

Peoria German American Society's Weekly Newsletter
May 15, 2017



Editor's Comments:

Please drop me a note if you are interested in walking in the 30th Annual Louie, Louie Parade on Friday, May 5. If you plan on walking with us, please wear something German. The parade begins at 4:30 pm

Please listen to WWCT-FM and Jack FM one week before each summer picnic to hear ads on our fests!

ATM Now Available at the Lindenhof!

Kids 5 and Under Now Eat for Free on Friday Nights!! Kids 10 and Under Eat for Just \$6!

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

May 19: Buffet w/ Fried Chicken, Jäger Schnitzel, & Pulled Pork

The Legendary Rathskellar Brummers!

May 26: Buffet w/ Beef Rouladen, Roast Pork, Gypsy Schnitzel

Wilanna Vogel on the Accordion

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!

Click below for May Menu

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Chat: New Fest Issue for 2017!

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/d11a017d-08d6-480f-8cf5-70924d15755f/2017_Fest_Season_May.pdf

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



30th Annual Louie, Louie Parade & River Jam on Friday, May 26th!

The chairman of this year's event, Gin Burwitz, from Advance Media of Peoria (98.5 KISS FM and WWCT-FM), has asked us to participate in this year's Louie, Louie Parade. She loves our German Tracht and thinks we would be a fun addition to the event. Several years ago we did participate in the parade and I would like to have his do this again. This event would be a great event for us to promote our club as well as have some fun.

In past years, I used my pickup truck to carry a banner promoting the Lindenhof and a number of our members walked the short parade route passing out handbills for

our events at Hickory Grove.

We will be looking for new ideas to add to our past presence as well as more folks to participate.

UPDATED INFO: The parade kicks off at 4:30 from Civic Center Parking Lot on Monroe Street. For those in the parade we are suppose to be there by 3:15 pm. For anyone interested we will gather at Kenny's Westside Pub, 112 SW Jefferson Ave, starting at 1:30 pm for drinks and lunch for those that are hungry. I had mentioned Ulrich's Irish Rebellion, but Kenny's has much more room.



Monthly German Club Meetings
SVP Meeting, Thursday, June 1st at the Lindenhof
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Harmonie and Damenchor Meetings, Wednesday, June
7th

Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm
June, July, August, and September Meetings Moving
back to 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! If you missed the April meeting you missed
out on a beverage!!

GACS Board Meeting, Monday, June 12 at the
Lindenhof!
7:00 pm meeting



Sommerfest at Hickory Grove!!!

Celebrate the beginning of Summer German-style the Sport
Verein's annual Sommerfest at Hickory Grove Park. This
two day event features German food, soccer, German car

and bike cruis'n, arts and crafts, and entertainment. This is a family friendly event. Free admission.

Hickory Grove Park is at 12503 Hickory Grove Rd., Dunlap is just north of Peoria. Take Route 40 (old Rt 88) North to Hickory Grove Rd. Turn east and look for additional signs.

Rock'n Wurst Saturday June 10th – noon to 8 PM

Rock, blues and pop music is featured this day along with Bratwurst, Kraut, German Potato Salad and Bratwurst sandwiches!

Entertainment: Local artists playing from 12:30-3:00pm. Ed and Judy from 4pm-8 pm

Soccer will be played on the main field. German beer and wine and other beverages will be available along with sandwiches: Brats, Heidelbergburgers, and hot dogs and German side dishes.

German Fest Sunday, June 11th – Noon to 8 PM

A traditional German Fest is on Sunday. Sunday features a German Car and Motorcycle Cruis'n from noon to 5:00 pm. Anyone with a German car or bike is encouraged to participate. Admission is free. The driver or rider will receive a coupon good for one beverage or sandwich.

Also our Arts and Crafts Village offers a variety of handmade items from local handy crafters. A German gift

tent will be open offering a number of imported items from Germany for sale. Many of these gifts are the perfect gift for Father's Day!

Al's Pals and the Vogel Musik will be playing German music in the afternoon along with the Lindenhof Echos, our Alpine Horn Group.

Peoria Area Men's and Women's league games will be played throughout the day.

Other activities will include: folks dancing and a shooting tent. Air gun shooters have the opportunity to earn prizes. A playground is available for the kids along with face painting.

Complete dinner available on Sunday as well as a sandwich line. Food served on Sunday includes: Schweinbraten (roast pork), Bratwurst, Heidelbergers, Hot Dogs, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, and dessert.

No dogs or outside coolers allowed during the fest.

NEW THIS YEAR!!!! Foot Dart Board!

Click Below for Sommerfest Flyer:

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Volunteers Needed!!

Sommerfest kicks off the first of four great German Fests at Hickory Grove. This event is one of Sportverein's main fund raisers for the year and helps SVP fund many of our activities. If you are available this weekend please feel free to volunteer - contact Tom Franken 256-3170 or Nate Eisfelder 370-4019 to work at the event.

With 400 members in the club it is very hard for us to determine who is interested and available for working at one of our events unless you contact one of the chairman, especially those of you who have joined since last summer. We will need help with the bar, the kitchen, and the shooting tent. Also, on Saturday morning we need plenty of help peeling potatoes for our fabulous German Potato Salad!

I'm also looking for a few volunteers to help with the Publicity and Media tent at the front gate. If you like chatting with new people, then I have a job for you!

Please contact Glenda Franken 202-6363 if you would like to work in the kitchen on either day.

All workers will receive a dinner and beverages for your efforts.

Tracht Consignment Sale at Hickory Grove

The Publicity and Media Committee is providing folks with the opportunity to sell and/or purchase used German tracht – German clothing. Anyone who wants to sell any item of German clothing at the event will need to drop off the item at the publicity and media table at the front gate the day of each fest. On each item of clothing please pin a piece of paper with the price, the size of the item, and your contact information.

If your item is sold, the Publicity and Media committee will keep 10% of the sale.

UPDATE: All Tracht we had at the Maifest sold!!!!

Hickory Grove Parking Lot

Hey, folks with the increase in attendance at our picnics we've created a problem for ourselves that we haven't had in sometime - too many vehicles!!!

For each fest we need a handful of folks to step up and help park cars. We need 3--4 people for each fest from around 11:45 am to 2:30-3:00 pm to direct traffic in the parking lot. While working, you will be provided with refreshments and of course after your shift you will be provided a meal and additional beverages. You do not have to be a member to do this.

I started my volunteering career with the club over 30 years ago parking cars before I joined.

If interested in volunteering for this you can contact the fest chairperson:

Sommerfest - Tom Franken or Nate Eisfelder

Volksfest - Al Smith

Bratfest - Jeff Pulfer

Schlachtfest - Bob Eissler

Drop me a not and I will forward your interest to the respective chairman.



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

Car and motorcycle crusin'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.

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.

The car shows are to run from noon to 5 pm and we have some folks not arrive until 4 pm. We will make exceptions to this if you contact me via e-mail 24 hours in advance to advise me of your late arrival. You should still be on the grounds no later than 3 pm.

Sommerfest - Sun. June 11th

German Cars & Motorcycles

Volksfest - Sun. July 2nd

Pre-1990 Classic Cars, Trucks, & Motorcycle made anywhere in the world

Bratfest - Sun. August 6th

Muscle Cars, Hot Rods, Sports Car, Convertibles, & Customized Motorcycles made anywhere in the world

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 – The Return!!!

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.

Mark your calendars now.

DATES:

Sommerfest - Sun. June 11th

Volksfest - Sun. July 2nd

Bratfest - Sun. August 6th

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:

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The Traditions Behind Our Fine Arts and Craft Villages at Hickory Grove Park

Modern Day Mittelaltermarkt in Germany

<http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/projects/middleages/town/town.html>

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

http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=en&prev=/search%3Fq%3DMittelaltermarkt%26hl%3Den%26biw%3D1072%26bih%3D814%26prmd%3Divns&rurl=translate.google.com&sl=de&twu=1&u=http://www.mittelalter-abc.de/home.html&usg=ALkJrhjnO0ZIfkDb8CsvzTxF0H4laJKI5g

Same site above, but in German: <http://www.mittelalter-abc.de/>

<http://staedte.ritterturniere.com/>

If you want to learn more about other German Medieval Markets type in Mittelaltermarkt in to your browser.



Die Sportverein Peoria Schützen cordially invite you to the 16th Annual Andreas Hofer Wettschiessen

Individual and Team Matches for Air Pistol, Air Rifle and ½ supported Air Rifle.

Date: June 24th, 2017 Squadding and breakfast begin at 7:30AM. Those arriving from out-of-town may arrive as late as 9AM. First Relay Fires at 8AM. Host team will begin earlier so they can assist in hosting the match. We request early arrival if shooters are sharing a gun.

Location: at “the Lindenhof”, at 7601 N. Harker Drive, Peoria Illinois

Please let Paul Bishop, Gewehr98@frontier.com, know who will be shooting which disciplines by June 15 th for smooth match operation. Also include which shooters will be sharing airguns. If more than two are sharing one gun, we ask some of those shooters to arrive by 8 A.M. for efficient squadding.

Click below for more information:

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2017 Sportverein Schützenball!

Fellow Schützenbrüder, Schützenschwestern und Freunde, it is my pleasure to invite you to our 2017 Sportverein Schützenball.

Who: Everybody interested in enjoying traditional German Gemütlichkeit

What: German Food, Drink, Music, Dancing, etc.

When: June 24th, 2017, doors will open at 5:30 with the meal at 6:30 PM

Where: the Lindenhof, 7601 N. Harker Drive Peoria, IL 61615

Why: To celebrate our Schützenkameradschaft in the German Tradition

Dinner: 3-main course buffet with side dishes and dessert

Music and Dancing to: the Eddie Korosa Jr. Trio. Prices: \$20.00 per person for dinner and dancing if payment is received by June 16 th . \$25 per person after June 16 th . (checks made out to SVP)

To register, send payment to Paul Bishop 838 W Singing Woods Rd Edelstein, IL 61526, or send it to the Lindenhof c/o Paul Bishop. If you have problems, contact me, Paul Bishop, at gewehr98@frontier.com or 231-4620.

Click below for the invitation:

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Affiliate and Committee News

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



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 5/21/2017
Sunday 6/04/2017
Sunday 6/18/2017
Saturday 7/01/2017
Sunday 7/16/2017
Saturday 8/05/2017
Sunday 8/20/2017
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!

Still time to join our Golf League. You can join at any time during the year! Our league starts on April 4th and play continues through August 29th every Tuesday with a starting tee of time of 4:00 p.m. (Exception July 4th no golf league play). We play on the Kellogg Executive Nine course. Green fee this year is \$11.50. Our golf membership fee is \$15.00 which goes toward prizes and the banquet at the end of our season.

Your SVP membership dues are \$30.00 for the year. If you have paid your dues to another affiliate you are eligible to play in the golf league without joining SVP. You will need to pay the \$15 participant fee though.

We are a friendly group with a wide variety of skill levels and we love to socialize after our round of golf by going to a different restaurant each week. Please come join us at our meeting if you are interested in golfing this year. Sub sandwiches will be provided and feel free to bring a side dish. Cash bar.

Contact Jane at jklockenga1@gmail.com

NOTE TO GOLFERS: Anyone who has not paid their Membership Dues for 2017 can give them to me, Jeff Pulfer, on Tuesday, May 2nd. I will get them to the correct affiliate Membership Secretary.



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

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/SVP_Schützen_News.pdf

Schützen News:

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

Schuß heil! Hauptmann Paul Bischoff



New Hofbrau T-Shirts Are Here!

The T-shirts have arrived! After one weekend we sold out of XL already! More on order! Thanks to all of you who bought one already.

T-shirts will sell for \$10. 2XL and larger for \$12.

We will have T-shirts in the following sizes available: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large and 2XL. If someone needs a 3XL we will put you on a list when we order additional shirts.

5- 3XLs have been ordered!

Net proceeds will benefit the Publicity and Media Committee.

Shirts will be available at all of our Fests at the Lindenhof and Hickory Grove until supplies run out



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

Click below for Harmonie Membership Info:

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Future Harmonie Member Social Events in the Works:

Harmonie Night at the Peoria Chiefs - Thursday, June 8th See below for more info.

Harmonie Night at the Peoria Bachfest - date to be determined

Click below for 2017 Bachfest Schedule

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Harmonie at the Peoria Chief's

Thursday, June 8th @ 7pm

All Harmonie members are invited to attend a Peoria Chiefs game on Thursday, June 8th at Dozer Park in downtown Peoria. Each member and one guest will get a free ticket to attend.

You may bring additional guests, but you will need to pay the cost of the advance ticket price of \$9 for each additional guest.

The game begins at 7pm against Kane County. If you do not have e-mail please contact: Scott Diestelkamp at 210-7541 to reserve your tickets by Tuesday, May 30th if you plan on attending.

You may also reserve your tickets (preferred) on-line. Use the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_g02J2-5AhtLGahBHtGK7NXGE02Q9XcPuur7JJv9JKnTjYQ/viewform

Your tickets may be picked up at the Harmonie Meeting on Wednesday, June 7th or at the gate before the game.

Please contact Scott if you have any questions.

We will let everyone know where we are sitting so if at the last minute you do decide to come you can purchase your own tickets and join us.

If you have e-mail you have already been notified and should make ticket reservations on-line.

We had a great time last year! Hope you can join us!

Click for flyer:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/31d9a5d9-ee3a-46f2-afe1-1e48f09af1db/2017_Chief_s_Game.pdf



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%20and%20Culture%20Committee%20News.pdf)



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!!

Tom Whalen - Harmonie

Anthony Frazee - Harmonie 7 SVP

Judy Sandow - Damenchor

Thomas Herr - Harmonie

Pat Roesler - Harmonie

Tammie Roesker - Damenchor

Tami Bishop - SVP
Eric Davis - SVP
Kevin Kelly - SVP
James Warren - SVP

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

Interesting History on German Surnames

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

Three Millennia of German Brewing

Very interesting read. Click on the link below:

<http://www.germanbeerinstitute.com/history.html>



News From Our Friends!



Shallowbrook Farm In Bradford

Harmonie Member, Martin Beam, recently became the General Manager at Shallowbrook Farm in Bradford.

Bradford is only about 30 minutes from Peoria. They can accommodate about 30 comfortably overnight for family vacations, church retreats, and such. They are also a wedding destination and are able to host a couple of hundred people on the property for the event.

We have a Facebook page and are currently working on

a website. We can be found on Facebook @ShallowbrookfarmBradford. Address: 11599 200 Ave N, Bradford, Illinois 61421

Editor's Note: My apologies to Martin. I misinterpreted a phone call with him. He is only the General Manager at Shallowbrook Farm and NOT the owner.



Peoria Sister City Youth Exchange

Each year, approximately 15-20 teenagers (16 to 19 years of age) from one city visit the other for three weeks in the summer. The following year, the roles are reversed.

The guests participate in the daily life of their host families and join in local events in the community. Group events bring everyone together and create long-lasting friendships among all participants.

This program is a chance to host a student from a foreign country, not as a tourist, but as a member of a family and community. The exchanges are personal, and the experiences create life-enriching relationships.

This summer, students from Friedrichshafen, Germany will travel to Peoria for three weeks, from July 25 - August 13. We are currently accepting applications for host families.

www.peoriasistercity.org
2016 Youth Exchange

Email for more information:
YouthExchange@PeoriaSisterCity.org

Click below for an Application!

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/caab238b-07f6-43fb-b815-b925a5071f07/Youth_Exchange_Application.pdf



Peoria Historical Society

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

It's time to get acquainted with our new executive director, in our newsletter or in person at the PHS annual meeting Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 5 p.m. at Pettengill-Morrison House Museum. Learn about other upcoming events like Caribbean Rhythms on the River with Coco Loco, our 2017 history tours, and other updates.

Click below for Newsletter:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/2ae112ef301/5c2ba330-fb30-48fa-936a-bd75aa0cae39.pdf>

**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.



712 W Second Street, Davenport, IA

Enjoy an interactive experience as you learn about immigrants' journey by sea, train and foot, to their final

destination at the German American Heritage Center building, which was originally a very busy hotel for thousands of immigrants in the 1860s.

The museum includes a large permanent exhibit and two rotating special exhibits. Within the permanent exhibit, visitors enjoy an orientation theater, six education stations, and two restored hotel rooms.

One of the highlights in the exhibit is called “Step into my Shoes.” Visitors will find footprints of a child, female and male at this section. They can step on any set of the footprints, which then triggers the corresponding character to appear before them on a screen and talk about their personal experience as an immigrant. Visitors may also try on clothing that immigrants would have worn during the turn of the century, and enjoy exploring many artifacts on display.

The museum also provides several programs, classes, and workshops throughout the year.

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!

Civil War Veterans Headstones Dedication: Saturday
May 27, 1:00PM Davenport City Cemetery.

Speakers, live music, and cemetery walk. 23 previously unmarked graves will receive new headstone from the Veterans Administration. Refreshments on site. Sexton's Cottage open for visiting or research. Info: [563-449-2358](tel:563-449-2358) or darnallkory@mchsi.com

Editor's Note: We've been asked if any of our members would be interested in attending this event. Many of the unmarked graves contain soldiers born in Germany who died in our Civil War.



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>

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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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

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:

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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 there current members:

Damenchor: Debbie Hedeman (309) 444-8489

The purpose of the 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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