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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – JULI / JULY 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, July is here and festival season is in full swing. Turnout for the Volkswagen Biergarten on the 5th was great, and we were blessed with great weather. Thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success, through both volunteering and patronization. On June 12th, the Schwäbischer Sängerbund performed a concert celebrating America's 250th birthday, and a big thanks goes out to their members and to all of you who attended. We had full houses to watch Germany's matches in the group stage, and the fun was supplemented by giveaways provided by our distributors, especially member Rob Emmer from Warsteiner. Please keep an eye on the tournament as well as our weekly emails to see when we will be showing upcoming German and US matches. On the 20th, we held our first Member's Night in the Grove featuring a build your own burger bar, which was held after the Germany match. On the 21st, we held our annual Waldfest, where we crowned our new Miss Deutscher Club, Madelyn McCarthy. Congratulations to Madelyn, and her family! We would like to thank Madeline Richter for all the hard work she did over the past year, and for being a great representative of our Club. We also presented Karl Kummer Scholarships to Abigail Joanne Han and Ellie Ruth Gordon, congratulations as well to both of them and their families! Thanks to Chrissy Daly and the Miss DC Committee, as well as Sigrid Pagano and the Karl Kummer Scholarship Committee for all their hard work selecting the recipients from a field of well qualified candidates. On the 26th, we continued our State Dinner series, this time in the eastern cantons of Switzerland. Thanks to Chef Ewald for preparing a special menu as always. July will be just as busy, please refer to the bulletin for a list of everything we have going on. As always, thanks to all of you who support our Club. Whether you patronize our Club for dinner, at the bar, holding parties, or ordering take-out, we appreciate it all. Without you, we wouldn't be the Club that we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, der Juli ist da und die Fest-Saison ist in vollem Gange. Die Anzahl von Besuchern am 5. Juli beim Volkswagen-Biergarten war grossartig, teilweise Dank des herrlichen Wetters. Ein herzliches Dankeschön an alle die durch ihren ehrenamtlichen Einsatz, oder ihren Besuch, zum Erfolg der Veranstaltung beigetragen haben. Am 12. Juni erfreute uns der Schwäbische Sängerbund mit einem Konzert, anlässlich des 250. Geburtstags der USA. Ein großes Dankeschön geht an die Mitglieder des Chores, sowie an alle Teilnehmer. Bei der Übertragung der deutschen Gruppenspiele war das Haus voll besetzt. Für zusätzliche Stimmung sorgten Werbegeschenke unserer Vertriebspartner, insbesondere von unserem Mitglied Rob Emmer (Warsteiner). Bitte verfolgen Sie den Turnierverlauf in unseren wöchentlichen E-Mails, um zu erfahren wann der Club die nächsten Spiele der deutschen und US-amerikanischen Mannschaften zeigt. Unser erster „Members' Abend“ fand am 20. Juli im „Grove“ statt. Im Anschluss an das Deutschlandspiel gab es eine Burger-Station, wo sich jeder seinen Burger selbst zusammenstellen konnte. Am 21. Juli feierten wir unser jährliches Waldfest, mit Krönung unserer „Miss Deutscher Club 2026“, Madelyn McCarthy. Herzlichen Glückwunsch an Madelyn und ihre Familie! Ein herzliches Dankeschön gilt Madeline Richter für ihren großen Einsatz im vergangenen Jahr und ihre hervorragende Repräsentation unseres Clubs. Zur selben Zeit verliehen wir die Karl-Kummer-Stipendien an Abigail Joanne Han und Ellie Ruth Gordon, beiden jungen Damen und ihren Familien, herzlichen Glückwunsch! Ein Dankeschön geht an Chrissy Daly und an das „Miss DC“-Komitee, sowie an Sigrid Pagano und das Karl-Kummer-Stipendium Komitee für die sorgfältige Auswahl der Preisträgerinnen, aus einer Reihe hochqualifizierter Bewerberinnen. Am 26. Juli setzten wir unsere „State Dinner“-Reihe fort, den Ostschweizer Kantonen gewidmet. Danke an Küchenchef Ewald für die Zubereitung eines – wie immer - besonderen Menüs. Auch der Juli wird ereignisreich sein. Eine Übersicht aller geplanten Veranstaltungen finden Sie in unserem Mitteilungsblatt. Wie immer danken wir allen die unseren Club unterstützen, ob Sie zum Abendessen oder auf ein Getränk vorbeikommen, Feiern bei uns ausrichten oder Essen zum Mitnehmen bestellen – wir wissen es sehr zu schätzen. Ohne Sie wären wir nicht der Club, der wir heute sind. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR JULI / JULY PROGRAM 2026

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

Thu 02	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 02	Entertainment Committee • <i>Bring your Imagination</i>	Summer Break
Fri 03	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 04	Happy 250th Birthday USA!	Club is Closed
Sun 05	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 05	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers	Summer Break
Wed 08	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 08	Monthly Membership Meeting	Summer Break
Thu 09	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 10	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	7:30 AM
Fri 10	Mercedes Biergarten* • Music by Bernie's Orchestra • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sar 11	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 12	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 15	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 16	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 16	Railroaders Dinner & Video • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i>	6:30 PM
Fri 17	Swiss State Dinner Series • Western Region • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 17	Deutscher Stammtisch	Summer Break
Sat 18	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 19	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 19	DC Ladies Division Meeting	Summer Break
Wed 22	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 23	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 23	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	7:30 PM
Fri 24	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	7:30 AM
Fri 24	BMW Biergarten* • Music by Dave Betz	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sat 25	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 26	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 29	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 30	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 31	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 31	Texas Hold'em • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	6:30 PM

* indicates event is open to the public

Vorschau August / Preview August 2026

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Sun 02	Frühschoppen	Thu 20	Railroaders Dinner & A Video • <i>All DC Members Welcome!</i>
Sun 09	Frühschoppen	Thu 20	Networking Meeting
Sun 09	Deutsches Tanzcafé • <i>Music by Bud & Linda</i>	Fri 21	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society
Wed 12	Monthly Membership Meeting • <i>Summer Break</i>	Fri 21	American Classics Biergarten* • Music - Don Bitterlich & Hot Rod Mike
Fri 14	Swiss State Dinner Series • <i>Location TBD</i>	Fri 21	Deutscher Stammtisch • <i>Summer Break</i>
Sun 16	Frühschoppen	Sun 23	Frühschoppen
Sun 16	DC Ladies Division Meeting • <i>Summer Break</i>	Sun 30	Frühschoppen

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT?

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KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members, **John Conway** and **Suzanna Polhamus**.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Michael Nelson III, son of our member, **Michael Nelson, Jr.** and to the family of Margaret Wehrhagen, mother and mother-in-law of our members **Harold and Mary-Kate Wehrhagen**.

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

IN THE NEWS

FUTURE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

We welcome Mila Worthington, born on May 21, 2026, to members **Nina and Brian Worthington**. Our congratulations go out to Mila's parents and to members, **Mike and Ela Clark**, her Opa and Oma.



MEMBERS CELEBRATING SUCCESS



We congratulate Private First Class (PFC) Nicholas Parsio, on graduating from Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson on June 4, 2026. Nicholas was a member of 1st Platoon, Alpha Company, 2-13th Infantry Regiment. He is now headed to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he will complete Advanced Individual Training in artillery, with an anticipated graduation date of July 27, 2026. Following his graduation from Fort Sill, Nicholas plans to return home briefly before reporting to his first duty station in Germany. DC Members, **Anthony and Corrina Parsio** proudly celebrate their son, Nick. We wish PFC Parsio all the best in his future endeavors with the US Army.

MISS DEUTSCHER CLUB 2026

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our new Miss Deutscher Club 2026/2027, **Miss Madelyn Rhys McCarthy**, who was crowned at Waldfest/Father's Day Picnic on Sunday, June 21, 2026.



Madelyn is the daughter of DC member, **Natalie Krauser**. She is entering her senior year at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, NJ. She is a member of the Bayern Verein Newark (BVN) and danced as a part of the Kindergruppe. Madelyn is looking forward to volunteering and raising awareness of German heritage and culture as Miss Deutscher Club 2026.

MISS DEUTSCHER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to **Miss Madeline Richter**, who received the miss Deutscher Club Scholarship, on **Sunday, June 21, 2026**.



A well-deserved Award for an outstanding year as Official Representative of the Deutscher Club of Clark at public events both at the Club and in the community.

Thank you for exemplifying the model for future generations to emulate!

2026 KARL KUMMER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Karl Kummer Scholarship Fund (named after the first President of the "Deutscher Club of Rahway" (now Clark)) presents a cash award annually to a quali-

fied New Jersey student who is pursuing higher education at a College/University after High School or who is currently enrolled in a College/University. This year's award was \$2000.



Photos(L-R) – Back Row: Treasurer Arlene Dascoli, Finance Secretary Glenn Miklencic, Membership Secretary Elyn Perez, Trustee Chair Ken Vogt. Front Row: Scholarship Committee Chair Sigrid Pagano, Scholarship Winners **Ellie Gordon** and **Abigail Han**.

Congratulations to Ms. Ellie Gordon (granddaughter of DC Member **Meta Brockmann**) one of two recipients of the Karl Kummer Scholarship. Ms. Gordon distinguished herself with high academic and diverse extramural achievements while attending Summit High School. In late summer, she will begin her studies at Syracuse University pursuing a degree in Psychology. As Head of the Costume Crew for four stage productions in her junior and senior year, she demonstrated her leadership skills directing a team in the production of costumes. As a member of the crew, she was recognized with the Paper Mill Rising Star (RSA) 2023 Student Achievement Award, a program recognizing achievement in NJ high school theater.



Congratulations to Ms. Abigail Han (daughter of DC Member Danielle Han) one of two recipients of the Karl Kummer Scholarship. Ms. Han distinguished herself with



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and diverse extramural achievements while attending the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child. In September, she will begin her studies at Swarthmore College pursuing a medical degree with a special interest in neuroscience. Outside the classroom, Ms. Han has dedicated over 320 volunteer hours to Overlook Medical Center and participated in the Student Visionary of the Year Campaign for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society where she led a team of volunteers to fundraise over \$32,000 for blood cancer research. At Swarthmore College she also plans to realize her dream of playing softball at the collegiate level.

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THE BIG RAFFLE IS BACK! DO YOUR PART TO FILL THIS DRUM

Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase from any Vorstand (Executive Board) member. There are 2400 tickets to be

sold, with a potential for 2 grand prizes of up to \$5000 each - if all are sold. The drawing will take place on the night of our Silvester/New Years Eve Gala, **Thursday, December 31st, at 9:00 PM** - you do not have to be present to win.



Please support this fundraiser to benefit the Club. – Ken Vogt, Trustee

MEMBERSHIP

It's time to pay **2026 membership dues!** Members can renew online, in person at the bar, or by mailing a check to the club to the attention of Membership Secretary. **Membership cards will be mailed** to you. Please disregard the note on your receipt (online payments) "to pick-up your order" at the Club. Also, be sure to include any change of address information at the time you renew. Dues rates for 2026 are \$100 for individual members, \$180 for couples, and \$75 for Senior Members (must have reached 72 years of age AND been a member for 25 years). Existing Lifetime Members are encouraged to pay a voluntary contribution of \$20.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee is on Summer Recess and will meet again on the **first Thursday of September at 7:00 PM.** 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 earn your volunteer time for the Club? Join us! The **Decorating Subcommittee**, Alexandra Beinstein, Paula Mattis, and Ruth Sutton work hand-in-hand with us to “dress up” the Club for every special event. They meet, on the same day and time, with the Entertainment Committee to coordinate requirements for seasonal, holiday, and special events decorating. *-Robert Dries*

SOCIETY OF POTATO PEELERS - UNITE!!



Dust off your peelers and slicers and mixers for one last meeting this year of the Society of Potato Peelers on **Friday, July 10th!** New members are always welcome. We are in need of peelers, slicers and mixers to prepare the Potato Salad for **Biergartens and Fests.** We normally meet on the **Friday of or preceding an event.** Please mark your calendar for **July 10th and 24th** (for the Mercedes and BMW Biergartens) and **August 21st** (for the American Classics Biergarten). The FUN begins at **7:30 AM.**

DIE KULTURKENNER / THE CONNOISSEURS OF CULTURE

Thank you to everyone who came out to our last dinner meeting, it was so great to see many of our travelers from our trips going back to 2022! Our next meeting will be following our trip to Canada and the American West, **Thursday, September 10th at Table # 2,** to share photos and memories of our trip, and



to discuss the trip for March 2027 to Italy. All are welcome! *Thanks! Annette and Karin*

DC CLUBS: ALL ARE WELCOME!

SKAT GAME: every Wednesday at 8:00 PM

KNITTING CLUB: every Thursday at 3:00PM

LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

I just wanted to thank everyone who was able to attend our luncheon on 7 June. It was a wonderful time for all of us at the Stage House Restaurant in Scotch Plains! The wine flowed and the food was plentiful! The floral centerpieces were beautiful. A good time was had by all. We would highly recommend it for anyone looking for a place to have a casual meal or private party!



Ladies Division will take a summer break but look forward to seeing everyone at our **September** meeting on the **13th** starting at **2 PM** in the main dining room.

Ich wünsche allen einen sicheren und schönen Sommer.

-Mariann Brenner, President

THE SINGERS



SÄNGERCHOR NEWARK

It's Official! Saenger Chor Newark is 100 years old. We passed the milestone at the end of October. I'd like to say we are going strong into the next century, but we need your help, the help of NEW members to do so. If you enjoy hearing the Saenger Chor sing at the Christkindl Markt and other occasions, we need new strong voices of Deutscher Club men to carry on. We meet to sing **every other Friday night at 8 PM** and would love to welcome you to listen and join in on singing both English and German songs of various genres including traditional favorites and fun drinking songs. If you enjoy singing in the shower or the privacy of your car, come and see how enjoyable it is to sing with a group of “Kameraden.” **Please call either Peter Volk at 908-938-9019 or Glenn Fogarty at 732-259-8993 for more information.**

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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 SÄNGERBUND NEWS

New Members Welcome! Like to sing? Like to meet new people? Like to have fun? How about joining the SSB Mixed Chorus. You do not need to read music and no previous singing experience is necessary. Our Director is Greg Scime (Jazz on Freitag). We rehearse **every Wednesday at 7:30 PM** upstairs in the Deutscher Club. Join us in September as we prepare for our Holiday Concert and Candlelight. First Rehearsal is **September 16, 2026**

CELEBRATING U.S.A. 250!

The Schwäbischer Sängerbund treated the

June 12 dinner guests to an evening of entertainment. Jazz on Freitag, with Professor Gregory Scime and Steve Blake, played during dinner and the SSB chorus followed with a concert of Patriotic and Historic songs to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Independence of the United States. Kicking the evening off with the Star-Spangled Banner, the program traced through the history of the U.S. with music including, *America the Beautiful*, *Liberty Bell*, *Armed Forces Salute* and the *This Land is Your Land Medley* of familiar city/state songs that the audience could sing along. In addition, there was a Trivia contest which highlighted the German Immigrants' significant contribution to the U.S. winning its Independence. Prizes were free tickets to The SSB Annual Christmas Concert. A good time was had by all! *Again, Vielen Dank to the Deutscher Club for supporting our program.*

SAVE THE DATE! SSB Annual Christmas Concert. **December 6, 2025, 4 PM** • The Presbyterian Church, Westfield, NJ. *More info to follow.*

THE DANCERS Bayern Verein Newark News

Join us! No experience? No problem! Whether you're looking to connect with your heritage, try something new, or just have fun and stay active, our group welcomes dancers of all ages and backgrounds. We rehearse **Monday evenings** right here at the Deutscher Club. Interested? Come give it a try - we'd love to have you! • For more information, contact Paul Ulrich at 734-646-6764 or vorplattler@bvnnj.org or Betty Bunger at 732-463-7855 or president@bvnnj.org



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HIKING NEWS Leader: Brian Mecca brian.mecca@gmail.com



On the day of the hike, participants are requested to assemble at 9:50 AM in the parking lot. Details Details about the hike will be distributed to the group via email one week prior to the event; please contact Brian to have your email address added to the list. **The hike will begin promptly at 10:00 AM.** In case of delay, kindly let me know so arrangements can be made. If you wish to join the Hiking Group's mailing list, please send an email including your name and mobile phone number.

We will be taking off from the monthly scheduled Hikes in the summer months of July and August,

I am looking to schedule some **"Pop Up" hikes on a Saturday morning at 9am.** This will depend on my availability and of course the weather, avoiding rain and extreme heat. The pop-up hikes will be announced the week of the hike so that we can have a good prediction of the weather for that Saturday. To make sure you get notified of this hike, please send your email and phone # if you are not currently in the email group for the monthly hikes.

We are currently planning activities for the 2nd half of 2026 and are looking for hikes in locations where there were Revolutionary war battles in our area. Our aim is to select locations within approximately one hour's drive from the Deutscher Club. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

On **Sunday, June 7th** 10 of us and 2 dogs enjoyed a beautiful day and hiking at Hemlock Falls in South Mountain Reservation, Milburn. Not much water coming over the falls.

On **Sunday September 13th** we will be going to Jockey Hollow at the Morristown National Historical Park. We will hike the Yellow and Orange 2.3-mile loop trail near Morristown,

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More details to be sent out to the email list for the Hiking Group prior to the hike.

Fall hikes are planned for **October 11th, November 8th, and December 8th**, mark your calendars for these future hikes.

Kindly confirm your attendance by RSVP to brian.meca@gmail.com and include your phone number so that we may create a texting group for last-minute updates.

After the hike, participants are invited to return to the Club for Fröhshoppen. The bar will be open, soup and open-faced sandwiches are typically available, and attendees are encouraged to bring other refreshments as the kitchen will be closed. We look forward to a pleasant post-hike gathering.

MAHJONGG CLUB

The Mahjongg Club meets on **Mondays from 5-8 PM**. If you are a DC member and know how to play, please join us.



For further information about the Mahjongg Club or if you would like to learn to play, please email - correspondence@deutscherclub.us -Thank you, Meg & Paula

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, September 18, at 6:30 PM**. We will be in the area of Table #20. Come join us!



We will not be meeting June, July, or August. Our production crew will be starting the video interviews of our senior German immigrants in March, concentrating on those who immigrated to the US prior to, during

or following WWII, as well as those who served in the military around that time. Speak with Suzanna Polhamus should you have any questions.

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, July 23, at 7:00 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 or cell phone 732-319-4886 at least 24 hours before the meeting. Looking forward to hearing about your business. -Michael Fleyzor

GARDEN STATE ARTS FOUNDATION – UPCOMING CONCERT



Our member Barbara Oberding found the following free concert and wanted to pass it on to our membership. As part of the Spring 2026 Free Show series, the Garden State Arts Foundation will be hosting the US Army Field Band together with the Bombshells, Celebrating America's 250th Birthday with a concert on **Wednesday, July 1, at 7 PM** at the PNC Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ. Tickets are free. Go to gsafoundation.org for more information.



Join us on **Friday, July 31, 2026**, to compete in a "Texas HOLD 'EM" poker tournament at the Deutscher Club.

A sign-up sheet is at the bar. Registration closes on **Thursday, July 30, 2026**. Dress Code: *Casual*

Instructions and table assignments start at **6:30 PM** and the first hand of the tournament will be dealt at **7:00 PM** sharp. The cost is a **\$50 buy-in** with **no re-buys** allowed. Blinds increase throughout the evening. Table count and payout structure will be determined based on registration numbers. No new hands will be dealt after **11:30 PM**. Tables with remaining players at that time will declare winners based on chip count after the last hand. Any questions please write to events@deutscherclub.us

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The next Deutscher Club Blood Drive is OCTOBER 24, 2026

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DEUTSCHE ECKE

Eine Nation, gebacken aus Tradition: Deutschlands Brotkultur



In Deutschland ist Brot mehr als nur ein Lebensmittel; es ist Teil des Alltags und der nationalen Identität. In einem Land, das für Präzisionstechnik berühmt ist, stiehlt handwerklich gebackenes Brot noch immer allen die Schau. Deutschland hat mehr als 3.000 offiziell anerkannte Brotsorten, und 2014 wurde seine Brotkultur in das bundesweite Verzeichnis des immateriellen Kulturerbes aufgenommen. Die Geschichte des deutschen Brotes beginnt, wie viele europäische Traditionen, mit den Römern. Sie brachten verbesserte Backmethoden mit, darunter den Sauerteig, und halfen dabei, Weizen- und Dinkelbrote zu verbreiten. Germanische Stämme ergänzten Roggen, Einkorn und Emmer — Getreidesorten, die besser an kälteres Klima und ärmere Böden angepasst waren. Gemeinsam prägten diese Einflüsse die herzhaften, dunklen Brote, die später einen großen Teil des deutschen Backens bestimmen sollten. Im Mittelalter wurde die Brotherstellung immer ausgefeilter, als Bäckerzünfte Standards festlegten und regionale Bedingungen die lokalen Gewohnheiten formten. Im Norden und in der Mitte des Landes wurde Roggen besonders wichtig, weil er in kühlerem Wetter gut gedieh. Da Roggen mit Hefe allein nicht leicht aufgeht, wurde die Sauerteiggärung unverzichtbar und verlieh vielen deutschen Broten ihren reichen Geschmack und ihre leichte Säure. Zu den bekanntesten Sorten gehören Pumpernickel, das dunkle, langsam gebackene Roggenbrot aus Westfalen; Roggenbrot, ein klassisches Roggenlaib; Mischbrot, die beliebte Mischung aus Weizen und Roggen; und Vollkornbrot, ein dichtes Vollkornbrot

mit viel Geschmack und Ballaststoffen. Dann gibt es noch die geliebten Brötchen, knusprige kleine Brote, die aus einem gewöhnlichen Frühstück ein kleines Fest machen können. Von rustikalen Bauernbroten bis zu weichen Brezeln haben deutsche Bäcker unzählige Brote geschaffen, viele davon mit einem klaren regionalen Charakter. Die Mehle hinter diesen Broten sind ebenso wichtig wie ihre Formen. Weizen ergibt leichtere, weichere Laibe, während Roggen dichtere Brote mit tieferem Aroma hervorbringt. Dinkel verleiht eine nussige Note und ist wieder beliebt geworden, während ältere Getreidesorten wie Einkorn und Emmer noch immer im handwerklichen Backen vorkommen. Auch die Zubereitungsmethoden unterscheiden sich. Manche Brote setzen auf Hefe als Triebmittel, andere auf Sauerteigstarter, die langsam fermentieren und komplexere Aromen entwickeln. Lange Gärung, sorgfältiges Formen, Dampf und geduldiges Backen schaffen die knusprige Kruste und die aromatische Krume, die einen guten deutschen Laib auszeichnen. Die Zeiten haben sich geändert, und viele kleine unabhängige Bäckereien sind im letzten Jahrzehnt verschwunden. Doch die deutsche Brotkultur bleibt eine Quelle des Stolzes, gestützt von tausenden Bäckereien, die noch immer in Betrieb sind. Ein Beispiel ist Bäcker Adl in Kemnath, die älteste familiengeführte Bäckerei des Landes, besteht seit 1573. Für viele Deutsche ist Brot mehr als Nahrung; es ist Erinnerung, Routine und Identität. Zum Glück gibt es Hoffnung: Die Zahl der handwerklichen Bäckereien in diesem Land steigt wieder.

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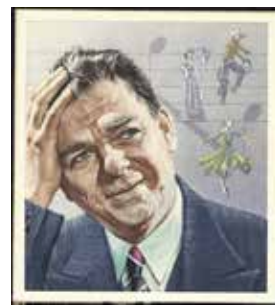
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A Nation Baked in Tradition: Germany's Bread Culture

In Germany, bread is more than food; it is part of daily life and national identity. In a country famous for precision engineering, handcrafted bread still steals the spotlight. Germany has more than 3,000 officially recognized bread varieties, and in 2014 its bread culture was added to the nationwide inventory of intangible cultural heritage. The story of German bread begins, like many European traditions, with the Romans. They brought improved baking methods including sourdough and helped spread wheat and spelt breads. Germanic tribes added rye, einkorn, and emmer, grains better suited to colder climates and poorer soils. Together, these influences shaped the hearty, dark breads that would later define much of German baking. During the Middle Ages, bread making grew more refined as baker guilds set standards and regional conditions shaped local habits. In the north and center, rye became especially important because it thrived in cooler weather. Since rye does not rise easily with yeast alone, sourdough fermentation became essential, giving many German breads their rich flavor and slight tang. Among the best-known kinds are Pumpernickel, the dark, slow-baked rye bread from Westphalia; Roggenbrot, a classic rye loaf; Mischbrot, the popular wheat-and-rye blend; and Vollkornbrot, a dense whole-grain bread rich in flavor and fiber. Then there are the beloved Brötchen, crisp rolls that can turn an ordinary breakfast into a small celebration. From rustic farmhouse loaves to soft pretzels, German bakers have created countless breads, many with a clear regional personality. The flours behind these breads matter as much as their shapes. Wheat creates lighter, softer loaves, while rye produces denser breads with deeper flavor. Spelt adds a nutty note and has become popular again, while older grains such as einkorn and emmer still appear in artisanal baking. Preparation methods vary too. Some breads rely on yeast for lift, while others use sourdough starters that ferment slowly and develop more complex aromas. Long fermentation, careful shaping, steam, and patient baking create the crusty exterior and flavorful crumb that define a good German loaf. Times have changed, and many small independent bakeries have disappeared over the last decade. Yet German bread culture remains a source of pride, supported by thousands of bakeries still in operation. One example is Bäcker Adl in Kemnath, the country's oldest family-owned bakery, in business since 1573. Luckily, there is hope, the number of artisanal bakeries in this country is increasing. —Martin Kohler

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN I – BUSINESSMAN

Oscar Hammerstein I was born in Stettin, Pomerania in 1848. Oscar was encouraged by his mother to pursue music at an early age. He played the flute, piano and violin. When Oscar was 15, his mother died. His father became disappointed that Oscar wanted to pursue music which led to harsh punishments. To escape his father, Oscar decided to sell his violin and sail to New York City in 1864. His first job was sweeping floors in a cigar factory, and later he took an additional job as a theater manager for several German theaters. Quick to learn, Oscar was soon publishing a tobacco journal and inventing machines for the cigar-making process. Eventually, he earned 80 patents. Hammerstein's endeavors in the cigar trade provided him with a lifelong source of income to pursue his theatrical and opera interests. In 1889, Hammerstein built his first theater, the Harlem Opera House, on 125th Street, along with 50 housing developments. This was followed by three more theaters, the last of which housed his own production, which he wrote, called Santa Maria on Longacre Square. This theater formed what we know today as Times Square. In total, Hammerstein built 11 theaters, some of which were opera houses. When he was finished producing operas, he turned his operation over to the Metropolitan Opera Company. After Oscar Hammerstein died in 1919, two of his daughters acquired the Manhattan Opera House and renamed it the Hammerstein Ballroom. Hammerstein's son Arthur developed the Hammerstein Theater, now the Ed Sullivan Theater which opened in 1927. Oscar Hammerstein's grandson, Oscar Hammerstein II became one of Broadway's most influential lyricists and book writers, as well as a director and producer of plays. Oscar Hammerstein I is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, New York City. —Barbara Streit



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