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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – APRIL / APRIL 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, on behalf of the Vorstand, I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter Holiday. We closed out March with some very successful events here at the club. What a wonderful turnout for the Georgian wine tasting dinner. Thank to Chef Ewald, Chris Freudenreich and Chrissy Daly for organizing another great event. The ever-popular breakfast buffet was attended by many and thank you to all who came out and donated blood at our semiannual blood drive. Thanks to Mike and Roswitha Burkert for organizing another successful drive. Thank you to all who came out to help with the distribution of stone in the grove and the patching of the parking lot. Your help was greatly appreciated and we couldn't have done it without you. As we look forward to April, there are a number of events that I hope you will come out and support. Another Texas Hold'Em event has been added to the calendar to start off the month. Signup up is at the bar. The Children's Easter Party will be held on Palm Sunday. Bring your children or Grandkids out to hunt for Easter eggs and pictures with the Easter Bunny! Buzz and his committee have been busy interviewing prospective members over the past month. This might be the largest new member induction ever! Please join us on Thursday the 14th to welcome this group as new members of the club. There will be a special menu offered so I hope you will join us for dinner as well. Saturday the 16th we will hold our Spring cleanup, getting ready for our festival season. Many hands make light work so please help us out. Breakfast and lunch will be served. To close out the month, I invite everyone to join Bernie's Orchestra as we celebrate Bayern Abend. Tracht is encouraged for this fun night of food, drink and friendship. Our Hausverein, Bayern Verein Newark will also be joining as they perform their award winning Schuplattler dances. You can look for details of all events within this bulletin. So, as you can see, we have a busy month ahead of us. I hope you will take advantage of your membership and come out and support your club!

Sehr geehrte Mitglieder, im Namen des Vorstands wünsche ich Ihnen allen ein frohes und gesegnetes Osterfest. Wir haben den März mit einigen sehr erfolgreichen Veranstaltungen hier im Club abgeschlossen. Die Beteiligung an der georgischen Weinprobe war phantastisch. Vielen Dank an Chef Ewald, Chris Freudenreich und Chrissy Daly für das Organisieren einer weiteren erfolgreichen Veranstaltung. Das allseits beliebte Frühstücksbuffet wurde von vielen besucht. Vielen Dank an alle, die zu unserer halbjährlichen Blutspendeaktion gekommen sind und Blut gespendet haben. Danke an Mike und Roswitha Burkert, die wieder eine erfolgreiche Blutspendeaktion veranstaltet haben. Ich danke allen Mitgliedern, die geholfen haben, die Steine im Hain zu verteilen und beim Ausbessern des Parkplatzes. Ihre Arbeit wurde sehr geschätzt und wir hätten es ohne Sie nicht geschafft. Im kommenden Monat April, gibt es eine Reihe von Veranstaltungen, die Sie hoffentlich besuchen und unterstützen werden. Um den Monat April zu beginnen, wurde dem Club Kalender ein Texas Hold'Em Kartenspiel hinzugefügt. Die Anmeldung erfolgt an der Bar. Am Palmsonntag findet das Kinder-Osterfest statt. Bringen Sie Ihre Kinder oder Enkelkinder zur Suche nach Ostereiern mit und Bildern mit dem Osterhasen zu machen! Buzz Sawyer, Mitgliedssekretär und sein Komitee waren im vergangenen Monat damit beschäftigt, Vorstellungsgespräche mit Mitgliedschaftsbewerbern zu führen. Es könnte die bisher größte Aufnahme neuer Mitglieder sein! Bitte kommen Sie am Donnerstag, den 14. April, um diese Gruppe neuer Mitglieder willkommen zu heißen. Kommen Sie vorher zum Abendessen - es wird eine Sonderspeisekarte angeboten. Am Samstag, den 16. April, halten wir unseren alljährlichen Frühjahrsputz ab und bereiten uns auf die Festsaison vor. Viele Hände machen leichte Arbeit – helfen Sie bitte mit. Für die Arbeiter gibt es ein Frühstück und ein Mittagessen. Zum Abschluss des Monats lade ich Sie ein zusammen mit Bernie's Orchestra den Bayern Abend zu feiern. Tracht wird für diesen unterhaltsamen Abend mit Essen, Trinken und Freundschaft empfohlen. Unser Hausverein, der Bayern Verein Newark, wird ebenfalls dabei sein und seine Tänzer werden ihre preisgekrönten Schuplattler-Tänze aufführen. Details zu allen Veranstaltungen finden Sie in diesem Monatsblatt. Wie Sie sehen, haben wir also einen arbeitsreichen Monat vor uns. Ich hoffe, Sie werden Ihre Mitgliedschaft dazu nutzen Ihren Club zu unterstützen!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Eric Zabel
E-Mail: president@deutscherclub.us

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

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Ewald Hollinger, Manager
correspondence@deutscherclub.us • General Correspondence

membership@deutscherclub.us • Inquiries: Membership, Dues •
Buzz Sawyer, Membership Secretary,
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Chairperson
trustees@deutscherclub.us • Contact Trustees
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PROGRAMM FÜR APRIL / APRIL PROGRAM 2022

Subject to Change. Please Check our Website and Emails for Updates

Fri 01	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 02	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 03	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wed 06	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 07	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 07	Entertainment Committee Meeting • Details on Page 5	6:30 PM
Fri 08	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 08	Sunshine Committee Meeting • Help Brighten Lives!	6:30 PM
Sat 09	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 09	Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament • Sign-up at the Bar 5:30 • Details on Page 5	5:30 – 11:00 PM
Sun 10	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Cheesequake State Park • Details on Page 6	10:00 AM
Sun 10	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Sun 10	Children's Easter Party • Sign-up in the Lobby	1:00 – 3:00 PM
Wed 13	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 13	Monthly Membership Meeting • See the New Board at Work!	7:00 PM
Thu 14	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 14	New Member Induction • Welcome New Members!	8:00 PM
Fri 15	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 15	Deutscher Stammtisch • Come practice your German.	7:30 PM
Sat 16	Spring Clean-up • Brighten up the Club for Fest Season!	8:00 AM
Sat 16	Dinner & Dancing • Music by Joey V.	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 17	HAPPY EASTER!	Club is Closed
Wed 20	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 21	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 21	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome! • Meeting in the Ratskeller	6:30 PM
Thu 21	Networking Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri 22	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 23	Garden Committee • Green Thumbs & Imagination Welcome!	9:00 AM
Sat 23	Bayern Abend • Music by Bernie's Orchestra • Details on Page 7	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 24	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Sun 24	Ladies' Division Meeting • Bingo and Pizza	2:00 PM
Wed 27	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 28	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 29	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 30	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM

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Thu 05	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Hook State Park
Sat 07	Bayern Verein Newark's Maifest • Music by Bernie's Orchestra	Sun 15 Frühshoppen
Sun 08	Frühshoppen	Sun 15 Ladies Division Meeting • Karackter's R&B – 40's Sing-along
Sun 08	Mother's Day Brunch • Sign-up at the Bar	Thu 19 Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!
Wed 11	Membership Meeting • See your Vorstand at Work!	Sun 22 Frühlingsfest* • Music by Mountain Xpress
Sat 14	Trivia Night • Round-up your Teams for a Re-match!	Sun 29 Frühshoppen
Sun 15	Die Wandergruppe/The Hikers • Sandy	Mon 30 Memorial Day Parade in Clark • Members come out and Represent!

Looking for that Special Gift?

Think DC
Gift Card
- Dinner
for Two



Cards
are available for
purchase at the
Bar.



KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

We mourn the passing of our members **Theodore J. Bassman Jr., Carl Villane** and former member, **Peter J. Schifflhuber** and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of **William G. Brown**, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle to members **Linda and Brian Daly, Chrissy and Bill Buchok**

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

IN THE NEWS



Happy 104th Birthday to
Helen B. Wagenhoffer!
Born April 1, 1918



MEET THE NEW 2022 DEUTSCHER CLUB VORSTAND



It took time to lure the members of the 2022 Executive Board away from their busy DC schedule for this photo but may we introduce: First Row (L-R) Mike Alexy, 2nd VP; Eric Zabel, President; Brian Daly, 1st VP. Second Row (L-R) Keith Rhyner, Trustee; Suzanna Polhamus, Trustee; John Carroll, Co-Chair of the Trustees. Third Row (L-R) Glenn Miklencic, Trustee; Michelle Kasperski, Recording Secretary; Patrick "Buzz" Sawyer, Membership Secretary; Birgit Maier, Corresponding Secretary; Cathi Maier-Tajkowski, Treasurer; Ken Vogt, Co-Chair of the Trustees; Michael Saake, Financial Secretary. Missing from the photo is Annette Glorius, Trustee.

CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

On Sunday, March 6th, 2022, the DC held its fourth Annual Chili Cook-off organized by our very own chili cook-off champion, Kurt Leithner. Forty-five (45)



Judges and 11 Cooks took part in the competition which resulted in the following winners and prizes: Pictured L-R - Buzz Sawyer, Chili Cookoff Committee; Brian Booth, 3rd Place; Nick Conte, 1st Place

(again); Evangeline Conte, 2nd Place (again); Brian Daly, Chili Cookoff Committee; Kurt Leithner, Chili Cookoff Chief Judge and MC. A special thanks goes to Colleen Sawyer for her behind the scenes work and for managing admissions.

Deutscher Stammtisch



Suchen Sie eine Stunde in deutscher Unterhaltung, gemütliches Beisammensein mit Spass? Dann kommen Sie jeden zweiten Freitagabend in den Ratskeller um 19:30 Uhr zu unserem Stammtisch! Jeden Monat neue Themen und Auskunft..

Bylaws

A vote by the DC Membership on this Amendment to the Bylaws will be taken at the monthly meeting on **Wednesday, June 8th, 2022.**

The following amendments to Article III., Para L; Article V, Paras C and D; and the establishment of Exhibit B - Election Cycles; to the Bylaws of the Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., have been submitted and read as follows (changes are in bold print):

Article III.

L. Removal. At any meeting of the Executive Board called expressly for the removal of any Trustee or Officer, who may be removed from office with cause, must be by a vote of **sixty-six and two-thirds (66-2/3rds)** percent of the members of the Executive Board. New Trustees or Officers may be filled until the next membership election. Removal from office for cause may include, but not be limited to, failure to observe and obey **House Rules (EXHIBIT A), neglect of position responsibilities as set forth in Sections IV., and V., Para E.,** to acts of theft, embezzlement, fraud, violence or threats of violence, insubordination, or other conduct unbecoming of the position held.

Article V.

C. Concurrent Service. No Officer may also simultaneously serve as a Trustee or any other office. This does not preclude any Officer or Trustee from performing the responsibilities of another officer position if a vacancy exists for an office but in so doing the individual

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is not to hold a second position. **All officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by the membership at the annual meeting.** An officer, upon the expiration of his term of office, may become eligible for reelection to office or for any other office of the Club.

D. Term and Election.

1. The President may be elected up to two terms (4) consecutive years, which term can be extended for two (2) additional years by the Members if no suitable candidate can be found. The President, upon the expiration of the term of office, may become eligible for re-election as President after a break in service of two years unless the successor is unable to serve and, in that case, the retired President is eligible to be appointed by the Board to the position of President. All other Officers upon expiration of the term of office may become eligible for reelection.

2. To efficiently transition to a two (2) year election term for all Executive Officers, the schedule shall reflect the following.

(i) Effective as of the January 2023 Annual Membership Elections, all positions of the Executive Board with the exclusion of the President shall be up for election. The 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Membership Secretary shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. Going forward, this shall be referred to as the "Odd Year Election Cycle".

(ii) Effective as of the January 2024 Annual Membership Meeting Elections, the positions of President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary shall be elected to serve for a term of (2) years. Going forward, this shall be referred to as the "Even Year Election Cycle".

(iii) Effective as of the January 2025 Annual Membership Meeting Elections, elections will follow Election Cycles (Exhibit B), going forward.

(iv) The Trustees will remain on their respective three (3) year current cycle.

EXHIBIT B – ELECTION CYCLES

ODD YEAR ELECTION CYCLE	EVEN YEAR ELECTION CYCLE
2 ND Vice President	President
Financial Secretary	1 ST Vice President
Corresponding Secretary	Treasurer
Membership Secretary	Recording Secretary

every month at **6:30 PM** in the main dining room) – there is a sign-in book.

9. Additionally, if you have a talent or skill, you are willing to donate your time performing, this too can count towards your volunteer hours.

* If you are not receiving the Sign-up Genius 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

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!

MAY WE TAKE YOUR ORDER?

Deutscher Club now has Take-out!

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Thursday, Friday, 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



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DC 85TH ANNIVERSARY PINS • \$5



DC COFFEE MUGS • \$5

See any Vorstand member if you are interested in purchasing.

PLEASE REMEMBER –

When in the Club ...



2. **Tuesday Crew** (helping with repair projects, cleaning, mowing/leaf blowing, etc. Show up at club at **8AM**) – there is a sign-in book.

3. **Saturday Crew** (outside landscaping, show up at **8AM**) – there is a sign-in book.

4. **Potato Peeling** (making the potato salad for Biergartens & Fests. The Friday before an event, at **8AM**, bring a peeler) – there is a sign-in book.

5. **Work at a Biergarten or Fest** (work 2 ½ hours manning Admissions, 50/50 Raffle Sales, sell pretzels, serve food, grilling, manage parking, work as cashier, sell at the cake table, etc) - Sign-up Genius*

6. **Spring Clean-Up** (clean our clubhouse and get the grove ready for events, show up at **8 AM**) – there is a sign-in book.

7. **Fall Clean-Up** (put away tables, clean outdoor bar and kitchen, leaf and sticky ball removal, show up at **8AM**) -there is a sign-in book.

8. **Entertainment and Decorating Committees** (meet first Thursday of

VOLUNTEER AT YOUR CLUB AND EARN YOUR 10 HOURS EASILY

1. **Saturday's Band Night** (manning the Admissions table) -sign up on the Bulletin board behind the table and see a trustee for instructions.



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Late fees will be assessed to your membership beginning April 1

Include the **\$10.00 late fee** payment now, **2022 Membership Cards** will be mailed upon receipt of payment and late fee.

Beginning April 1st - All members will be required to show their **current 2022 membership card** when at the club. Please have your **2022 Membership Card** with you.

Your membership dues are a vital source of revenue for **YOUR** club.

You may pay by, check, cash or credit card on the Deutscher Club website. <https://deutscherclub.us/membership>

As of January 1, 2022, Membership Dues are:

1. \$100 for Regular members.
2. \$75 for Senior Member - must have attained the age of 72 and been a member for 25 consecutive years.
3. \$180 for couples.
4. Existing Lifetime members are encouraged to pay \$20 voluntary dues.
5. The initiation fee for new members will be \$100 per person.

The following late fees will be assessed monthly to your membership as of April 1st:

\$10-April • \$20-May • \$30- June • \$40-July • August 1st - Membership is revoked if dues are not paid.

You may also mail your check to the club. Attn: Membership Secretary, 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark NJ, 07066. (If you have moved, please indicate the new address when sending in payment.)

If you have already made payment, thank you and please disregard this reminder.

Come out to your club on **Thursday, April 14th at 8:00pm** for our **2022 Spring New Member Induction Ceremony**. Come meet our newest members. Come early and enjoy dinner and drinks. A limited menu will be available.

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

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, 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. We’re also introducing a new Youth Events Sub-committee. Interested? Any member of the club is welcome to stop by and sit in on a meeting to see what we do before agreeing to become a full-time member of the committee or sub-committees. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 7th, where we will be discussing details for the Children’s Easter Party on Sunday, April 10th. I hope to see you there! *Mike Alexy*

SOCIETY OF POTATO PEELERS - UNITE!!

Welcome back to the Season of Potato Peeling! Dust off your peelers and slicers because a meeting of the Society of Potato Peelers will take place on **Friday, May 20th!** New members are always welcome. We are in need of peelers, slicers and mixers to prepare the Potato Salad for our **Biergarten and Fests**. We normally meet on the **Friday of/preceding an event**. Please mark your calendar for **May 20th** (Frühlingsfest), **June 3rd** (Biergarten & Ladies’ Division Craft Show), and **June 17th** (Waldfest). The FUN begins at **8:00 AM**.



VOLUNTEERS: THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Are you interested in contributing your skills and ideas to earn volunteer hours while making the lives of some of our older or homebound members a little brighter? If so, please come to the Sunshine Committee meetings. Monthly meetings will be held on a **Friday (TBD) at 6:30 PM**, September through June. The next meeting is on **Friday, April 8 at 6:30 PM**.



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

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 8:00 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 WEEEE'RE BAAAACK!

We are back singing on Friday nights at the DC. Come, join us! We have two formal sessions a month (the 1st and 3rd Friday). Formal nights include accompaniment by our Director, Markus Kaitila on piano, singing both German and English standards. The 2nd and 4th Fridays, we will be accompanied by an accordion player and sing beer-drinking songs. You are welcome to join us at **8:00 PM** every Friday. For information see our website at www.saengerchor.net or call Peter Volk at 908-938-9019..



Join us on **Saturday, April 9th, 2022** in the **Ratskeller** to compete in a “Texas HOLD ‘EM” poker tournament at the Deutscher

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Club.

A sign-up sheet will be at the bar. Payment is due at the time of sign-up. Registration closes on **Thursday, April 7**. DRESS CODE: Casual

Instructions and table assignments start at **5:30 PM** and the first hand of the tournament will be dealt at **6:00 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 contact Rebecca Steen at (908) 337-9712 or Brian Daly at (908) 917-3939.

HIKING NEWS

We are planning our hikes for **2022**. If you have any suggestions for Spring and Summer hikes, please share them. We meet at **9:50 AM** in the parking lot (details to be provided to the group – contact me to get added to the email list), and the hike begins promptly at **10:00 AM**. If you are running late, please call me so that we can make accommodations for you. On Sunday April 10, 2022, we will be going to Cheesequake State Park, 300 Gordon Rd, Matawan. We will be meeting in the parking lot by the lake, not at the trailhead at 9:50 AM, hike will start at 10 AM. This will be an exhilarating hike over rolling hills and through beautiful marshlands with the assistance of numerous boardwalks. It will be about 4



Miles. It is a moderate difficulty hike with a lot of elevation changes, some stairs, and roots on the trails. Hiking boots are recommended, also a walking stick if you have one would be helpful. On Sunday, May 15, 2022, we will be going to Sandy Hook State Park. On Sunday, June 12, 2022, we will be going to Hacklebarney State Park in Chester NJ. Please let us know if you plan on attending by emailing Brian Mecca at brian.mecca@gmail.com, include your phone # so that we can create a texting group for last minute notifications. Following the hike, we return to the Club for Frühschoppen. 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.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

Sunday, April 10th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Children and Grandchildren of Members, 8 years old and younger are invited to attend. There will be Egg Hunts, treats and a visit from the Easter Bunny! • Sign-up sheet is in the Lobby.



The kitchen will be open for food service from 12 – 3 PM.



spring cleanup

Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 AM

We need your help to wake up the Grove for Fest Season!

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, April 21, 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. RSVP to Michael Fleyzor at mfleyzor@gmail.com or cell phone (732) 319-4886. Looking forward to hearing about your business. *Michael Fleyzor*

HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN to The Newly Formed Garden Committee

Do you enjoy gardening? Do you have knowledge of plants and flowers? The Newly organized garden committee would like your expertise!



In honor of Earth Day The Garden Committee will be meeting **Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 AM** for a light spring clean-up. We will be cleaning flower beds, landscape beds, pruning plants and other light maintenance in anticipation of spring plantings for the beautification of the club grounds. Anyone wishing to lend a hand, or a green thumb are welcome to help. Also, we will be accepting donations of any plants (perennials) or bushes that members may have in their own garden that may have grown too large or are no longer wanted. Please drop off at the club **May 30 thru June 4**. Details to follow. Contact Buzz Sawyer at membership@deutscherclub.us or see Kurt Leithner or Barbara Maguire at the club!

BAYERN ABEND

Saturday, April 23, 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Music by Bernie's Orchestra

A special a la carte menu, music and entertainment from the home state of King Ludwig's castles – Bavaria!

Tickets will be for sale at the bar covering admissions - \$5 – Members / \$8 – Non-members are available for purchase at the bar until **Sunday, April 17**. **No walk-ins.** DRESS CODE: Business Casual



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COMING SOON.....

POLICE UNITY TOUR

DC Member and member of the Bayonne Police Department, Jeffrey Kaiser is participating in the Police Unity Tour in May 2022, a trek on bicycles starting in Florham Park, NJ, and ending at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial in Washington, DC. The purpose of this fundraiser is to promote awareness of those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and to provide financial support to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum. Jeff needs our help as sponsors to fundraise and to obtain the money to participate. If you would like to support Jeff in this noble event, you can pick up Sponsorship Forms at the Club or to donate directly to Police Unity Tour - 2022 Sponsorship Form. www.policeunitytour.com



Mother's Day Buffet

Sunday, May 8th • 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

\$26.00 per person.

Last day of Ticket sales is **May 4, 2022.**
No walk-ins.

Please sign-up at the BAR. DRESS CODE: Business Casual



Saturday, May 7, 2022 • 5:00pm - 10:00pm
The Pavilion at the Deutscher Club of Clark
featuring **Berrie's Orchestra**

\$45 per person/12 and under \$15/under 5 free
Includes Fresh Veg platter with dip, Cheese and Crackers
Goulash or Jaeger Chicken • Spaetzle or Roasted Potatoes • Green Beans
Mixed Greens with roll and butter
Kids menu...Chicken Fingers with Mac and Cheese
Dessert...Black Forest Cake, Coffee and Tea
Cash Bar

Dimdls and Lederhosen encouraged

For Reservations Contact:
Ralph Ehrenlich 908-382-1100 or Rick Ernst 908-753-0448
Deadline for Reservations is May 1st with your choice of dates.
No refunds will be paid at the time.

THE BOOK CLUB

Our Member and esteemed Author, James Hockenberry, leads our Book Club.



For May 2022: *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for the Gold at the 1936 Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. A true story, this book deviates a bit from my books with a German theme (the last part is set in the 1936 Olympics though), but this is one of the best, most inspiring reads, and most compelling books that I've read in years.

The book will be discussed: **Friday evening May 20 at 7:30 PM in person** (venue to be determined), then again on Thursday evening, **May 26 at 7:30 PM via Zoom** (link will be provided at a later date).

Amazon's description: For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

All members are welcomed to join in the Book Club discussions, whether you've had a chance to read the books or not.

CLARK TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On **Monday, May 30th, 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. Parade line-up begins at **9:00 AM**. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Come march with us! Sign-up w/the bartenders.



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You can follow this event on Facebook-28. Gaufest 2022-Atlantic City, on Instagram-Edelweiss-Passaic, and on their website - www.gaufest2022.com



2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Forms for the following scholarships are available on our website under "Bulletins and Downloads":

German-American Committee Scholarships: The deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2022. scholarship@germanparadenyc.org

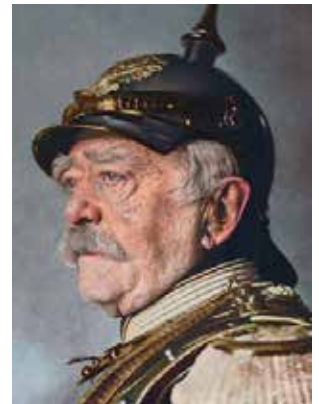
Karl Kummer Scholarship Fund: The application form must be completed and submitted with a copy of the applicant's most current High School/College transcript by the deadline - May 15, 2022. scholarship@deutscherclub.us.

German Heritage Festival: The Application and all support material must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2022. www.ghf-nj.org

Otto von Bismarck – First German Chancellor

Otto Eduard Leopold von Bismarck was born in 1815 in Schönhausen, Germany into an aristocratic family. He attended the University of Göttingen, studied law at Hanover, and took a job in the Prussian Civil Service. Finding the civil service job boring, Bismarck helped his father manage the family's estate, married, had three children, embraced Lutheranism, and began his political career in the Prussian legislature. Bismarck's career as an ultra-conservative royalist was noticed by King Frederick Wilhelm IV who appointed him as Prussian representative to the German Confederation (a group of 40 states). He next served as ambassador to Russia and France. In 1862, Bismarck was appointed prime minister of Prussia. Seeing unification of the states as a way to keep peace in Europe, Bismarck started several small wars to annex the states and negotiate with others in the north. German victory in the Franco-Prussian War won over the southern German states, and in 1871, they agreed to join a German empire. Bismarck went on to oversee the new constitution of the German Empire which was based on Prussia's constitution. Other accomplishments

include the establishment of a uniform civil and criminal code, a gold standard, free trade, and rapid industrialization. Bismarck also introduced the world's first welfare program, workers compensation and old age benefits. These concepts were later adopted by President Franklin Roosevelt in his New Deal. Bismarck added civil marriage laws to weaken the Catholic Church, dissolved religious orders and required church appointments to be approved by the state. Success did not last forever for Bismarck. In 1890 he was dismissed, and socialist parties took control. Otto von Bismarck died in 1898 a wealthy duke, who will be remembered as the first German Chancellor of a powerful German Empire.



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WELTTAG DES BUCHES GESCHICHTE DES ESELSOHRS

1995 hatte die UNESCO-Generalkonferenz den 23. April zum "Welttag des Buches und des Urheberrechts" ausgerufen. Das Datum geht auf eine Tradition in Katalonien, Spanien, zurück: Am Namenstag des Schutzheiligen St. Georg werden dort Rosen und Bücher verschenkt. Dieser Tag ist ebenfalls auch der Todestag von William Shakespeare und Miguel de Cervantes, und zufälliger Weise wird der 23. April als "Tag des deutschen Bieres" gefeiert! Als weltweiter Feiertag für Lesen, Bücher und Rechte der Autoren beteiligen sich nicht nur Deutschland, sondern auch Großbritannien, Irland und seit 2012 auch die USA an diesem Aktionstag, der die Freude am Lesen unterstützt und fördert. In Deutschland beteiligen sich rund 3.500 Buchhandlungen an der Aktion und verschenken das Welttagsbuch an über eine Million Schüler(innen). Lehrkräfte der 4. und 5. Klassen können kostenfrei Büchergutscheine bestellen, die sie am 23. April an ihre Schüler verteilen, die dann jeweils ein Exemplar des diesjährigen Buches: "Ich schenk dir eine Geschichte" bekommen. Verschiedene Verlage und Buchhandlungen gebrauchen diese ideale Gelegenheit den Lesern die Lust am Lesen zu vermitteln. Jorg Pfuhl, Vorstandsvorsitzender der Stiftung Lesen erklärte: "Lesen ist ein einzigartiges, inspirierendes Erlebnis. Wir wollen den Menschen die Lust am Lesen vermitteln--gerade denjenigen, die wenig, selten oder gar nicht lesen." (wikipedia) So, wer liest heute in dieser Zeit der Digitalisierung noch ein greifbares, physisches Buch? Es ist sehr überraschend wie viele Liebhaber, Leseratten und Bibliophile einfach nie genug von gedruckter Lektüre bekommen können. Ganz besonders in der Zeit von Corona, nach Aussage vieler Studien, wird heutzutage noch mehr gelesen, und so greifen viele auch zu gebrauchten Büchern. Kommerzielle Anbieter, sowie auch private Verkäufer, kategorisieren ihre Angebote je nach Zustand des Buches, z.B.: "Mit einem kleinen Eselsohr hier und einem Knick dort, aber ansonsten tadellos erhalten." (DW) Hier beginnt das Problem, denn nicht nur der Inhalt, sondern auch der Zustand des Buches ist kritisch. Eine umgeknickte Ecke an einer Seite, (in der Umgangssprache: das Eselsohr), wird verpönt, denn die Leserschaft achtet sehr auf die Ästhetik eines Buches. Sogar ein geglättetes Eselsohr hinterlässt Spuren der unangebrachten Behandlung. Spezialistin Fauke Grenz von der Papierwerkstatt Friedrichshagen sagt, dass der Knick die Fasern des Papiers verletzt und sich nicht reparieren lässt, was oft mit emotionellen Gründen verbunden ist, wenn in dem Buch eine Widmung steht oder es von einer Geliebten oder Mutter

hinterlassen wurde. Historisch kann man einen Hinweis auf das Eselsohr in einem Buch von dem Dichter Andreas Gryphius schon im 17. Jahrhundert finden und etwas später in 1838 erwähnten die Gebrüder Grimm in ihrem Deutschen Wörterbuch "folium libri complicatum", das Einbiegen einer Blattecke im Buch. Der Name Eselsohr wird ästhetisch als Ohr (spitzes Dreieck) gesehen und der Eselsteil als eine Dummheit und Beleidigung. Erstaunlich ist, dass in jener Zeit Bücher nicht für jedermann erschwinglich waren, aber anscheinend machten auch feine Leute einen Knick als ein Buchzeichen, wo sie mit dem Lesen aufgehört hatten. Wer die Harry-Potter-Romane gelesen hat, wurde von Irma Pince, der Bibliothekarin der Hogwarts-Schule für Hexerei und Zauberei, daran erinnert, dass sie jedem, der Schaden an irgendeines ihrer Bücher verrichtet, mit den schlimmsten Strafen, derer sie fähig ist, bestraft wird. Nicht einmal die Digitalisierung der schriftlichen Worte hat bislang das Eselsohr beseitigt. Manche E-Book-Reader und Apps haben Eselsohren eingebaut! Wenn man auf den Bildschirm tippt, erscheint ein dreieckiges Lesezeichen am Bildschirmrand. (DW) Keine Angst--das Eselsohr ist auch in der neuen Zeit erhalten. Das Datum des Welttags des Buches ist am 23. April. Also haben Sie noch Zeit einem geliebten Menschen ein einzigartiges, echtes, greifbares Buch zu schenken. Viel Spaß!

WORLD BOOK DAY STORY OF THE DOG-EAR

In 1995, the UNESCO General Conference proclaimed April 23rd "World Book and Copyright Day". The date goes back to a tradition in Catalonia, Spain, where roses and books are given away on the Name Day of the patron saint, St. George. This day is also the anniversary date of the deaths of William Shakespeare and Miguel de Cervantes, and coincidentally April 23rd is celebrated as "German Beer Day"! Not only Germany but Great Britain, Ireland and since 2012 the USA, take part in this worldwide holiday celebrating reading, books, and the rights of authors. In Germany, around 3,500 bookstores are taking part in the campaign and are giving away the World Day Book to over one million schoolchildren. Teachers in the 4th and 5th grades can order free book vouchers, which they will distribute to their students on April 23rd, who will then each receive a copy of this year's Book: "I am Giving you a Story." Various publishers and bookstores take advantage of this ideal opportunity to encourage reading. Jorg Pfuhl, Chairman of the Board of the Reading Foundation, explained: "Reading is a unique, inspiring experience. We want to give people a love



of reading--particularly those who read little, rarely or not at all." (wikipedia) So, who still reads a tangible, physical book in this age of digitization? It is very surprising how many aficionados, bookworms and bibliophiles just can't get enough of reading in print. According to several studies - especially after Covid, people are reading more nowadays, even reaching for used books. Commercial providers as well as private sellers categorize their offers depending on the condition of the book, e.g.: "With a little dog-ear here and a crease there, but otherwise in perfect condition." (DW) This is where the problem begins, because not only the content, but also the condition of the book is critical. A folded corner on one side (in colloquial language: the dog's ear) is frowned upon, because the readership pays great attention to the aesthetics of a book. Even a smoothed dog-ear leaves a trace of inappropriate treatment. Specialist Fauke Grenz from the Friedrichshagen paper workshop says that the crease damages the fibers of the paper and cannot be repaired. This often causes emotional distress, especially if the book has a dedication in it or was left behind by a loved one or mother. Historically, a reference to the dog's ear (in German it is a donkey's ear) can be found in a book by the poet Andreas Gryphius as early as the 17th century and a little later in 1838 the Brothers Grimm in their German dictionary mentioned "folium libri complicatum", bending a corner of a page in the book. The name donkey ear is aesthetically seen as an ear (pointed triangle) and the donkey part as a silly and insulting thing to do. It is astonishing that at that time books were not affordable for everyone, but apparently even well-to-do people made a crease as a bookmark, where they had stopped reading. Those of you who have read the Harry Potter novels have been reminded of Irma Pince, the librarian at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, that anyone who causes damage to any of her books will be rewarded with the worst punishments of which she is capable. Not even the digitization of written words has so far eliminated the dog-ear. Some e-book readers and apps have built-in dog-ears! When you tap on the screen, a triangular bookmark appears at the edge of the screen. (DW) Don't worry-- the dog-ear still exists in the new era. The date of World Book Day is the 23rd of April, so there is still time to give a loved one a unique, real, tangible book. Have fun!

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