656 to make reservations or click on the link below. You can also sign up at the September membership meeting.

Reservation Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2X08kvzX3QgmxgNkeqExcnqSESMmqBJB7tqHoB0W00YvOAw/viewform>

Lindenhof



Logo Contest for the GACS

Hi folks, the only logo the Peoria German American Central Society has is the one shown above which was created for the Lindenhof. The affiliates have something, but we have nothing for the GACS.

With a logo we could use the logo on hat pins, polo shirts, flyers, publicity pieces, banners etc. For those of you who are creative and can create vector art on a computer, we are sponsoring a contest to create a logo for the Peoria German American Central Society.

You can look on the internet for ideas of other German Groups. We would like the logo to be fairly simple, but also stand out much like our Lindenhof logo. We are not looking for an image that reflects all of our activities, but primarily reflects our German-American Heritage.

Your submissions should be submitted to Jeff Pulfer at Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com by October 1st. Multiple submissions are allowed.

The winning submission will get a copy of the new Peoria Dining Tour Book for 2018, which is worth \$100's of dollars if the coupons are taken advantage of.

If we recognize your submission as the winner, you will be asked to surrender ownership of the art to the Peoria German American Central Society.

You can call me at 309-444-4656 if you have questions.



2018 Dining Tour Books

Dining Tour books for 2018 are now available for sale. Same price as last year: \$30.

Call me at 309-444-4656 or drop me an e-mail if you want one and I'll work with you to get your book to you. Books

will also be available at membership meetings, some Friday Nights at the Hall, and also at the Kristkindlmarkt during the next five months.

Coupons are good from the day you purchase it to October 31, 2018.

This year the Lindenhof again has two coupons in the book. Buy one buffet and get the second one for free!

Proceeds to benefit the Publicity and Media Committee. The funds are used to cover newsletter printing costs, stamps, ink toner for printers, card stock for posters etc.



New Ulm, Minnesota Bus Trip
4 Days: October 5th-8th, 2017

Peoria German Society members and their guests are invited. Not a member? Join today!

Come and experience this German settlement's annual Oktoberfest in its downtown area and in the Best Western Conference Center. Enjoy a tour of the historic August Schell Brewery. Take a city tour of the sites, including the town glockenspiel and the Hermann Monument. Listen to traditional Oktoberfest music and the choir, Chor Belcanto, from Goettingen, Germany.

Expenses: Hotel rooms are \$154 per night (3 nights), Oktoberfest Pass is \$15, Nominal cost for tours
Cost of bus will be \$100 per person, and will be paid by the German clubs for members.

Contact Paul Bishop at gewehr98@frontier.com or (309) 231-4620 to sign up. The bus will be filled on a first-come basis. Send Paul a non-refundable check for \$100 per person, made out to GACS to reserve your seat. It will be returned to club members on the bus upon departure.

Please do not contact the hotel for rooms. Paul will be managing the hotel rooming list.

Flyer can be downloaded from the link below:

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Archery Season at Hickory Grove Park

All archery events run from 1:00 to 4:00 at Hickory Grove. Daily fees are adults \$5, juniors \$3. Season passes are adults \$20, juniors \$10. Cash is preferred. If you have to write a check, please make it out to Bryan Brown. Non-German Club members are welcome to join us to check us out.

Bows are available for use. We also shoot cross-bows.

Sunday 9/03/2017
Sunday 9/24/2017
Sunday 10/08/2017
Sunday 10/29/2017
Sunday 11/12/2017

Contact Bryan Brown if you have questions: 691-8467



Calling All Golfers!

Our Golf League is almost over! Last day is Tuesday, August 29th We play on the Kellogg Executive Nine course. We hope you add this to your things to do next year!

Our golf banquet is set up for September 12th at Hickory Grove this year since they are refinishing the floors at the Lindenhof that week. Gate open at 5 pm.

Golfers who paid the \$15.00 fee at the beginning of the season will pay \$5.00 for their meal everyone else will pay \$10.00. Spouses are invited.

Please let me know by Aug. 29th if you/spouse will be attending the banquet so we can order the food.

Also, I will need to know who will be golfing our last week Aug. 29th so I can set up teams for our final golf event.

Please email me for both these events. Thanks Jane

Contact Jane at jklockenga1@gmail.com



SVP Schützen (Shooters) - Click on Link Below for More Information about Shooting

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[Schützen News:](#)

For additional information on the shooting program, contact me at 231-4620.

Schuß heil! Hauptmann Paul Bischoff



Harmonie Members and Guests Enjoying a Night Out with the Peoria Chiefs

Harmonie is Actively Seeking New Members!!

We know a number of you have expressed an interest in joining the German club. I know it can be a bit confusing. Harmonie is the German Men's Club which has a focus on singing, even though most of our members are not active singers. Harmonie has evolved over the years to offer a lot to our members than just the chance to sing. We have created a promotional piece with an application on the second page, which explains a bit about who we are and what we do. You will see that we offer a lot of value for your membership dues!

If you are interested in being a part of a group like this, dues are only \$30 per year. Each member chooses how active they want to be. We would love to have you join us!

If you have any questions about Harmonie please do not hesitate to contact me at 309-444-4656 or by e-mail at Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com

New Membership Offer to Males Interested in Joining Harmonie

Half price membership available to males who join Harmonie for the first time between June 1st to September 30th. Instead of \$30, new members only pay \$15!! If interested in joining Harmonie contact Jeff Pulfer at Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com or 309-444-4656.

Click below for Harmonie Membership Info:

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Future Harmonie Member Social Events in the Works:

Beerbrewing 101 with Scott Diestelkamp, Saturday, September 30 at Jeff Pulfer's in Washington

Harmonie Member Dinner Social (Stag), Saturday, September 30 at Jeff Pulfer's, 15 Pin Oak Ct, Washington, IL! Details coming soon!

Save the Date!!! Saturday, Oct. 21 st Harmonie is planning a Joint Social With Damenchor at Tom Stanesa's in Morton

Times / Events / Menu still in the planning stages. We will discuss at the September Meeting.

Note: This event is replacing the Wing Night we had last year. Since the Last Chance is under new management their wing specials on Sundays are no longer available.



Music and Culture Committee News:

We are always looking for people interested in the German Kultur.

For people interested in German Folk Dancing, the alphorns, or singing with Damenchor and Harmonie, click on the link below. Also details and links on learning German.

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[Music Opportunities!](#)

Beth Schwarzentraub of the Peoria Civic Chorale, would like to get some singers, particularly Sopranos, Tenors and

Basses, to sing with the Peoria Civic Choral, doing Beethoven's 9th Symphony on the 9th of September. The Chorale and other interested singers in the Peoria area will be accompanied by the Heartland Orchestra. Please call the office manager, Helen at 693 6725, for further information. All words will be in German. Some of our Damenchor and Harmonie Singers know at least one of these songs that we sang at our own Saengerfest: Freude, Freude.

Richard Krueger, a zither teacher, will provide free lessons and loan an instrument to interested persons. Please contact Richard Krueger at email address kruegerklan@hotmail.com, if you are interested.



Member News

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following spot is for information on special dates and happenings of the members. Please feel free to send me

news on Birthdays, Anniversaries, Births, Relocations, Special Recognitions, member health news, etc and I will post in the next e-mail.

Welcome New Members!!

Chuck Purtscher - Harmonie

Carl Anderson - Harmonie

Jeff Embry - Harmonie

Ted Johnson - Harmonie and SVP

John Sutter - Harmonie and SVP

Harold Prange - Harmonie

Tim Gaffigan - SVP

Rick Lippert - Harmonie

Jonathon Schache - SVP

Dawn Dickey - Damenchor

Birthdays of German Leaders/Celebrities

To cut down on the number of pages in the weekly newsletter, I've created an interactive PDF for you to find the month of the year to check out birthdays of famous Germans.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/Famous_G



SPECIAL OFFERS FOR SENIORS

Hey folks, in case you were not aware and you are 62 or older you have just a few more days to get a lifetime pass for National Parks for only \$10. If you go on-line it will cost you \$20. After August 28 the pass goes to \$80. Besides park entry it can also be used to get discounts for certain things in the parks (e.g. Half price on cave tours in NPs).

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/not-much-time-left-seniors-204103597.html>

Click on the link below to sign-up and pay on-line.

<https://yourpassnow.com/ParkPass/park/senior/SeniorPassInfoCollect>



News From Our Friends!



Formerly known as Erin Feis, Peoria Irish Fest has been in Peoria since 1981. Our festival celebrates all things Irish - culture, music, food, storytelling, dance, and much more. Peoria Irish Fest falls on the last weekend of August every year down on the RiverFront. Visit our website to stay up-to-date on who will be there, snag ticket specials, and improvements coming this year. Our festival is family friendly and fun for all so tell your friends and remember, everyone is Irish as Peoria Irish Fest!

<https://www.peoriairishfest.com/>



2017 KC #364 Oktoberfest

Musical entertainment provided by
Funf Dickie Deutcher Band-Peoria IL
German Heidelberg Band-Quincy IL
Juke House Band-Springfield IL

Date: Saturday Sept 9th

Time: 12:00 -10:30 PM

Place: KC #364 grounds 2200 Meadowbrook Rd, Springfield IL

Admission \$5.00 Kids under 12 free

Join us for day of German music, food, beer, games, German crafts and entertainment for the kids

For more information and vendor requests, contact Dave Groesch e-mail dmgroesch@att.net

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Scott Diestelkamp and Jeff Pulfer have a few free admission tickets that are available to club members. Please contact us if interested.



St. John's Oktoberfest!

Sunday, September 10th will be the 20th Oktoberfest at St. John. I've arranged a couple NEW SONGS as part of the service (replacing a couple that weren't really from German origins), and we are planning a GREAT DAY for all.

A flyer is attached with details....please feel free to pass this along to your friends, relatives, neighbors, enemies, or ANYONE you think might be interested.

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Peoria Historical Society

To Preserve, Share and Celebrate the Stories of the
Peoria Area

<http://www.peoriahistoricalsociety.org/>

Click below for Newsletter:

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fb30-48fa-936a-bd75aa0cae39.pdf](http://files.constantcontact.com/2ae112ef301/5c2ba330-fb30-48fa-936a-bd75aa0cae39.pdf)

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The Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society (TCGHS) library is located in the Ehrlicher Research Center at the above address. The library is open Monday 9 am-1 pm, Tuesday 9 am-1 pm & 7-9 pm, Wednesdays 9 am-4:30 pm, Thursday-Friday 9 am-1 pm, and Sundays 2-4:30 pm central standard time (closed on holidays and holiday weekends). The library is staffed with one or more trained volunteer genealogists.

Since we do depend on volunteers, unexpected closings can occur but are very rare. If you are coming through town and can't stop by during our normal hours, [email us](#) and we'll try to make arrangements to meet you at the library.

Do you know of a group, no matter what age, who would like a tour of our library - whether it be a grade school class, church group, or civic organization? If so, give us a call or send us an [email](#) to schedule a convenient time for a tour.

E-mail Link

<http://form.jotform.us/form/51625871999170>

GERMAN RESEARCH COLLECTION AT THE
TAZEWELL GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL
SOCIETY LIBRARY.

Many of the early settlers of Tazewell County emigrated from a region of northeast Germany known as Ostfriesland (East Friesland or East Friesland). Ortssippenbücher (OSB) books contain important information for Ostfriesen researchers such as names, occupations, family relationships, and dates of births, marriages, and deaths for families from a specific Ostfriesen town or village. The information (usually extracted from local church records) is presented alphabetically by family group surname. Our collection of OSB books is thought to be the largest in the State of Illinois.

The TCGHS Meets Monthly at 7:00pm at 719 N. Eleventh Street, Pekin

September 12 - Allison Alcorn will address the Hinners Organ Company founding in Pekin Illinois

October 10 – Jeff Ladd will address The Mill Museum and its connection to Route 66, the restoration process, its outlook to the future

October - Fall Conference with Lin Strong

November 14 – General Membership Meeting – program speaker will be Nancy Blackwell: Publishing Your Family's Genealogy Story.

December 12 – Christmas Party – Potluck at the library

Meetings are open to the public and last about 1 hour.



712 W Second Street, Davenport, IA

Check out their updated website!!!!

<http://gahc.org/>

ADMISSION

Adults: \$5 Seniors:\$4 Children: \$3 (5 – 17 years old)

Free for children under 5

Members: Free (Admission is free all year for members.

[\(Click here to learn how to become a member.\)](#)

Military Personnel: Free between Memorial Day – Labor Day.

Hours

Tuesdays through Saturday open 10 am – 4 pm;

Sunday open 12 – 4 pm.

Closed Mondays

Editor's Note: The Museum is about 90 miles from Peoria and makes for a nice day trip. If you have never been to

the museum, it is worth the visit!



Wheel Of Time Museum

Open May thru October - Wed thru Sunday, noon to 5:00 pm

E-mail: wotmuseum@aol.com Phone: 309-243-9020

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Note: At present, we accept only cash or checks

2017 Schedule

Sept 4 - Open Labor Day

Oct 8 - Fall Festival

Oct 29 - Last day open

<http://wheelsotime.org/>

The museum has 4 buildings with 30,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space. Many exhibits with items made in the past 50-100 years. Something for all ages to enjoy. 40 Cars, Steam locomotive, Cat tractors, plus Best and Holt, toys, dolls, fire engines including a 1931 Ahrens Fox, fashion, radio station, ag. lab, and much more.



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Beyond Boring Swiss: A Cheese Crawl of Switzerland

<http://www.vogue.com/article/guide-to-swiss-cheeses-switzerland-travel>

Interesting History on German Surnames

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/cm/2014/10/09/there-are-four-common-types-of-german-surnames-which-one-is-yours/>

It's Pilsners Turn

For years we had the pleasure of enjoying all sorts of ales, and more recently sours beers. Now it is lager's turn or more specifically, Pilsners. I just love a good pils on a hot summer day!

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/15ccb35d3205118a>

Vacation Planning Ideas:

Over the years I've created a list of vacation planning ideas. The list was getting quite long so I've created a downloadable PDF for those of you who want to check it out versus including the list of ideas in each newsletter. The pdf will reduce the amount of content in the weekly eNewsletter.

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I've updated the previous file. Added new site for Dirndls, which is featured on EBay:

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The previous site I had is no more for inexpensive dirndls. This new site has similar prices as the former if not better

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Looking for something unique, you might try Rare Dirndl

<https://raredirndl.com/pages/about-us>



MEMBERSHIP INFO:

NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

Anyone who is interested in checking out one of the affiliates is welcome to attend any of their membership meetings as well. Please contact the respective affiliate president before doing so, if you are not attending with one of their current members:

Damenchor: Debbie Hedeman (309) 444-8489

The purpose of this all female group is to promote German music, heritage, and traditions. We do this by continuing to participate in various civic and social events in the Peoria area, ensuring a German cultural presence in Peoria and surrounding communities. Prior to the meeting a free dinner is served beginning at 6pm.

Harmonie: Jeff Pulfer (309) 444-4656

This all male group strives to preserve German traditions through both German and American music. Harmonie is also involved in Community Service and Fundraising. Members are NOT required to sing, in fact most of our members do not currently sing, but are

primarily interested in promoting German Culture and Traditions. Our meetings are at 7:00 the first Wednesday of the month. Prior to the meeting a free dinner is served beginning at 6pm.

Sport Verein: Steve Dippel (309) 397-0464

Our co-ed Sport Verein group supports several disciplines of sports: soccer, air gun shooting, archery, bicycling, golf, hiking and running. The Sport Verein Peoria holds its business meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at Lindenhof. We welcome anyone who is interested to participate with the Deutsche Kultur. Prior to the meeting enjoy shooting and a light meal.

News of Interest From You

If you have news you would like to share with the other members please send it to me no later than the Friday before. Since much of the content is carried over from week to week during the month, all new, updated, or urgent content will have the main header in RED. This will make it easier for those of you who are extremely busy to see the changes from week to week.

Feel free to forward this update on to your family and friends! Thanks in advance! For those of you who would like to share your comments on any of our activities please use

our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/German-American-Central-Society-Inc/111237502243602>

Want to find out more of what is going on in Peoria?

Checkout www.peoria.com and www.peoria.com/events If you create an account, you will get a weekly e-mail with links to what is going on in the Peoria area.

Also, the Peoria Visitor's and Convention Bureau has a very comprehensive site as well: <http://www.peoria.org/>

More:

<http://www.whofish.org>

<http://www.eventcrazy.com/>

<http://eventful.com/>

<http://www.explorepeoria.com/pages/EventsCalendar>

<http://www.peoriachamber.org/calendar/> Peoria Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

<http://pjstar.eviesays.com/> Peoria Journal Star and other area Newspaper event calendar

<http://www.ciproud.biz/events.amp> - WMDB event calendar

<http://www.artspartners.net/>

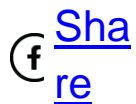
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