



Enzian Ski Club

NEWSLETTER - November 2019

Club Meetings at
Deutscher Club
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Next Meeting

There will be no meeting in December. In lieu of the December Meeting we will be enjoying our annual
Christmas Party
December 7, 2019

A Message from the President



Calendar of Events

Save the Date: We hope you will join us for a fun afternoon at our annual **Christmas Party** held at the **Deutscher Club on Saturday, December 7, 2019**, starting at 12 noon until 5pm. The cost is \$50.00 per person this includes a buffet dinner, beer, wine, schnapps, and dessert, (cocktails - cash bar). And, music provided by Joe Unger. ****Please make your check out to the Enzian Ski Club, and mail it to Inge Volk-Biehl, 6 Dorset Lane, Summit, NJ 07901, on or before November 25, 2019.** If you have any questions, please contact Klaus Reh 201-641-3336, or email at klausreh@msn.com.

*****Ladies please bring a delicious dessert for the buffet table (cake, pie or cookies). Thank you...**

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December Birthday wishes go out to: Christine Baltz, Karl Koss, Dieter Pfisterer, John Prisendorf, Linda Wagner, (Walter Kraft, and Richie Volpi both New Year's Eve babies).

*If you would like to send out a Happy Birthday wish, please contact Janet Volpi at **auntjv@yahoo.com**. Please include the name and Birthday month.*

Reminder!

Your membership dues are due starting with the new season. Please make sure to pay your dues at the first meeting. Unless your dues are paid in full you will not be able to participate in club events.

We have not increased the dues, and the amount for the year is only:

\$30.00 – for a single

\$35.00 – for a family (including children under 18)

Please make your check out to Enzian Ski Club and mail it to: **Susi Beckmann**, 21 Marnel Road, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. If you have any questions, Susi can be reached by email **susi@ptd.net** or phone: **908-454-8013**.



We now have 144 members, if you have not paid you dues, please do so soon. We haven't raised our membership in years. **If you haven't paid your dues to Susi, please do so.** Remember it's only \$30.00 for a single yearly membership and \$35.00 for a family (including children under 18).

There were 27 people at our November meeting. We would like to see more of you attend.

Klaus Reh conducted the meeting and announced that Siegi and Martha were enjoying a visit with their son in sunny Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

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It was a pleasant surprise to see Umberto & Annelise DeCesco at the meeting. They flew in from Florida to visit with friends and thoughtfully stopped in to see the club members. It appears Florida agrees with them, as they both looked fabulous.

It was also a nice surprise to see Eugene and Elizabeth Hefele at the meeting, both looked well.

We would like your suggestions for next year's ski trip. This way we can plan ahead and make our arrangements earlier in the season. Susan Stonitsch suggested that we think about Lake Tahoe or Park City/Dear Valley for next year's ski trip as there are things to do for skiers and non-skiers. If anyone has a suggestion, please let us know at one of our meetings. The sooner, the better.

The Suggestion Box at the Christmas Party

There was a discussion and suggestions as to when we should hold our meetings. Whether we should hold it on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2pm at the Deutscher Club. Another suggestion was to hold the meeting on Thursday afternoon 2pm also at the Deutscher Club. However, a Thursday afternoon meeting at 2pm would be difficult for the members who work to be able to attend the meetings. If you have a suggestion regarding a day or time for the meetings, please let us know. There will be a suggestion box at the Christmas Party, please enter your suggestion regarding our meetings days and times. Thank You.

**Don't forget the Kris Kringle Market at the Duetscher Cub in Clark NJ, (November 24, 2019 - 11am to 5pm).

The Brunnackers (Sieg and Martha) headed to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico to visit and enjoy time with their son Siegi Jr.



Puerto Vallarta - a city in the middle of the mountain, the sea, the sun and the sand, whose inhabitants are kind by nature and eager to serve the visitors. Its geographic location is enviable: a huge bay at the Pacific Ocean, with its blue waters of all blue tones on one side, and a mountain, with fresh temperatures, rivers, cascades and steep lands ready to be conquered on the other. It's a wonderful place of sunsets that amazes and inspires every day, and where a tempered and generous sea relaxes, but also imposes, and sunsets that deserve a pause in the day, and will take your breath away.

Yes, turkey was served at the first Thanksgiving dinner.

We all *think* that we know the history of Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims came over from England and landed at Plymouth Rock, had a bad winter, they were taught how to plant crops, enjoyed a harvest festival, and now we celebrate their experience every year, right? Well, it's actually a little more complicated than that, and our modern holiday pulls from a mix of fact and fiction. Here's (briefly) what we do know:

In September 1620, 102 religious separatists set off on a small ship (the *Mayflower*, of course) from Plymouth, England, and landed near **Cape Cod**, 66 very uncomfortable days later. The next month they set up a colony farther south, near Massachusetts Bay, still far north of their intended destination of Manhattan Island. Many colonists stayed aboard the ship as the weather turned colder, and about half of them didn't make it through the winter. In March, those that survived moved ashore, where several days later they were met by a Pawtuxet Native American who, several years earlier, had been kidnapped by a sea captain, sold into slavery, escaped to London, then found his way back home on an exploratory expedition, learning English along the way. His name? Tisquantum, or Squanto for short. Squanto was truly the Pilgrims' savior. He taught the malnourished settlers how to cultivate corn, catch fish, forage, extract maple sap, and avoid poisonous plants. He also brokered peace with the local Wampanoag tribe, and the resulting 50-year peace is one of the few examples of harmony between natives and settlers.

In the fall of 1621, the Plymouth colony's 53 Englishmen decided to throw a party to celebrate their first successful corn harvest, and 90 native Wampanoag joined them. Governor William Bradford sent four men out to hunt birds, the Wampanoag contributed five deer to the celebration, which lasted for three days. The exact date of the festival is unknown, but it most likely happened sometime between September 21 and November 9.

As for Thanksgiving becoming a national holiday, [that's a whole other story](#). Americans celebrated a national day of Thanksgiving for many years before it was officially recognized, but it was a magazine editor named Sarah Joseph Hale who was responsible for leading the charge to get the holiday on the books, and in 1863 Abraham Lincoln declared that the last Thursday in November would officially be celebrated as Thanksgiving Day.

