

The Kent County Cultural Insight Council  
Brown Bag Luncheon Series Presents:



# The Germans of Grand Rapids



Traditional German symbolism:  
Crest of the Holy Roman Empire

The month of October highlights several significant events in the German-American culture including German-American Day. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6<sup>th</sup> as German-American Day to celebrate and honor the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of German-American immigration and culture to the United States.

To honor the glorious contributions of the Germans in Grand Rapids, we invite you to attend one of two informational brown bag lunch presentations. **Dr. Wilhelm Seeger**, retired Professor of Modern Language & Literature at Grand Valley State University and local German historian, will discuss the contributions of German immigrants in Grand Rapids and will present a historical account of the German culture in West Michigan.



All Kent County employees are invited to attend and participate in this educational tribute.



Traditional German fare:  
Sausage, sauerkraut, mustard

**When:** Wednesday, October 13, 2010  
**Where:** Kent County Courthouse  
Employee Conference Room - 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

*(Parking validated for those who park in the City/County Government Ramp)*



Traditional German music:  
Volkstümliche Musik

**When:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010  
**Where:** Kent County Department of Aeronautics  
International Room  
**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

*(Parking for non-airport employees available in short-term parking)*

Please help us plan accordingly for this event by submitting your RSVP no later than October 11 by calling the Human Resources Department at 632-7440 or by emailing [cic@kentcountymi.gov](mailto:cic@kentcountymi.gov).

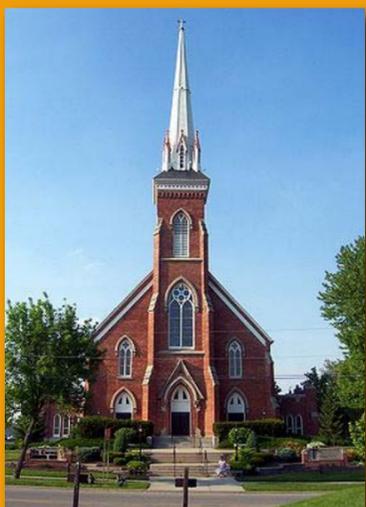
**Bring your lunch - refreshments will be provided.**

Supervisor permission may be necessary as the program will exceed one hour.

If you would like to attend this event and are in need of an accommodation, please contact Human Resources before October 8.

*"Kent County...Where Diversity and Inclusion Matter"*

The Cultural Insight's Brown Bag Luncheon Series is a cultural and professional development program held twice annually to promote cultural understanding among Kent County employees to assist us in fulfilling the County's mission of effectively serving the needs of our diverse community.



Traditional German church:  
St. Lorenz of Frankenmuth, MI



Traditional German heraldry:  
The Flag of Bavaria



Traditional German headcover:  
The Felt Alpine Hat

Traditional German tankard:  
The Stein

