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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – JANUAR / JANUARY 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, on behalf of the entire Vorstand, I would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy New Year. Our Club celebrated Christmas throughout the month of December with numerous events culminating in our New Year's Eve Gala. Christmas is always my favorite time of year at our Club, and this year was no different. I would like to thank everyone on the Decorating Committee and Entertainment Committee for making our Club look great, as always. We started on the 5th with our Christmas Tree Lighting, where the adults enjoyed Glühwein while the children enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus, who instead of riding his sleigh, rode in on a decorated fire engine provided courtesy of the Clark Fire Department. Thanks to Matt Biondi for arranging the transportation for Santa. On the 14th Santa returned with his helper, Miss DC Maddie Richter to our Children's Christmas Party. Together they created special memories for our next generation of members. On the 19th we held our Christmas Carols by Candlelight with carols sung by the Schwäbischer Sängerbund, and on the 20th we held our Christmas Gala with entertainment by The Adlers. Christmas Day was another packed house at our Christmas Frühschoppen, which is always a great event for us to celebrate the holiday with the friends and family we've made together. December ended with our first combined German & American New Year's Gala where we rang in the new year twice, once from Berlin and then from Manhattan. I would like to thank Carol Marquardt and the entire Ladies Division for their very generous donation to our Club. Another thanks goes out to all of you who came out to the events to celebrate, and to all the volunteers who helped make them happen. The entertainment calendar for 2026 has been set, and we have a huge amount of events planned that hopefully give every member a chance to come out and enjoy, as well as volunteer! We have our first State Dinner on January 9th, featuring historical dishes from the former DDR. State Dinners in 2026 will branch out into Austria and Switzerland as well. Please see the calendar for everything we have planned in January. Of particular note, Sunday, January 11th we will hold our annual General Meeting and Vorstand Elections. The meeting begins at 2PM, and voting commences afterwards; the kitchen will be open prior to and after the meeting. Please come out to hear the final wrap up of 2025 and cast your votes. As always, thanks to everyone who supports our Club, without you, we wouldn't be the great Club that we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, im Namen des gesamten Vorstands wünsche ich Ihnen und Ihren Familien ein frohes neues Jahr. Unser Club feierte den ganzen Dezember über Weihnachten, dies mit zahlreichen Veranstaltungen, deren Höhepunkt unser Sylvester Galabend war. Weihnachten ist immer meine liebste Jahreszeit in unserem Club, so auch dieses Jahr. Ich möchte mich bei den Mitgliedern des Dekorations- und des Unterhaltungsausschusses bedanken die unseren Club wie immer sehr festlich gestaltet haben. Am 5. Dezember begannen wir mit dem Anzünden der Lichter am Christbaum. Die Erwachsenen genossen Glühwein, während die Kinder Besuch vom Weihnachtsmann bekamen, der anstatt mit seinem Schlitten auf einem festlich geschmückten Feuerwehrauto ankam, welches uns freundlicherweise von der Feuerwehr Clark zur Verfügung gestellt wurde. Vielen Dank an Matt Biondi der das Organisieren des Transports des Weihnachtsmanns übernahm. Am 14. Dezember kehrte der Weihnachtsmann mit seiner Helferin, Miss DC Maddie Richter, zu unserer Kinderweihnachtsfeier zurück. Gemeinsam sorgten sie dafür neue Erinnerungen für unsere nächste Generation von Mitgliedern zu gestalten. Am 19. Dezember sang der Schwäbische Sängerbund Weihnachtslieder bei Kerzenlicht, und am 20. Dezember fand die Weihnachtsgala, mit Unterhaltungsmusik von den Adlers, statt. Am Weihnachtstag war der Weihnachtsfrühschoppen wieder gut besucht; dies ist eine gute Gelegenheit den Feiertag mit Freunden und Familien zu beginnen. Der Dezember endete mit unserer ersten gemeinsamen deutsch-amerikanischen Silvestergala, bei der wir zweimal das neue Jahr begrüßten, erstmal aus Berlin und dann aus Manhattan. Ich möchte Carol Marquardt und der gesamten Damenabteilung für ihre großzügige Spende an unseren Club danken. Ein weiterer Dank geht an alle, die an den Veranstaltungen teilgenommen und mitgefeiert haben, sowie an alle Freiwilligen die zum Gelingen beigetragen haben. Der Veranstaltungskalender für 2026 steht fest. Wir haben eine Anzahl von Veranstaltungen geplant, die hoffentlich jedem Mitglied die Möglichkeit bietet teilzunehmen und sich ehrenamtlich zu engagieren! Am 9. Januar findet unser erstes Staatsessen statt, bei dem historische Gerichte aus der ehemaligen DDR serviert werden. Bei den Staatsessen im Jahr 2026 werden auch Gerichte aus Österreich und der Schweiz vorgestellt. Bitte beachten Sie den Kalender für alle geplanten Veranstaltungen im Januar. Besonders hervorzuheben ist Sonntag, der 11. Januar, an dem unsere jährliche Mitgliederversammlung mit Vorstandswahlen stattfinden wird. Die Versammlung beginnt um 14:00 Uhr, die Abstimmung findet anschließend statt. Die Küche ist vor und nach der Versammlung geöffnet. Kommen Sie vorbei um die Zusammenfassung des Jahres 2025 zu hören und um Ihre Stimme abzugeben. Wie immer bedanken wir uns bei allen, die unseren Club unterstützen. Ohne Sie wäre der Club nicht so aktiv und erfolgreich. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Keith Rhyner • E-Mail: president@deutscherclub.us

The Deutscher Club provides the following e-mails for your convenience:

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PROGRAMM FÜR JANUAR / JANUARY PROGRAM 2026

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

Thu 01	EIN FROHES NEUES JAHR / HAPPY NEW YEAR	Club is Closed
Fri 02	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 03	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 04	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Lenape Park, Cranford • Details on Page 6	10:00 AM
Sun 04	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 07	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 08	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 08	Entertainment Committee • Bring your Imagination	7:00 PM
Thu 08	Ballroom Dance Class • The Tango • Details on Page 6	7:00 PM
Fri 09	German State Dinner Series • Savor Fare from the DDR Era • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 10	DC Ladies Division Meeting • In the Ratskeller	1:00 PM
Sat 10	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 11	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 11	Kitchen Open for Light Fare	12:00 – 2:00 PM
Sun 11	General Meeting & Election • Make your Voice Heard – Vote! • Details on Page 7	2:00 PM
Wed 14	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 15	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 7:30 PM
Thu 15	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!	6:30 PM
Thu 15	Ballroom Dance Class • The Tango • Details on Page 6	7:00 PM
Thu 15	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • Details on Page 6	7:30 PM
Fri 16	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 7:30 PM
Fri 16	History Committee • Come join us!	6:30 PM
Fri 16	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 PM
Sat 17	Neuer Vorstandstanz • Music by The Adlers • Details on Page 7	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 18	Frühschoppen	Cancelled
Sun 18	Grünkohl & Pinklurstessen • Music by Ryan Schubert • Details on Page 7	1:00 – 4:00 PM
Wed 21	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 22	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 22	Ballroom Dance Class • The Tango • Details on Page 6	7:00 PM
Fri 23	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 24	Magic Night & Dinner • An Evening of Prestidigitation! • Details on Page 7	6:00 PM
Sun 25	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 25	Chili Cook-off • Judge or be Judged & Have some Fun! • Details on Page 7	3:00 – 5:00 PM
Wed 28	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 29	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 29	Ballroom Dance Class • The Tango • Details on Page 6	7:00 PM
Fri 30	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 30	DC Book Club • The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel • Details on Page 8	7:30 PM

Vorschau Februar / Preview February 2026

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* indicates event is open to the public

Sun 01	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Location - TBD	Fri 13	History Committee Meeting
Sun 01	Frühschoppen	Sat 14	Valentine's Day Dinner Dance • Music by Joey V.
Sun 01	Bayern Verein Newark – General Meeting	Sun 15	Frühschoppen • Cancelled
Thu 05	Entertainment Committee Meeting • Bring your imagination	Sun 15	Fasching / Mardi Gras Tanzcafé • Music by Bernie's Orchestra
Thu 05	Ballroom Dance Class – The Tango	Thu 19	Railroaders Dinner & A Video • All DC Members Welcome!
Sat 07	Trivia Night • Muster your Teams of Eight!	Fri 20	German State Dinner Series • TBD
Sun 08	Frühschoppen	Fri 20	Deutscher Stammtisch
Sun 08	Big Game LX Party • Potluck	Sat 21	Elvis Night • Featuring Jim Barone
Wed 11	Monthly Membership Meeting • Come meet your new Board	Sun 22	Frühschoppen
Thu 12	Ballroom Dance Class – The Tango	Sun 22	DC Ladies Division Meeting • In the Ratskeller
Fri 13	Texas Hold'em • In the Ratskeller	Sat 28	Polish Night • Music by Robbie Lawrence

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, **Briggs Cunningham, Robert Galdon, Ed Orr, and Paul Paffendorf.**

We mourn the passing of our members, **Josephine “Jo” Evans, Claudia Haller, and Mary Hansen,** 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

DEUTSCHER CLUB OF CLARK HONORED



(Photo L-R: Clark Business Administrator James Ulrich, DC President Keith Rhyner, Congressman Thomas Kean Jr., Clark Mayor Angel Albanese)



(Photo L-R: Clark Business Administrator James Ulrich, Clark Mayor Angel Albanese, DC President Keith Rhyner, Congressman Thomas Kean Jr., DC Vorstand)

The Deutscher Club of Clark was honored by a visit from Congressman Tom Kean, at the Christmas Gala, on Saturday, December 20, 2025. Congressman Kean came to present a Congressional Citation honoring the Club's 90th Anniversary and commending its history of fostering and promoting German culture. Congressman Kean also had an American Flag flown over the US Capitol in Washington, DC specifically for the Deutscher Club on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary. Clark Mayor Angel Albanese and Clark Business Administrator Jim Ulrich came to witness the presentation and to congratulate the Deutscher Club.

A VISIT FROM SANTA AND MISS DC



Great fun was had by all when Santa and Miss Deutscher Club, Madeline Richter dropped in to wish all the children attending the Kid's Christmas Party a Merry Christmas on Sunday, December 14th. Santa gave out gifts to every child in attendance and Miss Deutscher Club made sure everyone received a chocolate Santa. Santa's helpers, Alexandra Beinstein and Barbara Herrington carefully checked all the children entering to ensure no one was on Santa's "naughty list."

"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,

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The great meals you enjoy at the Club are now available for catering your home party. Please stop by and see Ewald, our Manager, for a full list of options. Catering is available for pick-up on Thursdays through Sundays

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Or leave the work to just a few,
And talk about the "clique?"
There's quite a program scheduled,
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

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JANUARY 11th, 2026

The final Slate has been set for the 2026 Club Elections. Please come and vote on Sunday, **January 11, 2026**. The polling begins immediately after the **2:00 PM** General meeting. The polls will be open until **6:00 PM**. Your vote counts for the future of the Club.

The Candidates are:

President: Keith Rhyner
First Vice President: Brian Daly
Recording Secretary: Michelle Kasperski
Treasurer: Arlene Dascoli
Trustees (2 positions, 3-year term each):
Annette Glorious
Kirsten Zellner
Tom Schreiner
Ted Kwiatkowski
Brian Mecca

Absentee ballots are available by request for those who live out of State, are ill, working, or otherwise cannot attend the in-person voting. To request an Absentee Ballot, please contact any of the Nominating Committee Members listed below. **All Absentee Ballots must be received at the Club no later than Saturday January 10, 2026.** Absentee ballots are counted and entered into the vote

count immediately after the in-person votes are cast.

Nominating Committee Members:

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Please come and Vote! It's your Club and you can influence its future.

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). You may also contact Chrissy Daly, Chairperson, Miss Deutscher Club Committee via email at correspondence@deutscherclub.us for more information.

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MEMBERSHIP

2026 membership dues are now being accepted. Members can renew online, in person at the bar, or by mailing a check to the club to the attention of Membership Secretary. New membership cards will be printed starting in December. Please be sure to include any change of address information at the time you renew.

Dues rates for 2026 are as follows:

1. \$100.00 - Regular Member
2. \$75.00 - Senior Member (Must have reached 72 years of age AND been a member for 25 years)
3. \$180.00 - Couples
4. \$20.00 - Lifetime Member. Existing Lifetime Members are encouraged to pay a voluntary \$20.00 dues.
5. \$100.00 Initiation fee for new members.

Happy New Year to all. 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.



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 7:30 PM •

KNITTING CLUB: EVERY THURSDAY AT 3:00 PM

LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

Happy New Year to All!

Due to a busy DC calendar, the Ladies Division will have their first

meeting of 2026 on **Saturday, January 10th at 1:00 PM** in the Ratskeller.



The 2026 Ladies Division's Board

President- Marianne Brenner

Vice President-Marga Senger

Secretary-Tanya Blouin

Treasurer-Kirsten Zellner

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

Like to sing? Like to meet new people? Like to have fun? How about joining the Schwabischer Sangerbund (SSB) Mixed Chorus. You do not need to know how to read music and no previous singing experience is necessary.

Our Director is Greg Scime (Jazz am Freitag). We rehearse **every Wednesday at 7:30 PM** in the Deutscher Club, upstairs (above the dining room). Join us in September as we prepare for our Holiday and Candlelight concerts. Thank You!



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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



BALLROOM DANCE THE TANGO

It's time to warm up your dancing shoes and come out on a Thursday evening to enjoy dinner at the Deutscher Club followed by a dance lesson. The next edition of Ballroom Dancing Lessons will begin on **Thursday, January 8th, 2026. Six (6) weekly one-hour classes from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.** Maria and Frank will return to instruct a class on



The Tango. Limited spots are available as we prefer to keep the class to a maximum of twenty (20) people. The cost of the class will depend upon the number of students registered (a range between \$5 and \$10 per person per night). The class will not be held if a minimum of ten (10) students is not reached. Members who are interested must commit to all six (6) lessons (no refunds will be given). Members interested in joining this next session of Ballroom Dance (The Hustle) class, please send your name and contact information to correspondence@deutscherclub.us.

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 the first half of **2026** and welcome any suggestions regarding destinations or previous experiences. Our aim is to select locations within approximately one hour's drive from the Deutscher Club. • **On Sunday, December 7th**, 12 of us hiked at Watchung Reservation, in Mountainside NJ. It was a beautiful sunny day; we also had 3 dogs join us for a 3.0-mile hike. It is great to go out with fellow Deutscher Club members for a walk in the woods. It is time to get to know other people, have a polite conversation, exercise, and enjoy nature and the beautiful parks we have that are so close to us.



On January 4th we will be hiking at **Lenape Park, 130 Kenilworth Blvd, Cranford, NJ** along the Rahway River. This is an all-paved walkway, and a nice stroll as we hike all the way to Black Brook Park in Kenilworth and back. Approximately 3.5 miles for the round trip. The hike is early due to the Gener-

al Membership meeting on the 11th, the Grünkohl und Pinklwurst on the 18th, and annual Chili Cookoff on the 25th.

Tentatively, future hikes are scheduled for **February 1st, March 1st, and April 5th** are being Please share any ideas about hikes you have done or would like to do. Looking to do any hikes down the shore by May to avoid the summer traffic after Memorial Day.

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 Frühschoppen. 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.

MAHJONG



The Mahjongg Club meets on **Sundays from 4-6 pm** during Fall/Winter. 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 email correspondence@deutscherclub.us -Thank you, Meg and Paula

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, January 15, 2026, 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. Looking forward to hearing about your business. Michael Fleyzor

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, January 16, 2026, 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

GERMAN SCHOOL OF UNION COUNTY



REGISTRATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 IS NOW OPEN

www.thegermanschool.org/registration/register/



EAST GERMANY STATE DINNER



-CAPITAL CITY WAS EAST BERLIN.

-CEASED TO EXIST WHEN ITS 5 STATES JOINED THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON OCTOBER 3, 1990.

-THE LONGEST SECTION OF THE BERLIN WALL TODAY IS NOW AN OPEN-AIR ART GALLERY KNOWN AS THE EAST SIDE GALLERY, AT JUST UNDER A MILE LONG.

JANUARY 9, 2026

-SEE BULLETIN, WEEKLY EMAILS AND DC FACEBOOK PAGE FOR COMPLETE MENU AND DETAILS. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS THROUGH CHEF EWALD.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE
DEUTSCHER CLUB BOARD!

**NEUER
VORSTAND TANZ**

Saturday, January 17th

6:00-10:00PM

*Music by The Adlers

*A la carte menu

\$5 Members/\$8 Guests

Pay At The Door

MAGIC NIGHT

Are you ready to be amazed?

JANUARY 24, 2026


6:00 PM

*Buffet Dinner Included
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ELECTION**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

*BAR: 11:00AM-2:00PM/KITCHEN: 12:00PM-2:00PM

*GENERAL MEETING BEGINS: 2:00PM

*POLLS OPEN AFTER MEETING

*POLLS CLOSE: 6:00PM

*KITCHEN/BAR RE-OPEN AFTER MEETING

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Sunday, January 18th

1:00-4:00 PM

\$24/Adults/\$12 Kids

*A taste of Northern Germany winter comfort food

*Music by Ryan Schubert

*Tickets on sale at the bar through Jan. 11th



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D.C. Chili Cookoff

Sunday, January 25th
3:00-5:00 PM

\$10 Judging/Tasting Fee

*Great Food and Good Times

*Prizes Too!

*Entry Folder at Bar

*Limit to 18 Entries

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THE BOOK CLUB

The Deutscher Club's Book group will next meet: **Friday, January 30, at 7:30 PM** (tentative, depending on other scheduling) most likely in the Ratskeller.



The book we will read is **The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel; Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of WWI** by Douglas Brunt. This book was recommended by one of our members. It is a true and fascinating story about one of the great pre-WWI industrialists. It is a must-read. The ending will leave you wondering.

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.

COMING SOON.....

BIG GAME LX

Sunday, February 8 @ 4 pm

Tailgate Early

Prizes and Give-A-Ways

Bring snacks or appetizers to share.

Bring donations of non-perishables for the Community Food Bank.

Kick-off at 6:30 pm



Join us on **Friday, February 13, 2026**, to compete in a "Texas HOLD 'EM" poker

tournament at the Deutscher Club.

A sign-up sheet is at the bar. Registration

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DEUTSCHE ECKE



100 Jahre Grüne Woche Berlin: Vom lokalen Treffen zum globalen Schaufenster

Jedes Jahr im Januar, wenn die Internationale Grüne Woche ihre Tore öffnet, verwandelt sich Berlin in ein pulsierendes Zentrum für Genuss, Innovation und Dialog. Was als bescheidene Landwirtschaftsausstellung begann, hat sich zur weltweit größten Fachmesse für Lebensmittel, Landwirtschaft und Gartenbau entwickelt. Man könnte vermuten, der Name „Grüne Woche“ stamme von der Ausstellung landwirtschaftlicher und gartenbaulicher Produkte, doch sein Ursprung ist ein ganz anderer. Hans-Jürgen von Hake, ein Mitarbeiter der Berliner Tourismuszentrale, schlug vor, die Wintertagung der Deutschen Landwirtschafts-Gesellschaft um eine öffentliche Landwirtschaftsausstellung zu erweitern. Die erste kombinierte Veranstaltung fand 1926 statt und lockte 50.000 Besucher an, welche die Vielfalt des landwirtschaftlichen und gartenbaulichen Lebens erleben wollten. Da viele Teilnehmer die ikonischen grünen Lodenmäntel trugen, taufte die Berliner Zeitungen die neue Veranstaltung „Grüne Woche“. Der Name blieb bestehen, und seit 1935 war eine gelbe Gerstenähre auf grünem Grund das offizielle Logo der Messe bis es vor kurzem modernisiert wurde. Im Jahr 2026 jährt sich die erste Grüne Woche zum 100. Die deutsche Wiedervereinigung im Jahr 1989 gab ihr einen weiteren Schub, und in den 1990er-Jahren war sie zu einer wahrhaft internationalen Veranstaltung geworden. Heute ist die Grüne Woche eine Hybridveranstaltung - teils Verbraucherveranstaltung, teils Fachtag. Im Jahr 2025 lockte sie 310.000 Besucher und 1.800 Aussteller in 26 Hallen an. Die Messe ist ein Fest für die Sinne: Besucher probieren



**Grüne
Woche**

Köstlichkeiten aus über 130 Ländern, schlendern durch die berühmte Blumenhalle und entdecken die neuesten Trends in Sachen nachhaltiges Leben und Lebensmittelinnovationen. Parallel dazu treffen sich Branchenführer, Politiker und Experten zu hochrangigen Diskussionen über drängende Themen wie globale Ernährungssicherheit, Klimaschutz und die Zukunft der Landwirtschaft. Die Grüne Woche ist auch ein Sprungbrett für Start-ups und ein Testmarkt für neue Ideen. Im Jahr 2025 wurden auf der Grünen Woche viele neue kreative Konzepte präsentiert, das reichte vom Lebensmittel-Upcycling bis hin zu allergenfreien Leckereien wobei

die vielversprechendsten Innovationen ausgezeichnet wurden. Nachhaltigkeit steht im Mittelpunkt der Veranstaltung, mit Arbeitstreffen, Ausstellungen und einem wachsenden Fokus auf alternative Proteine und Null-Abfall Küche. Im Jahr 2026 feiert die Grüne Woche ihr 100-jähriges Jubiläum, sie bleibt eine beliebte Berliner Tradition sowie ein globales Schaufenster für die Zukunft von Ernährung und Landwirtschaft. Sie ist ein Ort, an dem Geschichte, Innovation und Gemeinschaft aufeinandertreffen - eine lebendige Geschichte, die weiterhin inspiriert, informiert und begeistert. Interessierte können die Berliner Grüne Woche 2026 vom 16. bis 25. Januar besuchen. Tickets sind ab 17 € (~20 \$) erhältlich.

100 Years of Berlin's Green Week: From Local Gathering to Global Showcase

Every January, Berlin transforms into a vibrant hub of flavors, innovation, and dialogue as the International Green Week (Grüne Woche) opens its doors. What began as a modest agricultural exhibition has evolved into the world's largest trade fair for food, agriculture, and horticulture. One might assume the name "Green Week" comes from the exhibition of horticultural and agricultural products, but its origin is quite different. Hans-Jürgen von Hake, an employee of the Berlin Tourist Office, proposed adding a public agricultural exhibition to the Agricultural Society's winter conference. The first combined event took place in 1926, drawing 50,000 visitors eager to experience the showcase of farm and horticultural life. Since many attendees wore the iconic green loden coats, Berlin's newspapers dubbed the new event "Green Week." The name stuck, and since 1935 a yellow barley ear on a green background was the official logo of the fair until it was recently modernized. The year 2026 will mark the 100th anniversary of the first Green Week. After a break during World War II, the exhibition steadily grew following its revival in 1948. German reunification in 1989 gave it another boost, and by the 1990s, it had become a truly

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international event. In 2025, it attracted 310,000 visitors and 1,800 exhibitors across 26 halls. The fair is a feast for the senses: visitors sample delicacies from over 130 countries, wander through the famed flower hall, and discover the latest trends in sustainable living and food innovation. Meanwhile, industry leaders, politicians, and experts gather for high-level discussions on pressing issues such as global food security, climate protection, and the future of agriculture. Green Week is also a launchpad for start-ups and a test market for new ideas. In 2025, creative concepts ranging from upcycled food products to allergen-free treats have been showcased, with awards recognizing the most promising innovations. Sustainability is at the heart of the event, with workshops, exhibits, and a growing focus on alternative proteins and zero-waste cuisine. As Green Week approaches its 100th anniversary in 2026, it remains a beloved Berlin tradition and a global showcase for the future of food and agriculture. It is a place where history, innovation, and community converge - a living story that continues to inspire, inform, and delight. Interested parties can visit the 2026 Berlin Green Week between January 16 and 25, ticket prices start at 17 € (~20 \$). — *Martin Kohler*

JOHANN DENNER – CLARINET

Johann Christoph Denner was born in 1655 in Leipzig to a family deeply in the business of instrument making. Johann's father, Heinrich specialized in hunting horns and whistles. In 1666, the family moved to Nuremberg, a city known for many craft and trade industries. Working with his father, Johann fine-tuned his skills as an instrument maker and performer. In 1678, Denner established his own business. He concentrated on improving already existing wind instruments such as oboes, flutes, recorders, and bassoons. Denner's work became highly regarded throughout Europe. In 1697, he was granted rights for the manufacture of French musical instruments, especially the oboe. This grant enhanced his repertoire and influence on the European musical instrument market. Sometime around 1700, Denner modified an instrument called the chalumeau, which was like a recorder, by converting one of the existing keys to make it a register key when held down. This allowed the instrument to produce a higher pitch than normal and increase the range of notes. Denner also discovered that notes could be produced more easily by boring a little hole higher up on the instrument near the mouthpiece. To complete the transition, Denner added a bell at the bottom. This new



loud, shrill sound from the instrument resulted in the name "clarino" which means little trumpet in Italian. Johann Denner's invention of the clarinet marked a pivotal development in the history of musical instruments. The clarinet quickly was added to orchestras and solo performances during the

Baroque period and beyond. Johann Christoph Denner died in 1707. Denner's two sons, Jacob and Johann David, continued the family musical instrument business and left behind approximately sixty-eight instruments attributed to the Denner family that are still in existence today.—*Barbara Streit*

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closes on **Thursday, February 12, 2026.**
Dress Code: Casual

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

declare winners based on chip count after the last hand. Any questions please write to events@deutscherclub.us

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