

Das Rundschreiben

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Let the Edelweiss make your holidays easier

Edelweiss Restaurant offers Sides to Go!

Tired of the same old side dishes for the holidays? Let the Edelweiss come to the rescue! The following sides dished are available for carryout: German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Stewed Apples, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Cucumber Salad and Pasta Salad. Cost is dependent on the quantity. Hot side dishes will come with heating instructions. Orders must be received by Tuesday, December 18 and picked up no later than Saturday, December 22. Call 317-888-6940 and order your side dishes today!

Need a Last-Minute Gift??? Remember the Edelweiss has gift cards available for purchase in any denomination! What better gift to give than great German beer and great German food!

Celebrate the New Year Early with a New Year's Eve Buffet at the Edelweiss

The Edelweiss will feature a special New Year's Eve buffet on Saturday, December 29th from 5 to 9 pm. *Enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne* as you dine in the quaint, Bavarian atmosphere of the Edelweiss. Reservations are recommended for parties of 4 or more. Just call (317) 888-6940.

Reserve the ballroom for your family get-together

The ballroom is already reserved on the following dates, other dates available:

December 8, 9, 14, and 28

Edelweiss Holiday Hours

To allow our staff to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends, our holiday schedule for the Edelweiss will be:

Friday, December 21: open 5 to 9 pm; No Friday night music

Saturday, December 22: open 5 to 9 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 25 & 26: Closed

Thursday & Friday, December 27 & 28: open 5 to 9 pm; no Friday Night Music

Saturday, December 29 – open 5 to 9 pm with New Year's Dinner Buffet Special & Complimentary Champagne

Christmas Buffet & Cookie Dance

Saturday, December 8

Buffet: \$16.95 per person;

Buffet: 5 to 9 pm

Dancing: 7-11 pm with

Music by Jay Fox

Admission to Cookie Dance:

6 cookies per person





Upcoming TGAK events for 2019. There is an exciting line up of new and old events for TGAK. The following are a few events to kick off 2019, more will be coming this summer., mark your calendars and plan to support the TGAK.

Dec 8th Christmas Buffet and Cookie Dance, See first page for more information.

January 26, 2019: Jägerfest

The German American Klub will once again host the annual hunting feast! Cost is \$30 per person or \$200 for a table of 8. Cocktails/appetizers at 6:00 followed by dinner/speaker at 7:00. Space is limited – reservations highly recommend. Look for more information on the website and upcoming newsletters.

February 23rd, 2019: Karneval/Fasching

There are three different words in German for “Carnival” or “Mardi Gras”: *Karneval*, *Fasching* and *Fastnacht*. Although all three refer to the same pre-Lenten observance, each has a different tradition and reflects somewhat different customs in different regions of the German-speaking world. Come celebrate with the TGAK! Dinner, Dancing, Live Music, Bier, Indiana German Heritage Brewing Championship. Tickets options include General Seating, Reserved Seating and VIP Tables. More detailed information to come.

April 27th: Frulingfest/Maibaumaufstellen
Details to be announced.

Friday Night Music in the Edelweiss

December Friday Night Music!

Sing along to your favorite songs and Christmas carols for Friday night music in December.

Featured will be:

Friday, December 7: The Wilsons

Friday, December 14: Steve Bogard & Friends

No Friday Night Music on December 21 & 28.

die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe

"On with the dance; let joy be unconfined!"

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die Fledermäuschen, Dans Norden, AND the Kindertanzgruppe. Die Fledermäuschen Tanzgruppe's last performance of this year will be at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt on Wednesday, December 5th from 7:30 to 8:00. The Kindertanzgruppe will be dancing with us. It's a wonderful festival so if you go, look for the stage and say hi. Our Cookie Dance is on Dec 8th. Jay Fox is playing PLUS Lucille Mueller will read us a Christmas Story, an annual tradition. We will be taking a break for the holidays, but are always interested in new dancers.

News from GAK Ladies' Auxiliary

Saturday March 9th, 2019

Ladies Auxiliary Garage Sale. Keep us in mind if you have any items to donate to the garage sale. The Ladies will do all the pricing.

**Merry
Christmas!**

German Traditions: Saint Nicholas - Sankt Nikolaus

(http://www.vistawide.com/german/christmas/german_christmas_traditions.htm)

St. Nicholas Day is celebrated on December 6th in Germany as well as in other European countries. On the evening before the 6th, children place their newly cleaned shoes in front of the door in the hope that Nicholas might fill them with nuts, fruits, chocolate, and sweets. If the children have behaved well, their wishes will be fulfilled. Children who have caused mischief will receive only a switch, which symbolizes punishment for their bad deeds.

The real St. Nicholas lived in the 4th century and was the bishop of a region located in present-day Turkey. Through stories and legends associated with him, he became known as the protector of children and the anonymous bestowing of gifts upon them. Over the centuries, the life and deeds of St. Nicholas were celebrated on the saint's appointed day, the 6th of December. By the Middle Ages, the observance had already become a celebration of children and a day on which they received gifts. It was the German Martin Luther who sought to sever the connection between the saint and the gift-giving celebration for children, because in his Reformation theology, there was no place for the glorification of saints. Rather than abolishing the custom outright, Luther replaced the persona of Nicholas with that of the Christ child; in his Protestant teachings, not Nicholas but rather now the baby Jesus was attributed with bringing the children gifts, and not on the saint's day but rather at Christmas. Today in many regions of Germany, not Saint Nick, but rather the **Christkindl** leaves Christmas gifts for children on December 24th.

The adherents of the Catholic Counterreformation did not quietly accept the diminishment of their saint. They responded to the practices of the unorthodox Protestants by making Nicholas a figure who visited families' homes on his appointed day and stood in judgment over children. If the young ones could answer religious questions and said their bedtime prayers faithfully, they received a gift from the sack that Nicholas' companion, Knecht Ruprecht, had slung over his shoulder. Those that slacked in their religious commitments got the switch or were threatened with being hauled off in Ruprecht's sack. Today children in all the German-speaking regions, regardless of religious denomination, celebrate **Nicholstag**. Ruprecht, who typically carries a basket filled with edible goodies for the children (and also the switches for the naughty children), has become Nicholas' constant companion. In German-speaking Switzerland, Ruprecht is known as Schmutzli.

Our German community's events/hours in December

Carmel's Christkindlmarkt: Thru December 23rd.

Wed-Thurs 4-9 pm, Sat-Sun 12-9 pm

Heidelberghaus Bakery/Café/Gift Shop

7625 Pendleton Pike, Indianapolis

Monday-Friday 8:30-7, Saturday 8:30-5, Sunday 11-5

Claus' German Sausage and Meats

1845 Shelby St, Indianapolis

Tues-Friday 8-5, Saturday 8-3



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Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming GAK Events:

Saturday, December 8:
TGAK Christmas Buffet & Cookie Dance

January 26:
Jägerfest, come and enjoy wild game, friends, and bier

February 23: GAK Karneval/Fasching

March 9, 2019: Ladies Auxiliary Garage Sale