

**Peoria German American Society's Weekly Newsletter**  
**November 6, 2017**



**Join us on Friday at the Lindenhof to Recognize Our Veterans!**

Editor's Comments:

Veterans' Day, November 11

If you are a veteran the German American Society would like to thank you for your service. We would like you to join us for dinner on Friday, November 10. Your dinner will be only \$6!!

GACS Board Meeting on Monday November 13 at 7pm.  
Election of officers for 2018!

Kristkindlmarkt Is Coming!!!

Please note the volunteer opportunities for the Kristkindlmarkt this coming year. All are not listed since I need to contact some folks from last year as to their interest.

Vendors for the Kristkindlmarkt - All Indoor Tables are Filled!!!

Great news, we have all of our tables filled indoors both weekends. Might have some room outside, but not much.

This year we even have vendors coming from Indiana. I guess the word is getting out on our great Holiday event!

Join Us Now!!!

NOTE: If you join us now your membership will be good through December 31st 2018!!

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

Nov 10: Buffet w/ Beef Stroganoff, Swiss Steak, & Bratwurst  
Wilanna Vogel on the Accordion  
Stammtisch Night - Practice Your German!

On November 10 Veteran's meals are half price (\$6.00).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!

Nov 17: Buffet w/ Jäger Schnitzel, Roast Pork, w/Spiced Apples &  
Wienerwald Chicken  
The Legendary Rathskellar Brummers

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 November Menu!

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Chat: Updated New Fest Issue for 2017! Oktoberfest Version V Now Available!!! Includes 2017-2018 Public Calendar of Events! The file has been updated since last week. The dates were correct, but I was still showing 2016 in some of the headings.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/27065214-2a4d64b1040f/2017\\_Oktoberfest\\_Edition.01.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/27065214-2a4d64b1040f/2017_Oktoberfest_Edition.01.pdf)

2018 Yearbooks Available at the Lindenhof!

Make sure you pick up your latest version of our Yearbook at the Lindenhof. We want to thank all of you who sponsored an ad in this year's book.

NOTE: Dates in the Calendar are subject to change.

**URGENT!!!**

For those of GACS members 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!!!

Also, anyone who receives this newsletter and you change e-mail addresses please contact me or change your subscriber preferences with the link at the bottom of this newsletter. Danke!

## FUTURE DATES



Lindenhof Hall Decorating for the Holidays!

Join us for a fun day of decorating the hall for the

Holidays.

Sunday, November 12th beginning at 10am

Food and beverages provided!

Hans Busch will be looking for volunteers to put up the two large tents outside the same day.

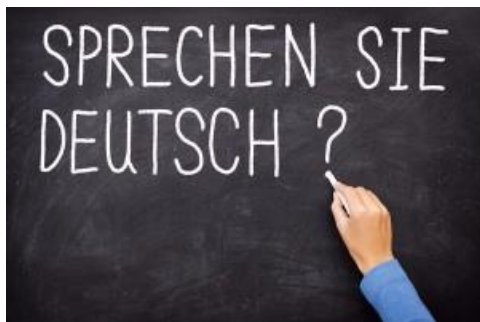


Fall Cleanup at Hickory Grove Park!

Bring your rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves and enjoy a day helping us to clean-up Hickory Grove Park for the year.

The fun begins on Sunday, November 19th at 9 am in the morning. For those that attend church on Sunday mornings don't worry we will be still be working until about

2pm in the afternoon. Donuts, lunch and beverage



### Kinderkränzchen

What? A fun way for children and their parents to learn German.

When? Sundays November 19 and January 14  
from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Where? German American Society  
Lindenhof, 7601 N. Harker Drive, Peoria, IL

What to expect? Parents and children participate in activities together.

The book we will be exploring is "Oh, Wie Schön ist Panama" by Janosch

<http://www.janosch.de/index.html> Check it out!!

The book covers topics such as home, meeting new friends, travel and learning from our experiences.

Contact Christine Strelecky to register and for more details:  
[cstrelecky@gmail.com](mailto:cstrelecky@gmail.com) or by texting 309 621 3871 SPACE

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## 8th Annual Kristkindlmarkt at the Lindenhof

Imagine closing your eyes and waking up in Germany, exploring old world Christmas Magic. It seems too good to be true...but then you realize it's not a dream, it's the 8th Annual Kristkindlmarkt at the Lindenhof. You will find German beer steins, German smokers, handmade ornaments, custom jewelry, and numerous one of a kind fine art and craft pieces, perfect for gift giving. Also enjoy live entertainment and traditional German food and of course a hot steaming mug of gluhwein. Meet the Kristkindl and Santa Claus. It's a weekend of Holiday Fun that everyone will enjoy!

Dates:



Sat., Nov. 25th: 10 am to 5 pm

Sun., Nov. 26th: 11am to 5 pm

And

Sat., Dec. 9th: 10 am to 5 pm

Sun., Dec. 10th: 11am to 5 pm

If anyone has a musical talent and would like to perform at this year's Christmas Market please contact me. Set-up space is limited. The only amplification we want to use is our PA system or what is built into our electronic piano. We may ask you to demonstrate your talent prior to the weekend we would want you to perform. Please contact me at 309-444-4656 or Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail .com.

Click Below for a Kristkindlmarkt Flyer:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/fff51789-17e6-42e6-9d7b-c9d325a5feb4/2017\\_Christmas\\_Market\\_Flyer.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/fff51789-17e6-42e6-9d7b-c9d325a5feb4/2017_Christmas_Market_Flyer.pdf)

[Listen for Radio ad for the Kristkindlmarkt each week of the event on 101.1 Jack FM and 98.5 Kiss FM](#)

New flyer with Radio Stations:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/59f3dac0-e5e4-4707-956f-86c28a571acf/2017\\_Christmas\\_Market\\_Flyer\\_Radio.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/59f3dac0-e5e4-4707-956f-86c28a571acf/2017_Christmas_Market_Flyer_Radio.pdf)

Kristkind and Santa Claus for 2018

KRISTKIND FOUND!!: Paul Bishop's daughter, Anna Lawson has agreed to be our Kristkindl both weekends this year. For my understanding she speaks a bit of German as well, which will be our first German speaking Kristkindl since the first one we had.

Times are:

Sat., Nov. 25th: 10:30 am to 1 pm

Sun., Nov. 26th: 11:30 am to 2 pm

And

Sat., Dec. 9th: 10:30 am to 1 pm

Sun., Dec. 10th: 11:30 am to 2 pm

Volunteers Needed for the Kristkindlmarkt!!

Hi folks I need a few folks each day to sell items as well as distribute literature at the Public Relations and Media Table each day during the Kristkindlmarkt.

One to two people per shift. This a great opportunity for a couple to work together and have some fun supporting the club. You do not have to be a member of the German Society to Volunteer. You will be provided with a meal and drink ticket for each shift you work. I can be flexible on your shift time if needed.

Saturday, November 25:

9:45 am – 12:30 pm

12:15 pm – 3:00 pm Mark and Kim Barrick

2:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 26:

10:45 am – 1:00 pm

12:45 pm – 3:00 pm

2:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 9:

9:45 am – 12:30 pm

12:15 pm – 3:00 pm

2:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 10:

10:45 am – 1:00 pm

12:45 pm – 3:00 pm

2:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Room Set-up Friday, Nov 24 and Dec 8!

Volunteers needed at 9:00 pm both evenings to move tables and put away chairs for the opening on the Kristkindlmarkt the following morning. Four or more people can do this in around 30 minutes. Please contact me if you can help out or if you at the hall on these evenings please step in and give us a hand. Thanks!

**CLEAN UP CREWS NEEDED ON SUNDAYS**

November 26 and Dec 10!

After the vendors move out each Sunday evening we will need volunteers to put the Lindenhof back in order. Most of this is composed of putting chairs and tables back in place. Some cleaning is required as well – sweeping, vacuuming, bathroom clean-up etc. Anyone who can stick around and help out your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Pizza and beverages will be provided.



Monthly German Club Meetings  
Harmonie and Damenchor Meetings, Wednesday,  
December 6th  
Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm Meeting At The  
Lindenhof!

If you are a Harmonie Member and we have 25 of more members for the meeting we buy a round at the end of the meeting!

SVP Meeting, Thursday, December 7th at the Lindenhof

Meeting at 7:30 pm

GACS Board Meeting, Monday, December 11th at the  
Lindenhof!

7:00 pm meeting



## Affiliate and Committee News

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



## Teams Needed for the Kitchen at the Lindenhof for 2018

Please contact Julie Brown ASAP [309-691-8467](tel:309-691-8467) or send her an e-mail. [brownjm@mtco.com](mailto:brownjm@mtco.com)

At least 9 teams are needed to make this work. Teams consist of folks to collect money at the door, serve the food, and clear tables. Also teams are expected to show up and setup for the dinner. Our doors open at 5:00 so you will need to be there before we open. We stop serving by 8 pm so it makes for a short night. All volunteers will get a free dinner and drinks.

You can form your own team of friends and family or we can help find a team for you. You can also volunteer to be a substitute and fill in as needed.



## 2018 Dining Tour Books

Dining Tour books for 2018 are now available for sale. Same price as last year: \$30. **BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HALL!**

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.

If you use the two Lindenhof Coupons you save \$24. Combine that with 2 coupons at Double A's for pizza buy one get one large pizza you will save up to a total of \$62!!! Dining Tour Books are available at the Lindenhof!! Get yours today!! Lots more great values in this year's book!



## 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 11/12/2017 LAST DAY OF THE SEASON!

Contact Bryan Brown if you have questions: 691-8467





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 is Actively Seeking New Members!!

Harmonie Reaches 2017 Membership Goal of 130 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](mailto:Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com)

Click below for Harmonie Membership Info:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/e0e7b18f-232b-48c3-91d6-ae66a6335264/Harmonie\\_Promo\\_2.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/e0e7b18f-232b-48c3-91d6-ae66a6335264/Harmonie_Promo_2.pdf)

Future Harmonie Member Social Events in the Works:

Members Social at Tom Stanesa – Date to be Determined

Bradley Basket Ball Game after first of the year!

Hockey Game after first of the year!

Craft Brewery Tour of St. Louis???

Christmas Schooner – Saturday, December 16 - 3pm  
performance

Harmonie Board for 2018

President - Jeff Pulfer

1st VP - Hans Busch

2nd VP - Paul Bishop

Membership Secretary - Scott Diestelkamp

Secretary - Andy Sepich

Treasurer – Craig Ruffolot

Delegates - Louie Mayer, Craig Ruffolo, Brent Caras, John  
Katzke alternate: Matt Doling

Harmonie would like to thank Adam Gudat for his years of  
service as Treasurer.



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.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/Music\\_and\\_Culture\\_Committee\\_News.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/Music_and_Culture_Committee_News.pdf)

Guitar Player Wanted:

Al Hedeman is looking for someone who plays the guitar. If you do and are interested in finding out more please call Al at: 685-7217

NOTE: If you do play an acoustic guitar and you can play about 20 minutes of Christmas music I would be interested in

talking to you about performing at the Kristkindlmarkt. If anyone knows of anyone who plays guitar please and might be interested have them call me at: 309-444-4656. Thanks!  
Jeff



## St. Martin's Day

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

St. Martin character in a procession in West Germany. Saint Martin's Day, also known as the Feast of Saint Martin, Martinstag or Martinmas, the Feast of [Saint Martin of Tours](#) or Martin le Miséricordieux, is celebrated on [November 11](#) each year. This is the time when autumn wheat seeding was completed, and the annual slaughter of fattened cattle produced "Martinmas beef". Historically, hiring fairs were held where farm laborers would seek new posts.

Saint Martin of Tours started out as a [Roman soldier](#) then was baptized as an adult and became a [monk](#). It is understood that he was a kind man who led a quiet and simple life. The best known legend of his life is that he once cut his cloak in half to share with a beggar during a

snowstorm, to save the beggar from dying from the cold. That night he dreamed that [Jesus](#) was wearing the half-cloak. Martin heard Jesus say to the angels, "Here is Martin, the Roman soldier who is not baptised; he has clothed me."

In many parts of Germany it is traditional for children to participate in a procession of paper lanterns in remembrance of St. Martin. They make their own little lanterns in school or kindergarten and then gather on city streets to sing songs about good old Marty and their lanterns. Often a man dressed as St. Martin with a long red cloak leads the parade on horseback.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St.\\_Martin%27s\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Martin%27s_Day)  
<http://www.thelocal.de/20131111/15437>



## 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!!

Bill Shaner - Harmonie  
Kristen Shaner - Damenchor  
Frank Zupancic - SVP  
Michelle Stalter - SVP  
Steve Heine - SVP  
Matt Miller - Harmonie  
Eric Davis - Harmonie

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.

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News From Our Friends!



Sunday, November 19, 2017 ~ 2 pm  
Concert Orchestra, Prep Orchestra and Percussion  
Ensemble  
at Metamora Township High School

Friday, December 1, 2017 ~ 7:30 pm  
Youth Symphony and Concert Orchestra  
at ICC Performing Arts Center

Formerly Known as Central Illinois Youth Symphony







Peoria Historical Society

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

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

Splendor of Christmas Past 2017



Celebrate the Splendor of Christmas Past with the Peoria Historical Society's annual historic holiday home tour. Pettengill-Morrison House will have a Christmas tradition

theme in each room, see Santa's workshop, a wonderful winter wedding display, a wildlife room and other festive surprises. Flanagan House is showcasing country in the city with music, photography and Bob Page's HO models of old Peoria stores. Three private homes on Moss Avenue will be exquisitely decorated and open to be inspired by their historic charm, beautiful woodwork and architectural significance. Start your shopping at one of the gift shops and be sure to participate in the raffle for some unique gift baskets.

Tour begins Saturday, December 2nd 5pm to 9pm and continues Sunday, December 3rd 1pm to 5pm

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door of any of the homes. Tickets will be available November 10th and can be purchased at:

The Peoria Historical Society office - 611 SW Washington St. Peoria, IL - only location to accept credit card payment. Open Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 4:30 pm 309-674-1921

Gregg Florist - 1015 E War Memoria Dr. Peoria

Relics - 1219 W Glen Ave., Peoria

Exhibit A Gallery - 4607 N. Prospect, Peoria Heights

Urban Artifacts - 925 N Sheridan, Peoria

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**TAZEWELL COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society

Ehrlicher Research Center

719 N. Eleventh Street, Pekin, Illinois

(309) 477-3044

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 Fresia). 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

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.



Enjoy the delights of Christmas in an Olde World Setting -  
Ferdinand, Indiana

In Germany, Christmas wares and gifts are sold in the festival-style setting of Christkindmarkt. The custom began in the 14th century and continues today in the charming "Bavarian" village of Ferdinand, Indiana, the only town in the world named after Ferdinand I of Austria. The Ferdinand Christkindmarkt, held the third full weekend in November annually, features over 200 lavishly decorated booths spilling over with quality hand-created items, antiques, art, Christmas wares, delicious regional food and wine, live entertainment, free concerts, free tours and so much more.

## Opening Ceremony:

(November 17)

Friday, 6:30 p.m. EST

## Markt Hours:

(November 18)

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(November 19)

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Video from Last Year:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=2&v=NIINLsTuXJc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=NIINLsTuXJc)

Long Video but worth a watch!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcO4Tt3DKXQ>

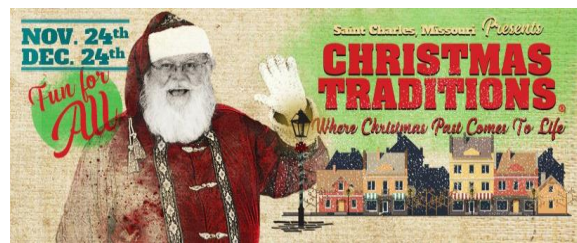


Each year, people from all over the world visit the Christkindlmarket Chicago. The outdoor market in the

Chicago Loop has become so popular and loved by everyone that any Chicagoan will tell you that they could not imagine the city without it. Christkindlmarket Chicago is no longer just a German tradition, it has become a Chicago institution. The unique shopping experience, typical German food and drinks, as well as diverse holiday entertainment make the Christkindlmarket Chicago a preferred and popular destination. Admission is FREE! Chicago market opens on November 17.

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

A second Christkindlmarket is on Naperville this year! If you do not want to mess with Downtown Chicago, Naperville may be a good option for you!



Welcome to a place where Christmas past and present become one, where storybook characters come to life before your very eyes, and where the typical hustle and bustle of the holiday season melts away and allows you to enjoy the yuletide sights, sounds, and magic of yesteryear.



Welcome to Saint Charles Christmas Traditions!

This annual month long festival celebrates the best of the holiday season. From the boisterous cheer of our legendary Christmas figures and joyful singing of our harmonious carolers, to the unique shopping and dining opportunities found along the festival decorated brick lined streets, Christmas Traditions offers something special for everyone. And with over 40 years of the favorite holiday tradition, there has never been more to experience!

At Saint Charles Christmas Traditions, you have the opportunity to interact with some of the most famous figures in holiday history, literature, and folklore. From the majestic pageantry of our Santas from around the world, to the good humor and cheer of the Sugar Plum Fairy, to the mischievous antics of the [Master of Revels](#) and [Ebenezer Scrooge](#) - all of our Legends look forward to meeting you and your family. And with over 50 different characters wandering the street, there will be plenty of Christmas adventures awaiting you on your visit!

Enjoy the special sounds of the season as Saint Charles' official Victorian carolers, the Cobblestone Wassailiers, serenade you with the familiar melodies of your favorite traditional Christmas carols. And for a different type of musical treat, be sure to enjoy the Sleigh Bell Singers and the Evergreens - quartets that specialize in the popular holiday standards from the 1940s and 1950s.

FESTIVAL HOURS: November 24 to December 24

Every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday

Opening Day: November 24 11am to 9pm

Wednesdays 6pm to 9pm

Fridays 6pm to 9pm

Saturdays 11am to 9pm

Sundays Noon to 5pm

Christmas Eve: December 24 11am to 2pm



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



Various Links of Interest Related to German Culture

Click on the link below to for a file with numerous links to various information on German Culture

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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.

Click to Download the list of Vacation Ideas:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/Vacation\\_Planning\\_Ideas\\_2016.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/Vacation_Planning_Ideas_2016.pdf)



## Tracht/Clothing and More!!

For those of you interested in buying German Tracht Clothing, I've created a downloadable PDF for you. The pdf will reduce

the amount of content in the weekly eNewsletter.

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

Lukas: [http://stores.ebay.com/Lukas-Mode?\\_trksid=p2047675.l2563](http://stores.ebay.com/Lukas-Mode?_trksid=p2047675.l2563)

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

Click to download document with list of more tracht websites:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/a1889396-3016-41ad-adc3-4f47d242bc24/Lederhosen and Dirndls 2.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/a1889396-3016-41ad-adc3-4f47d242bc24/Lederhosen_and_Dirndls_2.pdf)

Looking for something unique, you might try Rare Drindl

<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](http://www.peoria.com) and [www.peoria.com/events](http://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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