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♪ Cliff's Notes ♪

I am happy to tell you that we had another very good year at the Liederkrantz in 2016. Last May, we were the last stop on the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association/Indiana Landmarks walking tour. Each group came into our building to have a look around and have some refreshments. It was a good connection to our neighborhood.

Last year we had free admission for our Bock Beer and Oktober Fests, but we accepted freewill donations. Those two events will be free again in 2017. At our fall concert, we celebrated a successful "Café Heidelberg Night". Many people said it reminded them of how dances used to be at the club. Our "old time music" cabaret with Allie Burbrink was successful, and we asked her back for a cabaret in 2017.

We got new sidewalks and a ramp, and we got the parking lot striped. This year we are already working on either new siding or painting the sides of the building and adding some signs to make it easier for people to find us. We're also looking at stage lighting and maybe sprucing up the lobby a bit. If you have experience dealing with contractors (or if you are a contractor) and would like to help the club, let me know. There is a lot that goes in to making our club successful, and everyone who does something to help is part of that. You can email me at president@indyliederkrantz.org, or call me at 317-782-9216.

Unfortunately we are losing the services of Ernst Sacher who will not be able to help any longer with the grass cutting, shoveling snow and all of the other maintenance he has done over the years. We will REALLY miss his help. He has been doing this since before I started coming here over 30 years ago. We are looking for people to step up and take his place at least for grass cutting and snow shoveling. Let me know if you are interested.

I also want to tell you that when one of our members passed away last year, we learned that we were a beneficiary in his will. To my knowledge, this is the first time we've ever received something from someone's will. This bequest will be a big help for our capital projects.

I look forward to seeing you at our events this year!

Cliff Chandler, President

Damenchor Notes

The Damenchor had a very good year, and I can't believe how fast 2016 went by! The Damenchor had a very good "Bunter Abend" (fall concert), and I think our audience enjoyed the dinner and our band — the "Keyboard Kontinentals". The "Weihnachtskonzert" (Christmas concert) went really well. We love to sing with the Liederkrantz men's choir, and I think we sound awesome together. Prior to the concert, we served our audience finger foods and cookies in the decorated hall downstairs. Lots of people are making our Christmas concert a family tradition!

We will hold our "Maifest" on May 6th, 2017 with good food, great songs, and the "Original Alpine Express" will play for your entertainment after the concert. It is always recommended to make reservations, because we have sold out many times. You can call me at 317-783-1433 or contact any of our ladies.

The Damenchor is going to host the 64th District Saengerfest in 2018. It will be held at Union Station downtown. We are very excited, and there will be more news later in 2017. Our ladies would like to have Dirndl dresses to wear at this Saengerfest. However, they are very expensive and some of our ladies can't afford one. If you would like to make us look better, perhaps you could help us with a donation. Please make your check out to: Indianapolis Liederkrantz Damenchor Dirndl Fund, 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46201.

We are always looking for new singers. Our practice is held every Wednesday at 7:15 PM. Come join us if you love to sing, and you don't even have to speak German as we will help you to pronounce the words. In preparation of the 2017 Saengerfest in April in Fort Wayne, we are practicing songs from that book.

Hope to see you at one of our functions!

Margit Ball, Damenchor President



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2017 Schedule

February 12.....Liederkrantz Bell Choir Concert
 February 25.....Bock Beer Fest
 March 10.....St. Paddy's Party with Pat Grant
 March 25.....Allie Burbrink and Frank Lee
 April 8.....Men's Concert & Dance
 April 28-30.....Saengerfest in Ft. Wayne
 May 6.....Damenchor Maifest
 Aug. 5.....Summerfest-German Park
 Oct. 7.....Oktoberfest
 Nov. 4.....Men's Concert & Dance
 Nov. 18.....Damenchor Bunter Abend
 Dec. 3.....Children's Christmas party
 Dec. 10.....Weihnachtskonzert

Gruss Gott from your Liederkrantz Brass Band!

We're starting the new year off with high hopes for a busy and fun-filled year. The rust is getting knocked off of a few tunes and many others are ready to go. We look forward to performing for you and the rest of the community as often as we can. If you want to hear us play somewhere, just ask us and we'll do our best to put you in our schedule. Want to have your own neighborhood or family Oktoberfest? Just ask!

As always, we are shameless recruiters, so don't be afraid to just come down and check us out. You'll never find an easier band to join.

We also invite you to join us on rehearsal nights just to hang out and enjoy the music and kamaraderie. Young or old... who cares! Haven't played in 40 years...who cares! You'll be welcome among friends.

If you happen to have an old instrument lying around that no one is playing, please consider loaning it to the band. We don't want to leave anyone out just because they don't have their own instrument anymore!

Remember, we practice in the Kranz at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. You can contact me at jeffwestfall@gmail.com, or at 812-430-8434.

Thanks and Prost!

Jeff Westfall

P.S. If you want to help out the band in other ways than playing, we need someone to build us a website and to be our social media person.

The Indianapolis Liederkrantz Special Membership Offer

If you pay your 2017 dues by February 28, 2017,
you can give a free NEW (not a member in the last two years) membership!

Please fill out this form (PRINT neatly and clearly),
include a check for the membership dues payable to the
Indianapolis Liederkrantz,
and mail it to:

Indianapolis Liederkrantz
Attn: Membership Chairman
1417 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46201

Help our club grow by giving a free membership to your friends!
Please, also, consider making a donation to the Club. Thanks!!

Member

- Single Membership (\$25.00)
- Family Membership (\$50.00)

Donation: \$ _____
 Total: \$ _____

Man's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Woman's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____
(Circle one) (Circle one)

E-mail: _____

I give permission to the Indianapolis Liederkrantz to include me in a membership directory. Yes No
(circle one)

Gift membership

- Single Membership
- Family Membership

Man's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Woman's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____
(Circle one) (Circle one)

E-mail: _____

From the Director — Das Bell Konzert III

The Liederkrantz's newest musical group – the Liederkrantz Bell Choir – will hold its third concert on Sunday afternoon, February 12th, at 3:00 PM. Selections will include sacred, secular, German and novelty pieces. We have added some special effects and percussion to some pieces. Ray Burbrink will add some of his wonderful pictures, and we will ask the audience to help us out with a little singing. The Bell Choir was organized in the fall of 2014 and has worked hard to improve their ringing. Those of you who attended our Weihnachtskonzert have heard how wonderful we sound! And speaking of wonderful – we will play for you at no admission cost! There will be a complimentary punch and cookie reception following the program. Bring your Valentine to the Liederkrantz, and let's fill the hall on February 12th for a “ringing” good time!

Loesje Chandler, Dirigent

Membership Dues

The New Year brings with it our annual membership drive. We'd love to have you back with us as a paid member in 2017! If your dues are paid or postmarked by the end of February, you can designate someone to receive a free membership for 2017 (provided they have not been a member for the last two years). A membership form is provided for your convenience as a part of this newsletter. Please mail the completed form, along with a check for your dues/donation, to the address shown on the form.

Electronic Newsletter

If you would prefer to have an electronic version of this newsletter, please send an email to Kathy Hoke at kthoke@att.net. She will send you a PDF version of this newsletter.

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2017 Memberships Due