

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

OCTOBER 6, 1987—GERMAN AMERICAN DAY

What the Germans brought to America?

While these hostilities ended soon after the war, it took German-Americans a long time to reclaim their ethnic heritage - a process that continues to this day.

In 1983 - 300 years since the Krefeld immigrants docked in Philadelphia - President Ronald Reagan proclaimed that October 6th would become German-American Day once again.

"More Americans trace their heritage back to German ancestry than to any other nationality," he noted in his proclamation.

In 1987, October 6th was reinstated as a US holiday.

From Kindergarten and Christmas trees to hamburgers and hotdogs, German-Americans are credited with some of the most recognizable features of US culture to have emerged in the past 300 years.

Less than 5% now speak German themselves.

But along with annual Oktoberfest celebrations and the German-American Steuben Parade, October 6th is one of many ways German-Americans celebrate and remember their cultural heritage today.

**A slice of
American life
has a
German
filling.**

