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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – MÄRZ / MARCH 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, February has come and gone, and hopefully it has taken the snow and cold with it. We definitely took advantage of the warmth, both physical and social inside our Club though! We had a packed house for Trivia Night on the 7th, thanks to Cindy & Cheryl for another great event, and another crowd the next day for the Big Game party, thanks to Rick Myers for orchestrating another successful viewing party. We celebrated Valentine's Day on the 14th with over 125 people in attendance, and the Club looked great decorated for the event. Thanks to Alexandra Beinstein, Paula Mattis, and Ruth Sutton, and the rest of the decorating committee for another great job. We then celebrated Fasching on the 15th, with a Tanzcafé featuring Bernie's Orchestra. On the 20th, we continued our culinary tour of German speaking Europe, with a stop in Vienna. Chef Ewald and his staff brought the tastes of Austria's capital to us, and we were able to enjoy some Kaiserschmarrn for dessert. Our next stop will be on March 6th, featuring the cuisine of Tyrol & Vorarlberg - please reserve your table through Ewald. On the 21st we had a sell out crowd for Elvis Night, and although peanut butter bacon and fried banana sandwiches weren't on the menu, everyone had a great night. We ended February with another sold out event, Polish Night. Everyone in attendance was treated to various Polish delicacies, and the music of Robbie Lawrence & the Steel Workers who came from Pennsylvania to entertain us. A big thanks to Krystyna & Pete Vaccarelli for all the hard work they put in, making the evening a success. Please check the calendar to see everything we have lined up in store for March, it's going to be another busy month with activities for all to enjoy. A quick note to our smokers and guests of members - as discussed in our February meeting, if anyone is caught smoking within 25 feet of the main entrances to the Clubhouse, the aforesaid member will be denied alcohol service for the remainder of the evening. Let's not let it come to this. As always, thanks to all of you who support our Club, without you, we wouldn't be the Club that we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, der Februar ist vorbei, und hoffentlich hat er den Schnee und die Kälte mit sich genommen. Wir haben die Wärme in unserem Club um so mehr genossen – sowohl die angenehme Atmosphäre als auch die gesellige. Am 7. war unser Quizabend wieder einmal gut besucht, vielen Dank an Cindy und Cheryl für die gelungene Veranstaltung. Auch am nächsten Tag war unser Super Bowl-Treffen gut besucht, ein großes Dankeschön an Rick Myers der die Organisation der erfolgreichen Public Viewing-Party ausführte. Am 14. feierten wir Valentinstag mit über 125 Gästen, und der Club war wunderschön geschmückt. Vielen Dank an Alexandra Beinstein, Paula Mattis, Ruth Sutton und das gesamte Dekorationsteam für die tolle Arbeit! Am 15. feierten wir Fasching mit einem Tanzcafé und Bernie's Orchester. Am 20. setzten wir unsere kulinarische Reise durch das deutschsprachige Europa fort mit einem Zwischenstopp in Wien. Küchenchef Ewald und sein Team brachten uns die Aromen der österreichischen Hauptstadt näher, und so konnten wir Kaiserschmarrn zum Dessert genießen. Unser nächster Halt ist am 6. März mit kulinarischen Köstlichkeiten aus Tirol und Vorarlberg – bitte reservieren Sie Ihren Tisch über Ewald. Am 21. März war unsere Elvis-Abend restlos ausverkauft. Obwohl Erdnussbutter, Speck und frittierte Bananen-Sandwiches nicht auf der Speisekarte standen, hatten alle einen großartigen Abend. Wir beendeten den Februar mit einer weiteren ausverkauften Veranstaltung, dem Polnischen Abend. Alle Anwesenden wurden mit verschiedenen polnischen Spezialitäten und der Musik von Robbie Lawrence & the Steel Workers verwöhnt, die für diesen Anlass aus Pennsylvania angereist waren. Ein herzliches Dankeschön an Krystyna & Pete Vaccarelli für ihren unermüdlichen Einsatz, der dem Abend einen vollen Erfolg brachte. Im Kalender finden Sie alle Veranstaltungen, die wir für März geplant haben – es wird wieder ein ereignisreicher Monat mit vielen tollen Aktivitäten für alle. Ein kurzer Hinweis an unsere Raucher und Gäste von Mitgliedern: Wie bereits in unserer Februar-Sitzung besprochen, wird jedem Mitglied, das innerhalb von 7,6 Metern (25 Fuß) von den Haupteingängen des Clubhauses beim Rauchen gesehen wird, wird der Alkoholausschank für den Rest des Abends verweigert. Lasst es nicht so weit kommen. Wie immer vielen Dank an alle, die unseren Verein unterstützen. Ohne Euch wäre der Club nicht so aktiv und erfolgreich. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR MÄRZ / MARCH PROGRAM 2026

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

Sun 01	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Middlesex Greenway, Metuchen • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	10:00 AM
Sun 01	Frühschoppen • <i>In the Ratskeller</i>	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 04	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 05	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 05	Entertainment Committee • <i>Bring your Imagination</i>	7:00 PM
Fri 06	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 07	Bayern Verein 96th Anniversary Gala • Music by Bernie’s Orchestra	5:00 PM
Sat 07	Ratskeller • <i>Open for dinner w/a limited menu</i>	7:00 PM
Sun 08	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 11	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 11	Monthly Membership Meeting • <i>Attend & Be Heard</i>	7:00 PM
Thu 12	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 12	Networking Meeting • <i>Tell us about your Business</i> • <i>Details on Page 4</i>	7:30 PM
Fri 13	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 13	History Committee • <i>Come join us!</i>	6:30 PM
Sat 14	Wine Tasting & Pairing • Wines from the Dolomites & the Danube • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	5:00 PM
Sun 15	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 15	DC Ladies Division Meeting • Program: Americana Trivia	1:11 – 5:11 PM
Wed 18	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 19	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 19	Railroaders Dinner & Video • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i>	6:30 PM
Fri 20	Deutscher Stammtisch • <i>in the Ratskeller</i>	7:30 PM
Sat 21	St. Patrick’s Day Dinner • Music by Dan O’Dea & Eagle Ridge (w/Nick Conte) • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 22	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 25	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 26	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 27	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 28	DC Blood Drive* • Give Blood be a Hero! • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sat 28	Bayern Abend / Bavarian Night • Music by Bernie’s Orchestra • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 29	Annual Chili Cook-Off • <i>Judge or be Judged & Have some Fun!</i> • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	3:00 – 5:00 PM

Vorschau April / Preview April 2026

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* indicates event is open to the public

Thu 02	Entertainment Committee Meeting • <i>Bring your imagination</i>	Sun 12	Frühschoppen
Sat 04	Children’s Easter Party • <i>With a Visit from a Cotton-tailed Visitor!</i>	Sun 12	Tanzcafé • <i>Music by Bud and Linda</i>
Sun 05	FROHE OSTERN / HAPPY EASTER • <i>The Club will be Closed</i>	Thu 16	Railroaders Dinner & A Video • <i>All DC Members Welcome!</i>
Wed 08	Monthly Membership Meeting • <i>Attend & Be Heard</i>	Fri 17	Austrian-Swiss Dinner Series • <i>Austrian State TBD</i>
Thu 09	Networking Meeting • <i>Tell us about your Business</i>	Fri 17	Deutscher Stammtisch
Thu 09	DC Travel Club • <i>Introductory meeting - All Members are welcome!</i>	Sat 18	Karaoke Night • <i>Entertainment by Tre Patterson</i>
Fri 10	History Committee Meeting	Sun 19	Frühschoppen
Sat 11	Spring Clean-up • <i>Let’s get ready for Fest Season!</i>	Sun 19	DC Ladies Division Spring Craft Event* - <i>Join us as we welcome Spring</i>
Sat 11	Trivia Night • <i>Assemble the Braintrust</i>	Thu 23	Spring New Member Induction • <i>Come meet our newest Members</i>
Sun 12	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • <i>Location TBD</i>	Sat 25	Country Night* • <i>Entertainment by Scott Tracy</i>
		Sun 26	Frühschoppen
		Mon 27	DC Book Club – <i>“The Women,” by Kristin Hannah</i>

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT?

Think DC Gift Card - Dinner for Two

Cards are available for purchase at the Bar.



KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members,
Margaret Boyle, Barbara Oberding, and Martha Kepes.

We mourn the passing of our members, **Rodney Jones, and Franklin Pfeifer,** and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

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

IN THE NEWS

FUTURE MEMBER IN THE NEWS



Welcome to the Deutscher Club Family, Dawn Robin Adams!

Eric Adams & Alyssa Frank of Lake Worth, FL welcomed their daughter to the family on January 22, 2026, at 11 AM.

Members **Bill** (dec.) and **Barbara Adams** are the proud grandparents. Barbara was in Florida to personally welcome Dawn Robin.

PLEASE REMEMBER – WHEN IN THE CLUB ...



That I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate it, if you, too,
Will come and help out.

So come to the meetings, often,
And help with hand and heart;
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.
Think this over, Member,
You know right from wrong:
**ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER,
OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?**

This poem hangs in a simple frame behind the bar, to the left of the Ratskeller. It may be easy to overlook – but the message isn't.

Our club is run by volunteers. We need you to help make the Deutscher Club the best place ever. This is a way to meet life-long friends. We are more than a club. We are family! Willkommen!

* If you are not receiving the weekly Menu/Events 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

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 ceremony will take place during the Waldfest (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.

MAY WE TAKE YOUR ORDER? DEUTSCHER CLUB HAS TAKE-OUT!

Open to the Public!
Call in your order:
(732) 574-8600
Thursday, Friday,
Saturday • Orders are taken as of 4:15 PM
• Pick-up orders 4:45 – 7 PM • Check 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 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.

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"SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT"

(Author – Unknown)



Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented,
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay away from them
And criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part,
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the
Kind that "just belong?"
Do you ever think to lend a hand,
And help to make it tick,
Or leave the work to just a few,
And talk about the "clique?"
There's quite a program scheduled,

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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.

Entertaining guests in the comfort of your home or backyard, then allow Chef Ewald to do the cooking for you. You can browse our catering menu at www.deutscherclub.us/catering.

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 unless you let me know otherwise. Please 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.

Do you know someone who would enjoy being an active member of the Deutscher Club of Clark? We are **accepting applications for the Spring induction** until March 15. Note **you must be a member for at least two (2) years** before sponsoring a prospective member, and **all new members are expected to fulfill their ten hours of volunteer time** if accepted. Prospective members can submit their applications online or download a physical copy to mail to: Deutscher Club of Clark, Attn: Membership Secretary, 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, NJ 07066.

Herzlichen Dank! Elyn Perez, Membership Secretary

90TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORABILIA

90th Anniversary Pins, Wine and Highball are still available for sale. Pins are \$10



and Glasses are \$12 apiece. To purchase one, just see any Vorstand/Board member.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee will meet

on **Thursday, March 5th, 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

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, March 12, 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 busi-



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- Willing to work Saturday mornings 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, September through end of May
- Sustained level of comfort applying technology in the classroom

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ness. 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**. Looking forward to hearing about your business. *Michael Fleyzor*

LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on **Sunday, March 15**, in the Main Dining Room at **2 PM**, where we will be enjoying Americana Trivia in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary. 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.



P.S. We are looking for vendors for the Ladies Division Spring Craft Event on **Sunday, April 19, 2026, 11AM to 4PM**. Any vendors interested in participating can send their information to vendors@deutscherclub.us.

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.**

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). Join us in September as we prepare for our Holiday Concert and Candlelight.

SSB Spring 2026 Rehearsals • The SSB Mixed Chorus will be rehearsing for our Spring Concert starting February 25, 2026. New and old singers are welcome to join our



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rehearsals. For more information call Nancy at (201) 637- 7917.

Watch this Space • Our 2026 Spring Concert will be held right here in the Deutscher Club. If you enjoyed our Oldies Concert and Music Trivia in 2025 and the Carols at Candlelight in December, then you won't want to miss our next program. Guaranteed to be fun and entertaining. Watch this space for more information.

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 and will be kicking off again in August - it's the perfect time to jump in!

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 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 are currently planning activities for 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 **February 15th**, 20 of us along with four dogs hiked at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. It was a beautiful day, sunny, in the mid 30's and not windy at all. The hike was 3.0 miles and thoroughly enjoyed by all. This was a rescheduled hike from February 1st for the Bayshore Trail in the Atlantic Highlands, which I cancelled due to the bitter cold and high winds on the 1st. We will be looking at this for April or May.

On **March 1st**, we will be staying close to the club and going to Metuchen to walk along the Middlesex Greenway, rails to trails in Metuchen. This is fully paved and has a gentle grade over the roads. The trail head with plenty of parking is at 685 Middlesex Ave, Metuchen. This is a 7.3-mile out-and-back trail. We did this last February of 2025, a bit long for the entire trail, we will be a bit shorter this year. I am planning on going to Woodbridge Ave, then returning. This is just past the Marriott Hotel, and after we cross over US 1 and under the NJTPL. Generally considered an easy route. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash. The Middlesex Greenway, once part of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, is a popular 3.6-mile paved path. There are eight interpretive signs along the trail. www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/new-jersey/middlesex-greenway

Tentatively, future hikes are scheduled for April 12th, May 3rd, and June 7th.

Kindly confirm your attendance by RSVPing to brian.mecca@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 additional refreshments as the kitchen will be closed. We look forward to a pleasant post-hike gathering.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, March 13, at 6:30 PM.** We will be in the area of Table #20. Come join us!



This is yet another opportunity to earn your volunteer hours. If you are interested, please email correspondence@deutscherclub.us

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.

"An Evening in the Dolomites and Danube"

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
5:00 PM

*Five-course wine-paired dinner.
*Limited Seating.
*70 per person. (Tip not included.)

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE BAR THROUGH MARCH 11TH.

MAHJONG

The Mahjongg Club usually meets on **Sundays from 4-6 pm** in the Winter. However, we will meet on **Mondays from 5-8pm, starting on March 30** in the Spring!



GERMAN SCHOOL OF UNION COUNTY

REGISTRATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 IS NOW OPEN

www.thegermanschool.org/registration/register/

Summer. If you are a DC member and already know how to play, please come and join us. For further information about the Mahjongg Club or if you would like to learn to play, please contact correspondence@deutscherclub.us – Thank you, Meg & Paula



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST
6:00-10:00 PM

- *Music by Dan O'Dea and Eagle Ridge
- *Featuring bagpipes by DC Member Nick Conte
- *Performance by The Marie Moore School of Irish Dance
- *Full Traditional Irish Dinner
 Prix Fixe Menu (Tip not included.)
- \$30-Members/\$35-Non-members
- *Tickets on sale at the bar through March 18th*

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS SATURDAY, MARCH 28.

The next scheduled Deutscher Club Blood Drive is **Saturday, March 28, 2026.**



Please mark your calendars and spread the word. The New York New Jersey Blood Center (NYBC) will again be servicing our donors. The average time for a donation was 45 minutes for processing and donating. Many donors then proceeded to meet others for coffee, donuts or a light German brunch provided by the Deutscher Club. Donors had plenty of time to sit, relax and enjoy the fellowship with other donors.

Give our blood drive a try. If you are not a donor, now is the time to start. Blood supplies are in huge demand. Donating blood is a lifesaving gift for others. It takes 250 blood donations every day to meet the needs of all the patients in the hospitals serviced by the New York New Jersey Blood Services.

One out of every three people will need blood at some time in their life. You never know when you or someone you love will be the one. If you are over 75 years, the NYBC requires a doctor's note to donate. Plan now to call or visit your doctor.

Again, thank you to all donors and supporters of our Blood Drive. We hope to see those of you who can donate on Saturday March 28 2026.



BAYERND ABEND
MARCH 28, 2026
ENTERTAINMENT BY BERNIE'S ORCHESTRA AND THE BAYERN VEREIN NEWARK DANCERS
*****WEAR YOUR TRACHT!*****
6:00-10:00 PM
\$5 MEMBERS/\$10 NON-MEMBERS
SPECIAL MENU
PAY AT THE DOOR!



8th Annual D.C. Chili Cookoff
Sunday, March 29th
3:00-5:00 PM
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Die deutsche Energiewende – Kampf gegen die globale Erwärmung

Deutschland beschleunigt seinen Ausstieg aus fossilen Brennstoffen, um die Treibhausgasemissionen zu senken und die ambitionierten Klimaziele für die kommenden Jahrzehnte zu erreichen. Dieser Vorstoß erfolgt vor dem Hintergrund zunehmender wissenschaftlicher Erkenntnisse, dass steigende Konzentrationen von Kohlendioxid, Methan und Stickoxiden die globale Erwärmung vorantreiben und ihre ökologischen und wirtschaftlichen Folgen verstärken. Im Einklang mit der Klimapolitik der Europäischen Union hat der Deutsche Bundestag das Klimaschutzgesetz verabschiedet. Dieses legt rechtsverbindliche Emissionsreduktionsziele fest und gestaltet die Energieerzeugung und den Energieverbrauch neu. Die Aufgabe ist dringlicher geworden, seit Deutschland seine verbleibenden Kernkraftwerke Ende 2023 abgeschaltet hat und verstärkt auf erneuerbare Energien setzt, um den Strombedarf zu decken. Die deutsche Energiewende orientiert sich an einer Reihe langfristiger Meilensteine. Das Land strebt an, die Treibhausgasemissionen bis 2030 auf 65 Prozent des Niveaus von 1990 und bis 2040 auf 88 Prozent zu senken. Klimaneutralität wird bis 2045 angestrebt, mit dem Ziel, bis 2050 negative Netto-Treibhausgasemissionen zu erreichen. Ein Eckpfeiler der Strategie ist der rasche Ausbau der Stromerzeugung aus erneuerbaren Energien und der dafür notwendigen Infrastruktur. Im Jahr 2025 wurden in Deutschland rund 59 Prozent des Stroms aus erneuerbaren Energien erzeugt, allen

voran Windkraft, gefolgt von Solarenergie und Biomasse. Die Kohleverstromung soll bis 2038 vollständig eingestellt werden. Die Energiewende beschränkt sich nicht nur auf den Energiesektor. Nach den aktuellen Plänen müssen alle verbleibenden Gaskraftwerke bis 2045 klimaneutral betrieben werden, entweder durch die Umstellung auf grünen Wasserstoff oder durch die Abscheidung und Speicherung von Kohlendioxid. Erneuerbarer Strom soll auch zur Herstellung synthetischer Kraftstoffe und grünen Wasserstoffs genutzt werden, die als essenziell für die Schwerindustrie und andere schwer zu elektrifizierende Sektoren gelten. Der Verkehr bleibt eine weitere große Herausforderung. Von den rund 50 Millionen Fahrzeugen auf deutschen Straßen sind nur etwa 2 Millionen elektrisch. Um die Emissionen zu senken, fördert die Regierung den Kauf von Elektrofahrzeugen mit dem Ziel, deren Anzahl bis 2030 auf 14 Millionen zu erhöhen. Gleichzeitig soll der Pkw-Verkehr insgesamt durch den Ausbau des öffentlichen Nahverkehrs reduziert werden. Die Beheizung von Wohngebäuden trägt erheblich zu den Treibhausgasemissionen bei. Daher müssen in allen Neubauten 65 % der benötigten Heizenergie aus erneuerbaren Energien stammen. Bis 2045 müssen alle Heizsysteme in Deutschland vollständig mit erneuerbarer Energie oder grünem Wasserstoff betrieben werden. Die Energiewende ist keine leichte Aufgabe. Da jedoch ein Großteil der Bevölkerung diese Veränderungen unterstützt, arbeiten öffentliche Verwaltung, Industrie und private Haushalte gemeinsam daran, die Energiewende zu verwirklichen und so einen



Beitrag zum weltweiten Kampf gegen den Klimawandel zu leisten.

The German Energy Transition - Combatting Global Warming

Germany is accelerating its shift away from fossil fuels as it seeks to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and meet ambitious climate targets set for the coming decades. The push comes amid mounting scientific evidence that rising levels of carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrogen oxides are driving global warming and intensifying its environmental and economic impacts. In line with European Union climate policy, Germany's parliament has adopted the Climate Change Act, which establishes legally binding emissions-reduction targets and reshapes how energy is produced and consumed. The task has become more pressing since the country shut down its remaining nuclear power plants at the end of 2023, increasing reliance on renewable energy sources to meet electricity demand. The country aims to reduce GHG emissions to 65 percent of 1990 levels by 2030 and by 88 percent by 2040. Climate neutrality is targeted for 2045, with plans to achieve net-negative GHG emissions by 2050. A cornerstone of the strategy is the rapid expansion of renewable electricity generation and the infrastructure required to support it. In 2025, renewable sources were generating about 59 percent of Germany's electricity, led by wind power, followed by solar and biomass. Coal-fired power generation is scheduled to be phased out entirely by 2038. The transition extends beyond the power sector. Under current plans, all remaining gas-fired power plants must operate in a carbon-neutral way by 2045, either by switching to green hydrogen or by capturing and storing carbon dioxide. Renewable electricity will also be used to produce synthetic fuels and green hydrogen, which are seen as essential for heavy industry and other sectors that are difficult to electrify. Transportation remains another major challenge. Of the roughly 50 million vehicles

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on German roads, only about 2 million are electric. To curb emissions, the government offers subsidies to buy electric vehicles with the aim to increase their number to 14 million by 2030, while also seeking to reduce overall car use by expanding public transportation. Heating for homes contributes significantly to GHG emission. Therefore, in all new buildings, 65% of the required energy for heating must come from renewable resources. By 2045, all heating systems in Germany must run entirely on renewable energy or use green hydrogen. The energy transition is not an easy task, however with most of the population supporting these changes, public administration, industry and private households working together to make “die Energiewende” a reality, contributing to the worldwide effort combatting climate change. – *Martin Kohler*

BABE RUTH – BASEBALL PLAYER

George Herman “Babe” Ruth, Jr. was born February 6, 1895, in Baltimore to George Ruth, Sr. and Kate Shamberger. His working-class German parents owned a saloon on the Baltimore waterfront. The family of four lived above the saloon. Of the eight children born into the Ruth family only George Jr. and his sister survived. With a busy working father and a sickly mother, Ruth roamed the streets engaging in theft and skipping school. At age 7, his parents sent him to St. Mary’s Industrial School for Boys, an asylum for wayward boys and orphans. When his mother died in 1912 from tuberculosis, Ruth became a ward of the state. At St. Mary’s Ruth became known for his skill in baseball and he saw his way out of poverty. In 1914, Jack Dunn drafted Ruth for \$600 for a local minor league franchise. The local press referred to the new draftee as one of “Dunn’s babes”. Ruth excelled as a pitcher and was quickly recruited by the American League’s Boston Red Sox. That same year he met and married a waitress named Helen Woodford. Between 1916-1918, Ruth pitched twenty-nine scoreless innings and slammed in multiple home runs. The New York Yankees noticed Ruth and paid \$125,000 to get him on their team. Ruth’s salary was \$10,000 a year. During the 1920’s, Ruth became known as the “Sultan of Swat” for his record of homeruns and base hits. In 1923, when Yankee Stadium was



constructed, the stadium was nicknamed the “House That Ruth Built”. He was a 6-foot-tall powerhouse and his salary jumped to reflect his skill. Ruth finished his career in 1935 with 714 home runs, a record that stood until 1974. Babe Ruth died in 1948 at age 53 of throat cancer. Babe Ruth was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame as one of the original five inductees in 1936. –*Barbara Streit*

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THE BOOK CLUB

The Deutscher Club’s Book group will next meet: **Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:30 PM** most likely in the Ratskeller.



The book we will read is “*The Women*,” by **Kirstin Hannah**. It is a fictional account of U.S. nurses during the Vietnam War. Everyone I know who has read the book says it is great. I concur. Please note that this appeals to everyone, including men, with its strong characterizations, historical significance, and well-structured plot.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Book Group. Please note that everyone is welcome to join in the discussion. They are designed to be informative and fun. I welcome any suggestions and comments about the group.

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