

# *Texas German Society*

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## **REPORTER**

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## **TEXAS GERMAN SOCIETY STATE CONVENTION**

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**Hosted by the Fort Bend & Katy Tri-County  
Chapters**



**Knights of Columbus Hall  
13631 Highway 36, Needville, TX**

**Registration Form**  
**Texas German Society State Convention**  
Hosted by the Fort Bend County and Katy Tri-County Chapters  
At the Knights of Columbus Hall  
13631 Highway 36  
Needville, Texas  
March 21, 2015

**Registration:** Postmarked March 1, 2015 - \$20.00  
Postmarked after March 1, 2015 (must be received by March 15, 2015) - \$25.00  
Registration at the door (Meals NOT guaranteed) - \$25.00

(Please print the name/names wanted on name tag/tags)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter or indicate if visitor \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate:

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of people before March 1, 2015 X \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of people after March 1, 2015 X \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of people paid at the door \* X \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ amount paid  
\*not guaranteed food

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of students\*\* X \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Vendors for profit X \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed  
(Submit by March 1, 2015)

\_\_\_\_\_ Vendors for non-profit X free  
(Submit by March 1, 2015)

\*\* Under 22 years of age and enrolled in an accredited school, college, or university

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending the Friday Afternoon Activity

Make checks payable to: Katy Tri-County Chapter TGS

Return this form and money to: Katy Tri-County Chapter TGS  
% Linda Phillips  
P O Box 5793  
Katy, TX 77491  
Phone: 281-665-2684  
Email: [Omaphillips@hotmail.com](mailto:Omaphillips@hotmail.com)

Please make copies of this form for all members. Families with same last name and address can use same form but please list first names separate for name tags.

# TOUR REGISTRATION

Join the Fort Bend County Museum Association and discover Historic Richmond. These tours are designed to delve deep into the history and architecture of Richmond, TX.

On these tours we invite you to explore the recently renovated Fort Bend County Courthouse, the 1883 Moore House, and historic Richmond. We have picked the finest and most interesting aspects of these locations to highlight for you.

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## Historic Richmond Walking Tour

Richmond city leaders built the first frame dwellings and mercantile houses along downtown's Morton Street. This prominent road has bustled with history since the county's earliest days.

## 1883 Moore House

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this Colonial Revival style mansion displays a remarkable collection of household furnishings, special collections and textile exhibits, the mansion has been restored to reflect life in Richmond during World War II.

## Fort Bend County Courthouse

Built in 1908, this building is Fort Bend County's fifth courthouse and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The grounds share county history through five historical markers. The interior was refurbished in 2013.

*For more information about the Fort Bend County Museum Association please visit [www.fortbendcountymuseum.org](http://www.fortbendcountymuseum.org)*

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Please mark each tour that you would like to join. If a tour has fewer than five participants, we will contact you directly to make accommodations.

The cost for one tour is \$4.00 per person. Each additional tour is \$2.00 per person.

<b>TOUR (please circle requested tour time)</b>		<b>TICKETS NEEDED</b>
Historic Richmond Walking Tour	1:30 3:00 4:30	First Tour: \$4.00 _____
1883 Moore House	1:30 3:00 4:30	Second Tour: \$2.00 _____
Fort Bend County Courthouse	1:30 3:00 4:30	Third Tour: \$2.00 _____

**TOTAL TOUR COST:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP by March 1, 2015**

*Please make checks available to:*  
**Katy Tri-County Chapter TGS**

One check can be used for convention registration fee and tours.

Mail payment and form to:  
Katy Tri-County/Chapter TGS  
% Linda Phillips  
PO Box 5793  
Katy, TX 77491

**TEXAS GERMAN SOCIETY STATE CONVENTION**

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Knights of Columbus Hall

13631 Highway 36

Needville, Texas 77461

**BOOTH APPLICATION**

**Deadline: March 01, 2015**

Booth for profit (Cost \$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_ for non-profit (no charge) \_\_\_\_\_

Booth Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be sold \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to donate an item for our Silent Auction? Proceeds go to TGS Scholarship Fund.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED AGREEMENT:**

I hereby release the Fort Bend County Chapter and Katy Tri-County Chapter of the Texas German Society and the Texas German Society of any responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to any work shown at the 2015 State Convention. I agree to abide by the rules included with this application. I also agree that my booth name and items to be sold may be used to advertise the 2015 State Convention.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(Mail application and payment to: Linda Phillips, PO BOX 5793, KATY, TX 77491)  
(Any questions, call Carol or Delbert Niemann, 281-499-2969)**

**2015 TEXAS GERMAN SOCIETY STATE CONVENTION  
BOOTH EXHIBITOR RULES**

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015  
Place: Knights of Columbus Hall  
13631 Highway 36  
Needville, Texas 77461

Cost of space (for non-profit): No Charge, but must mail application as shown below.  
Cost of space (for profit): \$20.00 paid in advance.

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**Katy Tri-County Chapter of the TGS**  
and mail it and application to:

**LINDA PHILLIPS  
KATY TRI-COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE TGS  
PO BOX 5793  
KATY, TX 77491**

(If you have any questions, please call Carol or Delbert Niemann at 281-499-2969, or email:  
[car.delniemann@verizon.net](mailto:car.delniemann@verizon.net))

1. Booth size is approximately 10' x 10'
2. Booth site will be assigned. One table and chair will be provided.
3. The Fort Bend County and Katy Tri-County Chapters of the Texas German Society and/or the Texas German Society will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury.
4. Booths should be set up no later than 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2015, and remain until the end of the Convention, which will be approximately 3:30 p.m.
5. Limited electrical outlets are available, but arrangements need to be made in advance.
6. Each vendor is responsible for collecting and reporting STATE SALES TAX. You sell directly to the public.
7. Submit application no later than March 01, 2015.
8. Vendors may set up Friday evening March 20, between 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. and Saturday morning between 6:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

**NOTE: BOOTH SPACE IS LIMITED AND WILL BE AWARDED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED AVAILABILITY.**

**TEXAS GERMAN SOCIETY  
MARCH 20, 2015  
ACTIVITIES**

For those of you arriving to Fort Bend County a day before the 2015 Texas German Society Convention, activities have been planned for you. See brochure for more information.

Tours available:

Tours times available at 1:30, 3:00, and 4:30

Walking Tour of Historic Richmond

1908 Historic Courthouse Tour

Congressman John M. Moore Home and Fort Bend County Museum

**Cost per person: \$4 for the first tour choice, \$2 for each additional tour choice.**

Please complete the attached Tour Form and mail form and money when you mail in your registration form to:

Katy Tri-County Chapter TGS

Linda Phillips

P. O. Box 5793

Katy, TX 77491

Since March 20 is a Friday during Lent, for supper, arrangements have been made with the Knights of Columbus, Fort Bend Council #2801 for an All You Can Eat Fish Fry Buffet. The meal includes fried fresh catfish, hush puppies, French fries, pinto beans, cole slaw, and a drink. The price will be **\$10** for all you can eat. The KC Hall is located at **2006 Kaycee Drive, Rosenberg, TX 77471**. It is off of Highway 36 just passed the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds coming from Rosenberg on the left. **Serving is from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. They serve until they run out.** The closer you arrive to 5:00 PM, the better your chances of getting all you can eat of everything. There are no reservations, but they are preparing to have enough food to feed the extra people planning to arrive early for the 2015 Texas German Society Convention and partake of this delicious meal prepared by the local Knights.

Arrangements have been made with the Comfort Inn at 3555 Highway 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471, for a guaranteed room rate of \$85 plus tax per night. Just call 281-232-7300 and mention the Texas German Society when you make your reservation. Included in the packet is a list of additional hotels in the Rosenberg area.

If you have any questions about the Friday Activities, please contact Cathy Hanzik by telephone at 281-342-8243, by cell at 281-639-1051 (Verizon), or by email at [cathyhanzik@gmail.com](mailto:cathyhanzik@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to meeting you in March of 2015.

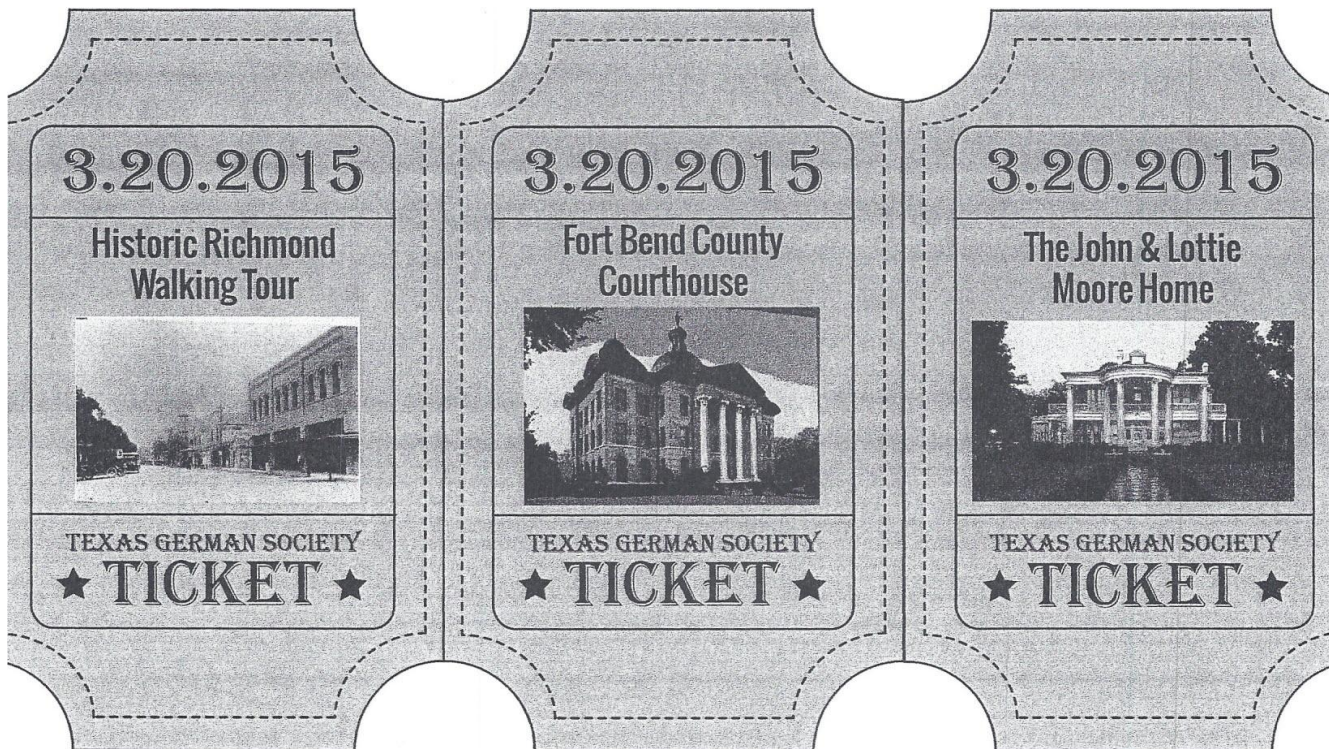
# TOUR HISTORIC RICHMOND

Settled in 1823, the town of Richmond became the county seat in 1838. Many famous personages called Richmond home, including the second Republic of Texas President Mirabeau Lamar, and the "Mother of Texas" Jane Long. This historic spot, nestled along the banks of the Brazos River, still retains the charm of yesteryear with its quaint commercial district and stately 1908 courthouse. Many lovely Victorian era homes, including the magnificent 1883 Moore Mansion, remain in the historic district, where centuries old oak trees line the streets.

Join the Fort Bend County Museum Association as we explore the wonderful history and architecture of Richmond, Texas, on Friday, March 20, 2015.

**Tours at 1:30PM, 3:00PM and 4:30PM.**

**Tickets: \$4 for the first tour,  
add \$2 for each extra tour.**



## **Historic Richmond**

Built in 1908, this was Fort Bend the first frame dwellings and mercantile houses along downtown's Morton Street.

This prominent road has bustled with history since the was refurbished in 2013.

## **Fort Bend County Courthouse**

Richmond city leaders built Richmond County's fifth courthouse and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The grounds share county history through five historical markers. The interior county's earliest days.

## **The Moore Home**

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 1883 house was home to Congressman John M. Moore, Sr. and his wife, Lottie, who owned one of the county's largest ranching operations.

Draft of Program

- 8:30 – 9:30           **Registration**  
Kaffe, Saft und Struessel
- 9:30 a.m.           **Willkommen**  
Both Cathy and Linda
- Invocation** - Helene Cook, in German & English
- Flag Ceremony** United States, Texas German – Needville Boy Scouts
- Pledge of Allegiance** – Lead by Cathy & Linda
- Welcome** by Delbert Wendt, Mayor of Needville
- 9:50-10:20 a.m.    **Cherry Wong** on history of Sugar Lnad/Imperial Sugar 30 minutes
- 10:20-10:40       **Break**
- 10:40-11:05 a.m.   **Dorothy Leyendecker** – Title Pending-Topic: German Settlers in Needville
- 11:05-11:50 a.m.   **TGS Business Meeting**  
TGS President Glenn Altwein
- 11:50-12 Noon     **Consul General Ms. Ricarda Redeker**
- Prayer before lunch by Alena Guthart, Foreign Exchange Student from
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- Grafing, Bayern, Germany
- 12:00-1:00       **Lunch**
- 1:00-1:25 p.m.     **Music by German Students**
- 1:25-1:55 p.m.     **Wolfram Von-Maszewski** “Mennonite Settlement in Fort Bend County 1887-1907
- 1:55-2:15 p.m.     **Music by Enzian Baum** with Robert Herridge and Jason Keepers
- 2:15-3:00 p.m.     **Break**  
**Silent Auction closes at 2:45**
- 3:00-3:30 p.m.     **Closing Remarks**  
Announcement of Silent Auction Winners



If you are a Marine, and/or spent time in Vietnam, you might find this story interesting...

On Friday, February 28, 2014, I got a call from a Marine who recognized me from the photo of me & John Wayne in Vietnam! It was from Marine Earl Hambly from Shartlesville, Pennsylvania.

When the photo was taken on June 20, 1966 of me and John Wayne on Hill 55 between ChuLai & DaNang, Vietnam, he said he was standing next to the Marine who took that photo of me. He also named one of the guys in the photo, the one with a cigarette in his right hand and M14 strapped over his right shoulder as a Lance Corporal Denton from Ohio; two others (the one next to Denton; the other peeking around John Wayne), were also in his outfit, but he could not remember their names. Earl Hambly was with "F" Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division. Amazing – 48 years after this photo was taken, SOMEONE out there recognized some of the guys, after I ran the photo in the VVA Veteran Magazine – AMAZING!!!

Just a little bit of worthless information for you – from a human nature perspective. Semper Fidelis, - Doc Hack

*A. Gene Hackemack*



Gene Hackemack & John Wayne

## Partial List of Motels and Restaurants in the Needville area

Hampton Inn &  
Suites  
3312 Vista Drive  
Rosenberg, TX  
77471  
1-800-997-5148

Marriott Springhill  
Suites  
6815 Reading Road  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
1-800-230-4134  
832-595-2220

Comfort Inn  
3555 Highway 36 S  
Rosenberg, TX  
77471  
866-611-6301

Knights Inn  
26010 Southwest Freeway  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
281-342-6671

Homer Norton Motel  
4606 Avenue H  
Rosenberg, TX  
77471  
281-232-2831

Travelers Inn  
3210 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Rosenberg, TX  
77471  
281-342-7721

Super 8  
3314 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Rosenberg, TX  
77471  
281-342-7888

Palace Inn Rosenberg  
26035 Southwest Freeway  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
281-342-5387

Americas Best Value Inn  
28150 Southwest Freeway  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
832-595-6900

Regency Inn & Suites  
28382 Southwest Freeway  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
281-342-6000

Executive Inn  
26035 Southwest Freeway  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
281-342-5387

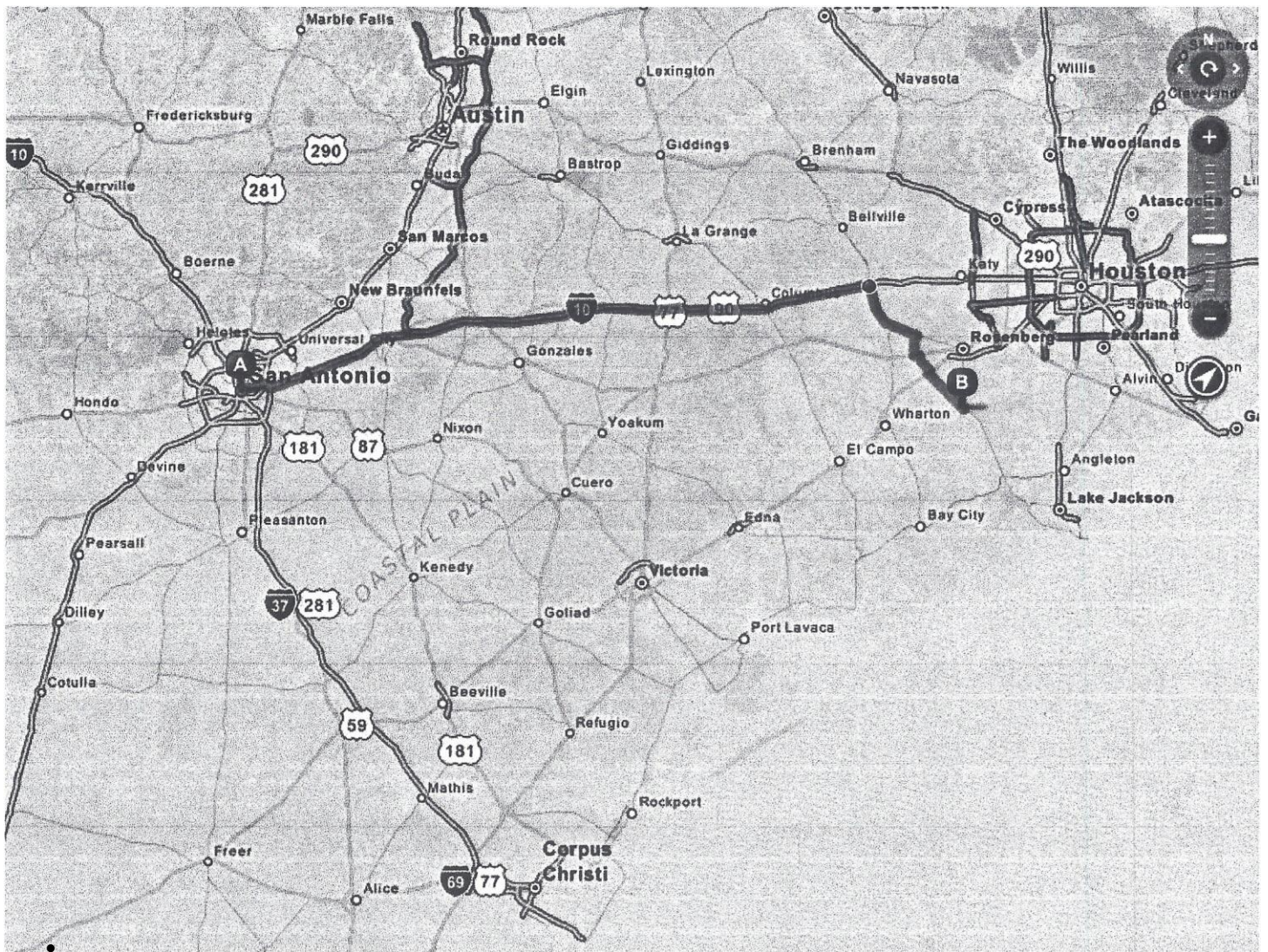
La Quinta  
28332 Southwest Freeway 59  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
832-595-6111

### RESTAURANTS IN NEEDVILLE

The Jay Cafe  
16634 Highway 36  
Needville, TX  
77461

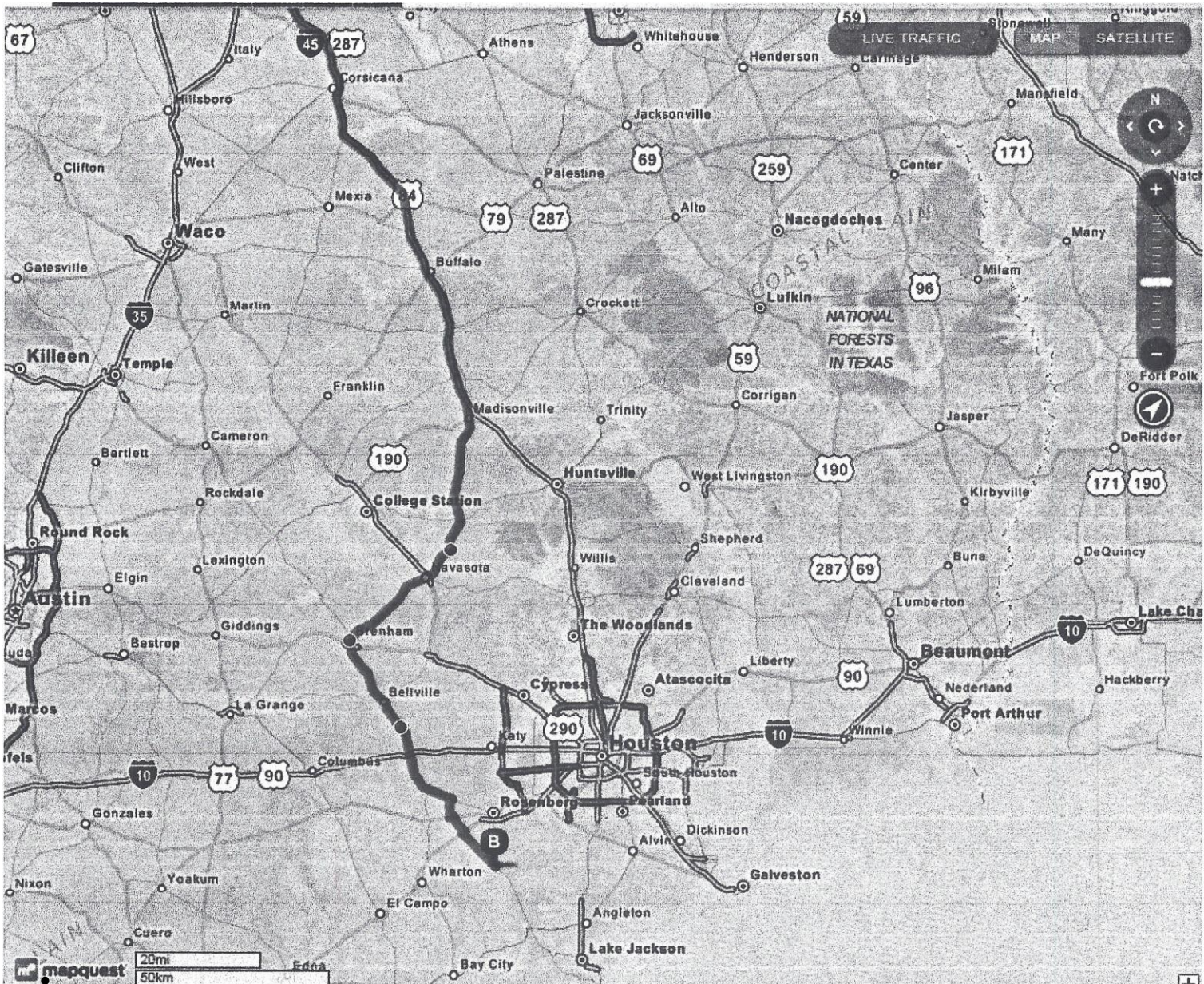
36 Bar and Grill  
13400 Hwy36  
Needville, TX  
77461  
979-793-4403

Texas  
Burger/Subway  
13717 Hwy 36  
Needville, TX 77461  
979-793-7800



San Antonio to  
Needville 1-10 to Sealy  
South on Highway 36 to  
Needville

LOOK for the Needville City limits sign. The KC Hall is approximately 0.9 miles (one mile) from the Needville City Limits sign. At the second red light, you will be able to see the KC Hall~ on the left. Go through the second light, then turn left. The KC hall is directly across the street from the Needville Gin (on the right side of Hwy 36).



Dallas to Needville  
1-45 to Madisonville  
Highway 90 to Navasota  
Highway 105 to Brenham  
Highway 36 to Needville

LOOK for the Needville City limits sign. The KC Hall is approximately approximately 0.9 miles (one mile) from the Needville City Limits sign. At the second red light, you will be able to see the KC Hall on the left. Go through the second light, then turn left. The KC hall is directly across the street from the Needville Gin (on the right side of Hwy 36).

The Fayette County Record,  
Tuesday, April 2, 2014

## Kothmann A College Scholar at UT- Austin



After the Honors Day Convocation, from left, Marilyn, Kallie, and Jimmy Kothmann at the College of Liberal Arts Reception held at the Student Activity Center Ballroom at The University of Texas at Austin

The 66th Annual Honors day was held at The University of Texas at Austin on Saturday, April 12, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Frank C. Erwin, Jr. Special Events Center. Honors Day is the occasion when students who have achieved excellence are honored by administrative officials, academic deans and members of the faculty; and it serves as an important prelude to Commencement.

The University of Texas at Austin Trombone Choir provided celebratory music; Dean Iverson delivered the Welcome, Recognition of College Scholars, and Closing Remarks; and Lori K. Holleran Streiker, Distinguished Teaching Associate Professor School of Social Work presented the inspirational Convocation Address.

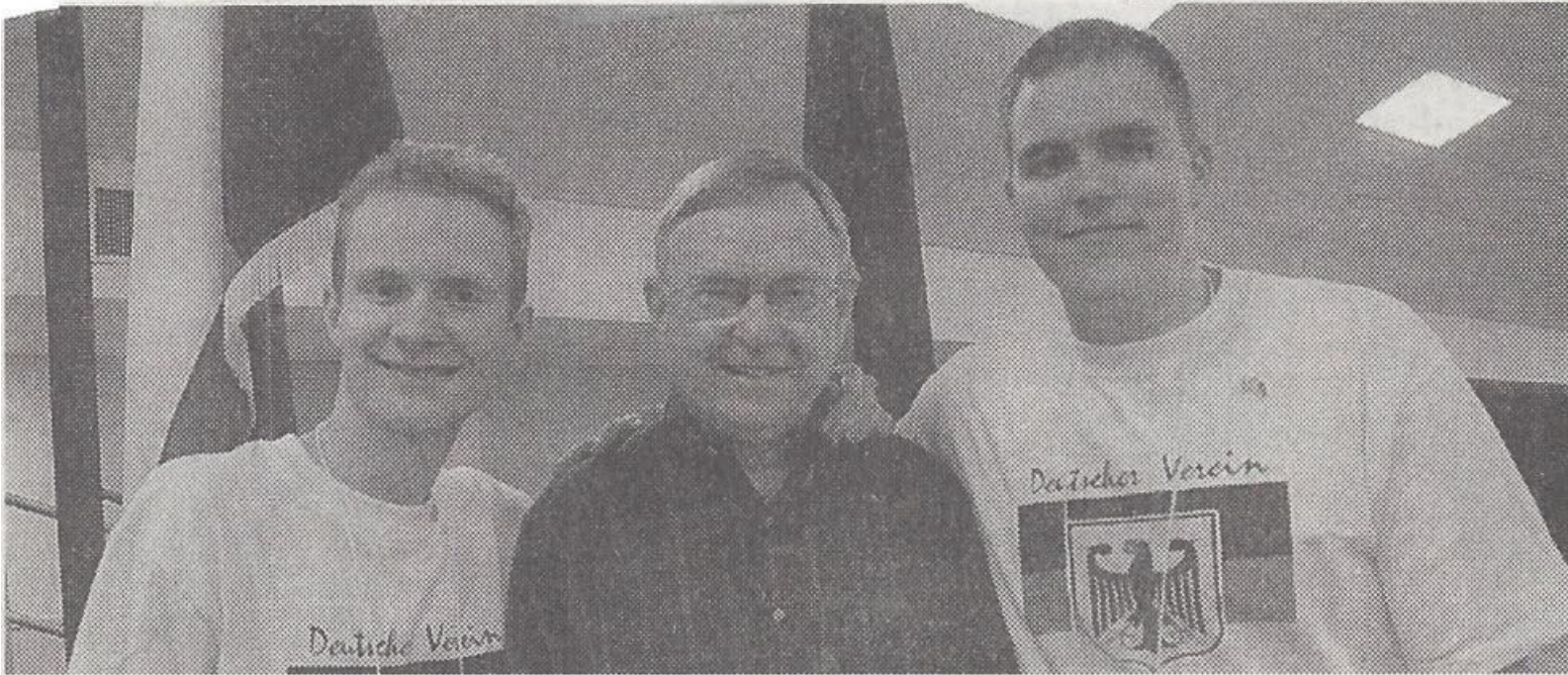
The ceremonies included an academic procession where the students wore their burnt orange and white honors cords; and faculty guests joined student honorees in the procession and were seated next to them at the convocation.

To be designated a College Scholar, a student must meet several requirements including ranking in the top 20 percent of their class in each college in which he or she is pursuing a major.

Kallie Elizabeth Kothmann was a College Scholar in both the College of Fine Arts and the College of Liberal Arts. She is pursuing dual degrees in Art History and German. Influential in her college education, Kallie invited Professor Kit Belgum from the Department of Germanics studies to be her faculty guest.

Attending the ceremony from La Grange were Kallie's parents, Marilyn and Jimmy Kothmann and her aunt Elizabeth Kallus.

Additional info from Glenn Guettler is that Kallie Kothmann was our scholarship winner for 2012. It was presented to her at our convention in Yoakum. Congratulations to her!



**AT GERMAN CONVENTION - -** The Austin County Fair Grounds was the site of the 31st Annual Texas German Society Convention held on March 29. The convention was hosted by the Bluebonnet Chapter of the Texas German Society in Bellville. The day was filled with German language, heritage, food, and music with visitors from all over the state of Texas representing the various chapters of the Texas German Society. In the opening ceremony for the convention, the Flag Ceremony, which recognized the United States, Texas, and German flags respectively, was represented in part by two Sealy High School seniors, Zane Litzmann and Dalton Prihoda. Zane explained the history of the United States and German flags and Dalton spoke of the history of the Texas flag. Litzmann and Prihoda are completing their fourth year as students in Ronald Brune's German language class at Sealy High School and are both officers in the German Club. Both students are enrolled in AP German IV and will attend Texas A&M University in the Fall of 2014. Zane is the son of Mark W. and Barbara Frvbert Litzmann of Sealy, the grandson of Kay Frvbert of Eagle Lake, and Rubv Litzmann of Allevton. Dalton is the son of Alan and Dawn Prihoda of Sealy. Left to Right in photo: Zane Litzmann; Ronald Brune and Dalton Prihoda.

## **CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

### **Austin County**

### **Bastrop County**

New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact our president Mikki Meyer at (512) 253-1111 or vice-president Rebecca Bernhard at (512) 818-1022.

### **Bluebonnet Chapter**

Meeting dates are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday every other month at 7 pm starting in January at the Hill Center in Sealy. Guests are welcomed. Membership to the Bluebonnet Chapter is open to anyone who is interested in preserving German culture, language and heritage.

## Colorado County

## Fort Bend County

The Fort Bend Chapter of the Texas German Society meets on the second Tuesday of every other month at the Albert George Library Meeting Room in Needville at 7 PM.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact President Cathy Hanzik by telephone at 281-342-8243 or by email at [cathyhanzik@gmail.com](mailto:cathyhanzik@gmail.com).

On Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 26 members and guests of the Fort Bend Chapter of the Texas German Society had lunch at the House of Blue at Needville High School. The menu was Wassail - hot spiced apple cider, Wiener Schnitzel (breaded pork cutlet), Spaetzle - German Egg Noodles, Cabbage with Balsamic Vinegar sauce, German Chocolate Cake and Italian Cream Cake, bread, and sweet or unsweetened tea and coffee. The food was prepared and served by the culinary arts students at Needville High School. The food was delicious and the service was awesome.

Catering, group lunches & lunch most Fridays is available to the public at the House of Blue located inside Needville High School. Please check the Needville High School website at <http://hs.needvilleisd.com> for info & reservations or email to [rioux@needvilleisd.com](mailto:rioux@needvilleisd.com).



**Front row:** Ora Dell Strieder, Frank Strieder, Irene Bohac, Winona Luedeke, Margaret Thiessen, Ed Thiessen, Cathy Hanzik, **Middle row:** Theresa Schultz, Carol Niemann, Marilyn James, students, Pat Parma, Marcella

Hackstedt, Evelyn Schmidt, Jeanette Matthews, Barbara Cooper **Top row:** Instructor Sarah Rioux, Delbert Niemann, Loyce Anderson, Lynn Roesler, Darlene Mensik, Clalence Thielemann, Raymond Schmidt, Erna Thielemann, Phyllis Meyer, Johnnie Cooper, students Not pictured Paula Vecera and Alena Guthart, a foreign exchange student from Germany

## **2015 Schedule**

March 21 - TGS Convention in Needville

May 12 - Washington on the Brazos Tour - Picnic Lunches

July 14 or August 11 - Movie and Ice Cream Social

September 8 - Danevang (Danish Museum) Tour

November 10 - Lunch at the House of Blue at Needville High School

## **Galveston Chapter**

### **Golden Crescent Chapter**

This meeting was our Christmas party; we met at 5:00pm for a social with our meal being served about 6:45pm. Dennis Boehm, our MC for the night, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and said the blessing before we ate. Our meal was catered by Country Caterers (Roy Keester). Meal consisted of roast beef & gravy; potatoes; green beans and rolls and the members brought many kinds of wonderful desserts to enjoy.

Program: Mary Belle Meitzen had a wonderful Christmas program planned for us. We sang German Christmas songs while she played them on the piano. We were read Christmas stories and poems. Leslie Buchhorn played a few songs for us on his harmonica. Our hostesses and members did a wonderful job decorating the hall.

Minutes: No minutes were read.

Treasurer Report: No treasurer report was given.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Announcements: Dennis Boehm, our MC for the night, informed us that our president Robert Meyer had resigned due to health issues; Kenneth Foerster our vice-president had resigned due to health issues concerning his wife. Our program chairperson has resigned as well, Doris Obsta. Therefore during the February meeting we must elect some new officers. As of now we have a secretary, Patricia Patterson-Williams and a treasurer, Dorothy Boehm.

Dennis also mentioned our membership should be thinking about presenting some programs. He also suggested we could have different members share family stories, but we need to get back to having German related programs. We have lost some members due to the fact our programs have not been German related in the past.

Patsy Hand wanted to know how many people in attendance were able to speak, read or understand German; there were 16 persons in the group.

Attendance: 38 persons were in attendance, which included 2 guests. Yvonne Meharg and Elaine Arnecke.



Hostesses: Thanks to Ann Heinrich; B.J./Jo Cornstubble; Cliff/Marilyn Kunkel; John/Mary Belle Meitzen; Ralph/Lillian Lau and Kenneth Foerster.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

## Harris County Chapter

The Harris County Chapter of the Texas German meets at Trini Mendenhall Sosa Community Center, which is at 1414 Wirt Road at the intersection of Wirt and Westview in Spring Branch.

This is also the meeting when you want to bring your dues if you have not already given them to our secretary Cheryl Snyder.

## Heart of Texas Chapter

**Oct.** Carroll Warschak gave a very interesting program on his recent trip to Germany and Czechoslovakia. Betty Hubbard and Andrea Baker had a TGS table at the Central Texas Genealogy Society Lock-in on October 17 at the Waco McLennan County Library. Andrea, who was born in Germany, was able to help several people with locations and translating.

**Nov.** Officers were reelected to their positions for another year. They are President, Jay Thiele; Secretary, LaNell Mueller; Treasurer, Betty Hubbard; and Programs, Helen Miller. Jay Thiele has two persons interested in being interviewed by the German Dialect Project. Plans are being made to assist the Bosque Museum in Clifton start a German section in the museum. Clifton is a primarily Norwegian settlement and is called the "Norwegian Capital of Texas." Several members have artifacts they would donate.

**Dec.** - Our Christmas party was held on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fellowship Hall of the Clifton Church of Christ, Clifton, Texas. We had catered meal with members bringing delicious desserts. Betty Hubbard placed several pennies on the floor for members to pick up. She then read a story about a rich man who always stopped to pick up pennies. When a lady he asked why, he asked the lady to tell him what was on the penny. She mentioned everything and finally said, "*In God we Trust?*" "*Yes!*" "*And? . . .*"

*"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him. Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray. I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!" (No author given.)*

We had a very educational Christmas Quiz and enjoyed a Chinese Christmas gift exchange.

## Katy Tri-County Chapter

## **Lavaca/DeWitt County**

### **Lee County**

The Lee County Chapter meets the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at First National Bank meeting room, and we enjoy a snack supper.

### **North Harris County**

Roger Wunderlich, president [281.353.4616](tel:281.353.4616)

We invite you to our next meeting November 24, 2014

**Meetings are held in January, March, May, July, September and November on the 4th Monday @ 7 p.m.**

**Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Family Life Center -Rm 116  
5201 Spring Cypress Rd, Spring, TX 77379 (Klein)  
( ½ mile west of Kuykendahl)**

A DVD will be shown titled " The Painted Churches of Texas: Echoes of the Homeland". This documentary takes us on a stunning visual tour of a dozen immigrant churches in Central Texas that are ornamented with spectacular painted interiors.

To start the Holiday Season you are invited to try Dresdner Stollen, a Christmas specialty from former East Germany, donated by German Gift House in Old Town Spring. Another famous baked novelty to sample will be Baumkuchen/Tree Cake (with many rings).

Elections will be held also that evening, so come out and vote for your board.

Free tickets for the last weekend of the Texas Renaissance Festival Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 29&30 and Thanksgiving Friday will be given away. Refreshments and Fellowship will follow.

### **Southbelt Chapter**

The South Belt chapter meets at 5:30p.m. on the Third Thursday evening of every month at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Scarsdale Blvd. in Houston, Texas. We invite all who are interested in our German heritage to join us for food and fellowship.

### **Tarrant County**

### **Washington County**

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**Texas German Society 2015 State Convention**

The 2015 TGS State Convention will be hosted by the Fort Bend County Chapter and Katy Tri-County Chapter in Needville, Texas on Friday, March 20 and Saturday March 21, 2015. Activities on Friday will include several places to visit in the area. Friday evening there is a catfish dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Rosenberg. On Saturday, there will be some great entertainment and speakers throughout the day. There will be a silent auction throughout the day. A light breakfast including coffee and juice will be served Saturday morning. There will be a German lunch served.

Mark your calendars **NOW for March 20 and March 21, 2015.** This will be an event you won't want to miss! The information to register is in THIS newsletter. TGS, is looking forward to and working hard on the next State convention to be held **March 21, 2015.** Get the forms out of this newsletter & mail in your registration!



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## **Texas German Trails Project**

Texas German Trails project is underway to identify and locate on a state map or in a guide all of the more significant communities and towns that were settled by German immigrants. If you would like to see your area represented and are willing to help or would like additional information, please contact Van Massirer at (254) 486-2366 or [vmassirer@yahoo.com](mailto:vmassirer@yahoo.com). There will be more information at the Convention on this project.

Be sure to submit any activities in your area. The next newsletter will be in **June** so start submitting your articles and information now. The deadline for the **June 2015** newsletter is **May 15, 2015**.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?**

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please send me an email at [marie@herridgeconsulting.com](mailto:marie@herridgeconsulting.com) and you will be added to the database. The newsletter will be sent in a PDF format, which if you do not have Adobe Reader on your computer it is a free program to download and I will include instructions for you. If you are willing to receive it by email, it will be helpful on the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters. Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Thanks.

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**Bluebonnet Chapter of Texas German Society & the Bellville  
Lions Club**

**Invite you to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Frühling Sängerfest (German Spring Singing Fest)**

**Sunday April 26, 2015**

Concordia Hall 952 South Tesch, Bellville, Texas 77418 Free  
Admission - - - Free Entertainment

*German Singing Groups, Bier Garten Music, Sing-alongs and Dancing  
Afterwards*

**BBQ Chicken and Sausage Dinner (\$9.00 per plate)  
(Opening Ceremony and Serving starts at 11:00 AM)**

*For additional information call:*

**Laura Schumann 979-865-3804 or Robert Herridge 713-582-2461**



# Young German Texans (YGT)

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*Willkommen to these youngsters!*

- Young German Texan: Reed Drapela Age: 15 Sponsors: Harvey & Shirley Spies*
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Wenn du froehlich/gluecklich bist dann klatsche in die Hand

This is the same song as If you're happy and you know it, sung to the same melody.

Wenn Du glücklich bist, dann klatsche in die Hand (klatsch, klatsch)!

Wenn Du glücklich bist, dann klatsche in die Hand (klatsch, klatsch)!

Zeig mir, wenn Du bei mir bist, wie Dir so zumute ist.

Wenn Du glücklich bist, dann klatsche in die Hand (klatsch, klatsch)!

Wenn Du wütend bist, dann stampfe mit dem Fuß (stampf, stampf)!

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Zeig mir, wenn Du bei mir bist, wie Dir so zumute ist.

Wenn Du wütend bist, dann stampfe mit dem Fuß (stampf, stampf)!

Wenn Du traurig bist, dann seufze doch einmal (seufz, seufz)!

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State Seal



Das Haus Museum

Schoenau Community 2650 Witte-Schmid Rd. New Ulm, TX 78950

## German speaking countries in Europe



### **Äpfel, Birnen und Spinat** *Counting-out Rhyme* **(German)**

Äpfel, Birnen und Spinat,  
Sauerkraut und Kopfsalat,  
schau, wer an der Reihe ist,  
sag mir jetzt, wie alt du bist.

### **Apples, Pears and Spinach** *Counting-out Rhyme* **(English)**

Apples, pears and spinach,  
Sauerkraut and lettuce,  
Look whose turn it is,  
Tell me now, how old are you?





# Die Zahlen



Anweisung: Using the Word Bank as your guide, write the German word next to the English word for each of the clues below.

### Word Bank

eins	drei	fünf	sieben	neun
zwei	vier	sechs	acht	zehn

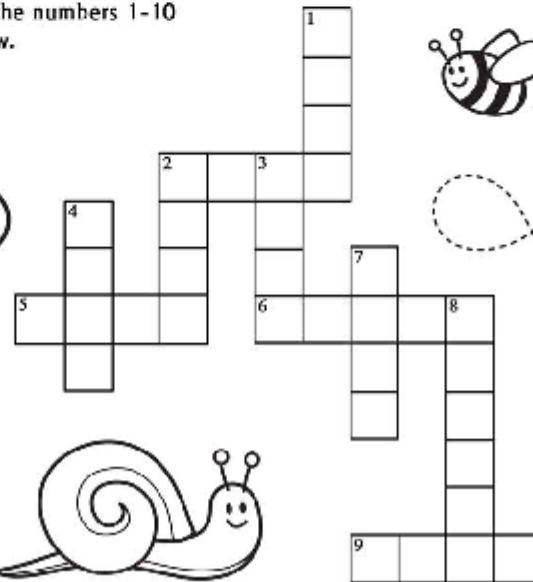
### ACROSS

- 2. two \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. nine \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. six \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. five \_\_\_\_\_

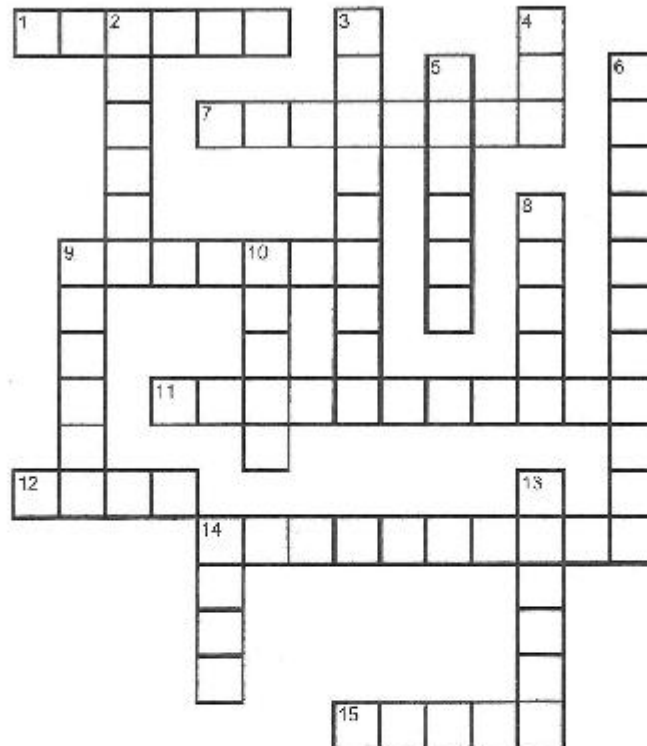
### DOWN

- 1. three \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. ten \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. one \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. four \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. eight \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. seven \_\_\_\_\_

Anweisung: Using the numbered clues above, write the German words for the numbers 1-10 in the crossword puzzle below.



### German Units of Time and Seasons



#### Across

1. the hot season
7. comes after winter
9. 60 make a minute
11. 1000 years
12. time
14. season
15. there are 12 in a year

#### Down

2. 60 make an hour
3. ten years
4. the opposite of night
5. the cold season
6. 100 years
8. seven days
9. 24 make a day
10. when nocturnal animals come out
13. when leaves change color and fall to the ground
14. one trip around the sun

## IN MEMORIUM

### Louise Emma Henrietta Helbig Ohlenbusch

(August 15, 1919 - April 16, 2014)



Louise Emma Henrietta Helbig Ohlenbusch, aged 94, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother left her earthly body on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, to be reunited with her beloved husband, Carl, in their heavenly mansion that was prepared for them by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She was born in Knippa, Uvalde, Texas. She and Carl were united in Holy Matrimony in Knippa, Texas, and were married for 53 years. After Louise's retirement from the Veterans Administration, in Houston, Texas, they moved to Centerville, Leon, Texas, where she was very active at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Before moving to Centerville, Louise and Carl lived in Houston, Texas, Beeville, Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Uvalde, Texas.

She is survived by daughters, Linda Ohlenbusch Phillips of Katy, Texas, and Melba Ohlenbusch Carter, and husband Michael Carter of Mounds, Oklahoma; brother, Lawrence C. Helbig, and wife Gladys of San Marcos, Texas; one sister, Lorene Helbig Gremmel of Uvalde, Texas; eleven grandchildren; and several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Carl Gottlieb Ohlenbusch in 1993; her son, Karl Clint Ohlenbusch in 2000; a brother, Herbert Helbig in 2012; granddaughter, Rachel Ohlenbusch in 2012; and her parents, William A. and Ida Helbig.

She will be laid to rest in the family plot at the Lutheran Church Cemetery in Knippa, TX, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2014, with Rev. Donald Olson, Jr. officiating.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to Memorial Lutheran Church, 5810 Third Street, Katy, Texas 77493; or to the American Heart Association, SouthWest Affiliate, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, Texas 75284-1125.



### Mariette Gramling

(December 20, 1927 - April 20, 2014)

Mariette Gramling passed away at her home, in Katy, on Sunday, April 20, 2014, at the age of 86 years. She was born on December 20, 1927, in Cost, Texas. Mariette was a longtime Katy resident, and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church. She participated with the Ladies Auxiliary, AARP, as well as the First United Methodist Church Joyful Noise Makers. survived by her daughter, Rhonda Ingham; granddaughter, Stephanie Scammell and her husband Ryan; great grandchild, Parker Scammell; as well as other loving family members and friends. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel, in Katy, where funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2014, with Rev. Marlin Fenn officiating. Interment in Woodlawn Garden of Memories Cemetery. Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the First United Methodist Church of Katy, P.O. Box 925, Katy, Texas 77492-0925.



## Calendar of Events 2015

### MARCH

March 27, 28, 29 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tomball German Heritage Festival [www.tomballsistercity.org](http://www.tomballsistercity.org)

March 20 & 21 – Texas German Society State Convention – Needville, TX hosted by Fort Bend and Katy Tri-County Chapters at Knights of Columbus Hall, 13631 Hwy 36, Needville, TX

### APRIL

April 26- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Frühling Saengerfest, sponsored by Bluebonnet Chapter of TGS & Bellville Lions Club, Bellville, Concordia Hall, 936 S Tesch, Bellville 11 am.

### MAY

May 1 -3 – Brenham Maifest, Washington County Chapter, Brenham, TX [www.maifest.org](http://www.maifest.org)

### DECEMBER

December 6 – Das Haus Christmas Party - all members welcomed - Bring your favorite dish/snack

December TBD- German Christmas Market “Weihnachtsmarkt Texas Style”, Tomball, TX The Market is sponsored by the City of Tomball, Tomball Sister City, and German Heritage Festival

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