



# Deutscher Club of Clark Inc.

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## VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – MÄRZ / MARCH 2024

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, February was another busy month at our club. We started with a well-attended Fasching celebration with a lot of great costumes, the Entertainment and Decorating Committees did a great job decorating the Club, and we even had some Kölsch on tap to make it feel like we were in Köln. After that it was time for the Big Game. Thanks to Rick Myers for really “running with the ball” on that. Trivia Night was packed as always and has become a staple event, thanks to Cheryl & Cindy. Perennial favorites Bud & Linda made their return to the Club during our first German band night of 2024. We closed out February with our annual Chili Cook-Off, run by our award-winning in-house Chili pro, Kurt Leithner. March will be just as busy, with Italian Night on the 2nd with music by James Barba, German band night on the 9th featuring Robbie Lawrence, our annual St. Patrick's Dinner on the 16th, which will feature music by Dan O'Shea & Eagle Ridge (with special guest star Nick Conte) as well as an Irish step dance performance. On the 23rd, we will host our bi-annual Blood Drive. Please consider donating blood if you're able. It is very needed in our community, and our Club has a great history of supporting this cause. Finally, we wrap up the month with our Children's Easter Party on the 24th. As you can see, your Entertainment Committee is hard at work planning events that give all our members something to choose from. Please check the calendar for a comprehensive list of everything going on. We will be trying something new during our monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, March 13th- prior to the meeting, Chef Ewald will have the kitchen open for light fare, with service at the kitchen window. After the meeting is over, we will provide complimentary cake, cookies and coffee. Finally, a big thank you to all of you for supporting these events, patronizing the bar and restaurant, and donating to our Club. Without you, we wouldn't be as successful and as vibrant of a Club as we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, er Februar war ein weiterer arbeitsreicher Monat in unserem Club. Wir haben mit einer gut besuchten Faschingsfeier begonnen mit vielen tollen Kostümen. Das Unterhaltungs- und Dekorationskomitee leistete großartige Arbeit bei der Dekoration des Clubs. Wir hatten sogar Kölsch vom Fass, was uns an den Kölner Karneval erinnerte. Am Tag darauf folgte das “Große Spiel.” Vielen Dank an Rick Myers, der dabei wirklich „mit dem Ball gelaufen“ ist. Die Trivia Night war wie immer voll und hat sich dank Cheryl und Cindy zu einem festen Bestandteil der Veranstaltungen entwickelt. Das beliebte Duet, Bud & Linda, kehrten zum Ersten Tanzabend des Jahres in den Club zurück. Wir schlossen den Februar mit unserem alljährlichen Chili Cook-Off ab, der von unserem preisgekrönten hauseigenen Chili-Profi Kurt Leithner geleitet wurde. Im März wird es genauso beschäftigt sein, mit der italienischen Nacht am 2. März mit Musik von James Barba, der Tanzabend am 9. März mit Robbie Lawrence, dem alljährlichen St. Patrick's Day Dinner am 16. März mit Musik von Dan O'Shea & Eagle Ridge (mit Gaststar Nick Conte) sowie eine irische Steptanz-Aufführung. Am 23. März veranstalten wir unsere halbjährliche Blutspendeaktion. Wenn Sie dazu in der Lage sind, bitte nehmen Sie an der Blutspendung teil. Es wird in unserer Gemeinde dringend benötigt und unser Club unterstützt diese Aktion schon seit vielen Jahren. Am 24. März schließen wir den Monat mit unserer Kinder-Osterfeier ab. Wie Sie sehen arbeitet Ihr Unterhaltungskomitee daran Veranstaltungen zu planen die allen unseren Mitgliedern eine Auswahl bieten. Sie finden im Kalender eine umfassende Liste aller Veranstaltungen. An der monatlichen Mitgliederversammlung, Mittwoch, den 13. März, werden wir was Neues anbieten: Chef Ewald wird vor der Versammlung die Küche für leichte Gerichte öffnen, mit Bedienung am Küchenfenster. Nach Beendigung der Versammlung bieten wir Ihnen kostenlos Kuchen, Kekse und Kaffee an. Zum Schluss noch ein herzliches Dankeschön für Ihre Unterstützung dieser Veranstaltungen, den Besuch der Bar und des Restaurants, und für Ihre Spenden. Ohne Sie wären wir als Club nicht so erfolgreich. Wir sehen uns im Club!

*Mit freundlichen Grüßen,*

**Keith Rhyner**

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# PROGRAMM FÜR MÄRZ / MARCH PROGRAM 2024

SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND EMAILS FOR UPDATES

<b>Fri 01</b>	<b>Dinner</b> • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i> . . . . .	<b>5:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri 01</b>	<b>History Committee Meeting</b> • <i>Details on Page 5</i> . . . . .	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Sat 02</b>	<b>Italian Night</b> • Music by James Barba • <i>Details on Page 5</i> . . . . .	<b>6:00 - 10:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun 03</b>	<b>Frühschoppen</b> . . . . .	<b>11:00 AM – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed 06</b>	<b>Bar</b> . . . . .	<b>3:00 – 11:00 PM</b>
<b>Thu 07</b>	<b>Dinner</b> • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i> . . . . .	<b>5:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Thu 07</b>	<b>Entertainment Committee Meeting</b> • <i>Details on Page 4</i> . . . . .	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thu 07</b>	<b>Ballroom Dance V – Foxtrot</b> . . . . .	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri 08</b>	<b>Dinner</b> • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i> . . . . .	<b>5:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri 08</b>	<b>Jazz am Freitag</b> • Music by Christian Fabian and Greg Scime • <i>Details on Page 5</i> . . . . .	<b>6:00 – 8:30 PM</b>
<b>Fri 08</b>	<b>Deutscher Stammtisch</b> . . . . .	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Sat 09</b>	<b>Deutscher Tanzabend</b> • Music by Robbie Lawrence • <i>Details on Page 5</i> . . . . .	<b>6:00 – 10:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers</b> • Hartshorne Woods Park • <i>Details on Page 5</i> . . . . .	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>Frühschoppen</b> . . . . .	<b>11:00 AM – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>DC Ladies Division Meeting</b> • Performance by The Irish Dancers • <i>Details on Page 4</i> . . . . .	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>Bar</b> . . . . .	<b>3:00 – 11:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>Monthly Membership Meeting</b> • See your Vorstand at Work! • <i>Light Fare available at the Window prior to the Meeting</i> . . . . .	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thu 14</b>	<b>Dinner</b> • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i> . . . . .	<b>5:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Thu 14</b>	<b>Ballroom Dance V – Foxtrot</b> . . . . .	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>Dinner</b> • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i> . . . . .	<b>5:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>Jazz am Freitag</b> • Music by Christian Fabian and Greg Scime • <i>Details on Page 5</i> . . . . .	<b>6:00 – 8:30 PM</b>
<b>Sat 16</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day Dinner</b> • Dan O'Shea & Eagle Ridge (w/Nick Conte) • <i>Details on Page 5</i> . . . . .	<b>6:00 – 10:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun 17</b>	<b>Frühschoppen</b> . . . . .	<b>11:00 AM – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed 20</b>	<b>Bar</b> . . . . .	<b>3:00 – 11:00 PM</b>
<b>Thu 21</b>	<b>Railroaders Dinner &amp; Video</b> • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i> . . . . .	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Thu 21</b>	<b>Networking Meeting</b> • Tell us about your Business • <i>Details on Page 6</i> . . . . .	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Fri 22</b>	<b>GE State Dinner Series</b> • Featuring Schleswig-Holstein • <i>Details on Page 6</i> . . . . .	<b>5:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>DC Blood Drive</b> • <i>Details on Page 6</i> . . . . .	<b>8:00 AM – 2:00 PM</b>
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>Trivia</b> • Assemble your Teams (of Eight (8)) . . . . .	<b>5:00 – 10:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun 24</b>	<b>Frühschoppen</b> . . . . .	<b>11:00 AM – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun 24</b>	<b>Children's Easter Party</b> . . . . .	<b>12:00 – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed 27</b>	<b>Bar</b> . . . . .	<b>3:00 – 11:00 PM</b>
<b>Thu 28</b>	<b>Dinner</b> • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i> . . . . .	<b>5:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri 29</b>	<b>Dinner</b> • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i> . . . . .	<b>5:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Sat 30</b>	<b>Dinner</b> • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i> . . . . .	<b>5:30 – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun 31</b>	<b>HAPPY EASTER!</b> • The Club will be Closed	

## Vorschau April / Preview April 2024

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<b>Thu 04</b>	<b>Entertainment Committee Meeting</b>	<i>Welcome our New Members</i>
<b>Sat 06</b>	<b>Whiskey Tasting &amp; Dinner</b>	<b>Thu 18</b> <b>Railroaders Dinner &amp; Video</b> • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i>
<b>Sun 07</b>	<b>Frühschoppen</b>	<b>Sat 20</b> <b>Bayern Abend</b> • Music by Bernie's Orchestra
<b>Wed 10</b>	<b>Monthly Membership Meeting</b> • <i>See your 2024 Vorstand in Action!</i>	<b>Sun 21</b> <b>Ladies Division Meeting</b> • <i>No meeting this month</i>
<b>Fri 12</b>	<b>Deutscher Stammtisch</b>	<b>Sun 21</b> <b>Frühschoppen</b>
<b>Sat 13</b>	<b>Spring Clean-up</b> • <i>Time to Prep the Club for Fest Season!</i>	<b>Fri 26</b> <b>DC Book Club Meeting</b> • <i>"Tunnel 29: The Extraordinary Escape Beneath the Berlin Wall"</i>
<b>Sat 13</b>	<b>Trivia Night</b> • <i>KJ Bobble-head is at Stake – Bring your Team of 8!</i>	<b>Sat 27</b> <b>Ladies' Division Arts &amp; Craft Festival † *</b>
<b>Sun 14</b>	<b>Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers</b> • <i>Cheesequake Park</i>	<b>Sun 28</b> <b>Frühschoppen</b>
<b>Sun 14</b>	<b>Frühschoppen</b>	<b>Sun 28</b> <b>Deutsches Tanzcafé</b> • <i>An Afternoon w/ Music by Bernie's Orchestra (Lite)</i>
<b>Thu 18</b>	<b>Spring Membership Induction</b> • <i>Come out to</i>	

\* indicates event is open to the public  
† indicates the clubhouse will be closed

## Looking for that Special Gift?

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Gift Card  
- Dinner  
for Two



Cards  
are available for  
purchase at the  
Bar.



# KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

*Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members, Bill Cunningham, Robert Fruh, Rosemarie Geertsma, Mark Jackson, Martin Pettesch, Walter Pfisterer, Bill Sasse, Marga Senger, and Eric Zabel.*

*We mourn the passing of our members, Linda Daly and Margaret Speidel, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.*

*We extend our deepest condolences to the family of George Robert Newton, father of our Vorstand member, Michelle Kasperski.*

*Congratulations to the following members on the arrival of new additions to their families – Christine Civitano welcomed granddaughter Giada Civitano in December and Eric & Patty Zabel welcomed granddaughter Madelyn Marie Amorese in December.*

**In case of illness or death of a member, please email [correspondence@deutscherclub.us](mailto:correspondence@deutscherclub.us)**

## IN THE NEWS

### MEMBERS ACHIEVING THE RANK OF CAPTAIN

*Join us in congratulating our Members Thomas Maier and Michael Ng as they received their promotion to Captain.*



Newly frocked, **Captain Thomas Maier** (Left) in the cockpit of his Southwest Airlines Boeing 737. Captain Maier is a 26-year seasoned aviator stationed in Las Vegas, NV. He's been flying for Southwest for ten (10) years.

Newly promoted, **Captain Michael Ng** with his wife Amy. Captain Ng is a 22-year Woodbridge police veteran and will be commander of the Special Investigations Unit. He previously served in the Radio Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations, and Internal Affairs. (TAPinto Woodbridge)



### DC BOOK GROUP MEETING – JANUARY 29, 2024

The Club's Book Group (sometimes referred to jokingly as "The Nerd Club") meets every 3 or 4 months to discuss a book, fiction or non-fiction, with a German theme. The attached photograph shows the group meeting this past January in the



Ratskeller. Some of the books we have read include: All the Light You Cannot See, 40 Autumns, Katarina: Fortitude, and The Boys in the Boat. In January, we discussed *The German Wife* by Kelly Rimmer, a fictionalized account of Werner von Braun's family. Von Braun was the German genius who built the V2 rocket. The book moves with jumping timelines from pre-World War II, to the war, and after when he and his family are moved to America to lead its rocket development program. It focuses on the relationships between the fictionalized von Braun's wife and the Texas-born wife of his boss. The book raises numerous questions. One concerns how decent Germans managed in the Nazi world. Others deal with relationships, duty, and sacrifice. Please note that everyone is welcome to join our lively and informative discussions, even if they have not read the book. If interested, reach out to James Hockenberry ([JLHockenberry@verizon.net](mailto:JLHockenberry@verizon.net)) to get on his mailing list.

### PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

**Our Parking Lot Fundraising is underway!** We are asking our members to pledge a donation for the milling and re-paving of our parking lot. The parking lot is in much need of repair and upgrades.

Fundraising donation pledge levels of **\$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00** or any amount are appreciated. You may pledge your donation by check, cash or on the DC website under the membership dues tab. There is also a donation box located in the lobby mounted on the bulletin board. You can use the form on the bulletin to make a donation. We are encouraging all members to pledge a donation for this project to help us reach our goal. Any amount of donation will go a long way to support the project.

Why not send in your pledge when renewing your 2024 dues!

**John Carroll / Buzz Sawyer**  
2023-2024 Parking Lot Fund Raising Committee Co-Chairmen





## PLEASE REMEMBER –

When in the Club ...



## MAY WE TAKE YOUR ORDER?

Deutscher Club has Take-out!

Open to the Public!

Call in your order:

(732) 574-8600

Thursday, Friday,

Saturday • Call in orders as of 3:00 PM

(Saturdays as of 2:30 PM) • Pick-up orders

4:00 – 7:00 PM • Check the Website at [www.deutscherclub.us](http://www.deutscherclub.us)

for the Menu



## NOW HIRING: Waiters & Waitresses

Become a member of the DC Service Team!

Interested in applying? Please call Deutscher Club Manager, Ewald Hollinger at (732) 574-8600.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues for 2024 are now due. Upon receipt of payment your 2024 membership card will be mailed to the address on file. You may pay by cash, credit card or check. Payment may be made on the Deutscher Club Website, at the club or mailed to the club, Attention: Membership Secretary.

Dues rates for 2024 are as follows:

1. **\$100.00** - Regular Member
2. **\$75.00** - Senior Member (Must have reached 72 years of age AND been a member for 25 years)
3. **\$180.00** - Couples
4. **\$20.00** - Lifetime Member. Existing Lifetime Members are encouraged to pay a voluntary \$20.00 dues.
5. **\$100.00** Initiation fee for new members.

When paying your 2024 Membership Dues why not make a donation to the Parking Lot Fundraiser? Please help pave our parking lot by making a donation today!

Buzz Sawyer, Membership Secretary

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee meets on the **first Thursday of the month, at 7:00 PM**, in the back corner of the dining room (by the piano). Do you have an idea for an event you would like to have at your Club? Do you have suggestions for making events better? Would you like a fun, easy way to perform your volunteer time for the Club? Join us! The **Decorating Sub-committee**, led by Carol Marquardt and Colleen Sawyer, works hand-in-hand with us to “dress up” the Club for every special event. They meet, same day and time, with the Entertainment Committee to coordinate requirements for seasonal, holiday, and special events decorating. *Robert Dries*

## LADIES' DIVISION MEETINGS

Spring is coming! The Ladies Division will be hosting the Irish Dancers to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on **Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 PM**. Anyone wishing to attend our meeting as our guest is welcome.



Also, if you are a “crafter” or know someone who would be interested, the Ladies Division will be holding their annual **Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 27, 2024, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. For an application, please contact [vendors@deutscherclub.us](mailto:vendors@deutscherclub.us).

–Carol Marquardt

On **February 22nd**, the Ladies Division were honored by a visit from Her Imperial Majesty The Queen Empress Victoria. She regaled the audience in the main dining room of the Club with details of her eventful life from 1819 to 1901.



## SKAT GAME

SKAT is a three-handed, trick-taking card game of the Ace-Ten family, devised in 1810 in Altenburg, and it is the national card game of Germany! What – don't know how to play the game? You are invited to join Peter Richter with the rest of the SKAT players who meet **every Wednesday at 7:30 PM** and learn the game.



## KNITTING CLUB at the Deutscher Club!

Join a circle of fellow crafters **every Thursday at 3:00PM** and teach, share your tips and tricks, and socialize. No experience is necessary.



## Clothing Drive

We are continuing our collection of clothing for the Battered Women's Shelter and the Working Poor Men's Shelter. • Fall and Winter men's, women's, teen and children's clothing, as well as jackets, shoes, and sandals, clean and in good repair, are being accepted by Suzanna Polhamus in March. In **April**, we will switch to Spring/Summer clothing. Contact Suzanna Polhamus at [correspondence@deutscherclub.us](mailto:correspondence@deutscherclub.us).

**PLEASE**, no used undergarments or socks.

*Thank you to all who have contributed to this worthwhile drive to date!*



## SÄNGER CHOR NEWARK

Attention All New DC Members

The Chor held its annual election in January and the officers for 2024 are as follows: President and Treasurer, Peter Volk.

First Vice President, Glenn Fogarty. Second Vice President, Horst Oertel. Secretary, Wells Pekins. Music Meister, Fred Paul.

New Members are welcome! Be there when we celebrate our 100th Anniversary next year!

All the guys who like to sing or want to learn how (don't think you can't! It's easier than you think...) should come join us on **March 8th at 8 PM** at the club. We perform with both piano and/or accordion accompaniment. Greg Scime' is now accompanying the Chor on piano and Tage Haun is our accordionist. We sing in German and in English and will help anyone who thinks they need help with either!

The Sängerkhor will gladly sing a selection of songs for any other groups within the Deutscher Club that would like some authentic German entertainment. The Sängerkhor Newark, the Deutscher Club's “in house” men's singing chorus, is back and re-building with a growing repertoire of classic German songs and fun Bierhallen



“Lieder”. Please call Peter Volk at 908-938-9019 or Glenn Fogarty at 732-259-8993 for details and check out our website at [www.saengerchor.net](http://www.saengerchor.net).

## RHEINISCHER SÄNGERBUND

The **Rheinischer Saengerbund** is a Men's Chorus that has been in existence since 1847. They have a very rich history (to include singing at Abraham Lincoln's Funeral) and continue to enjoy their traditions today with their Musical Director, Johanna Teubner-Prussak, a talented and established musician and conductor. The chorus meets at the Deutscher Club **every Thursday at 8:00 PM**. Think you might be interested in becoming a member? Come on by

## DER SCHWÄBISCHER SÄNGER BUND

All good things come in three, so the saying goes. We are a mixed chorus and are part of the Deutscher Club of Clark



(DCC) house choruses. Our chorus has been in existence for over 135 years. We have done a great deal of travelling, both nationally and internationally, including singing Saturday evening mass at the Vatican on two separate occasions.

We perform two concerts a year. Our Christmas Concert has been a highlight for the German-American community for the past 35 years. We rehearse every **Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM** at the DCC.

If you enjoy singing, we welcome you to come and join us on **Wednesdays** for rehearsal and enjoy the friendship and camaraderie afterwards. For further information, please contact [fran.flourishes@gmail.com](mailto:fran.flourishes@gmail.com)

## HISTORY COMMITTEE



We have a formal History Committee to build, document, and archive the DC's history. The DC history books (by the Manager's office) are in need of care and could be digitized by anyone with the know-how. You can study and interpret the DC's past by reviewing the collection of photos, news articles, letters and more and share your findings with the rest of the membership in historical articles published in the monthly

bulletin and by building new catalogs. The next meeting of the History Committee will be held **Friday, March 1, 2024, 6:30 PM**. Come join us! *This is yet another opportunity to earn your volunteer hours.* • If you are interested, please email [correspondence@deutscherclub.us](mailto:correspondence@deutscherclub.us)

**ITALIAN NIGHT**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND  
6:00-10:00PM  
\*MUSIC BY JAMES BARBA\*

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SERVED "FAMILY STYLE"  
FOUR COURSE ITALIAN  
MENU (MEAT & VEGETARIAN)

\*\$29 - MEMBERS\*  
\*\$32 - NON MEMBER GUESTS\*  
(TIP NOT INCLUDED)

\*\*TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR  
THROUGH FEB. 25TH\*\*

**JAZZ AM FREITAG**  
MARCH 8TH AND 15TH  
6:00-8:30PM

Enjoy light dinner music by DC members  
\*Christian Fabian on bass\*  
and  
\*Greg Scime on piano\*

**Deutscher Tanzabend**  
Saturday, March 9th  
6:00-10:00 PM  
Music by Robbie Lawrence

\*\$5 Members/\$8 Guests-Pay at the door.\*  
\*Regular Menu\*

## HIKING NEWS

**Leader: Brian Mecca**  
[brian.mecca@gmail.com](mailto:brian.mecca@gmail.com)



We are planning our hikes for the 1st half of 2024, if you have any suggestions, please share them with me **On the day of the Hike, we meet at 9:50** in the parking lot (details to be provided to the email group the week prior – contact me to get added to the email list), and the **hike begins promptly at 10:00am**. If you are running late, please call me so that we can make accommodation for you.



**On Sunday February 11, 2024**. Twenty-five (25) of us enjoyed a slightly overcast day and a 4-mile hike along the Rahway River back to Black Brook Park in Kenilworth and all the way to Michigan Ave.

Sunday **March 10th, 2024**, we will be going to Hartshorne Woods Park located in Highlands NJ, by Sandy Hook. They have many trails and interesting things to see including the Military Installations at Rocky Point, they are part of the Monmouth County Park System. <https://www.monmouthcountyparks.com/page.aspx?Id=2524>

Future hikes are being planned for **May 5th, and June 9th**. Let me know if you have any suggestions. **April 14th** will be at Cheesequake State Park.

*Please let me know if you plan on attending by email at [brian.mecca@gmail.com](mailto:brian.mecca@gmail.com), include your phone # so that we can create a texting group for last minute notifications.*

Following the hike, we will return to the Club for Fröh-schoppen. The bar is open, there is usually soup and open face sandwiches, and people bring things to eat as the kitchen is not open. Feel free to bring something. It is a fun time after the hike.

**CATERING SERVICE** • Let us cater you private events.

An extensive catering menu is available on our website or from our own Chef Ewald.





## NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 7:30 PM.** If

you have a business, join us if you would like to make known your business to our Deutscher Club Networking Group. Members and guests will have time to talk about their business. There will be a business card and/or a brochure exchange. If there is a topic you want to focus on in a future meeting, let me know. **RSVP required** to Michael Fleyzor at [mfleyzor@gmail.com](mailto:mfleyzor@gmail.com) or cell phone (732) 319-4886. Looking forward to hearing about your business. *Michael Fleyzor*



## GERMAN STATE DINNER SERIES

### SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

On **Friday, March 22, 2024**, we'd like to introduce the **Deutscher Club's German State Dinner Series** with the inaugural event featuring the menu and culture of **Schleswig-Holstein**.



Future dinners will highlight one of the 16 German states (dates will be announced).

### DEUTSCHER STAMMTISCH

Meets every 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 PM

Each event will feature specials from Chef Ewald that are traditional to the region being featured and will be accompanied by videos of the area. We will begin in the north, with Schleswig-Holstein, focusing on Lübeck and Kiel. If you're from Schleswig-Holstein, please come out and be recognized, if you'd like. This is not a ticketed event; however, reservations will be accepted through the Club.

We also need help from you for future dinners in the series - If you're from Germany, a descendant that has kept up with the culinary traditions from your family's state, or have items you'd like to display, and would like to help in planning future German State Dinners, please email Keith at [president@deutscherclub.us](mailto:president@deutscherclub.us)

### SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN MENU

#### Blumenkohlsuppe mit Krabben

(Cauliflower soup with Shrimp)

#### APPETIZER

#### Lübecker Schwalbennest

(Turkey schnitzel, Ham, Egg over Arugula salad)

#### ENTREE

#### Birnen, Bohnen und Speck

mit Salz Kartoffel  
(Pear, Beans and Bacon with boiled potatoes)

#### Finkenwerder Scholle

mit Bohnen und Bratkartoffel  
(fried Flounder with Bacon, String beans and fried Potatoes)

#### DESSERT:

#### Bauernmädchen

(Pumpnickel bread, Apple compote, Raspberry and whipped cream)

## A NOTE FROM THE DC BLOOD DRIVE

### COMMITTEE

The Deutscher Club will host their Spring Blood Drive on **Saturday, March 23, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**, in the Club's main dining room.



Our Blood Drive is open to members and non-members. Please pass the word!

Donating blood is a lifesaving gift to others and is always in demand. One out of every three people will need blood at some time in their life. You never know when you or someone you love will be the one. It takes 250 blood donations every day to meet the needs of all the patients in the hospitals serviced by VITALANT, the largest provider of blood and blood services in the USA.

In March, we once again partner with VITALANT Services to run our Blood Drive. Deutscher Club members and friends have been constant supporters of the community for over 60 years. Help us to keep our streak going strong. To register, visit this web address: [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/57254](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/57254).

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# COMING SOON.....

## THE BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting is planned for **Friday, April 26, 2024 at 7:30pm**. The plan is to meet in the Ratskeller or if the weather cooperates, outside.



The book we will read is **Tunnel 29: The Extraordinary Escape Beneath the Berlin Wall**. It is available everywhere. This is a marvelous and miraculous true story.

Just to note, everyone is welcome to at-

tend our discussions, even if (s)he has not read the book. The discussions are designed to be fun and learning experiences.

I welcome any comments or suggestions.

### Amazon Description of *Tunnel 29*:

Based on a hit podcast series, this book tells the unbelievable true story of an escape tunnel under the Berlin Wall--the people who built it, the spy who betrayed it, and the media event it inspired.

In September 1961, at the height of the Cold War, 22-year-old Joachim Rudolph escaped from East Germany, one of the world's most brutal regimes. He'd risked

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This is the story of their great escape, the NBC documentary crew that filmed it, and the U.S. government's attempts to block the film from ever seeing the light of day. But more than anything, this is the story of what people will do to be free.

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## DER RING DES NIBELUNGEN UND DIE VIKINGER

Richard Wagner, der weltweit bekannte Komponist, schuf sein größtes Werk, Der Ring, der aus vier monumentalen Opern besteht: Das Rheingold, Die Walküre, Siegfried und Götterdämmerung. Diese Opern, mit Themen aus der germanischen Mythologie und dem Gedicht, das originale Nibelungenlied, (1200) beschäftigten den Komponist über mehr als ein Viertel Jahrhundert, während er auch noch andere Opern komponierte. Die Geschichte des Rings (in Kürze) erzählt von einem Ring der Götter mit magischer Kraft, die dem Träger die Fähigkeit gibt, die Welt zu regieren. Der Ring wurde von dem Nibelungen Zwerg Alberich aus dem Gold des Rheingold Schatzes geschmiedet, den er von den Rhein-Töchtern gestohlen hatte. In der Oper Siegfried heisst der Zwerg Mime, Siegfried tötete den heimtückischen Mime und nahm dessen Ring, der ihm die Macht des Rings gab. Siegfried ist Enkel des Gottes Wotan (Halb Gott), zerbricht dessen Speer, von dem Wotan die Kraft und Autorität über die Götter erhielt. Siegfried schmiedet sich ein Schwert aus den Teilen von Wotans Speer, mit dem er den Drachen Fafnir tötet. Danach badete er sich in dem Drachenblut und wurde so unverwundbar, bis auf eine kleine Stelle auf seinem Rücken, wohin ein Blatt gefallen war. Das, kurzgefasst, ist der Inhalt von Siegfrieds Oper. Die Uraufführung von Siegfried fand 1876 im Bayreuther Festspielhaus statt, als ein Teil der ganzen Aufführung Der Ring des Nibelungen. Was hat all dies mit den Vikinger zu tun? In der Uraufführung wurde nicht an Kostümen und Kulissen gespart. Carl Emil Doepler, Künstler und Maler war damals der Kostümbildner und er entwarf, unter anderem, die Kleidung der Götter. Hier für die Kopfbedeckungen der Götter entwarf Doepler Hörner auf beiden Seit-

en der Helme. Somit begann danach der Mythos, dass die Vikinger, starke männliche Vorbilder in Schlachten, auch Hörner an den Helmen hatten, obwohl es keinen direkten Beweis in archäologischen Forschungen dafür gibt. Ganz selten erschienen die Vikinger wahrscheinlich mit dekorierten Hörnern bei besonderen Festlichkeiten, aber auf ihren Reisen und auch Schiffen trugen sie nur Kopfbedeckungen ohne Hörner.

## THE RING OF THE NIBELUNGEN AND THE VIKINGS

Richard Wagner, the world-renowned composer, created his greatest work, The Ring, which consists of four monumental operas: Das Rheingold, Die Walküre (The Valkyrie, Wotan's daughter) Siegfried, and Götterdämmerung (Dawn of the Gods). These operas, with themes from Germanic mythology and the poem, the original Nibelungenlied, (song of the Nibelungen, 1200), occupied the composer for more than a quarter of a century, while he also composed other operas. The Story of the Ring (in short) tells of a ring of the gods with magical power that gives the wearer the ability to rule the world. The ring was forged by the Nibelung dwarf Alberich (named Mime in the opera) from the gold of the Rheingold treasure, which he had stolen from the Rhein Daughters. In the opera Siegfried, the Dwarf is named Mime. Siegfried killed the treacherous Mime and took his ring, which gave him the power of the ring. Siegfried (half God) is the grandson of the god Wotan, breaks the latter's spear, from which Wotan had received power and authority over the gods. Siegfried forges a sword



from the parts of Wotan's spear and uses it to kill the dragon Fafnir. He then bathed in the dragon's blood and became invulnerable, except for a small spot on his back, where a leaf had fallen. That, in a nutshell, is the content of the Siegfried opera. The premiere of Siegfried took place in 1876 at the Bayreuth Festival Hall, as part of the complete performances of The Ring of the Nibelungen. What does all of this have to do with the Vikings? At the premiere no expense was spared on costumes and sets. Carl Emil Doepler, artist and painter, was the costume designer at the time and among other things, he designed the clothing of the gods. Here for the headgear of the gods, Doepler designed horns on both sides of the helmets. Thus, after that, the myth began that the Vikings, strong male role models in battles, also had horns on their helmets, although there is no direct evidence of this in archaeological research. The Vikings probably appeared very rarely at special celebrations with decorated horns, but on their journeys and ships they only wore headgear without horns. —Barbara Oberding

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## PAUL EHRLICH – IMMUNOLOGIST

Paul Ehrlich was born in Strehlen, Prussia in 1854. After attending several universities, including Breslau, Strasbourg, Freiburg, and Leipzig, Ehrlich graduated with a medical degree from the University of Leipzig in 1878. He soon began collaborating with his cousin, Carl Weigert, a pathologist pioneering in aniline dyes as biological cell stains. Next, Ehrlich was offered a position as head of Charite Hospital in Berlin. There Ehrlich developed a technique to identify tuberculosis bacillus and laid the foundation for the field of hematology. Ehrlich continued to research boosting immunity through antitoxins at the Royal Prussian Institute for Experimental Therapy. In 1897, Ehrlich was appointed Public Health Officer at Frankfurt-am-Main, then Director in 1899. Here, Ehrlich pursued chemotherapy, expressed as “Magic Bullets” which would go directly to the organisms which they were targeted. Ehrlich and his fellow researchers developed an arsenic compound that they called Salvarsan which was successful in the initial treatment of syphilis. Salvarsan, and the improved Neosalvarsan, remained the standard treatment for syphilis until the 1940’s advent of antibiotics. Paul Ehrlich married and had two children. He died in 1915 but was able to receive many titles and awards in his lifetime, including the 1908 Nobel Prize for medicine. Other awards after his death included a street naming in Frankfurt-Sachsenhausen, schools and pharmacies named in his honor, a postage stamp in 1954, a moon crater in 1970 and a 200 Deutsche Mark bank note in 2001. Additionally, in 1940 his life and work were featured in the US film Dr. Ehrlich’s Magic Bullet with Edward G. Robinson in the title role. The film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay. —Barbara Streit

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