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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – MAI / MAY 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, the saying goes that April showers bring May flowers, but this April brought us a heatwave instead. Kurt has been hard at work making sure our flowers are blooming, and the Tuesday Crew has been busy with repairs and upgrades to the outside Grillhaus for festival season. April began with our Children's Easter Party, and we had beautiful weather for all the kids to have an Easter Egg Hunt outside. On the 11th we had our Spring Clean-up followed by another successful Trivia Night. Thanks to everyone who came out to the Clean-up to get the grounds ready for the Ladies' Division Craft Fair and our festival season. On the 12th, we held a German Tanzcafé featuring one of our favorites, Bud & Linda. On the 17th, we held another State Dinner Night, featuring a menu from Upper & Lower Austria curated by Chef Ewald. As always, the food was great and everyone who came had a great time. We only have a few more "stops" before we begin the 16 German States again. On the 18th we held a 1970's themed Karaoke Night, and on the 19th the Ladies Division held their annual Craft Fair. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help the Ladies Division and the DC make it a successful event. On the 23rd, we welcomed our Spring inductees to our Club. Please say hi to our newest members when you see them and share some Gemütlichkeit to make them feel welcome. Now that fest season is up and running, and the "Mega Signup Genius" has been distributed, please make sure to volunteer often, our Club needs your help! May has a lot of events planned, so please refer to the calendar on our website and flyers to see everything that is 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, ein Sprichwort sagt, dass Aprilregen Maiblumen bringt – doch dieser April bescherte uns stattdessen eine Hitzewelle. Kurt hat unermüdlich gearbeitet, um sicher zu machen dass unsere Blumen in voller Pracht blühen. Ebenso war die „Tuesday Crew“ fleißig mit Reparaturen und Erneuerungen am Grillhaus im Außenbereich beschäftigt, um alles für die Festivalsaison vorzubereiten. Der April begann mit unserer Osterfeier für die Kinder; das Wetter machte wunderbar mit, sodass das Ostereiersuchen im Freien abgehalten wurde. Am 11. April fand unser Frühjahrsputz statt, gefolgt von einem weiteren erfolgreichen Trivia Quizabend. Ein herzliches Dankeschön an alle die beim Frühjahrsputz mitangepackt haben um das Gelände für den Kunsthandwerk-Markt der Damenabteilung und fuer die Festivalsaison vorzubereiten.. Am 12. veranstalteten wir ein Deutsches Tanzcafé mit zwei beliebten Musikanten: Bud & Linda. Am 17. luden wir wiederum zu einem unserer „Bundesländer-Essen“ ein; diesmal mit einem Menü aus Ober- und Niederösterreich, zusammengestellt von unserem Küchenchef Ewald. Wie immer war das Essen hervorragend, und alle Anwesenden hatten einen wunderbaren Abend. Es liegen nur noch wenige „Etappen“ vor uns, bevor wir die Runde durch die 16 deutschen Bundesländer erneut beginnen werden. Am 18. fand ein Karaoke-Abend, unter im Stil der 70er-Jahre, statt. Am 19. veranstaltete die Damenabteilung ihren jährlichen Kunsthandwerk-Markt. Ein großes Dankeschön gilt allen freiwilligen Helfern, die die Damenabteilung und den Vorstand unterstützten und so zum Erfolg dieser Veranstaltung beigetragen haben. Am 23. begrüessten wir die neuen Mitglieder, die im Frühjahr in den Club aufgenommen wurden. Wenn Sie den „Neulingen“ begegnen, bitte begrüessen Sie sie damit sie sich von Anfang an wohl und willkommen fuehlen. Da die Festivalsaison nun offiziell eröffnet ist und die umfangreiche Helferliste über „SignupGenius“ gesandt wurde, bitten wir dass Sie sich fuer zahlreiche freiwillige Einsätze melden – unser Club braucht Ihre Hilfe! Auch der Mai hat wieder zahlreiche Veranstaltungen. Um stets ueber alle Termine informiert zu sein werfen Sie bitte einen Blick auf unseren Veranstaltungskalender auf unserer Webseite und die aktuellen Flyer. Wie immer gilt unser Dank allen die unseren Club so tatkräftig unterstützen, ob Sie bei uns zu Abend essen, an der Bar verweilen, private Feiern ausrichten oder Speisen zum Mitnehmen bestellen, wir wissen all dies sehr zu schätzen. Ohne Sie wäre der Club nicht so aktiv und erfolgreich. Wir freuen uns darauf Sie bald wieder im Club zu sehen!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR MAI / MAY PROGRAM 2026

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

Fri 01	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 02	Union County Celtic Festival *	11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sun 03	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Atlantic Highlands Henry Hudson Trail • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	10:00 AM
Sun 03	Frühshoppen • Delayed Opening	1:00 - 8:00 PM
Wed 06	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 06	Die Kulturkenner / The Cultural Connoisseurs • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	6:00 PM
Thu 07	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 07	Entertainment Committee • <i>Bring your Imagination</i>	7:00 PM
Fri 08	Austrian State Dinner Series • Styria	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 09	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 10	Frühshoppen	Cancelled
Sun 10	Mother's Day Brunch • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wed 13	Kitchen Open w/Light Fare	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Wed 13	Monthly Membership Meeting • <i>Attend & Be Heard</i>	7:00 PM
Thu 14	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 14	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	7:30 PM
Fri 15	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	7:30 AM
Fri 15	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 15	History Committee • <i>Come join us!</i>	6:30 PM
Fri 15	Deutscher Stammtisch • <i>in the Ratskeller</i>	7:30 PM
Sat 16	DC Ladies Division Meeting • In the main Dining Room • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	1:00 PM
Sat 16	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Sun 17	Frühshoppen	Cancelled
Sun 17	Half-way to Oktoberfest * • Music by Doppelgänger • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	12:00 - 6:00 PM
Wed 20	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 21	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 21	Railroaders Dinner & Video • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i>	6:30 PM
Fri 22	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 23	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 24	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Mon 25	Memorial Day Parade in Clark • March in Tracht! • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	8:30 AM
Wed 27	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 28	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 29	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 30	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 31	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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Thu 04 Entertainment Committee Meeting • *Bring your Imagination*

Fri 05 Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society

Fri 05 VW Biergarten * - *Music by Don Bitterlich*

Sun 07 Frühshoppen

Sun 07 Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • *Hemlock Falls, Millburn, NJ*

Sun 07 DC Ladies Division Meeting • *Luncheon*

Wed 10 Monthly Membership Meeting • *Join us and be heard!*

Fri 12 Jazz am Freitag & Schwäbischer Sängerbund "Concert 250"

Sun 14 Frühshoppen

Thu 18 Railroaders Dinner & A Video • *All DC Members Welcome!*

Thu 18 Networking Meeting

Fri 19 Deutscher Stammtisch

Fri 20 Summer Kick-off w/Burgers 'n Ice Cream • *Members Night in the Grove*

Sun 21 Frühshoppen • *Cancelled*

Sun 21 Waldfest / Father's Day Picnic * - *Music by The Adlers*

Fri 26 Austrian State Dinner Series • *Location TBD*

Sun 28 Frühshoppen

* indicates event is open to the public

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT?

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KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our member, **Salvatore Greco**.

We mourn the passing of our members, **Dennis E. Clark**, **James L. Hockenberry** and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Anthony Horling, oldest grandson of **Founder, Anthony Horling**, and cousin of our members **Joseph and Ginger Horling**, **Carol (Horling) Burket**, and **Kerri (Horling) Baker**.

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

IN THE NEWS

CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS



(Pictured L-R: Keith Rhyner, President, Brian Daly-Cook/Co-Chair, Bill Buchok, Ed Orr, Kurt Leithner, Brian Worthington, Jeff Cantone, Jan Kulinski.)

The **8th annual DC Chili Cookoff** ended up with 15 Cooks and 70 people to vote for their top three chilis. We had a tie for **first place**, **Brian Worthington** with his “Smokey and the Bambi Chili” and **Kurt Leithner** with his “Freezer Bag Chili”. Rounding out the other top places were **Ed Orr**, “Chili GPT” in **second** and **Jeff Cantone**, “IPA Chili” in third. DC Gift Cards went to the top three places. The “**Chili Monopoly Game**” and a can of chili went to **Bill Buchok**, “Coop’s Secret Recipe” and a donated prize of a Chili Recipe Book from Lisa Heims went to **Jan Kulinski**, “Polish Chili”.

A good time was had by all and thanks to the Tuesday Crew for installing a new exhaust fan in the men’s room prior. A big Thanks also goes to my co-chairs **Colleen and Buzz Sawyer** and **Brian Daly**, 50/50 sales by **Alexandra Bernstein**, all who helped to clean up, and **Ewald** and **Eric** for getting supplies and cooking cornbread.

Keep it Spicy, Kurt Leithner, Chili Cookoff Co-Chair

2026 SPRING NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



On **Thursday, April 23, 2026**, the Deutscher Club of Clark celebrated thirty-five (35) new members at our Spring Induction Ceremony. **Congratulations and Welcome to our new members!**

FUTURE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Welcome to the Deutscher Club Family, **Indy Nicolo Civitano!**

Camille and Michael Civitano welcomed **Indy** to the family on **April 7th, 2026**, at **10:04 AM**.



Member, **Christine Civitano** is the proud Oma.

Welcome to the Deutscher Club Family **Harper Eleanor Anuhea Mecca!**

Doug & Desha Mecca of **St. Augustine, FL** welcomed their daughter to the family on **March 26th, 2026**, at **7 pm**.



Members **Brian and Sue Mecca** are the proud grandparents. **Brian and Sue** drove down to Florida to personally welcome **Harper Eleanor**.

THE SEARCH FOR MISS DEUTSCHER CLUB

The search has begun for the next **Miss Deutscher Club!**

The Miss DC Committee is now accepting applications (forms are on the website) for **Miss Deutscher Club 2026**. We are looking for a young woman between the ages of 16 - 25 who is interested in becoming actively involved in our community. Our new Miss Deutscher Club will attend various events at the club, support local charities and represent our organization at the Steuben Parade in New York City, as well as other events. The interviews and crowning



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ceremony will take place during the Wald-fest (Father's Day Picnic) on Sunday, **June 21, 2026**, at the Deutscher Club of Clark. Applications are available on our website, www.deutscherclub.us (under Bulletins and Downloads) and are to be submitted no later than **May 31, 2026**. You may also contact Chrissy Daly, Chairperson, Miss Deutscher Club Committee via email at correspondence@deutscherclub.us for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER – WHEN IN THE CLUB ...



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NOW HIRING: WAITERS & WAITRESSES

Become a member of the DC Service Team! Interested in applying? Please call DC Manager, Ewald Hollinger at 732-574-8600.

PLANNING A SPECIAL EVENT AT HOME OR AWAY?



Consider the Deutscher Club of Clark for your venue and/or catering needs. Whether Spring, Summer, Fall, or Winter the clubhouse, pavilion and grounds will offer an inviting backdrop for your wedding, christening, communion, or company picnic. Allow our Manager, Chef Ewald to assist you in building the perfect menu for you and your guests. Make an appointment with Chef Ewald to discuss the details of your special day, by calling (732) 574-8600.

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to do the cooking for you. You can browse our catering menu at www.deutscherclub.us/catering.

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 \$6000 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

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee will meet on **Thursday, May 7th, at 7:00 PM**, in the Ratskeller. 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 Sub-committee**, 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*

DC CLUBS: ALL ARE WELCOME!

SKAT GAME: every Wednesday at 8:00 PM

KNITTING CLUB: every Thursday at 3:00PM

LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

The membership of the Ladies Division has grown beyond the capacity of the Ratskeller; therefore, we will be holding our monthly meetings in the Main Dining Room. Lady members of the Deutscher Club interested in joining the Ladies Division are welcome to visit one of our meetings to see what we are about. • The next meeting of the Ladies Division will take place on **Saturday, May 16, 2026, 1 PM**.



–Mariann Brenner, President

BLOOD DRIVE

Our most recent blood drive was **Saturday March 28, 2026**. We again used the services of the New Jersey Blood Center and had a near record collection of 73 units. There were 68 potential donors that attended. Nice job to all who participated.



The national blood services have modified some collection regulations, which are significant: 1) **GULF WAR VETERANS** can **NOW DONATE**. 2) **Vietnam vets** that were exposed to Agent Orange can **NOW DONATE**. 3) If you lived or traveled exten-

sively in the **United Kingdom or European Countries** and were previously declined; **YOU CAN NOW DONATE**. 4) If you are 76; you no longer require a **DOCTORS NOTE ON FILE** to **DONATE**

New York Blood Center (NYBC) and New Jersey Blood Services (NJBS) will be collecting blood again for **THE DEUTSCHER CLUB on Saturday, October 24, 2026**. If you have further questions on eligibility guidelines, please call 1-800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org.

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

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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.**

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 (above the dining room). The SSB Mixed Chorus will be rehearsing for our Spring Concert. New and old singers are welcome to join us. For more information call Nancy at (201) 637- 7917.

Save the Date! Friday, June 12, 2026 - SSB Spring Concert and Jazz am Freitag. Our 2026 Spring Concert will be held right here

in the Deutscher Club Celebrating the **250th Birthday of the USA!** If you enjoyed our Oldies Concert and Music Trivia in 2025 and the Carols by Candlelight in December, then you won't want to miss this double concert. **Jazz am Freitag** features our Director, Professor Gregory Scime, who will play during dinner. The **SSB TRIBUTE TO THE USA** will begin at 8:30 PM. All are welcome! Non-members will be asked for a donation at the door for admission. Guaranteed to be an enjoyable and entertaining evening. Please join us on **Friday, June 12, 2026** and celebrate the **250th Birthday of the USA!**

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



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 regarding 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 commence promptly at 10:00 AM.** In case of delay, kindly notify me so appropriate arrange-



ments 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 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.

On **Sunday May 3rd**, join us for a hike starting in the picturesque town of Atlantic Highlands. We will hike a portion of the Henry Hudson trail along the edge of the Raritan Bay to Popamora Point beach. It's about 2 miles out and 2 miles back for a total of 4 miles. Enjoy an easy, paved and gravel walk (50% / 50%) with amazing views at Bayshore Waterfront Park. This flat trail runs right along the shoreline, looking out over the beautiful Sandy Hook Bay. On a clear day, you can see the New York City skyline in the distance! It's a fantastic place to watch for shorebirds like ospreys and gulls. A breeze often comes off the water. AllTrails Link: www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-jersey/bayshore-trail--2 • *There are rest rooms at the halfway turnaround at Popamora Beach Park but I do not know if they are open in the off-season.*

DIRECTIONS: Set your GPS to Sutton Walk, Atlantic Highlands. "Shore Casino" also works (Google Maps link: <https://google.com/maps/M1tRHkwVFCZYrLCD6>) Park near the tennis courts where we will gather at 9:50am. The trail starts right behind the tennis courts. Dogs are allowed but must be on a leash. The hike will kick off promptly at 10:00 AM. If you happen to be running late, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 201-359-5473, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Our upcoming hike is set for **Sunday, June 7th**. We will be exploring Hemlock Falls in South Mountain Reservation, Milburn. Bramhall Terrace (Crest Dr, Maplewood, NJ 07040). Parking Lot link below (It is on Crest Drive in between Bear Lane and the Dog Park Lot (spots are on the right side of the road) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Vh-QrLxWAQjx9fFmU9> • Time: 9:50 AM, Distance: 2.5 miles

MAHJONG

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 Mah-



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jongg Club or if you would like to learn to play, please email - correspondence@deutscherclub.us

-Thank you, Meg & Paula

DIE KULTURKENNER / THE CONNOISSEURS OF CULTURE

Thanks to everyone who came out to the inaugural Kulturkenner meeting in April! We reminisced about our most recent trip to Italy and Malta over dinner, with those who went and with others from past and upcoming trips.



Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday May 6th at 6 PM**, where we will bring a taste of Sicily to the Deutscher Club, and discuss our upcoming trips to Canada and the American West, Croatia, and Germany (Oktoberfest). Seasoned travelers and cultural enthusiasts alike are welcome to join us at **Table 2**.

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, May 14, 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

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, May 15, 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.

Deutscher Club of Clark
Mothers Day BRUNCH
Sunday, May 10th
11:00 am-2:00 pm

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CLARK TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On **Monday, May 25th, at 9:30 AM**, the Township of Clark will again



host a patriotic Memorial Day parade to coincide with its annual Memorial Day services that honor "Clark's Fallen Heroes." Once again, the Deutscher Club of Clark will join the Township of Clark in celebrating those who have served and those now serving our nation here and abroad. Carpool to the assembly point departs the Club at **8:30 AM**. Parade line-up begins at **9:00 AM** in Nassau Street. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Come march with us! Sign-up sheet will be in the Lobby in May.

2026 KARL KUMMER SCHOLARSHIP



The 2026 Karl Kummer Scholarship Fund (named after one of the early DC Presidents) awards **\$2000*** to a qualified New Jersey student who is pursuing higher education at a College/University when leaving High School. Students who are currently enrolled in a College/University may also apply. The qualifications and requirements are listed on the application form available on our website at - www.deutscherclub.us/bulletin-and-downloads. The application must be completed and submitted with a copy of the applicant's most current High School/College transcript by the deadline - **May 1, 2026** - to scholarship@deutscherclub.us.

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Drink - Food - Music - Dance
Sunday, June 21st 12:00-6:00 PM
(Gates open at 11:00AM)

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Music by The Adlers

**Children's Entertainment 1:00-5:00 PM
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DEUTSCHE ECKE

Northern Exposure – Die deutsche Art

Wenn man in den USA an Deutschland denkt, hat man oft Bayern, Fachwerkhäuser oder Alpenlandschaften vor Augen. Weniger bekannt, aber genauso authentisch, ist Kiel, eine Stadt an der Ostsee, die eine ganz andere Perspektive auf die deutsche Kultur, Geschichte und den Alltag bietet. Kiel hat rund 250.000 Einwohner. Die lokale Kultur ist vom Plattdeutschen Dialekt geprägt, welcher für Englischsprachige überraschend vertraut klingen kann. Die Kieler gelten als zurückhaltend und direkt, mit einem trockenen Humor – Eigenschaften, die den unkomplizierten und unprätentiösen Charakter der Stadt widerspiegeln. Kiel präsentiert sich überwiegend modern. Breite Straßen, funktionale Nachkriegsarchitektur und ein offener Stadtplan prägen das Stadtbild, das sich direkt zum Hafen hin öffnet und der Stadt einen maritimen Charakter verleiht. Besuchern bieten sich zahlreiche Aktivitäten rund ums Wasser: vom Flanieren entlang der lebhaften Uferpromenade mit ihren Cafés und Plätzen bis hin zum Beobachten der riesigen Fähren, Kreuzfahrtschiffe, Marineschiffe und Segelschiffe, die in den Hafen einlaufen. An warmen Sommertagen laden die zahlreichen Strände an der Ost- und Westküste der Kieler Förde zu einer willkommenen Abkühlung ein. Kiel markiert zudem den östlichen Eingang zum Nord-Ostsee-Kanal, der verkehrsreichsten künstlichen Wasserstraße der Welt, die Nord- und Ostsee verbindet. Viele Schaulustige kommen hierher, um die gewaltigen Frachtschiffe zu beobachten, die durch die überraschend enge Passage gleiten. Kiel ist fast das ganze Jahr über eine entspannte Universitäts- und Hafenstadt – lebendig und doch ruhig, weitgehend unberührt vom Massentourismus. Einmal im Jahr jedoch wandelt sich die Atmosphäre der Stadt komplett. In der letzten vollen



Juniwoche findet die Kieler Woche statt, die größte Segelveranstaltung der Welt und das größte Sommerfest Nordeuropas. Was 1882 als kleiner Segelwettbewerb zwischen Kieler und Hamburger Clubs begann, hat sich zu einem neuntägigen internationalen Fest entwickelt. Tausende Segler aus aller Welt messen sich in Regatten, während Besucher Kriegsschiffe besichtigen oder Großsegler im Hafen besuchen können. Die Kieler Woche beschränkt sich nicht nur auf Segeln und den Hafen; die ganze Stadt verwandelt sich in eine Festivalzone. Ein Kulturprogramm mit über 2000 Veranstaltungen, die meisten davon kostenlos, bietet für jeden Geschmack und jedes Alter etwas. Zu den Höhepunkten des letzten Wochenendes, die man sich nicht entgehen lassen sollte, zählen am Samstag die große Windjammer-Parade mit oft über 100 Schiffen und am Sonntagabend das spektakuläre Abschlussfeuerwerk über dem Hafen. Kiel und die Kieler Woche bieten einen einladenden Einblick in das deutsche Leben, der es wirklich wert ist, entdeckt zu werden.

Northern Exposure – The German Way

When people in the United States think of Germany, they often picture Bavaria, or half-timbered towns or Alpine landscapes. Less familiar, but just as authentic is Kiel, a city located at the Baltic Sea that offers a very different

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perspective on German culture, history, and everyday life. Kiel is home to around 250,000 residents. Its local culture is shaped by the Low German dialect, which can feel surprisingly familiar to English speakers. People in Kiel are often described as reserved and direct, with a dry sense of humor—traits that reflect the city's straightforward and unpretentious character. Kiel has a predominantly modern appearance. Wide streets, functional post-war architecture, and an open layout define the cityscape, which faces directly onto the harbor. Giving the city a maritime character. There are plenty of water-related activities, for visitors, from strolling along a lively waterfront promenade with cafés and public spaces, to watching huge ferries, cruise ships, naval vessels and many sailing ships entering the harbor. On warm summer days, numerous beaches along both the eastern and western shores of the Kiel Fjord offer easy escapes from the heat. Kiel also marks the eastern entrance to the Kiel Canal, the world's busiest artificial waterway, connecting the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. Many Spectators come here to watch massive cargo ships gliding through a surprisingly narrow passage. For most of the year, Kiel is a relaxed university and port city, lively yet calm, and largely untouched by mass tourism. Once a year, however, the city's atmosphere changes completely. During the last full week of June, Kiel hosts Kiel Week (Kieler Woche), the world's largest sailing event and the biggest summer festival in northern Europe. What began in 1882 as a small sailing competition between clubs from Kiel and Hamburg has grown into a nine-day international celebration. Thousands of sailors from around the world compete in regattas, while visitors can explore naval vessels or visit tall ships docked in the harbor. The Kiel Week is not limited to sailing and the harbor; the entire city turns into a festival zone. A cultural program with more than 2000 single events, most of them free, offers something for everyone and at any age. Highlights not to be missed on the final weekend are on Saturday the grand Windjammer parade, often featuring more than 100 vessels, and on Sunday evening the spectacular closing fireworks over the harbor. Kiel and the Kiel Week, offer a welcoming view of German life that is truly worth discovering. *—Martin Kohler*

OTTO HAHN – NUCLEAR CHEMIST

Otto Hahn was born in Frankfort to a wealthy glazier and entrepreneur in 1879. Heinrich and Charlotte Hahn allowed Otto to pursue his interests in chemistry and conduct experiments in the laundry room. He studied chemistry, mineralogy, physics, and philosophy, eventually earning a doctorate from the University of Marburg. Upon graduation in 1904, Hahn accepted a job at University College of London in the

hope of pursuing English as a language and working under Sir William Ramsey, the discoverer of inert gases. Hahn worked on radiochemistry, a new field at the time. He continued his work in nuclear chemistry at McGill University in Montreal, where he discovered radio activity. In 1906, he returned to Germany to work at the University of Berlin as a lecturer and professor and soon became head of the Radioactivity Department of the new Kaiser Wilhelm Institute of Chemistry. While at the University in 1938, Hahn made his most significant discovery that the element barium was produced when uranium atoms were bombarded with neutrons. Together Hahn and his colleagues discovered nuclear fission, the primary chemical process involved in a nuclear reaction. This discovery paved the way for the atomic



bomb and nuclear energy. In 1944, Hahn received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for this historic work. During the war, Hahn and other fellow scientists were interned at Farm Hall near Cambridge, England when they learned that Americans had dropped atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Hahn was

in despair as he felt that he was responsible for the death and suffering of thousands of Japanese people. In 1946, Hahn was allowed to return to Germany where he then founded the Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science and fought to have nuclear power limited by the military. Hahn received many honors around the world including in 1966 the Enrico Fermi Award from the United States. Otto Hahn died in Göttingen, West Germany in 1968 at age 89. *—Barbara Streit*

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