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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – FEBRUAR / FEBRUARY 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, congratulations to our returning Executive Board members and welcome to our new Executive Board members, which includes a few familiar faces in different roles. We also bid farewell and say thank you to Brian Daly, Cathi Maier-Tajkowski, John Carroll and Suzanna Polhamus, four of our hardest working and most dedicated members. We also say thank you to the outgoing president, Eric Zabel, for 4 years of dedicated service. We're glad you're sticking around as 1st VP. On behalf of the Board, we would also like to thank Alexandra Beinstein for chairing the Nominating Committee, as well as all the committee members and those who assisted on election day. On January 14th, the Clubhouse was full of members to hear the 2023 review and vote in the election. The turnout, despite threats of snow squalls, was a testament to the dedication and level of involvement our members take in our Club and was truly great to see. I would like to thank all of you who came in person or voted by mail. The Board and I are fortunate to serve you all and look forward to keeping our great Club thriving in 2024. The Entertainment Committee has been busy as usual and has a lot of events planned for us to enjoy in February. Among these are the annual Chili Cook-Off on February 25th, Fasching Party with Bernie's Orchestra on February 10th, and the "Big Game" Party with potluck food on February 11th. We will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 15th, with music by Joey V, and our first Trivia Night of the year will take place on the 17th. Finally, we wrap up February with a Deutscher Tanzabend (Dining and Dancing with a German Band) on the 24th, featuring perennial favorites Bud & Linda. As you can see, there is definitely something happening for everyone in February. Please take advantage of these events, as well as our Clubhouse, to enjoy your membership to its fullest. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, herzlichen Glückwunsch an unsere wiedergewählten Vorstandsmitglieder und willkommen zu unseren neuen Vorstandsmitgliedern; darunter finden Sie einige bekannte Gesichter in unterschiedlichen Rollen. Wir verabschieden uns von und bedanken uns bei Brian Daly, Cathi Maier-Tajkowski, John Carroll und Suzanna Polhamus, vier unserer fleißigsten und engagiertesten Mitglieder. Wir danken ebenfalls dem scheidenden Präsidenten Eric Zabel für vier Jahre engagierten Dienstes. Wir freuen uns dass er weiterhin als 1. Vicepräsident fungieren wird. Im Namen des Vorstands möchten wir Alexandra Beinstein für die Leitung des Nominierungsausschusses danken, sowie allen Ausschussmitgliedern und denjenigen die am Wahltag mitgeholfen haben. Am 14. Januar war das Clubhaus voll besetzt mit Mitgliedern, denen die Bilanz von 2023 mitgeteilt wurde, und die Wahl abstimmten. Die Beteiligung war trotz drohender Schneeböen ein Beweis für das Engagement unserer Mitglieder, es war großartig dies zu sehen. Ich möchte mich hiermit bei allen Mitglieder bedanken, die persönlich gekommen sind oder per Brief abgestimmt haben. Der Vorstand und ich haben das Glück Ihnen allen dienen zu dürfen und freuen uns darauf unseren großartigen Club auch im Jahr 2024 weiterhin gedeihen zu lassen. Das Unterhaltungskomitee war wie gewohnt beschäftigt und hat für Februar viele unterhaltsame Veranstaltungen geplant, die wir genießen können. Dazu gehören das jährliche Chili Cook-Off am 25. Februar, der Faschingabend mit Bernie's Orchestra am 10. Februar und die „Big Game“-Party mit Pot-Luck-Essen am 11. Februar. Wir feiern den Valentinstag am 15. Februar mit Musik von Joey V. Der erste Quizabend des Jahres findet am 17. Februar statt. Wir schließen den Monat Februar mit einem deutschen Tanzabend und zwar am 24.; es musizieren die Dauerbrennern Bud & Linda. Wie Sie sehen ist im Februar definitiv für jeden etwas dabei. Bitte nutzen Sie diese Veranstaltungen sowie unser Clubhaus, um Ihre Mitgliedschaft in vollen Zügen zu genießen. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR FEBRUAR / FEBRUARY PROGRAM 2024

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

Thu 01	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 01	Entertainment Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
Fri 02	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 02	Jazz am Freitag • Music by Christian Fabian and Greg Scime • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	6:00 – 8:30 PM
Sat 03	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 04	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 07	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 08	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 08	Ballroom Dance V – Foxtrot • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	7:00 PM
Fri 09	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 09	Texas Hold'em • Sign-up at the Bar • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	7:00 PM
Fri 09	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 PM
Sat 10	Fasching / Mardi Gras • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	6:11 – 10:11 PM
Sun 11	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Lenape Park, Cranford • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	10:00 AM
Sun 11	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 11	Big Game LVIII Party • Potluck • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	4:00 PM
Wed 14	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 15	Valentine's Day Dinner • Music by Joey V • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Thu 15	Railroaders Dinner & Video • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i>	6:30 PM
Thu 15	Ballroom Dance V – Foxtrot	No Class
Thu 15	Networking Meeting • <i>Tell us about your Business • Details on Page 6</i>	7:30 PM
Fri 16	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 17	Trivia • Assemble your Teams (of Eight (8)) • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 18	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 18	Ladies' Division Meeting • Main Dining Room • <i>Details on Page 4</i>	2:00 PM
Wed 21	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 22	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 22	Ballroom Dance V – Foxtrot	7:00 PM
Fri 23	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 23	Jazz am Freitag • Music by Christian Fabian and Greg Scime • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	6:00 – 8:30 PM
Sat 24	Deutscher Tanzabend • Music by Bud and Linda • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 25	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 25	Chili Cook-Off • Judge or be Judged – <i>Come out and have some fun!</i>	3:00 – 5:00 PM
Wed 28	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 29	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 29	Ballroom Dance V – Foxtrot	7:00 PM

Vorschau März / Preview March 2024

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Fri 01	History Committee Meeting	Wed 13	Monthly Membership Meeting • See your 2024 Vorstand in Action!
Sat 02	Italian Night • Music by James Barba	Sat 16	St. Patrick's Day Dinner • Music by Nick Conte
Sun 03	Frühshoppen	Sun 17	Frühshoppen
Thu 07	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Thu 21	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!
Thu 07	Ballroom Dance V - Foxtrot	Thu 21	Ballroom V - Foxtrot
Fri 08	Deutscher Stammtisch	Sat 23	DC Blood Drive • Give Blood! Save a Life!
Sat 09	Deutscher Tanzabend • Music by Robbie Lawrence	Sun 24	Frühshoppen
Sun 10	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Hartshorne Woods Park, Highlands	Sun 24	Children's Easter Party
Sun 10	Frühshoppen	Sun 31	HAPPY EASTER!! • Club will be Closed
Sun 10	Ladies Division Meeting		

* indicates event is open to the public
† indicates the clubhouse will be closed

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, Bill Lages, Richard Polhamus and Gerda Szardenings.

We mourn the passing of our members, Richard Olsen, Paul Senger, Michael Perdek and our former member Renate Wohlleben, 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

MEET YOUR NEWEST VORSTAND OFFICERS

On Sunday, January 14th, 2024, the following Deutscher Club Members joined the ranks of the Executive Board. May we introduce to you -

Treasurer – Arlene Dascoli

I joined the Deutscher Club in the fall of 2021 and was honored & surprised that I would be considered for a position on the Vorstand! After spending 30+ years in corporate finance I transitioned into the role of Practice Manager at a local veterinary hospital for several years but am now back in finance working part-time as a controller for a start-up in NYC. Over the years I've enjoyed volunteering as treasurer at my church and for Sedona German Shepherd Sanctuary, a local rescue run by my husband Jim, that focuses on saving & rehoming older and medically challenged German Shepherds. In my spare time I love to garden, read, hike, travel, and spend time with friends and family, and of course our dogs.



Trustee – Mariann Brenner

My husband Roger and I live in Roselle Park. I am a retired Port Authority NY/NJ Police K9 Officer. Serving the public for over 24 years. I am a certified police K9 trainer and have a love for the German Shepherd Dog. I am an active member in the Ladies Division at the Deutscher Club. Helping out at "cake" as a server at various festivals and enjoying some of the activities the Club has. My parents were members of the Club, and I took part in many events as a child and teenager, returning a few years ago



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW 2024 VORSTAND



Vorstand Members from L-R: Recording Secretary, Michelle Kasperski; Corresponding Secretary, Birgit Maier; Membership Secretary, Patrick "Buzz" Sawyer; 2nd VP, Bob Dries; President, Keith Rhyner; 1st VP, Eric Zabel; Trustee Co-Chair, Ken Vogt; Treasurer, Arlene Dascoli; Trustee, Karla Schwedt; Trustee, Mariann Brenner; Trustee, Kirsten Zellner; Trustee, Rick Myers.

to continue my journey as a proud American of German descent. I will strive to do my best as part of the Vorstand and to continue the tradition of promoting our German culture and heritage.

Trustee – Karla Schwedt

I have been going to the Deutscher Club since I was a child. My father's uncle was the 6th President of the DC. I attended Deutsche Sprachschule and attended many events with my parents. I became a member of the Club years ago and have volunteered for many events. I became a German citizen about 15 years ago and finally decided I should be on the Vorstand.



emy. Ryan began the police academy July 17, 2023, and graduated January 5, 2024. He is assigned to Newark Liberty International Airport.



PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Our Parking Lot Fundraising is underway! We are asking our members to pledge a donation for the milling and re-paving of our parking lot. The parking lot is in much need of repair and upgrades.



Fundraising donation pledge levels of \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00 or any amount are appreciated. You may pledge your donation by check, cash or on the DC website under the membership dues tab. There is also a donation box located in the lobby mounted on the bulletin board. You can use the form on the bulletin to make a donation. We are

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encouraging all members to pledge a donation for this project to help us reach our goal. Any amount of donation will go a long way to support the project.

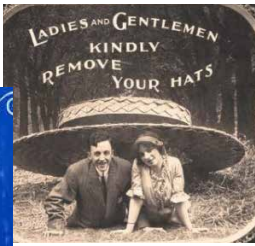
Why not send in your pledge when renewing your 2024 dues!

John Carroll / Buzz Sawyer
2023-2024 Parking Lot Fund Raising Committee Co-Chairmen

The Parking Lot Wine Bottle Fundraising from the Christmas Holidays was an overwhelming success and is now over. Thank you to all who purchased and contributed to the parking lot fundraising endeavor. **We are planning another Easter / Spring wine fundraiser. Stay Tuned.**

PLEASE REMEMBER –

When in the Club ...



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Saturday • Call in orders as of 3:00 PM

(Saturdays as of 2:30 PM) • Pick-up orders

4:00 – 7:00 PM • *Check the Website at www.deutscherclub.us for the Menu*



NOW HIRING: Waiters & Waitresses

Become a member of the DC Service Team!

Interested in applying? *Please call Deutscher Club Manager, Ewald Hollinger at (732) 574-8600.*

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues for 2024 are now due. Upon receipt of payment your 2024 membership card will be mailed to the address on file. You may pay by cash, credit card or check. Payment may be made on the Deutscher Club Website, at the club or mailed to the club, Attention: Membership Secretary.

Dues rates for 2024 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.

When paying your 2024 Membership Dues why not make a donation to the Parking Lot Fundraiser? **Please help pave our parking lot by making a donation today!**

Buzz Sawyer, Membership Secretary

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee meets on the **first Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM**, in the back corner of the dining room (by the piano). 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 perform your volunteer time for the Club? Join us! The **Decorating Sub-committee**, led by Carol Marquardt and Colleen Sawyer, works hand-in-hand with us to “dress up” the Club for every special event. They meet, same day and time, with the Entertainment Committee to coordinate requirements for seasonal, holiday, and special events decorating. *Robert Dries*

LADIES' DIVISION MEETINGS

The Ladies Division will be having their monthly meeting on **February 18th at 2:00 PM** in the main Dining Room. Guests are welcome!

Carol Marquardt, President



Clothing Drive

We are continuing our collection of clothing for the Battered Women's Shelter and the Working Poor Men's Shelter. • Fall and Winter men's, women's, teen and children's clothing, as well as jackets, shoes, and sandals, clean and in good repair, are being accepted by Suzanna Polhamus, Trustee. Contact Suzanna Polhamus at **correspondence@deutscherclub.us**.

PLEASE, no used undergarments or socks.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this worthwhile drive to date!



SKAT GAME



SKAT is a three-handed, trick-taking card game of the Ace-Ten family, devised in 1810 in Altenburg, and it is the national card game of Germany! What – don't know how to play the game? You are invited to join Peter Richter with the rest of the SKAT players who meet **every Wednesday at 7:30 PM** and learn the game.

KNITTING CLUB at the Deutscher Club!

Join a circle of fellow crafters **every Thursday at 3:00PM** and teach, share your tips and tricks, and socialize. No experience is necessary.



SÄNGER CHOR NEWARK

Attention All New DC Members

The Sängerkhor Newark, the Deutscher Club's “in house” men's singing chorus, is back and re-building with a growing repertoire of classic German songs and fun Bierhalle “Lieder”. We perform with both piano and accordion accompaniment. All the guys who like to sing or want to learn how (don't think you can't! It's easier than you think...) should come join us **every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 PM** at the club. We sing in German and in English and will help anyone who thinks they need help with either! In addition, we will gladly sing a selection of songs for any other groups within the Deutscher Club that would like some authentic German entertainment. Please call Peter Volk at 908-938-9019 or Glenn Fogarty at 732-259-8993 for details and check out our website at www.saengerchor.net.



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 SÄNGER BUND

All good things come in three, so the saying goes. We are a mixed chorus and are part of the Deutscher Club of Clark



(DCC) house choruses. Our chorus has been in existence for over 135 years. We have done a great deal of travelling, both nationally and internationally, including singing Saturday evening mass at the Vatican on two separate occasions.

We perform two concerts a year. Our Christmas Concert has been a highlight for the German-American community for the past 35 years. We rehearse every **Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM** at the DCC.

If you enjoy singing, we welcome you to come and join us on **Wednesdays** for rehearsal and enjoy the friendship and camaraderie afterwards. For further information, please contact fran.flourishes@gmail.com

JAZZ AM FREITAG
FEBRUARY 2ND AND 23RD
6:00-8:30PM

Enjoy light dinner music by DC members
Christian Fabian on bass
and
Greg Scime on piano

BALLROOM DANCE – THE FOXTROT

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 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, February 8th, 2024. Six (6) weekly one-hour classes from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.** Maria and Frank will return to instruct a class on the Foxtrot. 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 (Foxtrot) class, please send your name and contact information to correspondence@deutscherclub.us.



Join us on **Friday, February 9, 2024**

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, February 8, 2024. 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 **11:00 PM**. Tables with remaining players at that time will declare winners based on chip count after the last hand. *Any questions please write events@deutscherclub.us.*

FASCHING
2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
6:11-10:11PM

MUSIC BY: BERNIE'S ORCHESTRA
*A LA CARTE DINING
*\$5 MEMBERS/\$8 GUESTS
*TICKETS ON SALE THROUGH FEB. 4TH.
*COME IN COSTUME AND HAVE FUN!

HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca
brian.mecca@gmail.com

We are planning our hikes for the 1st half of 2024, if you have any suggestions, please share them with me



On the day of the Hike, we meet at 9:50 in the parking lot (details to be provided to the email group the week prior – contact me to get added to the email list), and the **hike begins promptly at 10:00am.** If you are running late, please call me so that we can make accommodation for you.



On Sunday **January 14th, 2024.** Sixteen of us enjoyed the brilliant sunshine and brisk temperatures for a walk around Oak Ridge Park in Clark. This was planned for Lenape Park, but the trails are under construction. We will do this hike in February.

Sunday **February 11th, 2024,** we will be planning something close by, **Lenape Park in Cranford.** This is an all-paved walkway out and back for about 3.5 miles, a nice stroll along the Rahway River all the way back to Black Brook Park in Kenilworth. The parking lot is located at 130 Kenilworth Blvd, Cranford, NJ 07016. Dogs are allowed on a leash.

Sunday **March 10th, 2024,** looking at going to Hartshorne Woods Park located in Highlands NJ, by Sandy Hook. They have many trails and interesting things to see including the Military Installations at Rocky Point, they are part of the Monmouth County Park System. www.monmouthcountyparks.com/page.aspx?Id=2524

Future hikes are being planned for **April 14th, May 5th, and June 9th.** Let me know if you have any suggestions. April or May will be at Cheesequake St. Park.

Please let me know if you plan on attending by email at brian.mecca@gmail.com, include your phone # so that we can create a texting group for last minute notifications.

Following the hike, we will return to the Club for Früh-schoppen. The bar is open, there is usually soup and open face sandwiches, and people bring things to eat as the kitchen is not open. Feel free to bring something. It is a fun time after the hike.

BIG GAME LVIII

Sunday, February 11, 2024 @ 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**



Valentine's
Dinner and Dance

THURSDAY, FEB. 15TH
6:00-10:00PM

MUSIC BY:
JOEY V

***A LA CARTE MENU**
***TABLE SIGN UP IN LOBBY**
***COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION**

Trivia
Night

Saturday, February 17th

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

Which Team Will Win The Ken Jennings Bobblehead??!

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, February 15, 2024 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*



6th Annual
Chili Cookoff

Sunday, February 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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COMING SOON.....

HISTORY COMMITTEE



We have a formal History Committee to build, document, and archive the DC's history. The DC history books (by the Manager's office) are in need of care and could be digitized by anyone with the know-how. You can study and interpret the DC's past by reviewing the collection of photos, news articles, letters and more and share your findings with the rest of the membership in historical articles published in the monthly bulletin and by building new catalogs. We will be taking a Summer Break from June-August. The next meeting of the History Committee will be held **Friday, March 1, 2024, 6:30 PM.** Come join us! *This is yet another opportunity to earn your volunteer hours.* • If you are interested, please email correspondence@deutscherclub.us

A NOTE FROM THE DC BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE



The Deutscher Club has hosted blood drives that support local hospitals in our area for nearly 70 years. ■ 2023 was another successful year. We hosted blood drives in March and October. We collected 99 pints of blood, which once processed for safe use, was released to the general public.

■ Roswitha and I would like to thank all members and the Vorstand for your support. It is because of your continued support and attendance that the Deutscher Club's Blood Drives continue to be successful.

► We have scheduled two blood drives for 2024. Mark your calendars for **March 23rd and October 19th.**

Thank you all for your support of your support of your Blood Drive. Respectfully submitted.

Roswitha and Michael Burkert
Co-Chair Deutscher Club Blood Drive

CATERING SERVICE

Let us cater you private events. An extensive catering menu is available on our website or from our own Chef Ewald.

Bayern Verein Newark's
94th Anniversary Dance
Stiftungsfest
Saturday, March 2, 2024
 Doors Open at 5:00 PM
Featuring:
Bernie's Orchestra
Traditional Bavarian Schuhplattlers and Folkdancers
 Admission: \$45.00 per person • \$15 Children ages 6-16 years; Under 6 years - Free
 Includes dinner (Choice of Roast Pork or Goulash) • Children's meal includes: Chicken Fingers and Mac'n Cheese
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BAYERNS 10 UNSCHLAGBARE REKORDE

Während Deutschland das acht meistbesuchte Reiseziel in der Welt ist, prahlt das Bundesland, Bayern, als Nummer eins aller Besucher Deutschlands. Sie fliegen jährlich nach München, wo die Hauptstadt der Anziehungspunkt für das größte Oktoberfest der Welt ist. (1) Sie verbringen einige Tage im Taumel der Festlichkeiten, gefüllt mit dem Rausch der Festzüge und den berühmten Bieren. Jedoch wenige von diesen Besuchern wissen dass außer dem Oktoberfest, Bayern großen Wert auf neun andere unschlagbare Rekorde legt, die nicht immer als erstes im Reisebuch stehen. (2) Augsburg ist die älteste Stadt Bayerns (über 2000 Jahre alt), wo Jakob Fugger 1521 (vor 500 Jahren der reichste Mann der Welt) ein einzigartiges Monument schuf: die Gründung des Wohnungsbauprogramms der Wohltätigkeit, wo Augsburg ohne eigene Schuld sich in Not fanden, gratis Unterkunft bekamen. Mit seinem eigenen Reichtum von Handel mit gewebten Stoffen, kreierte er den ersten offiziellen, sozialen Wohnungsbau, der heute in vielen Ländern existiert. (3) Die Olympischen Sommerspiele fanden 1972 in München statt. Außergewöhnliche Bauanlagen verlangten enorme Herausforderungen. Das größte Glasdach der Welt wurde hier für diese Sportanlagen entworfen. Das transparente, aus Acryl gebaute Glasdach des Festzeltes ist ca. 85.000 Quadratmeter. Besucher können heute eine Tour buchen und zum Gipfel klettern. (4) Das älteste "Würstküchle" in Deutschland ist in der historischen Stadt Regensburg, wo die Würste in der zweiten Hälfte des 19. Jahrhunderts erfunden wurden und heute noch über 800 Jahre später, im originalen Familienbesitz sind. Als "Original Regensburger" dürfen nur die im engeren Stadtgebiet hergestellten Würste bezeichnet werden. (5) In Passau, die Stadt an drei Flüssen, steht der St. Stephans Dom mit der größten, katholischen Kirchen Orgel der Welt, mit 17.974 Orgelpfeifen und 233 Registern. Für Orgelmusik Liebhaber ist diese Orgel ein berühmtes Ziel. (6) Bayerische Brauereien bilden 40% aller EU Brauerei Betrieben. Die verschiedene Biere mit über 4.000 Biermarken Zeichen produzieren. Mit mehr als 300 Brauereien hat Franken im nördlichen Bayern die größte Dichte dieser Betriebe. Für ein wahres Biererlebnis hat diese Gegend verschiedene Brauereiführungen im Angebot, die dem Besucher Geschichte, Technik und Kostproben anbieten. (7) Mit so vielen Bier Ausschanken ist es ganz natürlich, dass die größte, ununterbrochene Landwirtschaft des Hopfens in der Welt auch in Bayern ist. Seit mehr als eintausend Jahren wächst der Hopfen in der Hallertau Gegend, wo der Hopfen, das "grüne Gold", in 500.000 Zentren Ende August, Anfang September gepflückt wird. (8) Ein alter keltischer Brauch, das meist Angst erregende Ereignis, ist das Klausentreiben. Jeden Dezember findet es in Sonthofen in den bayerischen Alpen statt. Junge Leute ziehen drei Abende

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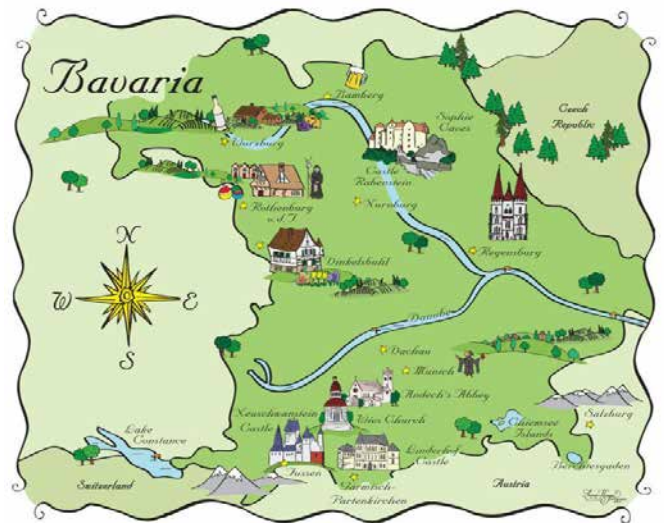
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lang in schaurigen, schreckhaften Kostümen, mit zotteligem Fell bedeckt, durch die Straßen der Stadt, wo sie mit Kuhglocken die Dämonen des Winters austreiben wollen. Dieser Brauch baut sich auf historische, traditionelle Geschichte, aber meistens sind die Kostüme gruseliger und unheimlicher als die originellen Teufel. (9) Auf der Reiseliste von meisten Besuchern in Bayern stehen die weltweit berühmten Schlösser von König Ludwig II, unter ihnen das Märchenschloss Neuschwanstein, aber oft übersehen sie die Würzburger Residenz, ein herrliches Schloss in Würzburg. Ein Meisterwerk aus dem 17. Jahrhundert ist das Gebäude die Verwirklichung der westlichen Architektur ihrer Zeit mit französischer Chateau Architektur, Wiener Baroque und religiösem und weltlichem italienischen Baustil. Es ist ein kreatives, gemeinsames Unternehmen, berühmtester Künstler jener Zeit, und wurde als "Würzburger Rokoko" bezeichnet. Die Decke im Treppenhaus der Residenz ist die größte ununterbrochene Freskomalerei der Welt und durch die Wölbung misst die Fläche 677 Quadratmeter. Einer der wichtigsten Paläste Europas wurde die Residenz 1981 zum UNESCO Welterbe ernannt. (10) Und zum Schluss ist der 10. unschlagbare Rekord Bayerns keine Überraschung: Das Gasthaus Röhl gehört seit 1658 derselben Familie. The Guinness Book of Records hat bestätigt, dass das Gasthaus mit seinen über 1.000 Jahren alten Gebäuden unter derselben Leitung der Familie Röhl ist. Der jetzige Eigentümer Muk Röhl ist ganz stolz auf seine lange Geschichte und tut sein Bestes, die Kultur und Tradition so zu erhalten. Er bietet jedem Besucher ein geschmackvolles Bier und traditionelle bayrische Übernachtung. Hoffentlich haben diese Rekorde Ihren Appetit geweckt, so dass Sie beim nächsten Besuch in Bayern diese außergewöhnlichen Meisterwerke selbst besuchen. Gute Reise mit Staunen!

BAVARIA'S 10 UNBEATABLE RECORDS

While Germany is the eighth most visited travel destination in the world, the state of Bavaria, boasts the number one spot for all visitors to Germany. Annually, visitors fly to Munich, where the capital is the center of attrac-

tion for the largest Oktoberfest in the world. (1) They spend a few days in the giddy excitement and frenzy of festivities, filled with parades, floats, and famous beers. However, few of these visitors know that apart from the Oktoberfest, Bavaria places great value on nine other unbeatable records that are not always listed first in the travel guide. (2) Augsburg is the oldest city in Bavaria (over 2000 years old), where Jakob Fugger (500 years ago the richest man in the world) created a unique monument in 1521: he founded the charity housing program, where, if Augsburgers found themselves in need through no fault of their own, they could receive free accommodation. Using his own wealth from textile trade, Fugger created the first official social housing that exists in many countries today. (3) The Summer Olympics took place in Munich in 1972. Extraordinary construction projects required enormous undertakings. The largest glass roof in the world was designed here especially for these sports facilities. The transparent, acrylic glass roof of the marquee is approximately 914,932 square feet. Today, visitors can book a tour and climb to the summit. (4) The oldest "sausage kitchen" in Germany is in the historic city of Regensburg, where these sausages were invented in the second half of the 19th century and are still in the possession of the original family, today, over 800 years later. The title, "Original Regensburger" (sausages) can only be used to describe those produced in the inner-city area. (5) In Passau, the city on three rivers, sits St. Stephen's Cathedral with the largest Catholic church organ in the world, with 17,974 organ pipes and 233 registers. For organ music lovers, this organ is a must-see. (6) Bavarian breweries make up 40% of all EU brewing companies. They produce various beers with over 4,000 brands. With more than 300 breweries, Franconia in northern Bavaria, has the largest density of breweries. For a true beer experience, this area offers various brewery tours that give visitors history, techniques, and tastings. (7) With so many beer outlets,



it is only natural that the largest, uninterrupted hops farm in the world is also in Bavaria. Hops have been growing in the Hallertau area for more than a thousand years, where the hops, the "green gold", are picked in 500,000 centers at the end of August and beginning of September. (8) An old Celtic custom, the most frightening event, is the "Klausentreiben". It takes place every December in Sonthofen in the Bavarian Alps. For three evenings, young people parade through the streets of the city in scary, frightening costumes covered in shaggy fur and cowbells, to exorcise the winter demons. This custom is based on tradition and history, but most of the time the costumes are scarier and more frightful than the original devils. (9) On the visitors' list of Bavarian sites are the world-famous castles of King Ludwig II, including the fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, but the Würzburg Residence, a magnificent castle in Würzburg, is often overlooked. A 17th-century masterpiece, the building is the realization of Western architecture of its time with French Chateau architecture, Viennese Baroque, and religious and secular Italian architectural styles. It is a creative, joint venture, of the most famous artists of the time, and the style is referred to as "Würzburg Rococo." The ceiling in the Residence's stairwell is the largest uninterrupted fresco painting in the world and the arched area measures 7,287 square feet. One of the most important palaces in Europe, the Residence was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1981. (10) And finally, Bavaria's 10th unbeatable record is no surprise: the Gasthaus Röhl has belonged to the same family since 1658. The Guinness Book of Records has confirmed that the inn, with its buildings over 1,000 years old, is under the same management of the Röhl family. The current owner, Muk Röhl, is very proud of its long history and does his best to preserve the culture and tradition. He offers every visitor a tasty beer and traditional Bavarian overnight stay. Hopefully, these records have whetted your appetite to visit these extraordinary masterpieces yourself the next time you visit Bavaria. Have a wonderful journey and marvel at the sites.

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PAUL JULIUS REUTER – NEWS REPORTING

Paul Julius Reuter, born Israel Beer Josaphat, was born in 1816 in Kassel, Germany to Jewish parents. At 13, Reuter was sent to Gottingen to work in his uncle's bank where he met Carl Friedrich, a famous mathematician and astronomer who was experimenting with electro telegraphy. In 1845, Reuter moved to England, converted to Christianity, changed his name, and married Elizabeth Magnus Clemantine. Moving back to Germany, Reuter, with the financial backing of his father-in-law, became a partner in a Berlin book publishing firm distributing radical pamphlets at the beginning of the 1848 Revolution. Spurred on by the success of the news enterprise, he founded his own agency in Aachen transferring messages between Brussels and Aachen using homing pigeons for timely news alerts. Eventually, the pigeons were replaced by a direct telegraph link that he had learned about earlier. Reuter next opened a telegraph office near the London stock exchange for commercial telegrams. In time, he added news published in several newspapers to his holdings. Undersea cables soon linked Reuter's news service to other continents. To honor him for his achievements, Reuter was named baron by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gothia. In 1891, Queen Victoria matched his German title and granted Reuter and his male heirs the right to use his German title

in Britain. Paul Reuter died in 1899. His legacy lived on with the biographical movie in 1941 called *Dispatcher* from Reuters portrayed by Edward G. Robinson. The

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