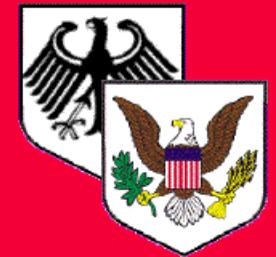


# THE GERMAN PIONEER

The Official Newsletter of the  
German Heritage Museum  
Of Greater Cincinnati



## Christian Moerlein and Turners Host Final 2009 Keg Tapping

Fourth Event in Museum Fundraising Series

To Benefit Museum Endowment Fund

Friday, November 13th, 4:00 PM

The fourth and final evening for 2009 of our Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping Series will be held on Friday, November 13th. Our hosts for this night will be the [Cincinnati Central Turners](#), the oldest German-American society in Cincinnati. The doors open at 4:00 PM, with the formal tapping ceremony at 7:00. The featured beer will be Moerlein's Christkindl, a Winter Warmer inspired by the German spirit of holiday gift giving. Christkindl is a large malt-bodied ale with the essence of chocolate sweetness. The evening will include live music, as well as plenty of good food and drink. We will once again feature a raffle for Moerlein's "Barbarossa" beer stein. These rare and collectible steins originally creased in value on the collector's market. All proceeds from this popular raffle, as well as the availability of various pieces of Moerlein merchandise, will directly benefit the Endowment Fund of the German Heritage Museum. The drawing for the stein will be held at 10:00 (or sooner, if all of the tickets are sold early). You need not be present to win. We hope to see you there!



Turner Hall is located at 2200 Pinney Lane., Cincinnati, OH 45231, in Springfield Township. Pinney Lane is off of Hamilton Avenue, approximately 1 $\frac{1}{3}$  miles south of I-275. Click [here](#) for a map.



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**The German Pioneer** is the official newsletter of the German Heritage Museum of Greater Cincinnati. The museum is administered by the German-American Citizens League (GACL). The German Heritage Museum serves as a focal point in presenting and displaying German-American culture. This museum is the first of its kind in the region and a testament to the many contributions German immigrants and their descendants have made in the growth of the Ohio Valley and America. The museum focuses especially on representing the history of German-Americans in the Greater Cincinnati area, which became and remains one of the major German-American centers in the United States. In addition, displays showcase the activities of the organizations currently under the umbrella of the German-American Citizens' League of Greater Cincinnati.

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**[FGHM website](#)**

## Join The Friends

The Friends of the German Heritage Museum (FGHM) was formed to support the German Heritage Museum, and was established by the German-American Citizens League (GACL).

The FGHM invites the support of all who are interested in the German Heritage Museum and wish to ensure its continued success for future generations. We strongly encourage all those interested in the German Heritage Museum to become a member of the FGHM!

Friends of the Museum may also wish to volunteer as guides at the Museum or assist in locating items of German-American heritage for donation to the Museum.

#### Membership Category

Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$30.00
Non-profit Organization	\$35.00
Business	\$50.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Benefactor	\$500.00

Memberships are for a one year period, and include an electronic subscription to this newsletter.

Memberships, heritage items and financial donations will support the Museum, as well as its ongoing educational programs and activities in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Make your contribution payable to the German-American Citizens League, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Gifts are tax deductible.

Please mail your membership or contribution to:

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## Upcoming Events

### November 9: Tearing Down the Berlin Wall

6:00 PM Northern Kentucky University,  
*See page 3*

### November 13: Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping

4:00 PM to midnight at Turner Hall

### December 6: St. Nikolaus Day

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM *See page 4*

### Second Monday: Stammtisch Night

Begins September 14th. Join the GACL and it's member clubs at [Hofbrauhaus](#) from 6:30 to 9:00 for general information and lots of socializing. Stammtisch participants will receive special pricing on food and beverages.

This past year the GACL celebrated the 20th anniversary of its annual German-American Heritage Month, and more anniversaries are on tap for 2010. Next year marks the 115th anniversary of the German-American Citizens League, which was founded in 1895. Our German Day Weekend celebration in June is now one of the oldest in the U.S. The year 2010, also marks the 10th anniversary of the German Heritage Museum, which opened in September 2000. Let's all join together to make this coming year an historic year of celebration!

## Museum Hours

The museum is open on Sundays, May 17th through October 25th, from 1 until 5 PM. The museum can also be opened by special appointment. There is no admission charge. The museum is staffed solely by volunteers. If you have a desire to view any particular artifacts, please make prior arrangements by calling (513) 598-5732.

The museum is located in West Fork Park, at 4764 West Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45247.

**[Map It!](#)**

# The *Berlin Candy Bomber* Comes to Cincinnati

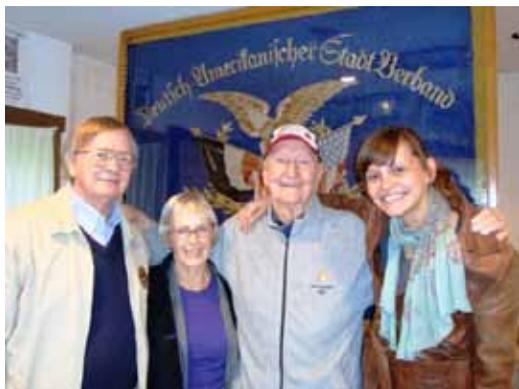
In 1948, Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin imposed a blockade on the western part of Berlin in an attempt to drive the Western Allies out of the area and grab the entire city for himself. The blockade prevented U.S., British and French forces from transporting by road the supplies needed to sustain the Berlin population under their control. In response, the Western Allies came up with a bold, never-before-attempted plan to break the blockade by supplying the people of Berlin entirely by air. Over the course of more than a year, over half a million flights delivered over two million tons of food and supplies to the beleaguered city. Of the many pilots that participated in this immense effort, Army Air Corp Colonel Gail Halvorsen became well known for his efforts in dropping chocolate and other candy to the children of Berlin. Operation "Little Vittles" eventually dropped more than 21 tons of candy during the airlift. Colonel Halvorsen was in town recently to speak as part of Northern Kentucky University's Projekt Mauer, and took time out to visit our museum.



Col. Halvorsen in 1948  
*US Army Photo*



Col. Halvorsen signs the museum guestbook  
*Photo courtesy of Dr. Andrea Fieler, used with permission*



*From left:* Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Lorraine and Col. Gail Halvorsen, and Dr. Andrea Fieler  
*Photo courtesy of Dr. Andrea Fieler, used with permission*



Berliners watching a C-54 land at Tempelhof airport  
*US Army Photo*



Col. Halvorsen receives a copy of *The German Heritage Guide to the Greater Cincinnati Area*  
*Photo courtesy of Dr. Andrea Fieler, used with permission*

## Projekt Mauer

### *Memories of Divided Germany, 20 Years After the Fall of The Berlin Wall*

Projekt Mauer is a series of festivities organized and hosted by Northern Kentucky University, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the fall of The Berlin Wall. This month-long series of events has featured a variety of speakers and discussions, and included the construction of a replica of the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie on the NKU campus. There are several events remaining on the schedule, including a roundtable discussion of Checkpoint Charlie and Tempelhof, with Saul Marmer and Bob Brewster, on November 3rd at 1:00 PM, and a presentation of *Goodbye Lenin!* and discussion on November 6th at 7:00 PM. The final event, the tearing down of the wall, takes place on November 9th, on the 20th anniversary of the day the wall fell. The evening presentation will feature award presentations honoring high school winners of competitions and the area's German clubs. Commemorative balloons will be for sale, with all proceeds benefiting the museum.

*Further information about Projekt Mauer can be found on the [official website](#). Additional pictures, including more from Colonel Halvorsen's visit to the museum, are available [here](#).*



*Replica of the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie on the NKU campus*  
*Photo courtesy of Dr. Andrea Fieler, used with permission*

## ***St. Nikolaus Day Sunday, December 6th***

Come celebrate St. Nikolaus Day with us at the Museum! Join us on December 6th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM for an afternoon of fun and culture. There will be displays by the Cincinnati Woodcarvers Guild throughout the day. In addition, the Fairview German School Kinderchor will perform at 3:00. Kaffee and kuchen will be available, as well as hot chocolate for the kids.

## ***Museum Volunteers***

The museum is staffed by volunteers during all of its open hours. We'd like to thank all of those who helped us out by working one or more days this year.

Francis Ott Allen  
Judy and Denny Brown  
Nada Christine Huron  
Bill Kraeling  
Lee Ann McNabb  
Stephan Menyhert  
Karen Munch  
Ruth and Gerhard Pfefferkorn  
Meg Pineault  
Marge and Pete Poole  
Regina and Manfred Schnetzer  
Butch Sundermann  
Ingrid Thomas  
Don Heinrich and Pat Tolzmann  
Rita Vosseberg  
Phil Wieland

***We couldn't do it without you. Danke!***

## ***New Members and Renewals***

***Thank you for your  
continuing support!***

### **Individual**

**Art and Ruth Pfefferkorn  
Douglas Fricke  
Katie Knopf Weed  
Lee Ann McNabb  
Dennis and Judy Brown  
Vickie Thies  
Dr. Jerry and Renate Glenn  
Rudolf and Barb Jansen  
Greg Wessels**

### **Other Donations**

**Multiple books from the  
Germania Society**

**To become a member of the  
Friends of the German  
Heritage Museum,  
see the information on page 2.  
*Thank You!***

## ***New Bricks***

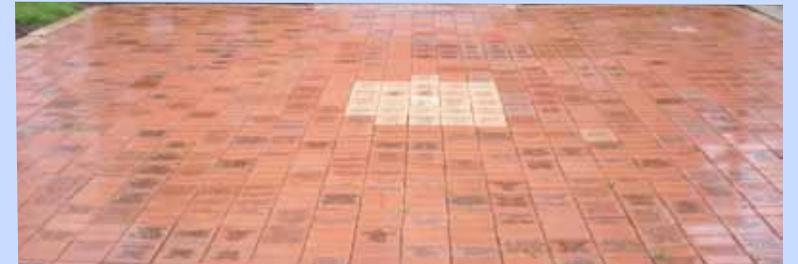
**Claire and Gerry Houchell  
Mario Schmidbauer  
(Munich City Councilman)**

## ***Buy a Brick!***

Commemorate the contributions of the  
German-Americans of Cincinnati  
by becoming a part of

### ***The Heritage Walk***

at the German Heritage Museum.



The Heritage Walk is a 24 x 26 foot brick walkway directly in front of the German Heritage Museum. The purpose of the walkway is to allow the people of Cincinnati to celebrate their German-American heritage by becoming a permanent part of the German Heritage Museum. In addition, all funds derived from this program will assist in the maintenance of the museum.

### ***It's For Everyone***

You need not be of German ancestry or even from the Cincinnati area to become a part of The Heritage Walk. You need only be proud to be a citizen interested in preserving a large part of Cincinnati's history.

### ***Gift or Memorial***

An engraved brick makes a thoughtful and lasting gift to a relative or friend. A brick can also be a way to memorialize your ancestors and others. Gift cards are also available. In addition, donations are tax deductible! Bricks are available in two sizes. The large 8x8 bricks have space for up to six lines of 14 characters each. The smaller 4x8 bricks have space for up to three lines. Large bricks are available for \$50. Small bricks are \$35, or three for \$100.

### ***Order Today!***

For more information about obtaining your brick for The Heritage Walk at the German Heritage Museum, contact:

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