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“The Good German Life: Gemütlichkkeit”

1980 by Jim Slouffman, Oil Paint on Prepared Drywall,

Done directly on the upper wall in the lobby of Forest View Gardens German Restaurant, North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio.

This painting was part of the major restaurant remodeling done in the eighties. The restaurant owner Trudie Seybold commissioned the painting and requested that it contain the following visual elements: beer stein, bratwurst, grapes with vines, a partridge, three Edelweiss, an apple, loaf of bread and a violin. This would reflect the atmosphere of the restaurant with its special German Restaurant ambience filled with wine, beer, music and good German food.

When the restaurant was scheduled for demolition two Kolping Society members, Werner Wilke and Rudy Eismann, rescued the picture along with two other larger murals which are now on exhibit in the Kolping Center on Mill Rd. They cut them out of the walls, braced them and transported them to Kolping Center for restoration.

The painting at the German Heritage Museum was donated by Trudie Seybold and Jim Slouffman the artist. We are both honored that it is now part of the permanent collection at the German Heritage Museum. Installation was supervised by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, President of the GAAC.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Slouffman, German-American Artist

Elder High School German Club Field trip

Manfred Schnetzer spoke to the Elder High School German Club during its field trip to the German Heritage Museum, which was organized by Elder's German teacher Karin Kraeling.

On October 26th, 2016 the German Club from Elder High School visited the German Heritage Museum as part of a field trip through some parts of Cincinnati.

Manfred Schnetzer gave the students a nice tour of the museum, explaining what some of the pieces were, where they were from as well as the usage of some of the artifacts.

Afterwards the students enjoyed Manfred's presentation. He talked about his life, when he was a child in Germany and his journey to Cincinnati. All the students were engaged and interested. We continued our tour visiting Rookwood Pottery (thanks George Hibben), Findlay Market and Mecklenburg Gardens.



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This nice picture was taken by Hans Pöpke after the Oktoberfest Zinzinnati Opening Ceremony on Saturday 9/17. The "Münchner Kindl" is Gretchen Smith, granddaughter of George and Clara Ostendorf. She is a freshman at Northern Kentucky University on a full scholarship. She is also fluent in German.

Manfred Schnetzer







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West Fork Park
4764 West Fork Road - Cincinnati, OH 45247
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Open every Sunday from the Sunday after Mother's Day to the end of October.

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www.gacl.org or visit us on Facebook.

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The Munich Sister City Association [established in 1989] (which also includes the FC Bayern Cincinnati "Over The Rhine" fan Club established 2015) is a non-profit, volunteer organization facilitating business contacts, and promoting cultural, medical, educational, legal, and sports exchanges between the citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio USA and Munich Germany.

www.munichcincinnati.org



Gebhard Erlen at the 175th anniversary celebration of the Mother of God Church/Mutter Gottes Kirche in Covington, Kentucky on Saturday, 29 October 2016.

German Heritage Dinner

Traditional sauerkraut dinner with German sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, German rye, rolls, drinks & dessert. All included for one low price!

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Bremen Street in Over-the-Rhine

By Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann

A Bremen Street stone marker is on the façade of the German Evangelical Zion Church at 15th and Republic Streets in Over-the-Rhine. A sign at the corner of Republic and Liberty streets explains the street's history: "Formerly Bremen St. Renamed April 9, 1918 (Ord. # 123- 1918) Because of Anti-German Hysteria during WWI."

This sign was placed there at the request of the German-American Citizens League, which petitioned the Cincinnati City Council in 1995 to right the wrong of the WWI street name changing. Similar signs went up elsewhere for streets that were changed. Bremen Street must have had a special meaning for German immigrants, as many had gone to Bremen to depart from its seaport, Bremerhaven, to the New World. It was the last bit of the Old Country they had seen.

The Zion Church survived the war and celebrated its 90th anniversary on Sunday, 15 October 1933, with a special service that included Mayor Russell Wilson as a guest speaker. Well-known local reporter Frank Grayson wrote that he was fond of the "little brick church" on Bremen Street, noting: "The latter thoroughfare was changed in name to Republic Street during the war days but that picturesque and solid artery always will be Bremen Strasse to us."

In the following year an article appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer (18 September 1934), reporting: "Member of 83 Years' Standing Is Last to Leave When Church Closes Doors." The article was about one of its members, Louise Tuechter, who was born in Wellerbach, Bavaria. Eighty-five years earlier, her parents had come to America, traveling on a sailing vessel that took 70 days. The family had left Germany from Bremen.

The family joined Zion and no doubt felt at home in a church located on Bremen Street. As the church closed, Louise Tuechter commented: "Attend another church? Yes, we will attend another church. But we haven't decided just which one. That is too hard a question to decide right now."

In my "Over-the-Rhine Tour Guide" I noted: "Erected in 1853, this church bears the inscription 'Deutsche Evangelische Zions Kirche' above the door. The congregation was formed in 1843 and the church belonged to the German Evangelical Synod, which later merged into the United Church of Christ. Up to the time of its closing (1934), only German services were held, and its members then joined other churches, which later became part of the United Church of Christ, such as Philippus. The church building, as well as its membership, was apparently too small to maintain the congregation as an independent unit."

The little brick church still stands in Over-the-Rhine, reminding us of Bremen Street, and its meaning and significance for the German heritage.

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Christ Lutheran Church
3301 Compton Road
(513) 385-8342

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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(859) 581-7129

January

2-9-16-23-30 - Stammtisch at Mecklenburg Gardens 6:00 P.M.
Sponsored by Cincideutsch

6 – Eintracht Fish Fry
Sponsored by Eintracht Singing Society
For more information see www.DaytonEintracht.org

7 - Weißwurst breakfast, buffet style,
11AM at Mecklenburg Gardens
Sponsored by Haendlmaier's Mustard Club
For more information see www.mustardclub.org

7 – Tri State German-American School
Classes begin January 7, end of school year April 22
For more information see website.tri-stategermanschool.org

8 – Liederkrantz Annual Meeting
Sponsored by Dayton Liederkrantz Turner
For more information see www.daytongermanclub.org

8 – Annual Meeting Election of Officers
Sponsored by Edelweiss German Club
For more information see www.germanclubedelweiss.com

14 – Schnitzel Dinner Dance
Sponsored by Dayton Liederkrantz Turner
For more information see www.daytongermanclub.org

17 – Green Township Historical Association
General Meeting – Nathanael Greene Lodge 7:30 P.M.
For more information see www.greentwphistory.org

18 – Coleraine Township Historical Association
General Meeting – Northgate Mall outside Macy's entrance on
ground floor 6:45 PM
For more information see www.colerainehistorical-oh.org

21 – Germania Koenigliches Schiessen & Royal Dinner
Sponsored by the Germania Society
For more information see: www.germaniasociety.com

28 – Stubenacht
Sponsored by the Kolping Society
For more information www.kolpingcincinnati.com

28 – Germania Karneval Maskenball
(Radisson Hotel, Covington)
Sponsored by the Germania Society
For more information see: www.germaniasociety.com

28 – Genealogy
Sponsored by Dayton Liederkrantz Turner
For more information see www.daytongermanclub.org

29 – Eintracht Membership Meeting
Sponsored by Eintracht Singing Society
For more information see www.DaytonEintracht.org

February

3 – Eintracht Fish Fry
Sponsored by Eintracht Singing Society
For more information see www.DaytonEintracht.org

4 – Schlachtfest
Sponsored by Dayton Liederkrantz Turner
For more information see www.daytongermanclub.org

4 - Weißwurst breakfast, buffet style,
11AM at Mecklenburg Gardens
Sponsored by Haendlmaier's Mustard Club
For more information see www.mustardclub.org

6-13-20-27 - Stammtisch at Mecklenburg Gardens 6:00 P.M.
Sponsored by Cincideutsch

11 – Schnitzel Dinner Dance
Sponsored by The Donauschwaben Society
For more information phone (513) 385-2098

11 – Celebration Dance
Sponsored by the Kolping Society
For more information www.kolpingcincinnati.com

11- Eintracht Sweetheart Dinner Jaeger Schnitzel
Sponsored by Eintracht Singing Society
For more information see www.DaytonEintracht.org

15 – Coleraine Township Historical Association
General Meeting – Northgate Mall outside Macy's entrance on
ground floor 6:45 PM
For more information see www.colerainehistorical-oh.org

18 – Germania Karneval Kehraus Dance
Sponsored by the Germania Society
For more information see: www.germaniasociety.com

19 – Germania Karneval Kinderfasching
Sponsored by the Germania Society
For more information see: www.germaniasociety.com

25 – Karneval
Sponsored by Dayton Liederkrantz Turner
For more information see www.daytongermanclub.org

25 – Genealogy
Sponsored by Dayton Liederkrantz Turner
For more information see www.daytongermanclub.org

26 – Schlachtfest
Sponsored by the Kolping Society
For more information www.kolpingcincinnati.com

28 – Germania Fastnacht (Fat Tuesday)
Sponsored by the Germania Society
For more information see: www.germaniasociety.com

28 – Fat Tuesday at the Hofbraeuhaus
Sponsored by the German-American Citizens League
For more information see www.gacl.org

March

3-4-5-25th Annual Bockfest
Sponsored by the Brewery District Community Urban Rede-
velopment Corp.
For more information see www.otrbrewerydistrict.org

3 – Fish Fry (Society)
Sponsored by the Kolping Society
For more information www.kolpingcincinnati.com

3 - Germania Fish Fry
Sponsored by the Germania Society
For more information see: www.germaniasociety.com

3 – Eintracht Fish Fry
Sponsored by Eintracht Singing Society
For more information see www.DaytonEintracht.org

6-13-20-27 - Stammtisch at Mecklenburg Gardens 6:00 P.M.
Sponsored by Cincideutsch

4 - Weißwurst breakfast, buffet style,
11AM at Mecklenburg Gardens
Sponsored by Haendlmaier's Mustard Club
For more information see www.mustardclub.org

10 – Fish Fry (Young Families)
Sponsored by the Kolping Society
For more information www.kolpingcincinnati.com

10 – Germania Fish Fry
Sponsored by the Germania Society
For more information see: www.germaniasociety.com

11 – Strauss Ball
Sponsored by The Donauschwaben Society
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11 – Cabbage Roll Dinner
Sponsored by Dayton Liederkrantz Turner
For more information see www.daytongermanclub.org

12- Tri State German-American School
Rouladen Dinner at Germania Society
Sponsored by the Germania Society
For more information see: www.germaniasociety.com

15 – Coleraine Township Historical Association
General Meeting – Northgate Mall outside Macy's entrance on
ground floor 6:45 PM
For more information see www.colerainehistorical-oh.org

17 – 18 German-Americans and the Guns of August
Indiana German Heritage Society Symposium
Hosted by the GACL

17 – Fish Fry (Brew Club)
Sponsored by the Kolping Society
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17 – Germania Fish Fry
Sponsored by the Germania Society
For more information see: www.germaniasociety.com

18 - Fasching Festival 1 – 6 PM
Sponsored by Fairview German Language School

18 – Kings Ball
Sponsored by the Kolping Society
For more information www.kolpingcincinnati.com

18 – St. Pauli Nacht
Sponsored by Edelweiss German Club
For more information see www.germanclubedelweiss.com

21 - Green Township Historical Association
General Meeting – Nathanael Greene Lodge 7:30 P.M.
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24 – Germania Fish Fry
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25 – Genealogy
Sponsored by Dayton Liederkrantz Turner
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31 – Fifth Friday Froth Fest
Sponsored by The Donauschwaben Society
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31 - Germania Fish Fry
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