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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – NOVEMBER / NOVEMBER 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, this month we celebrate our 88th year as a Club at our Anniversary Gala being held on Saturday, November 11th. I hope you will join us for this festive night as we also celebrate our 25- and 50-year members and a new woman and man of the year. It is quite a milestone for those being honored and we thank you for your dedication to our club over the years. The Holiday season is always one of my favorite times of the year at the club. We have so many things to be thankful for including our rich German heritage and traditions, a beautiful clubhouse, and grounds, and of course a wonderful and dedicated group of members. We are so fortunate to have all these things and sometimes, maybe, we take them for granted. Although we had a great Fest season, please continue to come out and support your club over the winter months. We have a number of exciting events lined up in November. It is now time to relax and enjoy all your hard work during Biergarten season. Later this month, the Ladies' Division kicks off the holiday season as they hold their annual Christkindmarkt. The committee has worked hard to bring the very best of vendors, musicians, food, libations, and fun activities to this event. Check Signup Genius for volunteering opportunities or reach out to our VP's Brian Daly and Bob Dries at events@deutscherclub.us, to offer your time. This time of the year we also begin to search for a new 2024 Executive Board. The nominating committee, led by Alexandra Beinstein, is interested in hearing from anyone who might be interested in running for a position on the Board. There are several positions open this year so please consider being nominated. Being a member driven organization I must mention that our fall cleanup days are scheduled for November 4th and November 25th beginning at 8:00AM (both days). This is a great time to come out and help get the grounds ready for the winter months. For newer members, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow members. We have much that needs to be accomplished and your help is greatly appreciated. As always, please stay well and I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, Diesen Monat feiern wir unser 88-jähriges Bestehen als Club mit unserem Jubiläumsgala, das am Samstag den 11. November stattfinden wird. Ich hoffe dass Sie an diesem festlichen Abend dabei sein werden, da wir auch unsere 25- und 50-jährigen Mitglieder, sowie die Frau- und den Mann-des-Jahres feiern werden. Es ist ein großer Meilenstein für die Geehrten und wir danken ihnen für ihr Engagement im Laufe der vergangenen Jahre. Die Feiertage im Club sind fuer mich eine meiner Lieblingszeiten des Jahres. Wir haben viel Grund dankbar zu sein, besonders fuer unser reiches deutsches Erbgut mit seinen Traditionen. Nicht zu vergessen ist unser wunderschönes Clubhaus mit seinem Gelände, und die wunderbare engagierte Gruppe von Mitgliedern. Wir haben das große Glück all diese Dinge zu haben, doch manchmal halten wir sie vielleicht für selbstverständlich. Wir schauen auf eine großartige Festsaison zurueck. Meine Bitte an Sie ist den Club ueber die Wintermonate weiterhin zu unterstützen. Im November stehen für uns zahlreiche interessante Veranstaltungen auf dem Programm. Jetzt ist die Zeit gekommen sich zu entspannen und die harte Arbeit während der Biergartensaison zu genießen. Später in diesem Monat eröffnet die Damenabteilung die Advents- und Weihnachtszeit mit ihrem jährlichen Christkindmarkt. Das Komitee hat hart daran gearbeitet, die besten Haendler, Musiker, Speisen und Getränke zu wahlen, und um unterhaltsame Aktivitäten zu dieser Veranstaltung zu bringen. Informieren Sie sich bitte bei Signup Genius betreffs Möglichkeiten zur Freiwilligenarbeit, oder wenden Sie sich an unsere Vizepräsidenten Brian Daly und Bob Dries unter events@deutscherclub.us, um Ihre Hilfe anzubieten. Zu dieser Jahreszeit beginnen wir auch mit der Suche nach neuen Vorstandsmitgliedern für 2024. Das Nominierungskomitee, unter der Leitung von Alexandra Beinstein, moechte von jedem hören, der an der Kandidatur für eine Position im Vorstand interessiert ist.. In diesem Jahr sind mehrere Stellen offen, denken Sie also bitte über eine Nominierung nach. Da es sich um eine von Mitgliedern geführte Organisation handelt, moechte ich erwähnen, dass unser Herbst-Aufräumetag für den 4. November und den 25. November ab 8 Uhr morgens (beide Tage) geplant ist. Dies ist eine gute Zeit, herauszukommen um zu helfen das Gelände für die Wintermonate vorzubereiten. Für neue Mitglieder ist es eine wunderbare Gelegenheit andere Mitglieder kennenzulernen. Es gibt vieles zu erledigen, und Ihre Hilfe wird sowohl benötigt als auch sehr geschätzt. Bleiben Sie bitte gesund und ich freue mich darauf Sie im Club zu sehen!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Eric Zabel

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PROGRAMM FÜR NOVEMBER / NOVEMBER PROGRAM 2023

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

Wed 01	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 02	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 02	Entertainment Committee Meeting • Details on Page 4	6:30 PM
Thu 02	Ballroom Dancing IV • Swing • Details on Page 5	7:00 PM
Fri 03	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 03	History Committee Meeting • Details on Page 5	6:30 PM
Fri 03	Meeting of the Portugal Trip • in the Ratskeller	6:30 PM
Sat 04	Fall Clean-up Part I – Prepare the DC for the Christkindlmarkt • Details on Page 6	8:00 AM
Sat 04	Murder Mystery Night • Don your Houndstooth – The Game's Afoot	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 05	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • The Great Swamp • Details on Page 6	10:00 AM
Sun 05	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 08	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 08	Membership Meeting • Got something on your mind?	7:00 PM
Thu 09	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 09	Ballroom Dancing IV • Swing • Details on Page 5	7:00 PM
Fri 10	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 11	88th Anniversary Gala • Music by The Adlers • Details on Page 6	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 12	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 12	Ladies' Division Meeting • Trivia in the Ratskeller	2:00 PM
Wed 15	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 16	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 16	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!	6:30 PM
Thu 16	Ballroom Dancing IV • Swing • Details on Page 5	7:00 PM
Thu 16	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • Details on Page 6	7:30 PM
Fri 17	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	7:30 AM
Fri 17	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 18	Christkindlmarkt *† • Day 1 • Music by Joey V. • Details on Page 6	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sat 18	Bar • Clubhouse is open for Members	4:00 – 11:00 PM
Sun 19	Christkindlmarkt *† • Day 2 • Music by Ryan Schubert • Details on Page 6	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sun 19	Frühshoppen	Cancelled Today
Wed 22	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 23	A Blessed Thanksgiving to All!	CLUB IS CLOSED
Fri 24	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 25	Fall Clean-up Part II – Help Prepare the Grove for Winter!	8:00 AM
Sat 25	Dinner & Dancing • Music by the Adlers • Menu on the DC Website	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 26	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 29	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 30	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 30	Ballroom Dancing IV • Swing • Details on Page 5	7:00 PM

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Fri 01	Christmas Tree Lighting • Music by Nick Conte	Sun 17	Frühshoppen
Sat 02	Trivia Night • 'Tis the Season to Rally your Teams	Sun 17	Children's Christmas Party • Food, Games, Crafts & Santa!
Sun 03	Frühshoppen	Sun 17	Ladies Division Meeting • No Meeting
Thu 07	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Wed 20	Ladies' Division Christmas Party
Thu 07	Ballroom Dancing IV • Swing	Thu 21	Railroaders Dinner & Video
Fri 08	Christmas Carols by Candlelight • Schwäbischer Sängerbund	Thu 21	Networking Meeting
Sun 10	Frühshoppen	Sun 24	Christmas Eve • Club is Closed • Frohe Weihnachten!
Wed 13	Membership Meeting	Mon 25	Christmas Frühshoppen • Potluck
Thu 14	Ballroom Dancing IV • Swing	Sun 31	Frühshoppen • Cancelled Today
Sat 16	Christmas Gala • Music by The Adlers	Sun 31	Silvester / New Year's Eve Gala • Bernie's Orchestra
Sun 17	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers		

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

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KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members, **Gertrude Adams, Alice Bellante, Diana Sachs, Irene Zehetleitner, and Betty Cifuentes** – wife of member **Jose Cifuentes**.

We mourn the passing of our members, **Annemarie Strunz-Anderson and Rose Sayer** and extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of **Anne Richter**, sister-in-law of our member **Peter Richter**.

We congratulate the following members on the arrival of new additions to their families – **Robert Dries** welcomed grandson **Connor Robert**, **Barbara Niro** welcomed granddaughter **Elmora May**, and **Richard Polhamus** welcomed grandson **Charlie**.

In case of illness or death of a member, please email correspondence@deutscherclub.us

IN THE NEWS

FUTURE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Welcome to **Connor Robert Georgiana**, born October 7th, 8lbs 7oz. Congratulations to 2nd VP **Robert Dries**, his wife **Nancy** and to the entire **Dries** family.



JANUARY 14TH, 2024

Make a difference at the Deutscher Club. Let your voice be heard? Take part in the 2024 Elections at our General Meeting on Sunday, **January 14th, 2024, at 2:00 PM!**

Any DC member may make a nomination for an office no later than the conclusion of the November 8th Monthly Membership Meeting. This allows sufficient time for the Nominating Committee to interview and screen all candidates. Any member who wishes to run for position on the Executive Board should contact a member of the Nominating Committee (see below) to schedule an interview.

Nominating Committee members:

Alexandra Beinstein, 908-875-8664,

Chairperson

Betty Bunger, 908-239-0554

Chrissy Daly, 908-327-0376

Martha Kein, 908-625-7086

Suzanna Polhamus, 732-241-2104

Peter Richter, 908-447-2544

Mary Siebert. 414-899-6522

The open positions are as follows:

President

1st Vice President

Treasurer

Recording Secretary

Trustee (two, 3-year terms)

Trustee (one, 1-year term)

Prior to the elections, the nominating committee will present the slate of candidates at the December monthly membership meeting on **Wednesday, December 13th**. No additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time.

Additional details regarding the election process will be provided in next month's bulletin.

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. We are hoping to have the project completed in the fall of 2024.

Several fundraising events are scheduled for 2024 here at the club. Stay tuned.

Fundraising pledge levels of donation will be further discussed at the November membership meeting.

There is a donation box located in the lobby mounted on the bulletin board. You can use



the Memorial/Tribute form in the monthly bulletin to make a donation. We are encouraging all members to pledge a donation for this project to help us reach our goal.

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

John Carroll / Buzz Sawyer

2023-2024 Parking Lot Fund Raising Committee Co-Chairmen

Sincerely, **Buzz Sawyer**, *Membership Secretary, Deutscher Club of Clark*

MISS DEUTSCHER CLUB



Thank-you for your Support!

Anna Sophia Hallenbeck

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS' ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

During the holiday season every year since 1997, the Tree of Hope, a non-profit organization run by the Union County Sheriff's Officers, provides new toys to several hundred Union County children

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who are homeless, living in shelters, victims of domestic violence, or medically fragile. Without your donation of a new, unwrapped toy, these children will experience a less than happy holiday season.

Please help the **Deutscher Club of Clark** support the Tree of Hope and donate a new, unwrapped toy valued between \$15 and \$20, and assure these children a happier holiday.

A collection point will be in the foyer of the DC from **November 1 to mid-December**.

For more information on the Tree of Hope organization visit: <https://ucnj.org/sheriff/tree-of-hope>.



BIG RAFFLE TICKETS ARE IN

Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase from any Vorstand (Executive Board) member.



There are 3000 tickets to be sold, with a potential for 3 grand prizes of \$5000 each - if all are sold. The drawing will take place on the night of our Silvester/New Year's Eve Party, **Sunday, December 31st, at 9:00 PM** - you do not have to be present to win. If you prefer tickets mailed to you, please submit your payment with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Club, "Attn: 2023 Big Raffle" and we will be more than happy to send them out. Please support this fundraiser which benefits the Club's efforts in promoting German culture and maintaining the condition of the clubhouse and grounds. *Ken Vogt, Trustee*

VOLUNTEER AT YOUR CLUB & EARN YOUR 10 HOURS ANNUALLY

- 1. Saturday's Band Night** (manning the Admissions table) -sign up on the Bulletin board behind the table and see a trustee for instructions.
- 2. Tuesday Crew** (helping with repair projects, cleaning, mowing/leaf blowing, etc. Show up at club at 8AM) – there is a sign-in book.
- 3. Saturday Crew** (outside landscaping, show up at 8AM) – there is a sign-in book.
- 4. Potato Peeling** (making the potato salad for Biergartens & Fests. The Friday before an event, at 8AM, bring a peeler) – there is a sign-in book.

5. Work at a Biergarten or Fest (work 2 ½ hours manning Admissions, 50/50 Raffle Sales, sell pretzels, serve food, grilling, manage parking, work as cashier, sell at the cake table, etc) - Sign-up Genius*

6. Spring Clean-Up (clean our clubhouse and get the grove ready for events, show up at 8 AM) – there is a sign-in book.

7. Fall Clean-Up (put away tables, clean outdoor bar and kitchen, leaf and sticky ball removal, show up at 8AM) -there is a sign-in book.

8. Entertainment and Decorating Committees (meet first Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM in the main dining room) – there is a sign-in book.

9. Additionally, if you have a talent or skill, you are willing to donate your time performing, this too can count towards your volunteer hours.

* If you are not receiving the Sign-up Genius messages, please ensure we have your correct email address by sending it to events@deutscherclub.us. You can also send questions to correspondence@deutscherclub.us

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4:00 – 7:00 PM • Check the Website at 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.



I am now accepting **2024 Dues**. 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.

The following late fees will be assessed monthly: April 1 - \$10.00, May 1 - \$20.00, June 1 - \$30.00, July - \$40.00, August 1 - \$50.00.

Buzz Sawyer, Membership Secretary

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee meets on the **first Thursday of the month, at 6:30 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

The Ladies Division along with the DC, is busy getting ready for our **Christ-kindlmarkt 2023** be-



ing held on **November 18th and 19th**. Hope everyone will support us by volunteering and shopping! If anyone has any Trachten they would like to donate for us to sell at the event, please bring them to the Club on Thursdays and see Barbara Oberding. Our November meeting will take place on **Sunday, November 12th** and will feature Trivia in the Ratskeller. The Club has many fun events coming up, hope to see you there! *Carol Marquardt, President*

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, Trustee. Contact Suzanna Polhamus at correspondence@deutscherclub.us.



PLEASE, no used undergarments or socks.

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

BALLROOM DANCE – SWING CLASS

As we transition from our Biergarten and Fest season to indoor events including Dining and Dancing, we once again offer our members Ballroom Dancing Lessons. Imagine enjoying dinner at the Deutscher Club on a Thursday evening and then moving to the dance floor to learn Swing Dance. Beginning **Thursday, November 2nd, there will be six (6) weekly one-hour classes held from 7 - 8 PM** at the Deutscher Club (ending on or about December 14th (excluding Thanksgiving)). There will be a female and male instructor available to teach the basic steps of Swing. Limited spots are available as we prefer to keep the class to a maximum of



twenty (20) people. The cost of the class will depend upon the number of students registered. The class will not be held if a minimum of ten (10) students is not reached. Members who are interested must commit to all six (6) lessons (no refunds will be given). Members interested in joining this class, please send your name and contact information to correspondence@deutscherclub.us.

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, November 3, 2023, 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

SÄNGER CHOR NEWARK

Attention All New DC Members

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 Bierhalle "Lieder". We perform with both piano and accordion accompaniment. 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 **every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 PM** at the club. We sing in German and in English and will help anyone who thinks they need help with either! In addition, we will gladly sing a selection of songs for any other groups within the Deutscher Club that would like some authentic German entertainment. 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.



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

DEUTSCHER CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

Our last Deutscher Club sponsored Blood Drive was Saturday October 21, 2023. Thank you for your continued support It is because of you passing the word of our blood drive or attending and donating at our blood drives that made it a success/



A healthy blood supply is in our hands. Our Blood Drives support local hospitals and those who desperately need blood. Our next Blood Drive is a Saturday in **March 2024**. A date will be posted in a future newsletter.

*Roswitha and Michael Burkert
Co-Chair Deutscher Club Blood Drive*



Saturday, November 4th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please come out to the DC and help get the Grove and Pavilion ready for the Winter and again on **November 25th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM,** to clean-up after the Christkindmarkt. Refreshments will be provided.

HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca

Contact: brian.mecca@gmail.com



We are planning our hikes for the 2nd half of 2023, 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 **November 4th,** we'll be off to the Great Swamp Lord Stirling Park. More details to be sent out to the email list for the Hiking Group prior to the hike.

Future hikes are being planned for December, please let me know if you have any suggestions, or would like to lead us on a hike you have done or want to do. **Please let me know** if you plan on attending by email at 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.

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 6:00-10:00PM DINNER AND DANCING

Music by The Adlers
\$70 PER PERSON (TIP NOT INCLUDED)

OPEN BAR
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 Payment is required to secure your Reservation.

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, November 16th, 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. **RSVP required** to Michael Fleyzor at mfleyzor@gmail.com or cell phone (732) 319-4886. Looking forward to hearing about your business. *Michael Fleyzor*



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SOCIETY OF POTATO PEELERS - UNITE!!

Welcome back to the Season of Potato Peeling! Dust off your peelers and slicers because a meeting of the Society of Potato Peelers will take place on **Friday, Friday, November 17th!!** New members are always welcome. We are in need of peelers, slicers and mixers to prepare the Potato Salad for our **Christkindmarkt**, November 18/19, 2023. The **FUN** begins at **7:30 AM.**





The Ladies' Division of
 The Deutscher Club of Clark

Christkindmarkt

Saturday and Sunday,
November 18 + 19, 2023
 11 am - 4pm

Traditional German Items,
 Lots of Vendors,
 German Food, Glühwein
 + German Beer!

Fun & Festive
 Holiday
 Market!

COMING SOON.....

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Mark your calendar • **Friday, December 8th, 8 PM** • The Schwäbischer Sängerbund will perform Christmas Carols by Candlelight at the Deutscher Club • *Dinner service will be available before the concert.*



CATERING SERVICE

Let us cater your private events. An extensive catering menu is available on our website or from our own Chef Ewald.

Christmas Gala

Saturday, December 16th •

6 – 10:00 PM

Music by *The Adlers*

The night begins with a Cocktail Hour featuring a Buffet of Appetizers and an Open Bar.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the Bar until **Sunday, December 10th** and are \$65 for members/\$70 for non-members. Payment is required to secure your Reservation. • *Dress Code: Cocktail*



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17th • 1 – 3 PM

The party is open to children and grandchildren of our members (up to 8yrs of age).

■ Each parent is requested to bring a wrapped Christmas gift with their child's name on it, not to exceed \$20 in value • *Your child will receive the gift you bring.*

■ There will be games, prizes, and entertainment, refreshments • and possibly even a visit from Santa Claus, too!

Frohe Weihnachten • Merry Christmas!

P.S. Look for the box in the Lobby to register the children.



Ladies' Division Christmas Party

Wednesday,
December 20th,
at 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

The DC Damenabteilung/ Ladies' Division will hold their annual Christmas Dinner. • **Cocktails are at 5:30 PM and Dinner is at 6:00 PM.**



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THE BOOK CLUB

Our Member and published Author, James Hockenberry, leads our Book Club.



The next Book Group meeting is tentatively planned for **Friday January 26 at 7:30PM**, in the Rathskeller.

The book to be read is *The German Wife* by Kelly Rimmer. It is available everywhere. This is a fictionalized account of Werner von Braun's experience in America told from his wife's perspective.

Amazon Description of *The German Wife*:

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Warsaw Orphan* returns with a gripping novel inspired by the true story of Operation Paperclip: a controversial secret US intelligence program that employed former Nazis after WWII.

Berlin, 1930—When a wave of change sweeps a radical political party to power, Sofie von Meyer Rhodes's academic husband benefits from the ambitions of its newly elected chancellor. Although Sofie and Jürgen do

not share the social views growing popular in Hitler's Germany, Jürgen's position with its burgeoning rocket program changes their diminishing fortunes for the better. But as Sofie watches helplessly, her beloved Berlin begins to transform, forcing her to consider what they must sacrifice morally for their young family's security, and what the price for their neutrality will be.

Twenty years later, Jürgen is one of the many German scientists offered pardons for their part in the war, and taken to America to work for its fledgling space program. For Sofie, this is the chance to exorcise the ghosts that have followed her across the ocean and make a fresh start in her adopted country. But her neighbors aren't as welcoming or as understanding as she had hoped. When scandalous rumors about the Rhodes family's affiliation with Hitler's regime spreads, idle gossip turns to bitter rage, and the act of violence that results will tear apart Sofie's community and her family before the truth is finally revealed.

"An unforgettable novel that explores important questions highly relevant to the world today." —Christine Wells, author of *Sisters of the Resistance*

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our Book Group.

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Deutsche Ecke

Hopfen und Malz

Wer durch Bayern oder Württemberg reist, der wundert sich oft über die seltsamen Gerüste auf vielen Feldern. Sie sehen aus wie Wäschespinnen und sind je nach Jahreszeit mehr oder weniger stark berankt. Was uns da so merkwürdig ins Auge fällt, das sind Felder voller Hopfen. Botanisch heißt die Pflanze *Humulus lupulus*. Hopfen ist, wie jeder weiß unverzichtbarer Bestandteil des Bieres. Genau genommen sind es die Blüten der weiblichen Pflanze, die zu diesem Zweck geerntet werden. Sie geben dem Bier seinen unverwechselbaren Geschmack. Aber auch im Garten sind Hopfenstauden als Kletterpflanze sehr beliebt: Einerseits, weil sie sehr schnell wachsen und schon bald schattenspendende Ecken bieten, andererseits, weil im Herbst die oberirdischen Pflanzen absterben und Pergolen, Zäune usw. mühelos gepflegt, gestrichen oder repariert werden können. Die zapfenartigen, grünlichen Blüten fallen nicht so ins Auge wie die anderen Kletterpflanzen, sind aber recht hübsch anzusehen und außerdem sehr nützlich. Zwar wird man sie im Garten nicht zur Bierherstellung verwenden, dafür aber vielleicht als Heilpflanze nutzen. Dazu werden im September die Blütenzapfen geerntet. Man überbrüht 1 Teelöffel Hopfenblüten mit einer Tasse kochendem Wasser. Der Tee gilt als Schlaf- und Beruhigungsmittel, den man gerne abends trinkt. Auch ein Schlafkissen, das ist ein mit trockenen



Hopfenblüten gefülltes Baumwollkissen, fördert das Einschlafen. Nach einer Woche ist es aber meist „verbraucht“.

Hops and Malt

Anyone who travels through Bavaria or Württemberg is often surprised by the strange scaffolding in many fields. They look like clothes lines and are more or less heavily covered with greenery, depending on the season. What catches our eye so strangely are fields full of hops. Botanically, the plant is called *Humulus lupulus*. Hops, as everyone knows, are an indispensable ingredient in beer. Strictly speaking, it is the flowers of the female plant that are harvested for this purpose. They give the beer its

unmistakable taste. But hop perennials are also very popular as climbing plants in the garden: on the one hand, because they grow very quickly and soon offer shady corners, and on the other hand, because the above-ground plants die in autumn and pergolas, fences, etc. can be easily maintained, painted, or repaired. The cone-like, greenish flowers are not as eye-catching as the other climbing plants, but they are quite pretty to look at and also very useful. Although they will not be used in the garden to make beer, they may be used as a medicinal plant. The flower cones are harvested in September. One (1) teaspoon of hop flowers is scalded with a cup of boiling water. This tea is considered a sleep and/or relaxation remedy that people like to drink in the evening. A cotton pillow filled with dry hop blossoms, also promotes sleep. After a week, however, it is usually "used up".

This is my last submission. After four years of writing and submitting articles every other month, I would like to see someone from among our new members take the baton. Be creative.

Inge Helling

If anyone is interested in submitting articles for Die Deutsche Ecke, please write to correspondence@deutscherclub.us.

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ROBERT BOSCH – Engineer, Inventor & Industrialist

Robert Bosch was born in 1861 in Albeck, Germany, the eleventh of twelve children. His family owned a farm, a brewery, and an inn, and believed strongly in education. Bosch attended a secondary technical school and then completed an apprenticeship as a precision mechanic. He worked for various companies in Germany until 1884, then sailed to the United States to work under Thomas Edison. The following year he found employment with Siemen Brothers in the UK. In 1886, Bosch opened his own business in Stuttgart installing telephone systems, electric bells, and helping to electrify the city. Asked in 1887 by Gottlieb Daimler if he could improve a device like a low-voltage magneto for a four-stroke engine, Bosch created a device for gas motors that was eventually used on motor vehicles, and the Daimler engine on the Zeppelin. This patented device greatly increased profits and enabled Bosch to build offices in America, Asia, Africa, and Australia. By 1927, other automotive innovations followed, including diesel fuel injection, the electric horn, windshield wipers, and pneumatic power brakes. As an employer, Bosch treated his employees fairly. He paid high wages to keep his workers motivated, he introduced the 8-hour workday, he believed in training and established an apprentice's workshop. Bosch believed in charitable causes and contributed generously after WWI to the city of Stuttgart to ease social hardship. He was equally generous in supporting Stuttgart Polytechnic School and established the Robert Bosch Hospital. In later years, the Robert Bosch company expanded into cameras, power tools, TVs, refrigerators, and radios. Today, there are over 400,000 thousand employees worldwide. The private company remains partially under the guidance of the family and still pursues charitable endeavors. In 1984, Robert Bosch was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame.

Barbara Streit

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