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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – APRIL / APRIL 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, on behalf of the Vorstand, I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and blessed Easter. We had a lot going on in our Club in March, starting with a packed house for Italian night. Chef Ewald and his staff did a great job providing great Italian food served family style. Carol Marquardt and her decorating committee made the club feel like an Italian restaurant, and James Barba provided great entertainment. After that we had a traditional German dance evening with entertainment provided by Robbie Lawrence. On the 16th, we held our annual St. Patrick's Dinner, with over 200 people in attendance. Music was provided by Dan O'Shea & Eagle Ridge, along with Nick Conte. After that, we arrived at the first stop on our culinary tour through Germany where we were able to learn about the cuisine and some of the culture of Schleswig-Holstein. On the 23rd, our Club hosted a successful bi-annual Blood Drive, led by Mike & Roswitha Burkert. Thanks to them for always leading this event and to everyone who came out to donate or help. The Easter Bunny made his annual visit to the Club for the Children's Easter Party on the 24th, and a big thanks goes out to the Entertainment Committee as well as the Easter Bunny for another great event for our next generation of members to enjoy. We also had two Jazz Fridays which have really become a well-attended and enjoyable dinner night with great live music in the background, provided by our members Greg and Christian. The Club thanks you for lending us your time and talent. April will be just as busy! We will be hosting a Whiskey Around the World Tasting & Pairing Dinner on the 6th, and a double header of events on the 13th. First will be the Spring Cleanup, starting at 8AM (Remember, many hands make light work!) and that evening will feature our ever-popular Trivia Night. We will be welcoming new members to the Club at Induction Night on the 18th. On the 20th, we will hold our annual Bayern Abend, with music by Bernie's Orchestra and Schuhplattler dancing by the Bayern Verein Newark. On the 27th, the Ladies Division will host a Craft Fair which will be open to the public. We will need volunteers, so look for an email from SignUp Genius, or speak to either of the Vice Presidents to volunteer. We will wrap up April on Sunday, the 28th, with our first afternoon dance cafe, featuring the music of Bernie's Orchestra. It's a new idea we're trying out and would like to see members come out and support it. Finally, a big thank you to all of you for supporting these events, patronizing the bar and restaurant, and donating to our Club. Without you, we wouldn't be as successful and as vibrant of a Club as we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, Liebe Mitglieder, ein Namen des Vorstands hoffe ich dass Sie ein frohes und gesegnetes Osterfest hatten. Im März war in unserem Club allerhand los; es begann mit einem vollen Haus am italienischen Abend. Chefkoch Ewald und seine Mitarbeiter haben großartige Arbeit geleistet und schmackhafte italienische Gerichte im familiären Stil serviert. Carol Marquardt und ihr Dekorationskomitee gab dem Club den Charakter eines italienischen Restaurants. James Barba sorgte für großartige Unterhaltung. Danach folgte ein traditioneller deutscher Tanzabend mit Unterhaltung von Robbie Lawrence. Am 16. März hielten wir unser jährliches St. Patrick's Dinner; mit über 200 Teilnehmern anwesend. Für die Unterhaltungsmusik sorgten Dan O'Shea & Eagle Ridge zusammen mit Nick Conte. Darauf erreichten wir die erste Station unserer kulinarischen Reise durch Deutschland, wobei wir etwas über die Küche und der Kultur Schleswig-Holsteins lernten. Am 23. März veranstaltet unser Club, wie alle zwei Jahre, eine Blutspendeaktion, unter der Leitung von Mike und Roswitha Burkert. Vielen Dank an das Ehepaar Burkert fuer ihren alljaehrlichen Einsatz die Leitung dieser Veranstaltung zu uebernehmen. Ebenfall Dank an alle die gekommen sind um zu spenden oder zu helfen. Der Osterhase stattet dem Club am 24. seinen alljaehrlichen Besuch für die Kinder-Osterparty ab. Ein großes Dankeschoen gilt dem Unterhaltungskomitee und dem Osterhase für eine tolle Veranstaltung, die unsere nächste Generation von Mitgliedern genießen konnte. Ebenfalls hatten wir zwei Jazz-Abende, die sich zu einem gut besuchten und unterhaltsamen Abendessen, mit Live-Musik im Hintergrund, entwickelt haben. Der Club dankt den Musikanten, unseren Mitgliedern Greg und Christian, dass sie ihre Zeit und Talent mit uns teilen. Im April wird wiederum viel los sein! Am 6. veranstalten wir ein Whiskey Around the World Tasting & Pairing Dinner. Am 13. April findet eine Doppelveranstaltung statt. 8 Uhr morgens Frühjahrsputz! Bitte denken Sie daran, viele Hände machen die Arbeit leicht! An diesem Abend findet unser allseits beliebter Trivia-Abend statt. Am Einführungsabend, dem 18. begrüßen wir neue Mitglieder im Club. Am 20. veranstalten wir unseren alljährlichen Bayern-Abend mit Musik von Bernie's Orchestra und Schuhplattler-Tänzen des Bayern Vereins Newark. Am 27. wird die Damenabteilung eine Handwerksmesse veranstalten, die für die Öffentlichkeit zugänglich ist. Wir benötigen freiwillige Helfer. Suchen Sie nach einer E-Mail von SignUp Genius, oder sprechen Sie mit einem der Vizepräsidenten, um sich als Helfer zu melden. Wir werden den April am Sonntag, den 28ten mit unserem ersten Tanzcafé am Nachmittag mit Musik von Bernie's Orchestra ausklingen lassen. Dies ist eine neue Idee die wir ausprobieren wollen und wir würden uns freuen, wenn Mitglieder teilnehmen und sie unterstützen wuerden. Zum Schluss noch ein großes Dankeschön an Sie alle für die Unterstützung dieser Veranstaltungen, den Besuch der Bar und des Restaurants und die Spende für unseren Club. Ohne Sie wären wir als Club nicht so erfolgreich und lebendig wie wir es sind. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR APRIL / APRIL PROGRAM 2024

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

Wed 03	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 04	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 04	Entertainment Committee Meeting • <i>Details on Page 4</i>	7:00 PM
Fri 05	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 05	Jazz am Freitag • Music by Christian Fabian and Greg Scime • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	6:00 – 8:30 PM
Fri 05	Texas Hold'em • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	6:30 – 11:00 PM
Sat 06	Whiskey Tasting & Pairing • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	5:00 - 9:30 PM
Sun 07	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 10	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 10	Monthly Membership Meeting • See your Vorstand at Work! • <i>Light Fare available at the Window prior to the Meeting</i> . . .	7:00 PM
Thu 11	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 12	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 12	Jazz am Freitag • Music by Christian Fabian and Greg Scime • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	6:00 – 8:30 PM
Fri 12	History Committee Meeting • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	6:30 PM
Fri 12	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 PM
Sat 13	Spring Clean-up • Let's Clean the Club and Prep the Grove! • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	8:00 AM
Sat 13	Trivia Night • KJ Bobble-head at Stake – Bring your Team of 8! • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	5:00 PM
Sun 14	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Cheesequake Park • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	10:00 AM
Sun 14	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 17	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 18	Spring Membership Induction • <i>Come Welcome our New Members</i>	8:00 PM
Thu 18	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	7:30 PM
Fri 19	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 19	Railroaders Dinner & Video • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i>	6:30 PM
Sat 20	Bayern Abend • Music by Bernie's Orchestra • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 21	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 21	DC Ladies Division Meeting • <i>No Meeting this Month</i>	
Wed 24	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 25	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	7:30 PM
Fri 26	DC Book Club Meeting • "Tunnel 29" • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	7:30 PM
Sat 27	DC Ladies' Division Arts & Craft Festival †* • <i>Details on Page 4</i>	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sat 27	Clubhouse Re-opens to Members	3:00 PM
Sun 28	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 28	Deutsches Tanzcafé • <i>Music by Bernie's Orchestra (Lite) • Details on Page 7</i>	1:00 – 5:00 PM

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

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Thu 02	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Fri 10	Deutscher Stammtisch
Fri 03	GE State Dinner Series – <i>Featuring Saarland</i>	Sat 11	1950's Sock Hop • <i>Music by James Barba</i>
Sat 04	Derby Day • <i>Ladies - Flaunt your Fascinator!</i>	Sun 12	Frühshoppen • <i>Moved to the Ratskeller</i>
Sun 05	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • <i>Pyramid Mountain</i>	Sun 12	Mother's Day Brunch
Sun 05	Frühshoppen	Thu 16	Railroaders Dinner & Video • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i>
Sun 05	DC Ladies Division Meeting • <i>Famous People & Their Flowers</i>	Sun 19	Frühshoppen • <i>Cancelled Today</i>
Wed 08	Monthly Membership Meeting • <i>See your 2024 Vorstand in Action!</i>	Sun 19	Frühlingsfest* • <i>Music by Bernie's Orchestra</i>
		Mon 27	Memorial Day Parade in Clark • <i>Come out to March and Represent the Club!</i>

Looking for that Special Gift?

Think DC
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for Two



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are available for
purchase at the
Bar.



KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our member **Charles "Chick" Bachmann, Leni Elischberger, Rosemarie Geertsma, Marion Hanko, Mark Jackson, Martin Pettesch, Walter Pfisterer, Bill Sasse, Marga Senger and Gerda Szardenings.**

We mourn the passing of our members, **Frances Farkas, Barbara Jelagin, William Muller, Richard and Christel Pflug and Helga Schwedhelm,** and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

Congratulations to **Ewald and Michelle Hollinger** on the birth of their grandson, **Laurenz.** Congratulations also to the parents, **Simone and Phillip Kinbauer.**

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

IN THE NEWS

CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS



(L-R) John Gawryluk, Chris Wagner, Kim Shanks, Brian Daly, Buzz Sawyer, Kurt Leithner, and Charlie Baumann

We had a record setting number of cooks (18) and judges (90) for the 6th annual DC Chili Cookoff. Thanks to Colleen and Buzz Sawyer and Brian Daly for helping set up and run the event. Also, a shoutout to Eric for making the cornbread and to All who helped cleanup, breakdown and wash dishes/trays afterwards.

THE PRIZES & WINNERS WERE: the Monopoly Chiliheads Game - **Charlie Baumann** "Emily's Pittsburgh Chili" | **3rd Place \$50** - **John Gawryluk** "Johnny B'Good Chili Con Carne" | **2nd Place \$75** - **Chris Wagner** "Farmhand Chili" | **1st Place \$150** - **Kim Shanks** "SSBR Chili."

See everyone next year, *Kurt Leithner, Chili Cookoff Co-Chair*

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 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 STARS OF JAZZ AM FREITAG

We thank our Members, the Jazz Duo of **Christian Fabian** on Bass, and **Greg Scime** on Piano for filling the air with such delightful melodies and setting the mood for a relaxing evening of dinner and conversation!

Photographer: Rod Jones, Member



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 2024.** 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 16, 2024,** at the Deutscher Club of Clark. Applications are available on our website, www.deutscherclub.us (under Bulletins and Downloads). You may also contact **Chrissy Daly, Chairperson, Miss Deutscher Club Committee** via email at correspondence@deutscherclub.us for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER –

When in the Club ...



VOLUNTEER AT YOUR CLUB & EARN YOUR 10 HOURS ANNUALLY



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

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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 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

MAY WE TAKE YOUR ORDER? Deutscher Club has Take-out!

Open to the Public!

Call in your order:

(732) 574-8600

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



MEMBERSHIP

If you are reading this and have not paid your 2024 Membership Dues, you are late.

LATE FEES BEGIN APRIL 1

Membership dues plus a late fee of \$10.00 are due in April.

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.

The following late fees will be assessed monthly to your membership as of April 1st: \$10- April; \$20-May; \$30- June; \$40-July; and August 1st - \$50. Your membership will be revoked if dues are not paid.

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

Buzz Sawyer, Membership Secretary

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!

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee meets on the **first Thursday of the month, at 7:00 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 not be having a meeting in April. Instead, we will be hosting a "**Spring Craft Fair**" on **April 27th from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. We hope to have a good turn out to support the vendors. The Club will have the outdoor Grill open serving German specialties for lunch. “Signup Genius” notices will be sent out to the membership requesting volunteers for this event.



We enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day tradition with the dancers from Shea Jennings School of Irish Dance, Garwood, NJ.

Our next meeting will be on **May 5th at 2:00 PM**, featuring "Famous People and their Flowers."

Carol Marquardt, President of the Ladies Division

DC CLUBS: All are welcome!

SKAT GAME: every Wednesday at 8:00 PM

KNITTING CLUB: every Thursday at 3:00PM

Clothing Drive

We are continuing our collection of clothing for the Battered Women's Shelter and the Working Poor Men's Shelter. • Spring and Summer 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. 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!



SÄNGER CHOR NEWARK

Attention All New DC Members

The Chor held its annual election in January and the officers for 2024 are as follows: President and Treasurer, Peter Volk.



First Vice President, Glenn Fogarty. Second Vice President, Horst Oertel. Secretary, Wells Pekins. Music Meister, Fred Paul. New Members are welcome! Be there when we celebrate our 100th Anniversary next year!

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 on **March 8th at 8 PM** at the club. We perform with both piano and/or accordion accompaniment. Greg Scime' is now accompanying the Chor on piano and Tage Haun is our accordionist. We sing in German and in English and will help anyone who thinks they need help with either!

The Sängerkor will gladly sing a selection of songs for any other groups within the Deutscher Club that would like some authentic German entertainment. The Sängerkor 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 Bierhallen

"Lieder". 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

APRIL 5TH AND 12TH
6:00-8:30PM

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

Join us on **Friday, April 5th, 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, April 4, 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.*

'WHISKY AROUND THE WORLD TASTING AND PAIRING'

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH
5:00-9:30 PM**

MOSSBURN LINKWOOD SCOTCH

- Scotland
- Cocktail or Straight

CLONAKILTY IRISH WHISKEY

- Ireland
- Straight
- Pairing: Shepherd's Pie Potato Skin

HATUZAKI FINEST JAPANESE

- Japan
- Straight
- Pairing: Honey and Soy Duck Salad

WATERSHED BOURBON

- USA
- Straight
- Pairing: Whiskey Black Pepper Pork Loin Filet W/Cranberry Glaze and Brussel Sprouts

MOSSBURN FOURSQUARE

- Scotland
- Straight
- Pairing: Carmalized Rum Bananas & Ice Cream

\$60PP (Tip not included) Limit: 80 people

Tickets on sale at the bar through March 31st.

The Main Dining Room will be limited to ticket holders only. No Take-out Service.

The Ratskeller will be open with Bar Service only.

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

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. The next meeting of the History Committee will be held **Friday, April 12, 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

DC Spring Cleanup

Prepare The Grove, Pavilion, Clubhouse, and Kitchen for our Biergartens and Fests!

Saturday, April 13th

8:00 AM

Earn your service hours!



Trivia Night

Saturday, April 13th

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??!

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 March 10th**, 21 people and 4 dogs enjoyed a wonderful hike at Harts-horne Woods Park located in Highlands NJ, by Sandy Hook. The weather cooperated and it was a great day!

On **Sunday April 14**, we will be going to Cheesquake State Park, 300 Gordon Rd, Matawan. We will be meeting in the parking lot by the lake, not at the trailhead at 9:50, the hike will start at 10am. 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. Details on the hike will be sent to the group prior to the hike.

On **Sunday May 5th** we will be going north to the Pyramid Mountain County Natural Historic Area, to hike the Pyramid Mountain Orange Trail Loop. This 4.1-mile loop trail is near Montville, New Jersey. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 1 h 44 min to complete. There is a 541 ft Elevation gain on this route. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash. People wishing to Carpool can meet at the Club, <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-jersey/pyramid-mountain-orange-trail-loop>



On **Sunday June 9th** we are planning on hiking at Watchung Reservation, close by, but always exciting as I usually manage to take the wrong turn or 2.

We take off July and August as there are many events going on at the club.

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.

APRIL 20, 2024

ENTERTAINMENT BY BERNIE'S ORCHESTRA
AND THE BAYERN VEREIN NEWARK DANCERS

WEAR YOUR TRACHT!

6:00-10:00 PM
\$5 MEMBERS/\$8 NON-MEMBERS
PAY AT THE DOOR!

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, April 25, 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*

THE BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting is planned for **Friday, April 26, at 7:30pm**. The plan is to meet in the Ratskeller or if the weather cooperates, outside.



The book we will read is **Tunnel 29: The**

Extraordinary Escape Beneath the Berlin Wall. It is available everywhere. This is a marvelous and miraculous true story.

Just to note, everyone is welcome to attend our discussions, even if (s)he has not read the book. The discussions are designed to be fun and learning experiences.

I welcome any comments or suggestions.

Visit Amazon for description of **Tunnel 29**.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our Book Group.

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



Deutsches Tanzcafé
Sunday, April 28th
1:00-5:00 PM
Music by Bernie's Orchestra
\$5 Members/\$8 Guests-Pay at the door.
Special Menu

2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

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

German-American Committee Scholarships: There are three categories this year, 8th Grade, High School, and College. The deadline for submitting applications is **April 26, 2024** - to scholarship@germanparadenyc.org

Deutscher Club of Clark - Karl Kummer Scholarship Fund: 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, 2024** - to scholarship@deutscherclub.us.

German Heritage Council of New Jersey: The application and all supporting documents must be postmarked no later than **June 15, 2024** and addressed to - German Heritage Council of NJ, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 36 Kay Road, Yardville, NJ 08620

COMING SOON.....

GERMAN STATE DINNER SERIES - SAARLAND

On **Friday, May 3**, we continue the Deutscher Club's German State Dinner Series with our second stop in the southwest of Germany, in the state of Saarland.



Future dinners will highlight one of the 16 German states (dates will be announced). Each event will feature specials from Chef Ewald that are traditional to the region being featured and will be accompanied by videos of the area. If you're from Saarland, please come out and be recognized, if you'd like. *This is not a ticketed event; however, reservations will be accepted through the Club.*

We also need help from you for future dinners in the series - If you're from Germany, a descendant that has kept up with the culinary traditions from your family's state, or have items you'd like to display, and would like to help in planning future German State Dinners, please email Keith at president@deutscherclub.us

HATS & HORSE'S PARTY AT THE DEUTSCHER CLUB

Grab your fascinators and don your best festive Derby Attire and join us for our Kentucky Derby Party on **Saturday, May 4th starting at 6:00 PM**. Chef Ewald will feature a Special Menu and the Bar will serve Mint Juleps and other southern classics.



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Mother's Day Buffet

Sunday, May 12th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

\$32.00 per person.
Last day of Ticket sales is May 5, 2024. No walk-ins.



Please sign-up at the BAR. *Dress Code: Business Casual*

CLARK TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On **Monday, May 27th, 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 in the Lobby.



Deutsche Ecke

CASPAR DAVID FRIEDRICH – MALER DER ERHABENHEIT

In diesem Jahr jährt sich der Geburtstag von Caspar David Friedrich zum 250. Mal. Sie haben vielleicht noch nie von Caspar David Friedrich gehört; aber es ist wahrscheinlich, dass Sie eines seiner Gemälde gesehen haben. Für viele Kunstliebhaber gilt Caspar David Friedrich als der größte Maler seiner Zeit. Er war einer der ersten bildenden Künstler der deutschen Romantik, einer Bewegung, in der Künstler in ihren Werken den Schwerpunkt auf Natur, Emotion und Spiritualität legten. Caspar David Friedrich (FRIEDRICH) wurde am 5. September 1774 in Greifswald, einer kleinen Hafenstadt an der Ostsee, als sechstes von zehn Kindern geboren. Sein Vater, ein wohlhabender Kerzen- und Seifenhersteller, soll seine Kinder im lutherischen Glauben nach den Prinzipien des Pietismus erzogen haben. Als er aufwuchs, musste FRIEDRICH eine Reihe dramatischer Ereignisse durchleben. Einige Kunstkritiker führen die allgegenwärtige Melancholie in den Werken von FRIEDRICH auf diese Kindheitsereignisse zurück, natürlich könnten auch andere Gründe dazu beigetragen haben. Im Jahr 1790 begann FRIEDRICH privaten Unterricht zu nehmen, in Zeichnen bei Johann Gottfried Quistorp und in Literatur bei Thomas Thorild. Thorild lehrte FRIEDRICH zwischen dem geistigen „inneren Auge“ und dem weniger nutzbringendem physischen „äußeren Auge“ zu unterscheiden. Quistorp und Thorild waren beide Professoren an der Universität Greifswald. Im Jahr 1794 schrieb sich FRIEDRICH an der Königlich Dänischen Akademie für Malerei, Bildhauerei und Architektur in Kopenhagen ein, einer der renommiertesten Kunsthochschulen seiner Zeit. Dort setzte er seine Ausbildung bei namhaften Künstlern wie Christian August Lorentzen und Jens Juel fort. Im Jahr 1798 ließ sich FRIEDRICH endgültig in Dresden nieder. Der Durchbruch als Künstler gelang ihm 1805, nachdem er einen von Johann Wolfgang von Goethe veranstalteten Kunstwettbewerb gewonnen hatte. Im Jahr 1808 vollendete FRIEDRICH sein erstes wichtiges Ölgemälde, „Das

Kreuz im Gebirge“. Dieses Gemälde löste eine öffentliche Kontroverse aus, weil eine Landschaft in einem religiösen Kontext verwendet wurde. Die entstandene Kontroverse bereitete FRIEDRICH breite öffentliche Aufmerksamkeit. Nachdem der preußische Kronprinz zwei seiner Gemälde gekauft hatte, wurde er 1810 in die Berliner Akademie gewählt und 1816 wurde FRIEDRICH in die Sächsischen Akademie aufgenommen. FRIEDRICH war einige Jahre lang relativ erfolgreich, er wurde sogar vom russischen Königshaus gefördert. Seine Karriere begann darunter zu leiden, als das öffentliche Interesse an Kunstwerken der Realismus- und Naturalismusbewegung zunahm. In diesen Jahren war er weiterhin produktiv, bis er 1835 einen Schlaganfall erlitt, der seinen rechten Arm teilweise lähmte. Nach einem zweiten Schlaganfall im Jahr 1838 konnte er nicht mehr arbeiten und war vollständig auf die Unterstützung von seinen wenigen noch verbliebenen Freunden angewiesen. FRIEDRICH starb am 7. Mai 1840 in Armut. Heute gilt Caspar David Friedrich als Ikone der deutschen Romantik und als Maler von internationaler Bedeutung. Zu Ehren seines 250. Geburtstages veranstalten mehrere Museen in Deutschland Sonderausstellungen seiner Werke. Wenn Sie Deutschland im Jahr 2024 besuchen, nehmen Sie sich etwas Zeit, um eine dieser Ausstellungen zu besuchen. Mehr von seinen Bildern sind hier zu finden: www.wikiart.org/en/caspar-david-friedrich

CASPAR DAVID FRIEDRICH – PAINTER OF SUBLIMITY

This year is the 250th anniversary of Caspar David Friedrich's birthday. You might not have heard of Caspar David Friedrich, but chances are you have come across one of his paintings. Many art lovers consider Caspar David Friedrich (FRIEDRICH) as the greatest painter of his time. He was one of the first visual artists of German Romanticism, a movement where artists emphasized nature, emotion and spirituality in their works. FRIEDRICH was born on the 5th of September 1774 in Greifswald, a small port city on the Baltic Sea, as the sixth of ten children. His father, a prosperous candle and soap maker, was said to raise his children in the Luther-

an faith following the principles of pietism. Growing up, he had to live through a series of traumatic events. Some art critics attribute the ever-present melancholy in his work to these childhood events, of course other reasons could have contributed to this as well. In 1790, FRIEDRICH started to take private lessons in drawing with the Johann Gottfried Quistorp. and in literature with Thomas Thorild. Thorild taught FRIEDRICH to distinguish between the spiritual “inner eye” and the less beneficial physical “outer eye”. Quistorp and Thorild both had professor positions at the University of Greifswald. In 1794, FRIEDRICH enrolled in the Royal Danish Academy of Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture in Copen-



gen, one of the most prestigious art colleges at that time. There he continued his training with well-regarded artists like Christian August Lorentzen and Jens Juel. In 1798, FRIEDRICH settled permanently in Dresden. His breakthrough as an artist happened in 1805, after he had won an art competition organized by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. In 1808, FRIEDRICH completed his first major oil painting, “Cross in the Mountains”. This painting caused a public controversy

because of using a landscape in a religious context. Nevertheless, this dispute brought him widespread public attention. In 1810, after the Prussian Crown Prince had bought two of his paintings, he was elected to the Berlin Academy and in 1816 he became a member of the Saxon Academy. For a few years FRIEDRICH was relatively successful, he even was sponsored by the Russian Royal family. His career started to suffer when the public became more interested in art works belonging to the Realism and Naturalism movements. He continued to be productive during these years until he suffered a stroke in 1835, partially paralyzing his right arm. In 1838, after he had a second stroke, he was not able to work any longer and was fully dependent on the support from the few friends he still had left. FRIEDRICH died on May 7th, 1840, in poverty. Today Caspar David Friedrich is considered an icon of the German Romantic movement, and a painter of international importance. In Honor of his 250th Birthday several museums in Germany feature special exhibitions of his work. If you happen to visit Germany in 2024, take some time to go and see one these exhibitions. See more of his paintings: www.wikiart.org/en/caspar-david-friedrich

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JOHN ERNST STEINBECK

John Ernst Steinbeck was born in Salinas, California in 1902. Steinbeck's paternal grandfather, Johann Adolf Grossteinbeck, shortened the family name to Steinbeck when he arrived in the United States in 1858. The family farm in Heiligenhaus, Mettmann, Germany is still named Grossteinbeck. John Steinbeck grew up working on local ranches during the summer and being encouraged to read and write by his schoolteacher mother. After attending Stanford University without graduating, he left California for New York City to pursue his writing but returned home without getting any of his work published. Steinbeck's luck changed when his first novel, *Cup of Gold* based on the pirate Henry Morgan's life and death was published in 1929. Thirty-one more novels followed including the acclaimed *Tortilla Flat*, which won California's Commonwealth Club's gold medal. Other works include *Of Mice and Men*, *Grapes of Wrath*, *East of Eden*, *Cannery Row* and *The Pearl*. Many of Steinbeck's writings were made into films for which he sometimes wrote the scripts. In 1940 he won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature for *The Grapes of Wrath*. In his later years he traveled cross-country in a camper with his dog writing *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*. During World War II, John Steinbeck served as a correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune newspaper. In 1945, he won the Norwegian Haakon VII Medal of Freedom for his literary contributions to the Norwegian resistance movement. In 1962, Steinbeck received the Nobel Prize for Literature "for his realistic and imaginative writings". John Steinbeck died of heart disease in his home in NYC in 1968 and was buried in his hometown Salinas, California. *-Barbara Streit*

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