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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – APRIL / APRIL 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members, March has come and gone, and festival season is once again upon us. March had a lot of activities, starting with an Austrian State Dinner featuring Tirol & Vorarlberg. Following that, we had a wine pairing dinner featuring wines from the Danube & the Dolomites. A big thanks to Dan Lomeli for putting together a night to remember, with great quality wines. On the 21st we held our annual Saint Patrick's Dinner, featuring perennial favorite Dan O'Dea & Eagle Ridge and our own Nick Conte. We wrapped up March with our bi-annual Blood Drive on the 28th, thanks as always to Mike & Roswitha Burkert for continuing to put the Blood Drive together. That evening, we hosted our annual Bayern Abend, featuring Bernie's Orchestra and Schuhplattler dancing from the Bayern Verein of Newark (BVN). While the BVN has always supported our Bayern Abend, it's great to see the turnout from BVN members at the event celebrating along with us. On the 29th, we hosted our annual (albeit a bit delayed thanks to snow) Chili Cook-Off. Stay tuned for next month's bulletin to see who won in case you weren't there. Thanks to Kurt Leithner and Buzz & Colleen Sawyer for putting the Chili Cook-Off together. April is chock-full of events please see the bulletin calendar and social media to keep track of them all. Of particular note in April is our Ladies' Division Craft Fair on the 19th, as well as County Western Night on the 25th. Both of these events are open to the public, and we'll need your help to make them successful. As with last year, SignUp Genius will be released for the entire season beforehand, with frequent reminders and links for volunteering. Volunteer early, volunteer often! As always, thanks to all of you who support our Club. Whether you patronize our Club for dinner, at the bar, holding parties, or ordering take-out, we appreciate it all. Without you, we wouldn't be the Club that we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, der März ist vorüber und die Festivalsaison steht vor der Tür. Der März war reich an Aktivitäten. Den Auftakt bildete ein österreichisches Staatsdinner das ganz im Zeichen von Tirol und Vorarlberg stand. Darauf folgte eine Weinpaarung mit Dinner, wobei die Weine aus der Donauregion und den Dolomiten präsentiert wurden. Ein großer Dank gilt Dan Lomeli der einen unvergesslichen Abend mit Weinen von hervorragender Qualität auf die Beine gestellt hat. Am 21. März veranstalteten wir unser jährliches St.-Patrick's-Dinner, ein Abend der von den beliebten Musikanten Dan O'Dea & Eagle Ridge sowie unserem eigenen Nick Conte musikalisch gestaltet wurde. Den Abschluss des Monats bildete am 28. März unsere halbjährliche Blutspendeaktion. Wie immer gilt unser Dank Mike und Roswitha Burkert, die diese Aktion wiederum organisierten. Am selben Abend luden wir zu unserem traditionellen „Bayern-Abend“ ein. Bernie's Orchester sorgte für die musikalische Unterhaltung, während die Schuhplattler des „Bayern Verein Newark“ (BVN) mit ihrer Vorstellung die Gäste begeisterten. Der BVN hat unseren Bayern-Abend schon immer unterstützt; es war besonders schön zu sehen wie zahlreich die Mitglieder des BVN an der Veranstaltung teilgenommen haben und gemeinsam mit uns feierten. Am 29. März fand unser jährlicher Chili-Wettbewerb (das „Chili Cook-Off“) statt - wegen des Schneefalls anfangs des Monats - mit einer kleinen Verspätung. Wer nicht dabei sein konnte kann den Namen des Gewinners im nächsten Monats-Bulletin erfahren. Ein herzlicher Dank geht an Kurt Leithner sowie an Buzz und Colleen Sawyer für die Organisation des Chili-Wettbewerbs. Der April ist gefüllt mit verschiedenen Veranstaltungen; bitte informieren Sie sich im Veranstaltungskalender des Monats-Bulletin, sowie auf unseren Social-Media-Seiten. Besonders hervorzuheben sind im April der Kunsthandwerker-Markt unserer Damenabteilung, der am 19. April stattfinden wird, sowie unser „Country & Western Night“ am 25. April. Beide Veranstaltungen sind für die Öffentlichkeit zugänglich. Um einen vollen Erfolg zu erzielen sind wir auf Ihre Unterstützung angewiesen. Wie schon im vergangenen Jahr wird das online-tool „SignUp Genius“ bereits zu Beginn der Saison für alle Veranstaltungen freigeschaltet; eine regelmäßige Beschreibung für die entsprechenden Links zur Anmeldung werden folgen. Melden Sie sich frühzeitig und zahlreich als Helfer an! Wie immer gilt unser Dank allen unseren Mitglieder die den Club unterstützen, ob Sie uns zum Abendessen besuchen, an der Bar oder bei privaten Feiern, Essen zum Mitnehmen bestellen, oder einfach nur gesellige Stunden bei uns verbringen, wir schätzen Ihr Engagement. Ohne Sie wäre der Club nicht so aktiv und erfolgreich. Wir freuen uns darauf Sie bald wieder im Club begrüßen zu dürfen!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Keith Rhyner

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

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PROGRAMM FÜR APRIL / APRIL PROGRAM 2026

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

Wed 01	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 02	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 02	Entertainment Committee • <i>Bring your Imagination</i>	7:00 PM
Fri 03	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 04	Children's Easter Party • With a visit from a Cotton-tailed Visitor • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	11:30 – 2:00 PM
Sat 04	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 05	ROHE OSTERN! / HAPPY EASTER!	Club is Closed
Wed 08	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 08	Monthly Membership Meeting • <i>Attend & Be Heard</i>	7:00 PM
Thu 09	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 10	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 10	History Committee • <i>Come join us!</i>	6:30 PM
Fri 10	Texas Hold'em • Sign-up Sheet at the Bar • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	6:30 PM
Sat 11	Spring Clean-up • Let's get ready for Fest Season • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	8:00 AM
Sat 11	Dinner • Special Pub Menu • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Sat 11	Trivia Night • Assemble the Braintrust! • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	7:00 PM
Sun 12	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 12	Tanzcafé • Music by Bud & Linda • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	1:00 - 5:00 PM
Wed 15	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 16	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 16	Railroaders Dinner & Video • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i>	6:30 PM
Fri 17	Austrian State Dinner Series • Upper & Lower Austria • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	7:30 PM
Fri 17	Deutscher Stammtisch • <i>in the Ratskeller</i>	7:30 PM
Sat 18	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 18	Karaoke Night • Music by Tre Patterson • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	6:00 - 10:00 PM
Sun 19	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 19	DC Ladies Division Spring Craft Event * • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Mon 20	WHPC 90.3 Radio German Hit Parade • Featuring the DC • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	7:00 PM
Wed 22	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 23	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 23	Spring New Member Induction • Welcome our Newest Members	8:00 PM
Fri 24	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 25	Country Night * • Music by Scott Tracy • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 26	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Monmouth State Park • <i>Details on Pages 5-6</i>	10:00 AM
Sun 26	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Mon 27	DC Book Club – "The Women," by Kristin Hannah • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	7:30 PM
Wed 29	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 30	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 30	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • <i>Details on Page 8</i>	7:30 PM

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Sat 02	Union County Celtic Festival * – <i>Clubhouse Reserved for this Event</i>	Fri 15	Deutscher Stammtisch
Sun 03	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • <i>Location TBD</i>	Sat 16	DC Ladies Division Meeting • <i>In the main Dining Room</i>
Thu 07	Entertainment Committee Meeting • <i>Bring your Imagination</i>	Sun 17	Frühshoppen • <i>Cancelled</i>
Fri 08	Austrian-Swiss State Dinner Series • <i>Location TBD</i>	Sun 17	Half-way to Oktoberfest * • <i>Music by Doppelgänger</i>
Sun 10	Frühshoppen • <i>Cancelled</i>	Thu 21	Railroaders Dinner & A Video • <i>All DC Members Welcome!</i>
Sun 10	Mother's Day Brunch	Sun 24	Frühshoppen
Wed 13	Monthly Membership Meeting • <i>Join us and be heard!</i>	Mon 25	Memorial Day Parade in Clark • <i>Come out & march with the DC!</i>
Fri 15	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	Sun 31	Frühshoppen
Fri 15	History Committee Meeting		

* indicates event is open to the public

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, **William “Briggs” Cunningham**, and **Ruth Sutton**.

We mourn the passing of our member, **Margaret Boyle**, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of **James W. Gritschke**, son of our members **Anna** and **James Gritschke**.

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

IN THE NEWS



Happy 102nd Birthday to DC member **Salvatore Greco!** Born April 12, 1924

FUTURE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Member **Eric Zabel** and his wife **Patricia Zabel** are the proud Oma and Opa.

► Welcome to the Deutscher Club Family, **Robert Charles Loneker V!** **Bobbie & Noelle Loneker** welcomed their son to the family on February 27, 2026, at 4:42 AM.

Member **Robert** and his wife **Theresa** are the proud Opa and Oma.



◀ Welcome to the Deutscher Club Family, **Olivia Juliet Vigilante!**

Brian, Lexie and Hannah Vigilante welcomed their daughter and new sister to the family on February 22, 2026, at 6:05 AM.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION AT THE DC

On Saturday, March 21, 2026, the band **Dan O’Dea and Eagle Ridge** and dancers from the **Marie Moore School of Irish Dance** thrilled a packed house at the Deutscher Club of Clark.



Thank-you to **Chef Ewald** and his Team for the delicious and beautifully managed traditional Irish Meal & Drinks!

◀ *Dan O’Dea and Eagle Ridge*



Dancers from the Marie Moore School of Irish Dance

THE SEARCH FOR MISS DEUTSCHER CLUB

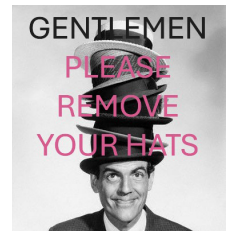
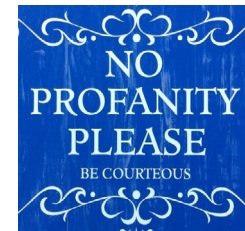
The search has begun for the next Miss Deutscher Club!



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 Bul-

letins and Downloads) and are to be submitted no later than **May 31, 2026**. You may also contact **Chrissy Daly**, Chairperson, Miss Deutscher Club Committee via email at correspondence@deutscherclub.us for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER – WHEN IN THE CLUB ...



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.*

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

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Thursday, Friday,

Saturday • Orders are taken as of 4:15 PM

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at www.deutscherclub.us for the Menu



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.

Join us on **Thursday, April 23, 2026 for the Spring New Member Induction**. Please come meet and welcome our newest members! The ceremony will begin at **8pm**, with dinner and building and grounds tours starting at **6pm**. If you are thinking about sponsoring a prospective member, the next deadline for applications will be **September 15, 2026** in time for our Fall New Member Induction.

Herzlichen Dank! Elyn Perez, Membership Secretary

PLANNING A SPECIAL EVENT AT HOME OR AWAY?



Consider the Deutscher Club of Clark for your venue and/or catering needs. Whether Spring, Summer, Fall, or Winter the clubhouse, pavilion and grounds will offer an inviting backdrop for your wedding, christening, communion, or company

MEMBERSHIP

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

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, April 2nd, 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

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LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

The membership of the Ladies Division has grown beyond the capacity of the Ratskeller;



therefore, we will be holding our monthly meetings in the Main Dining Room. Lady members of the Deutscher Club interested in joining the Ladies Division are welcome to visit one of our meetings to see what we are about.

There will be no meeting of the Ladies' Division in April, instead we will be working at the annual Ladies Division Spring Craft Event on **Sunday April 19, 2026, 11 AM to 4 PM**. Ladies Division members wishing to work on their volunteer hours can sign up using the links to Signup Genius provided in the weekly menu message.

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 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

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Blues Ball

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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 **March 22nd**, 14 of us went to the Middlesex Greenway, rails to trails in Metuchen. It was a beautiful Sunday morning as we enjoyed a 4.3-mile hike along the trail. We were accompanied by 3 dogs.

On **Sunday April 26th** 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, re-

trained 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.

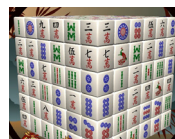
We will hike the Red, Hedgerow and Parsonage, and 18th Century Road Trail Loop, 4.7 miles, relatively flat with an elevation gain of 177', estimated to take about 2 hours. Begin from the parking area near the Visitor Center, accessed via Route 33. Loop around the historic fields and forests via Comb's 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. www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-jersey/red-hedgerow-and-parsonage-and-18th-century-road-trail-loop

Tentatively, future hikes are scheduled for 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.

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/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



HISTORY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, April 10, 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.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY
SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

- *11:30 AM: KITCHEN OPENS FOR KID-FRIENDLY FOOD
- *1-2 PM - EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE GROVE
- *SPECIAL VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY!
BRING YOUR BASKET!
- *FREE ADMISSION FOR MEMBERS' CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN - AGES 2-10
- SIGN UP FOLDER IN THE LOBBY

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

Join us on **Friday, April 10, 2026**, to compete in a "Texas HOLD 'EM" poker tournament at the Deutscher Club.

A sign-up sheet is at the bar. Registration closes on **Thursday, April 9, 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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DC Spring Cleanup

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Saturday, April 11th
8:00 AM

Earn your service hours!
Free Lunch Served!

Trivia Night

Saturday, April 11th

Fun! Food! Prizes!

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

Team Table Signup Folder In Lobby

Members W/Card: Free/Member Guests: \$5

Limit of 8 Players per Team/Table

Deutsches Tanzcafé

Sunday, April 12th
1:00-5:00 PM

Music by Bud and Linda

\$5 Members/\$10 Guests-Pay at the door.

Special Menu

UPPER AND LOWER AUSTRIA DINNER

-TWO FEDERAL STATES THAT MADE UP THE HEARTLAND OF THE HABSBURG DYNASTY.

-THE CAPITAL OF UPPER AUSTRIA IS LINZ, WHILE ST. PÖLTEN IS THE CAPITAL OF LOWER AUSTRIA.

-LOWER AUSTRIA IS THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST STATE.

APRIL 17, 2026

See weekly emails and DC facebook page for complete menu and details

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DEUTSCHER CLUB ON THE RADIO?

Tune into WHPC Radio 90.3, Nassau Community College on **Monday, April 20 at 7 PM** to hear our President, Keith Rhyner interviewed by Host Uwe Riggers on the "German Hit Parade."

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THE BOOK CLUB

The Deutscher Club's Book group will next meet: **Monday, April 27 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.

Bible Study and Sunday School (ages 3 - 8th grade)
Sundays at 9:15am

Worship with Communion
Sundays at 10:30am

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, Thursday, April 30 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*



CLARK TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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



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

Looking for a gift? How about a Gift Certificate for dinner at the Club?

2026 KARL KUMMER SCHOLARSHIP



The 2026 Karl Kummer Scholarship Fund (named after one of the early DC Presidents) awards **\$2000*** to a qualified New Jersey student who is pursuing higher education at a College/University when leaving High School. Students who are currently enrolled in a College/University may also apply.

The qualifications and requirements are listed on the application form available on our website at - www.deutscherclub.us/bulletin-and-downloads.

The application must be completed and submitted with a copy of the applicant's most current High School/College transcript by the deadline - **May 1, 2026** - to scholarship@deutscherclub.us.

COMING SOON.....

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DEUTSCHE ECKE

The following excerpt is from this month's *Deutsche Ecke*. To read the full article see the April issue on-line, page 10.



Ein Urlaub in Deutschland – Einmal anders zur Abwechslung

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sen, viel Zeit im Freien zu verbringen und oft fitter nach Hause zurückzukehren, als sie angereist sind. Das Herzstück dieser Infrastruktur bildet das Deutsche Radnetz. Mit einer Gesamtlänge von 11.000 Kilometern (6900 Meilen) besteht es aus dreizehn Fernradrouten der D-Linien und dem Deutschen Einheit Radweg. Gemeinsam verbinden diese alle Regionen des Landes...

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-Martin Kohler

DOROTHEA LANGE – PHOTOGRAPHER

Dorothea Lange was born in Hoboken, New Jersey in 1895 to second generation German immigrants Johanna Lange and Heinrich Nutzhorn.



Lange contracted polio at age 7 which left her with a weakened right leg and gave her a limp for the rest of her life. At age 12, her father left the family, and Lange's mother moved Dorothea and her brothers to NYC's Lower East Side where she could find work. Living in NYC gave Lange the opportunity

to walk the streets and be a quiet observer. Lange studied photography at Columbia University and upon graduation decided to travel the world. She got as far as San Francisco when her money was stolen, and she was forced to work at a store selling photography equipment. There she met a businessman willing to set her up with her own studio. The studio did well and attracted an after-hours group of artists. In 1920, Dorothea married the painter, Maynard Dixon and had two sons. When the Great Depression came, Lange moved from her studio portrait work to viewing the streets and roads of California where people were coming for work. Taking pictures of the unemployed and homeless earned Lange the title of "Documentary" photographer and led to her employment with the Farm Secu-

rity Administration (FSA). Lange divorced Dixon and married economist Paul Schuster Taylor in 1935. They traveled together to document rural poverty and sharecroppers. Her photographs gained nationwide attention, especially the iconic "Migrant Mother" with two children in 1936. Lange's photos also served as inspiration for John Steinbeck's Grapes of Wrath film adaptation. During the 1940s, Lange took photographs of Japanese internment camps, but the government withheld much of her work from public view. She taught at the San Francisco Art Institute, published in magazines, and displayed her photos in museums. Dorothea Lange died in 1965. Among her many honors are the National Women's Hall of Fame and a mural in Hoboken, New Jersey. -Barbara Streit

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