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### ♪ Cliff's Notes ♪

I can't believe that I have just finished my 16<sup>th</sup> year as President of the Indianapolis Liederkrantz, and it was another good year from my standpoint. Our finances are still good, and we have been able to complete all of the building alterations that we needed or wanted to. We have also continued to be more active outside our building. Not only did we sing at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt for the third year, but we sang at a Sister Cities event and on the Circle during an international day during the Christmas season. As I write this, we are getting ready to sing in the lobby of the Circle Theater prior to a Beethoven concert at the Indianapolis Symphony. I'm very proud of our club and our groups in the way they have been willing to take on these opportunities. We now have a home brewing club that meets in our building every month, and the Palatines of America are using our building for their semi-annual meetings.

We still struggle with people renewing their memberships. If you haven't renewed yours, please do so. We also can use more participation by non-singing members. We are a non-profit organization and depend heavily on volunteers.

I'm happy to report that we are slowly making more use of technology, and you can now renew your membership and make tax deductible donations on our website – [www.indyliederkrantz.org](http://www.indyliederkrantz.org).

Last year, the Ft. Wayne Männerchor and Damenchor asked us to help them celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That is a milestone we will reach in a couple of years. In the meantime, we will celebrate Loesje Chandler's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our director. We hope to pack the house at our spring concert when we mark that anniversary.

On a sad note, we have lost another German choir in Indianapolis. The Indianapolis Saenger Chor closed their doors in December 2019. A couple of years ago, we lost the Indianapolis Männerchor. That leaves the Indianapolis Liederkrantz and the Indianapolis Liederkrantz Damenchor as the only German choirs in Indianapolis. In a city rich in German heritage, it is unfortunate that we find ourselves in this situation.

As always, you are always welcome to stop by on Wednesday evening, have a beer and listen to our choirs rehearse. The bell choir rehearses at 6:30, the Damenchor at 7:15, and the men rehearse at 8:15.

I hope to see you in 2020!

Cliff Chandler, President

### Damenchor Notes

This past year went by in a flash, and here we are in 2020! The Damenchor and I would like to wish you "EIN GLUECKLICHES UND FOR ALLEN DINGEN EIN GESUNDES NEUES JAHR"!

In May, we participated in the 2019 National Saengerfest that was held in Peoria, IL. The upcoming District Saengerfest will be held in Cincinnati, OH at the end of April. Last year, we held our "Maifest" and our "Bunter Abend" that both included a dinner, concert and dance. In December, we sang with the men at the "Weihnachtskonzert". In addition, we were asked by Sacred Heart Parish to sing at their annual Saint Nicholas Fest.

On a sad note, both of our choirs had a tremendous loss of our dear singers: Quinton (Dutch) Heintzelman (98), Else Campbell (88), and Ellen Hoffman (71). May they rest in peace.

Let's see what exiting and happy things this new decade will bring us. Both of our choirs are always in need of new singers. Don't be shy — come to our practice! We will start up again on January 29, 2020. The ladies start at 7:15, and the men sing at 8:15.

I would love to see many of you, along with your friends, at one or all of our functions - the more the merrier!

Margit Ball, Damenchor President



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### 2020 Schedule

March 7.....Bock Beer Fest  
 March 29.....Das Bell Konzert  
 April 18.....Men's Concert & Dance  
 April 24-26.....District Saengerfest in Cincinnati  
 May 2.....Damenchor Maifest  
 June 14.....Liederkrantz Brass Band Fest  
 Aug. 1.....Summerfest-German Park  
 Sept. 10, 11 & 12.....Oktoberfest at German Park  
 Sept. 26.....Oktoberfest at the Liederkrantz  
 Oct. 10.....Frank and Allie Show  
 Nov. 7.....Men's Concert & Dance  
 Nov. 14.....Damenchor Bunter Abend  
 Dec. 6.....Children's Christmas Party  
 Dec. 13.....Weihnachtskonzert

## Greetings from the Liederkrantz Band!

The Liederkrantz Band played at a couple of new venues in 2019, including the “Lagers at Lawrence” Oktoberfest in September. A few new members have joined the ranks, particularly in the woodwind section. They add a very nice touch!

The new year offers opportunities for a concert series throughout the spring and summer, as well as a new event for the club featuring the band on June 14th.

As always, we welcome new players and encourage anyone who is interested to join us on Monday nights at 7:30. We especially have a need for clarinets, trumpets, and horns.

We are developing some small “spin-off” groups this year, including a tuba/baritone/trombone group called “Old Comrades”, as well as a Posaunen Chor (trombone choir).

The Director, Jeff Westfall, can be reached at (812) 430-8434 and at jeffwestfall@gmail.com.

### An Unlikely Candidate

This is how I would describe myself back in the mid 1970’s. I had just quit my music teaching job at Tech High School so that I could become a stay-at-home mom. Occasionally, I’d still get calls to play piano for “this or that”. That is how I ended up being a studio accompanist for two vocal studios in town. One of the first students I played for was a man trying to learn to sing in German, so that he could sing along with his German band – which was the house band of the Indianapolis Liederkrantz. Soon, Ed Miller invited me to be in his band. Having been born in Amsterdam, Holland, I remember feeling a bit strange at a German club. However, everyone was very nice to me, and my mother’s maiden name was Hölscher. President Wolfgang Greven asked me to accompany the choir at their concerts. In 1979, I was asked to direct the choir. I declined, and someone else was hired. When that director did not work out, Wolfgang asked me once again to direct the choir. This time, I decided to give it a try. My first concert as director was in April of 1980. The men have always listened to and respected me. We’ve since added three more music groups to our club. I cannot recall that the men ever turned down any of my musical ideas. We’ve had a great relationship – in “harmony” – cherishing the history and the heritage of the club. All those who are part of the Liederkrantz should share information about the club with their friends and families. I think what we have here is very special! It certainly changed my life, even as an “Unlikely Candidate”.

Sincerely,  
Loesje Chandler, Director

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### Indianapolis Liederkrantz Membership Form

Please fill out this form (PRINT neatly and clearly) and include a check for the membership dues.

Indianapolis Liederkrantz  
Attn: Membership Chairman  
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The Indianapolis Liederkrantz has been granted status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your contributions (the amount over your annual dues) are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

[ ] Single Membership (\$25.00)                      Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] Family Membership (\$50.00)                      Total:        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Man’s First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Woman’s First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive Liederkrantz notifications by email, rather than by USPS: **Yes No (circle one)**

I give Indianapolis Liederkrantz permission to include me in a member directory: **Yes No (circle one)**

## Membership Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Just a friendly reminder...it's time to renew your membership for the Indianapolis Liederkrantz! All members of the Damenchor and the Men's Choir should bring their annual dues to our first practice on January 29, 2020. Damenchor ladies: We value you as part of the Liederkrantz!

Annual dues are still \$25 for a single membership and \$50 for a family/household membership. It is payable the first of each year and can be mailed to the attention of the Membership Chairperson in care of the Indianapolis Liederkrantz. Even if you are just renewing your membership, please fill out a membership application to make sure we have your current contact information, including phone number and email address. In addition, you can let us know on the form if you prefer to receive the newsletter via email or by mail. Thanks by supporting our club with your annual membership dues! The Indianapolis Liederkrantz has been granted status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your contributions (the amount over your annual dues) are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

You can also renew your membership dues online: <https://indyliederkrantz.org/membership/>

Albert Verdouw, Membership Chairman

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