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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – OKTOBER / OCTOBER 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, it's Oktoberfest time! As you know, it's our biggest event and needs the most volunteers, so please volunteer wherever you can. We had a busy September, with our final stop on the Swiss State Dinner Series on the 11th and the Bayern Verein's Oktoberfest on the 12th, a successful day for both Clubs. I would like to thank everyone who supported the event either through attendance, volunteering, or both. On the 19th we marched in the 69th German-American Steuben Day Parade, and it was great to see so many members participating in the parade. We met with our new friends from die Saustallmusikanten, who marched with us and then performed on the 20th during Deutscher Tag in Clark (German Day in Clark) keeping the crowd entertained. While the weather was against us, those who came out to Deutscher Tag had a great time, as did our band. A big thank you goes out to Birgit Maier, the Steuben Parade Committee and all of our members who helped welcome the band and made them feel at home. Having German bands on Deutscher Tag is such a great tradition, and we are already talking to bands for next year. On the 24th, we welcomed approximately 40 new members into our Club. Please introduce yourselves to them and make them feel welcome! Thanks to Elyn Perez and the Interview Committee for all of their hard work. We had a great Swing Music night on the 26th, featuring The Bottle Hill Big Band. Looking forward to October, we have the aforementioned Oktoberfest on the 3rd & 4th. We need your help making our biggest event of the year as successful as possible. PLEASE VOLUNTEER! We have a lot going on besides Oktoberfest though, so please see the calendar and bulletin pages for a list of everything. As always, thanks to everyone who supports the Club, whether through volunteering, donating, patronizing the bar and restaurant or in many members' cases, all of these! Without you, we wouldn't be the great Club that we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, das Oktoberfest liegt vor uns und wie Ihr wisst ist dies unsere größte Veranstaltung, die den größten Bedarf an freiwilligen Helfern hat. Bitte meldet Euch, wann immer Ihr aushelfen könnt. Wir hatten einen ereignisreichen September: Am 11ten fand die Finale der Dinner Serien statt, und zwar mit einem Abstecher in die Schweiz, am 12ten gefolgt vom Oktoberfest des Bayern-Vereins. Es war ein erfolgreicher Tag für beide Vereine. Ich möchte allen danken, die die Veranstaltungen unterstützt haben, sei es durch ihre Anwesenheit, durch ehrenamtliche Mitarbeit oder gar beides. Am 19ten nahmen wir an der 69. German-American Steuben Day Parade teil. Es war großartig zu sehen, dass so viele unserer Mitglieder dabei waren. Wir trafen uns mit unseren neuen Freunden, "den Saustall Musikanten", die mit uns marschierten und am 20ten beim „Deutschen Tag“ in Clark auftraten und dabei für beste Unterhaltung sorgten. Auch wenn das Wetter nicht mitspielte, hatten die Besucher des Deutschen Tags – ebenso die unsere Band – viel Spaß. Ein großes Dankeschön geht an Birgit Maier, das Steuben-Parade-Komitee und an alle Mitglieder, die beim Empfang der Musikanten halfen und dafür sorgten, dass sie sich bei uns wie zu Hause fühlten. Beim Deutschen Tag eine Musik Kapelle aus Deutschland zu haben, ist eine wunderbare Tradition, und wir sind bereits im Gespräch mit Bands für das nächste Jahr. Am 24ten durften wir rund 40 neue Mitglieder in unserem Club willkommen heißen. Bitte stellt Euch bei ihnen vor und heißt sie herzlich willkommen! Danke an Elyn Perez und das Interview-Komitee für ihren großen Einsatz. Am 26ten erlebten wir einen fantastischen Swing-Musik-Abend, mit der „Bottle Hill Big Band“. Mit Blick auf den Oktober steht am 3ten und 4ten das bereits erwähnte Oktoberfest statt. Wiederum benötigen wir dringend Eure Hilfe, um unsere größte Veranstaltung des Jahres zu einem vollen Erfolg zu bringen. BITTE HELFT MIT! Nach dem Oktoberfest steht noch vieles mehr auf dem Programm; eine Übersicht findet ihr im Kalender und in den Vereinsmitteilungen. Wie immer gilt unser Dank allen, die den Club unterstützen – sei es durch ehrenamtliche Arbeit, Spenden, Besuche an der Bar und im Restaurant. Ohne Euch wäre der Club nicht so erfolgreich und lebendig. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR OKTOBER / OCTOBER PROGRAM 2026

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

Thu 01	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 01	Entertainment Committee	7:00 PM
Fri 02	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society • Details on Page 4	7:30 AM
Fri 02	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 03	DC Oktoberfest – Day I * • Don Bitterlich & Die Heimatklänge • Details on Page 7	1:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 04	Frühschoppen	Cancelled
Sun 04	Deutscher Club Oktoberfest II * • Music by Bernie's Orchestra • Details on Page 7	12:00 – 6:00 PM
Wed 07	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 08	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 08	Die Kulturkenner / The Cultural Connoisseurs • Details on Page 4	6:00 PM
Fri 09	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 10	Dinner • Special Pub Menu	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Sat 10	Trivia Night • Assemble the Braintrust! • Details on Page 7	7:00 PM
Sun 11	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Monmouth Battlefield • Details on Page 6	10:00 AM
Sun 11	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 14	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 14	Kitchen Open for Light Fare	5:00 – 6:45 PM
Wed 14	Monthly Membership Meeting	7:00 PM
Thu 15	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 15	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!	6:30 PM
Thu 15	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business	7:30 PM
Fri 16	German State Dinner Series • Schleswig-Holstein	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 16	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 PM
Sat 17	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 18	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 18	DC Ladies Division Meeting • In the Main Dining Room	2:00 PM
Mon 19	DC Book Club • "The Personal Librarian," by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray • Details on Page 8	7:30 PM
Wed 21	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 22	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 23	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 23	History Committee • Summer's over and we're back! Come join us!	6:30 PM
Fri 23	Texas Hold'em • Sign-up Sheet at the Bar • Details on Page 8	6:30 PM
Sat 24	DC Blood Drive * • Give Blood be a Hero! • Details on Page 8	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sat 24	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 25	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 28	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 29	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 30	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 31	Halloween Party • Music by Fast Forward Eighties • Details on Page 8	6:00 – 10:00 PM

* indicates event is open to the public

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Sun 01	Frühschoppen	Sun 15	DC Ladies Division Meeting
Sun 01	Children's Halloween Party • Sign-up Sheet in the Lobby	Thu 19	Railroaders Dinner & A Video • All DC Members Welcome!
Thu 05	Entertainment Committee	Thu 19	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business
Sat 07	DC's 91st Anniversary Gala • Music by The Adlers	Fri 20	Deutscher Stammtisch
Sun 08	Die Wandergruppe/The Hikers • Princeton Battlefield State Park	Sat 21	DC Christkindlmarkt * • Day I • Music by Nick Conte & Eddie Helmstetter
Sun 08	Frühschoppen	Sun 22	Frühschoppen • Cancelled
Wed 11	Monthly Membership Meeting • Kitchen Open Before & After	Sun 22	DC Christkindlmarkt * • Day II • Music by Nick Conte & Eddie Helmstetter
Fri 13	German State Dinner Series • Location TBD	Sat 28	Fall Clean-up Part II • The final Winterizing of the Club
Sat 14	Fall Clean-up Part I • Come help us prepare for Christkindlmarkt	Sat 28	Trivia Night • Sharpen your Brain! Win Prizes!
Sun 15	Frühschoppen	Sun 29	Frühschoppen

KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members, **Rosemarie Geertsma, Klara Kosempel, Fred Paul, Daniel Schloesser, Robert Schoenemann** and to **Susie Murray**, our waitstaff member.

We mourn the passing of our members **Nick D'Adamo, Leni Elischberger, James Gritschke, James Pecora**, and former members, **Joan Sitler, Josef Weuste** spouse of our **Honorary President Ursula Weuste** and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Gynine Santoro Scheiner, wife of our former member **William "Bill" Scheiner**.

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

IN THE NEWS

ANOTHER CHALLENGE COMPLETED

Members **Tage and Christine Haun** recently joined their son Tage and his family in Switzerland, Germany and Austria where Tage and Tage bicycled completely around the Bodensee, 150 miles, starting and ending in Konstanz. The ladies and children, 2 and 4 years old, followed in the "support vehicle." The highlight of the trip was a barbecue at the home of the Hafen family, members of the Musikverein Ahausen, with whom we marched in the 2024 Steuben parade. It was a wonderful evening with lovely people, and just one of the many benefits of hosting band members.



FUTURE MEMBER IN SPACE

TAPinto Clark – Our Miss DC, Madelyn Mc Carthy, a student at Mother Seton High School in Clark, NJ, was one of six (6) special scholarship winners to attend the U.S. Advanced Space Academy this past summer. The students were chosen through a rigorous application process that focused on academic excellence with an emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields. Photo Credit: Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children.



DIE STEUBEN PARADE



On Saturday, September 19, 2026 a contingent of over 60 DC Members filled the ranks of the New Jersey Division of the Steuben Parade in New York City, led by our guest band from Germany, Die Saustallmusikanten from Dauchingen, Germany. You can find the link to the parade at www.germanparadenyc.org.



(Photo: Miss DC & Die Saustallmusikanten) Following our participation in the Steuben Parade in NYC, the Deutscher Club together with the members of the Saustallmusikanten from Dauchinge in the Black Forest, Germany brought life to the Grove as we celebrated Deutscher Tag in Clark (German Day in Clark) on Sunday, September 20, 2026. We would like to thank the DC members who graciously welcomed our German visitors and made them feel at home in our Club!

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.

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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.

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 **2000** 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

MISS DEUTSCHER CLUB FOOD & TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER OCTOBER 5 – NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Miss Deutscher Club, Madelyn Mc Carthy has chosen her charity, and it is a food & toiletries drive for St. Joseph's Social Service Center.



"Since 1983, St. Joseph's has served the materially poor and homeless community of greater Elizabeth, New Jersey, by providing basic human needs such as food, clothing and medications, as well as a wide range of services and programs to help them acquire the material goods and social services they need to live with dignity." www.sjeliz.org

Madelyn is requesting donations of regular size food and toiletries (no glass containers please)(see the flyer below for a

list of items). A box will be in place in the foyer for the placement of donations.

MEMBERSHIP



Ein herzliches Willkommen! On September 24, 2026, we welcomed our newest members to the Deutscher Club during the Fall induction ceremony. We encourage all new members to come out and enjoy our club, say hello and get to know your fellow members.

If you have any questions, please email me at: membership@deutscherclub.us.

– Elyn Perez, Membership Secretary

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee meets on the **first Thursday of the month 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 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

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Society of Potato Peelers on **Friday, October 2nd!** 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 **October 2nd** (for Oktoberfest on October 3rd & 4th). The FUN begins at **7:30 AM**.

DIE KULTURKENNER / THE CONNOISSEURS OF CULTURE

It was great to see everyone at our last dinner meeting following our trip to the Canadian Rockies and American West!

Our next meeting will be **October 8th at 6pm at Table #2**.

We will be discussing our 2027 trips to Italy in March, and Eastern Germany and the Oktoberfest in September, as well as the new 2028 trips going to Ireland and Scotland in May, and Scandinavia in August. Everyone is welcome to join! *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

Hoping everyone had a great summer and are getting ready for what the fall season will bring.

The Ladies Division will hold its monthly meeting on **Sunday, Sunday, October 18th at 2 PM** in the main dining room!

—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

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every Wednesday at 7:30 PM upstairs in the Deutscher Club. Join us in September as we prepare for our Holiday Concert and Carols by Candlelight. **For more information or to join, contact Nancy at (201) 637-7917.**

SAVE THE DATE! December 6, 2025, 4 PM

Schwäbischer Sängerbund's 38th Annual Christmas Concert • The Presbyterian Church, Westfield, NJ • *For more information or tickets contact Julie at (908) 756-1313 or at jschlott13@yahoo.com.*

Winners of Tickets from the Spring Concert Trivia contest will receive tickets via mail. If you have any questions, contact Nancy S: sakaloskyn@gmail.com or (201) 637-7917.

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



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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 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 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 September 13th** hike to Jockey Hollow at the Morristown National Historical Park was rained out and will be rescheduled.

On Sunday October 11th we will be traveling to a new location, Monmouth Battlefield State Park in Manalapan. 20 State Route 33, Manalapan NJ 07726

The Battle of Monmouth marked a crucial turning point in the American Revolutionary War. On a blistering hot day on June 28, 1778, the land that is now Monmouth Battlefield State Park was the site of one of the longest battles of the American Revolutionary War. Here at Monmouth, General George Washington restored a reputation battered by defeats in 1777. In the day-long battle in the hills, wood lots, farm fields and meadows, the main Continental Army, retrained at Valley



Forge, repulsed attacks by the main British Army. By the end, over 600 men were dead, dying or wounded and the Continental Army held the field.

We will hike the Red, Hedgerow and Parsonage, and 18th Century Road Trail Loop, 4.7 miles, relatively flat with an elevation gain of 177', estimated to take about 2 hours. Begin from the parking area near the Visitor Center, accessed via Route 33. Loop around the historic fields and forests via Comb's Hill Path, Red Trail, Hedgerow and Parsonage Trail, 18th Century Road Trail, and a connector trail. Explore the rich history of the battlefields as you complete this counterclockwise loop. Picnic areas are available along this route. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection maintains this trail. <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-jersey/red-hedgerow-and-parsonage-and-18th-century-road-trail-loop>

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

On **Sunday, November 8th**, we will be traveling to another Revolutionary war site, Princeton Battlefield State Park, 500 Mercer Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540. *Details to follow.*

Kindly confirm your attendance by RSVP 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 Frühschoppen.

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



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HISTORY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, October 23, 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, October 15th at 7:30 PM.** If you have a business, join us if you would like to make known your business to our Deutscher Club Networking Group. Members and guests will have time to talk about their business. There will be a business card and/or a brochure exchange.

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



THE GARDEN COMMITTEE

Do you enjoy gardening? Do you have knowledge of plants and flowers? The garden committee would like your expertise! We need your help.



If you are interested in joining, just send an email to correspondence@deutscherclub.us. We will be maintaining the grounds, planting, pruning and planning for fall and spring cleanups. We welcome any new ideas for beautifying the DC grounds with plants and flowers, etc. (Another way to earn your ten (10) hours)



HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

German Unity Day • The fall of the Berlin Wall on the 9th of November in 1989, which marked the end of the Cold War, paved the way for German reunification barely a year later. The Unification Treaty that was signed on the 20th of September in 1990 and declares the **3rd of October** the national holiday, sealed the end of the division of Germany. (www.berlin.de)

German-American Day is a United States holiday which celebrated German American heritage. It is observed every year on **October 6th**. The date of October 6th was chosen because on this day in 1683 thirteen German Mennonite and Quaker families from the town of Krefeld landed in Philadelphia and founded the borough of Germantown that was absorbed into Philadelphia in 1854. Germantown was the first German settlement in North America. German-American Day was first celebrated in the 19th century. Its celebrations were discontinued during the First World War due to the

anti-German sentiment that prevailed at the time. In 1983, the holiday was reestablished by President Ronald Reagan. Since 1987, it has been observed annually.

OKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
1:00-10:00PM (GATES OPEN AT 12:30PM)
MUSIC BY DON BITTERLICH AND DIE HEIMAT KLANGE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
12:00-6:00PM (GATES OPEN AT 11:30AM)
MUSIC BY BERNIE'S ORCHESTRA

*FULL GERMAN MENU, PRETZELS AND DESSERTS!
*GERMAN BEERS, WINE AND SCHNAPPS!
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OKTOBERFEST-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
SERVICE BETWEEN 1:00-10:00PM

OKTOBERFEST-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
SERVICE BETWEEN 12:00-6:00PM

Trivia Night

Saturday, October 10th

Fun! Food! Prizes!

Grill Open 5:00-7:00 PM For Dinner

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The legacy of our dear departed author and Book Club leader, **James Hockenberry** will be carried on by our fellow member, John Carroll, who has

graciously volunteered to lead the group. (Leseratte = Book Worm)

The Deutscher Club's Book Group will next meet on **Monday, October 19, at 7:30 PM.**

The book we will discuss is, "The Personal Librarian," by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. A New York Times bestseller historic novel. It is a fictionalized account of the life of Belle da Costa Greene, who grows from a simple librarian to one of the powerhouses of the art world. She becomes the indispensable curator of the Morgan Library and figure in New York society, all while harboring a deep secret. It was Jim Hockenberry's next choice for the group.

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

Join us on **Friday, October 23**, 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, October 22. 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

BLOOD DRIVE

The Deutscher Club will host their **Fall Blood Drive SATURDAY October 24, 2026, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.**



The New York/New Jersey Blood Services (NYBC) will again be the collection agency servicing our Blood Drive. The Deutscher Club has been hosting Blood Drives for almost 70 years. For questions or if you would like to learn about the current eligibility guidelines, please call 1-800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org

DEUTSCHE ECKE

Deutschlands Wirtschaft im Krisenmodus – Quo vadis?

Deutschland, lange als industrieller Motor Europas betrachtet, steht vor einer seiner schwierigsten wirtschaftlichen Phasen seit Jahrzehnten. Viele Fachleute sehen darin nicht nur eine kurze Schwächephase, sondern eine tiefere strukturelle Krise. Seit 2019 verzeichnet das Land kaum noch reales Wirtschaftswachstum. Ein stärker fragmentiertes globales Handelssystem belastet die exportorientierte Industrie Deutschlands, doch das ist nur ein Teil des Problems. Stagnierende Produktivität, hohe Arbeitskosten, stark gestiegene Energiepreise, belastende Bürokratie, eine langsame Digitalisierung der öffentlichen Verwaltung, schwache öffentliche und private Investitionen, starke Konkurrenz aus China in wichtigen Industriezweigen und zuletzt auch US-Zölle erhöhen den Druck auf die deutsche Exportwirtschaft. Besonders groß ist die Belastung für Automobilhersteller, Maschinenbauer, Chemieunternehmen sowie ihre direkten und indirekten Zulieferer. Zusammen bilden sie die drei größten Industriesektoren Deutschlands. Am Beispiel von Volkswagen zeigt sich wie tiefgreifend die Herausforderungen sind. Der zweitgrößte Autobauer der Welt verfügt über Kapazitäten für rund 12 Millionen Fahrzeuge pro Jahr, verkauft derzeit aber weniger als 9 Millionen. Diese Überkapazität ist eine erhebliche finanzielle Belastung und schmälert die Gewinne. Gleichzeitig muss VW massiv in Elektrofahrzeuge, Batterien, Software und neue Lieferketten investieren, während die Nachfrage nach Teilen des aktuellen Modellangebots nachlässt und asiatische Wettbewerber in einigen der wichtigsten Märkte von VW Marktanteile gewinnen. Um die Profitabilität zu steigern, plant Volkswagen an die 100.000 Stellen bis 2030 abzubauen, unproduktive Werke zu schließen und die Produktpalette zu vereinfachen. Die Probleme von VW sind kein Einzelfall. Auch andere große Unternehmen stehen unter ähnlichem Druck, und die Folgen verstärken sich, wenn Schwierigkeiten in die Zuliefernetzwerke hineinwirken. Politik und Wirtschaft stehen nun vor einer ernüchternden Frage: Kann Deutschlands traditionelles Wirtschaftsmodell in einer stärker fragmentierten und technologiegetriebenen Weltwirtschaft weiterhin Wohlstand sichern? Es ist jedoch nicht alles verloren: Die Deutsche Industrie ist auf dem gegenwärtigen Stand der Technik in der fortgeschrittenen Fertigung, der industriellen Automatisierung, dem Automobilbau, industriellen chemischen Verfahren, der Medizintechnik und der angewandten Forschung. Um in neuen Technologien



eine führende Rolle aufzubauen, hat das Bundesministerium für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt die "Hightech-Agenda Deutschland" geschaffen. Das Programm fördert Projekte in sechs Schlüsselbereichen: künstliche Intelligenz, Quantentechnologien, Mikroelektronik, Biotechnologie, Fusion und klimaneutrale Energieerzeugung sowie klimaneutrale Mobilität. Diese Bereiche sind zentral für jedes Land, das eine starke industrielle Basis erhalten will. Gelingt es Deutschland, in diesen Technologien eine führende Position einzunehmen, könnte das die Hightech-Wettbewerbsfähigkeit stärken, neue Arbeitsplätze schaffen, Abhängigkeiten von anderen Ländern verringern und die Grundlage für künftige Wachstumsbranchen legen. Wenn dieser Plan aufgeht, sieht Deutschlands Zukunft wieder deutlich vielversprechender aus.

Germany's Economy in Crisis Mode – Quo Vadis

Germany, long seen as Europe's industrial engine, is facing one of its toughest economic periods in decades. Many experts believe the problem is not just a short downturn, but a deeper structural crisis. Since 2019, the country has recorded almost no real GDP growth. A more fragmented global trading system is hurting Germany's export-oriented industry, but this is only one part of the problem. Stagnant productivity, high labor costs, sharply higher energy prices, burdensome bureaucracy, slow public-sector digitalization, weak public and private investment, strong competition from China in key industrial sectors, and, more recently, US tariffs are all adding pressure on the German export-oriented economy. The strain is especially serious for carmakers, machinery manufacturers, chemical companies, and their direct and indirect suppliers. These are Germany's three largest industrial sectors. The example of Volkswagen shows how deep the challenge runs. The world's second-largest carmaker has the capacity to build about 12 million vehicles a year, but it currently sells fewer than 9 million. This excess capacity is a major financial burden and is cutting into profits. At the same time, VW must invest heavily in electric vehicles, batteries, software, and new supply chains, while demand for parts of its current lineup is weakening and Asian rivals are gaining market share in some of VW's most important markets. To boost profitability, Volkswagen plans to cut 100,000 jobs by 2030, close underperforming factories and simplify its product range. VW's problems are not an isolated case. Other large corporations are under similar pressure, and the impact is amplified as difficulties spread through supplier networks. Policymakers and business leaders now face a sobering question: can Germany's

traditional economic model still deliver prosperity in a more fragmented and technology-driven global economy? Not all is lost, however. The German Industry is state of the art in advanced manufacturing, industrial automation, automotive engineering, industrial chemical processes, medical technology, and applied research. To build leadership in new technologies, the Federal Ministry for Research, Technology and Aerospace has created the "High-Tech Agenda Germany", a program that funds projects in six key areas: artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, microelectronics, biotechnology, fusion and climate-neutral energy generation, and climate-neutral mobility. These fields are central for any country that wants to maintain a strong industrial base. If Germany secures a leading position in these technologies, it could strengthen its high-tech competitiveness, create new jobs, reduce dependence on other countries, and lay the foundation for future growth industries. If this plan works, Germany's future looks bright. — Martin Kohler

HANS WILSDORF – ROLEX WATCHES

Hans Wilsdorf was born in Kulmbach, Bavaria in 1881. When Hans was twelve years old, he became an orphan and was sent to boarding school by his uncles. The self-reliance that he learned at an early age gave him strength for later life. Hans' accomplishments in mathematics and languages gave him confidence to travel and work in foreign countries. He apprenticed with a prominent pearl exportation firm, then at age nineteen he relocated to La Chaux de Fonds, Switzerland. Here he worked as an English correspondent for an exporter of Swiss pocket watches called Euno Korten. Hans was also responsible for winding hundreds of watches daily and checking accuracy. At Euno Korten, Hans learned all parts of the watchmaking process. In 1902, Wilsdorf had to return to Germany to serve in the army for two years. Upon his release from the army, Wilsdorf went back to London where he continued to work in the watchmaking industry. In 1905, he had enough money saved to start his own watchmaking business with his brother-in-law Alfred Davis. Wilsdorf & Davis Ltd imported Swiss parts to assemble new "wrist watches." By 1905, Wilsdorf changed the company name to Rolex. World War I brought increased British duties of 33.3% on imported watch parts and forced



Wilsdorf to relocate the company to Bienne, Switzerland. Four years later, they relocated again to their current location in Geneva. The trademark five-spoke crown was registered in 1925. Rolex continued to advance waterproof and airtight resistance to magnetization watches for accuracy, and the first perpetual motion self-winding mechanism.

Advertised as the watch of athletes, Rolex watches went in the English Channel, in car races, up Mt. Everest, and into the Mariana Trench. Hans Wilsdorf died in 1960 at age 79 and is buried beside his first and second wife in Geneva. The Hans Wilsdorf Foundation still owns and operates Rolex today. —Barbara Streit

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