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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – AUGUST / AUGUST 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, We have certainly seen our fair share of hot weather so far this summer. I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the club as much as possible. Country Western night returns this year on August 6th with DJ Scott Tracy. This is always a popular event and I hope you will be able to join us. Hard to believe our last Biergarten of the season will be held on August 26th with the American car show. Introduced by our late member Bernie Plungis, this continues to be our best attended Biergarten of the season. A special thank you to Heinz Ricken for organizing the car shows once again this year. We can always count on a great representation of cars to enjoy and admire. Thanks to our hosts, Brian Daly and Mike Alexy and to all our volunteers who have helped to make this year's events so successful. Please consider doing your part by volunteering at the remaining events. Sign up via Sign Up Genius or by contacting Brian or Mike at events@deutscherclub.us. Returning this Labor Day weekend is our bus trip to the Cannstatter Folkfest Verein in Philadelphia. Please join us for the day as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary (see details in this bulletin). Sign up will be posted shortly. Our membership chairman, Buzz Sawyer, is organizing interviews for prospective new members. If you would like to sponsor a new member, please forward the application to Buzz as soon as possible. New member induction will be held mid-September. Just a reminder that Fröhschoppen continues through the summer months on Sunday mornings. Stop in and enjoy the company of your fellow members and bring a friend along for a cold Bier. Wishing everyone a continued safe and fun summer! See you at the DC!

Sehr geehrte Mitglieder, Wir haben in diesem Sommer einen großen Anteil an heißem Wetter erlebt. Ich hoffe, es geht Allen gut und Sie genießen den Club so gut wie möglich. Country Western Night kehrt dieses Jahr am 6. August mit DJ Scott Tracy zurück. Dies ist immer wieder eine beliebte Veranstaltung und ich hoffe, dass Sie daran teilnehmen werden. Es ist kaum zu glauben, dass am 26. August unser letzter Biergarten der Saison, die American Car Show stattfinden wird. Von unserem verstorbenen Mitglied Bernie Plungis eingeführt, ist dies nach wie vor unser bestbesuchter Biergarten der Saison. Ein besonderer Dank geht an Heinz Ricken der die American Car Shows jedes Jahr organisiert. Wir können uns immer auf eine großartige Ausstellung von Autos verlassen, die wir genießen und bewundern können. Vielen Dank an unsere Gastgeber Brian Daly und Mike Alexy und ebenfalls an alle unsere freiwilligen Helfer, die dazu beigetragen haben, die diesjährigen Veranstaltungen so erfolgreich zu machen. Bitte denken Sie daran, Ihren Teil beizutragen, indem Sie sich freiwillig für die verbleibenden Veranstaltungen engagieren. Melden Sie sich über Sign Up Genius an oder kontaktieren Sie Brian oder Mike unter events@deutscherclub.us. Auf vielfachem Wunsch von Mitgliedern ist für das Labor Day Weekend eine Busfahrt zum Cannstatter Volksfest Verein in Philadelphia geplant. Kommen Sie mit und feiern Sie mit uns das 150. Jubiläum vom Cannstatter Volksfest Verein. Einzelheiten finden Sie in diesem Bulletin. Die Anmeldung wird in Kürze veröffentlicht. Unser Mitgliedschaftssekretär, Buzz Sawyer, organisiert Vorstellungsgespräche für potenzielle neue Mitglieder. Wenn Sie ein neues Mitglied empfehlen möchten, senden Sie das Antragsformular so schnell wie möglich an Buzz. Die Einführung neuer Mitglieder wird Mitte September geplant. Wir möchten daran erinnern dass der Fröhschoppen in den Sommermonaten sonntagmorgens weitergehend stattfindet. Kommen Sie vorbei und genießen Sie die Gesellschaft anderer Mitglieder und bringen Sie einen Freund auf ein kühles Bier mit. Wir wünschen allen weiterhin einen sicheren und unterhaltsamen Sommer! Wir sehen uns im DC!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Eric Zabel

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PROGRAMM FÜR AUGUST / AUGUST PROGRAM 2022

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

Wed 03	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 04	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 04	Entertainment Committee Meeting • Details on Page 4	6:30 PM
Fri 05	Potato Peeling Society • Come join the Fun!	8:00 AM
Sat 06	Country Night * • Music by DJ Scott Tracy	5:30 – 10:00 PM
Sun 07	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wed 10	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 10	Monthly Membership Meeting • No meeting - Summer Break	
Thu 11	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 11	DC ASL Screening of CODA • All members are welcome! • Details on Page 5	7:30 PM
Fri 12	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 12	Deutscher Stammtisch • Summer Break	
Fri 12	Texas Hold'em • Details on Page 5	6:00 – 11:00 PM
Sat 13	Members in the Grove • (Dinner Service is in the Grove / No Take-out Service Available)	5:30 – 9:00 PM
Sun 14	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Sun 14	Ladies' Division Meeting • No meeting – Summer Break	
Wed 17	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 17	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business	7:30 PM
Thu 18	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 18	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!	6:30 PM
Fri 19	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 19	Steuben Parade Bus Trip Committee • Join in the fun!	7:00 PM
Sat 20	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 21	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wed 24	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 25	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 26	Potato Peeling Society	8:00 AM
Fri 26	American Classics Biergarten* • Music by Don Bitterlich & Hot Rod Mike	5:30 – 10:00 PM
Sat 27	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 28	Frühshoppen	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wed 31	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM

* indicates event is open to the public

Vorschau September / Preview September 2022

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Thu 01 Entertainment Committee Meeting	Fri 16 Society of Potato Peelers • The fun begins at 8 AM!
Sun 04 Frühshoppen	Sat 17 65th German-American Steuben Parade NYC • Board the bus to NYC!
Sun 04 Fahrt ins Blaue • 150th Anniversary of the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein	Sun 18 Deutscher Tag in Clark * • Music by the Silver Starlight Orchestra
Fri 09 Deutscher Stammtisch • Hi! Kommt ein bisschen quatschen.	Sun 18 Ladies' Division Meeting
Sat 10 Bayern Verein Newark Oktoberfest *	Thu 22 Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!
Sun 11 Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Watchung Reservation	Sat 24 Members in the Grove
Sun 11 Frühshoppen	Sun 25 Frühshoppen
Wed 14 Membership Meeting • Hear what's happened over the Summer!	

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 member Gertrud Adams and our DC Mixologist, Ellen Rusnak.

We mourn the passing of our member Otto R. Picard and our former members Friedrich "Fritz" Puls and Anton "Tony" Metzger 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



WE DID IT! Bayern Verein Newark is in the book once again!

Congratulations to our Preisplatteln Gruppen dancers for placing 5th at the 28. Gaufest in Atlantic City! Prosit! Job well done.

In Einzelplatteln, we congratulate Peter Ehmann, Marianne Ehmann and Monika Gill for their 2nd place wins and Paul Ulrich for his 5th place in their respective age categories.

Charlie Ulrich danced for critique and wowed the judges with his smile and ability as he danced with Annika and Arya Renz from the Toledo group, our Patenkind. Priceless and an awesome debut!

We can't dance without the music. Thank you, Bernie Bunger. You are always there for practice and ready to go. You support our dancers, adults, kids and folk in the best way you can.

Our own Kelly Irwin represented BVN as she beautifully performed the American and Canadian anthems at both the Saturday banquet and Sunday's presentation of awards.

Congratulations also to Walter Kraft who received an Ehren Urkunde for his 48 years of service as the Gauverband Nordamerika's Schriftführer.

And finally, to all our supporters, we can't thank you enough. Your words of encouragement, assistance and support mean so much to us!

We look forward to many more years of performing!

BIG RAFFLE TICKETS ARE IN -

Tickets are **\$10 each** and are available for purchase from any Vorstand (Executive Board) member. There are 3000 tickets to be sold, with a potential for 3 grand prizes of \$5000 each - if all are sold. The drawing will take place on the night of our Christmas Gala, **Saturday, December 17th, at 9:00 PM** - you do not have to be present to win. If you prefer tickets mailed to you, please submit your payment with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Club, "Attn: 2022 Big Raffle" and we will be more than happy to send them out. Please support this fundraiser which benefits the Club's efforts in promoting German culture and maintaining the condition of the clubhouse and grounds. *Ken Vogt, Trustee*



VOLUNTEER AT YOUR CLUB AND EARN YOUR 10 HOURS EASILY

1. **Team Captains** are needed for our public Fests and Biergartens



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

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

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

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

5. **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.

6. **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*

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

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **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!

PLEASE REMEMBER –

When in the Club ...



MAY WE TAKE YOUR ORDER?

Deutscher Club now 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



FOR SALE

DC 85TH ANNIVERSARY
PINS • \$5



DC COFFEE MUGS • \$5

See any Vorstand member if you are interested in purchasing.

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 DUES

The Deutscher Club 2021 Membership Dues are 89 % paid as of August 1.

If you are among the 11% who have not paid as of yet, please remit your dues along with \$50.00 late fee. I will mail your 2022 membership card to the address on file.

As of August 1, to those members who have not paid their dues, your name will be removed from the membership roster pursuant to the Deutscher Club bylaws.

Questions? Please email me at membership@deutscherclub.us

The Membership Committee has begun plans for new prospective member inter-

views in late August and early September. New member Fall induction ceremony is **September 8, 2022 at 7:30 PM**. If you plan on sponsoring someone for membership, please have their application submitted as soon as possible.

Please stay safe and enjoy your summer everyone. Prost!

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. *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, August 5th!** New members are always welcome. We are in need of peelers, slicers and mixers to prepare the Potato Salad for our **Biergartens and Fests**. We normally meet on the **Friday of/preceding an event**.

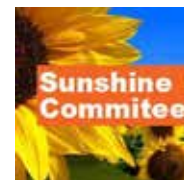
Please mark your calendar for **August 5th & 26th** (Country Night & American Classics Biergarten), and **September 9th & 16th** (BVN O'Fest & Deutscher Tag in Clark). The FUN begins at **8:00 AM**.



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 bright-

er? If so, please come to the Sunshine Committee meetings. Monthly meetings will be held every second **Friday at 6:30 PM**, September through June. The next meeting is on **September 9th, 2022 at 6:30 PM**.



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.



HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN To The Garden Committee

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

Thank you for your donations! Contact Buzz Sawyer at membership@deutscherclub.us or see Kurt Leithner or Barbara Maguire at the club!



Clothing Drive

Clean out your closets of spring and summer children's, women's, and men's clothes and shoes for donation to local battered women's shelters and a men's working poor shelter. **Contact Suzanna Polhamus at correspondence@deutscherclub.us**. All clothes and shoes should be seasonally appropriate,



clean, and in very good condition. **PLEASE**, no used undergarments or socks.

DIE FOTOGRAFEN / THE SHUTTERBUGS

Member - Paul Mecca is in search of fellow members who love photography, to start up a Deutscher Club Photography Club.

If you are interested, please email correspondence@deutscherclub.us



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..



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

HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca
Contact: Die Wandergruppe

We are planning our hikes for the 2nd half of 2022, if you have any suggestions, please share them with me. We will be taking the summer off; no hikes are planned for July & August. We will resume with the September hike on the 11th.

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 accommodations for you.

On June 12th, 14 brave souls enjoyed a wonderful hike in the pouring rain at Hacklebarney State Park. The rain came down hard for the first 30 minutes or so, then it let up. We have a great group of hikers who don't let a little bit of rain, or a torrential downpour stop them from going on a hike.



We will be taking the summer off as there are many weekend events at the club, our next hike will be on September 11th in nearby Watchung Reservation. **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 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.

FILM NIGHT AT THE DC

The DC's ASL (American Sign Language) group will be showing the Academy Award's 2021 Best Movie, CODA (children of deaf adults) in the Pavilion on **Thursday, August 11th, 2022, at 7:30 PM**.



Many members described the film as moving and inspiring and expressed their desire to view it again. The movie is approximately 2 hours in duration. To allow members and their guests time to enjoy dinner first, it was decided to begin the screening at 7:30 pm. Bring your own chairs.

You won't regret seeing CODA!



Join us on Friday, August 12th, to compete in a "Texas HOLD 'EM" poker tournament at the Deutscher Club.

Limited Space. \$50 Buy-in (no re-buys allowed). No new hands will be dealt after 11 PM.

A sign-up sheet will be at the bar. Payment is due at the time of sign-up. Registration closes on **August 10th, 2022**. **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 contact Rebecca Steen at (908) 337-9712 or Brian Daly at (908) 917-3939.*

CATERING SERVICE • Let us cater your private events.

An extensive catering menu is available on our website or from our own Chef Ewald.

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 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*

COMING SOON.....

Fahrt ins Blaue

(A Bus Ride into the Blue)

**Sunday,
September 4th
2022**



The Bus departs the Club at 10:30 AM and returns to the Club at 7:00 PM

First stop – Philadelphia, where we join our fellow German Club, the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein (CVV) in celebrating their 150th Anniversary. Join us for a day of German fun, food, refreshments and music by Mountain Xpress and die Spitzbuam, dances performed by the Almrausch Dancers, a demonstration of the Alt Weiber Mühle (Old Ladies Mill) and much more. For more information on the 150th Volksfest see the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein's Facebook page. We will meet at Deutscher Club at 9:30 AM for coffee and danishes and the bus will depart at 10:30 AM sharp. (Cost per person for transportation, admissions to the CVV park and refreshments on the bus is yet to be determined. Please keep an eye out for a separate message to the membership.) A sign-up sheet will be at the bar in mid-August (First come, first served. Limited seats are available (56-pax bus)).

THE BOOK CLUB

Dear All, Many thanks for your continuing support of our Book Group. Please note that because of dwindling attendance and the

diminished covid effect, I no longer plan to organize a zoom meeting. However, I can re-institute them at any time if interest increases or medical safety conditions warrant.



Tentatively (and based on club events), I plan to hold our next meeting on **Friday September 16 @ 7:30pm**. Location to be determined. I'll advise you further as we get closer to the date. The book we will read is: **Katharina: Deliverance by Margaret Skea**. This is another attempt to move away from WWII books. It is the first in the "Katharina Luther Series" and dramatizes the story of Martin Luther's wife up to the time of their marriage. If we like this book, I will consider reading the sequel, **Katharina: Fortitude** in the future. Here is the Amazon write-up of Katharina: Deliverance:

RUNNER-UP Historical Novel Society New Novel Award 2018

At five Katharina is placed in a convent. At twenty-three she escapes. At twenty-five she marries the most controversial man in Europe. This is her story - of courage, resilience in the face of adversity and a determination to choose her own life.

If you like your historical fiction to be absorbing, authentic, beautifully written and full of warmth and heart, this portrayal of Katharina von Bora, the escaped nun who married Martin Luther, is for you.

I wish you all a fun and healthy summer.

James Hockenberry

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN STEUBEN PARADE IN NEW YORK CITY

Saturday, September 17th, 2022



This year we celebrate the 65th German-American Steuben Parade in New York City. Established in 1957 with the first Steuben Parade held in Yorkville (known as Germantown), it celebrated German, Austrian, and Swiss-American heritage and culture and has grown into the largest event of its kind in the United States. Today, the parade continues to march up 5th Avenue to 86th Street, led by cadets representing the German Language

Club of the West Point Military Academy, founded by General von Steuben himself. The three-hour parade is filled with German groups wearing their traditional costumes, spectacular floats, marching bands, dancers, clubs, and organizations from across the United States, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Canada. (www.germanparadenyc.org)

DISPLAY YOUR DC PRIDE in New York City, down 5th Avenue in Blue and White • Traditional attire for members is white shirt/blouse, navy tie (for men), and navy trousers/skirt. Members once again, have the option of marching "in Tracht." Dirndl & Lederhosen are welcome. As the DC is one of the premier Clubs in New Jersey, it is important that we have a good showing at the parade.

BUS WILL DEPART from the Deutscher Club of Clark, beginning at 7:00 AM for the Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 9:00 AM and depart after the Mass (10:00 AM) for the Assembly area (68th Street between Madison & Park Avenues) - assembly time is 11:15 AM. A light Breakfast will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 AM. **BUSSES WILL DEPART** from New York to return to the DC following the parade at 4:00 PM, where a light dinner will be served.

ALL FORMER Miss Deutscher Club are invited to join us in the parade in Dirndl and Miss DC sash. We are proud to have you march with us and will reserve a special place for you.

Deutscher Club Steuben Parade Bus Trip Committee

Greetings Fellow Members! Come join us and bring your ideas to the **meeting of the organizing committee on Friday, 19 August 2022, at 7 PM, in the Ratskeller**. Thank-you for your support - *Birgit Maier*

Deutscher Club Goes Abroad

**TOUR OF THE CHRISTKINDLMARKTS
Nov 25 - Dec 6, 2022**

On the fence about joining this tour? Give the gift of travel! For tour details call (800) 438-7672.



Deutsche Ecke

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is the largest, leading, global, non-profit nature conservation organization in the USA, and is also active in over seventy countries, to advance conservation, with the vision to create a world where nature and people thrive. Facing the imminent global threat of climate change, the organization is working to prepare and protect cities with their population from its impact. One of the places where the TNC is actively involved is in Berlin, the capital of Germany. Berlin is about 785 years old and had to renew and reinvent itself many times throughout its history. Now it is in that position again, facing the problems of climate change. Last year catastrophic flooding and extreme heat waves threatened many Northern European countries. In inner-city areas of Berlin, it can be 48 degrees warmer than in its rural areas, making green spaces and rivers important retreats. Wilmersdorf, where soccer games once took place, recently had bleating sheep grazing in its formerly busy fields. The animals were part of a pilot project which TNC started in cooperation with the Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf Department of Nature Conservation. Originally the stadium was designed to hold 50,000 spectators in the mid-20th century (but it never hosted that many). In the 1990s its grandstands were removed and the exposed land at the side of the stadium became overgrown with invasive boxelder and weeds. It was experimental, but with help of the sheep, the area turned into an urban grassland - a habitat for nature and the people. A vineyard was also planted, where once the grandstands stood. In recent years beekeeping has become a popular city hobby. The Dom Aquaree, a busy inner-city shopping mall, has beehives on one of its roofs where a beekeeper tends to the hives and collects the honey. Along the former Berlin Wall, the ground has been turned into a nine-mile group of parks and meadows. Multifaceted and unique approaches are evident throughout Berlin. However, TNC is also very active here in NJ. In conjunction with the City of Newark, the Conservancy is launching "Project Greenprint", which tries to identify

places in the city with potential benefits where green infrastructure can be found. Newark has committed itself to enhanced tree plantings, 100 this Spring and Summer, and the TNC will match this plan. "Fair Street Green Street" is a project, if funded by stakeholders in Paterson, NJ and the TNC, will manage stormwater by capturing rainwater, which otherwise overtaxes the existing sewerage system. These restorations will benefit people and nature with improved water quality. If you are interested in supporting this organization, TNC will welcome your ideas, support, and contribution. Biodiversity is the goal! (The Nature Conservancy)



KLIMAWANDEL

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) ist die größte, führende, globale, gemeinnützige Naturschutzorganisation in den USA und ist auch in über siebzig Ländern aktiv, um den Naturschutz voranzubringen, mit der Vision, eine Welt zu schaffen, in der Natur und Menschen gedeihen. Infolge der unmittelbaren globalen Bedrohung durch

den Klimawandel arbeitet die Organisation daran, Städte mit ihrer Bevölkerung vor den Auswirkungen vorzubereiten und zu schützen. Eine der Städte, wo auch TNC sich aktiv engagiert, ist Berlin, die Hauptstadt Deutschlands. Berlin ist etwa 785 Jahre alt und musste sich in dieser Zeit im Laufe seiner Geschichte viele Male erneuern und neu erfinden. Jetzt ist es wieder in dieser Position und steht vor den Problemen des Klimawandels. Im vergangenen Jahr bedrohten katastrophale Überschwemmungen und extreme Hitzewellen viele nordeuropäische Länder. In Berliner Innenstadtbereichen kann es bis zu 9 Grad wärmer sein als im ländlichen Raum, daher sind Grünflächen und Flüsse wichtige Rückzugsorte. In Wilmersdorf, wo einst Fußballspiele stattfanden, weideten kürzlich blökende Schafe auf ehemals geschäftigen Feldern. Die Tiere waren Teil eines Pilotprojekts, das das TNC in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Amt für Naturschutz Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf gestartet hat. Ursprünglich sollte das Stadion Mitte des 20. Jahrhunderts 50.000 Zuschauer fassen (aber so viele hatte es nie). In den 1990er Jahren wurden die Tribünen entfernt und das freigelegte Gelände an der Seite des Stadions wurde mit invasivem Buchsbaum und Unkraut überwuchert. Es war experimentell, aber mit Hilfe der Schafe verwandelte sich das Gebiet in eine städtische Wiese – ein Lebensraum für Natur und Menschen. Auch wurde ein Weinberg gepflanzt, wo einst die Tribünen standen. In den letzten Jahren hat sich die Imkerei zu einem beliebten städtischen Hobby entwickelt. Das Dom Aquaree, ein geschäftiges Einkaufszentrum in der Innenstadt, hat auf einem seiner Dächer Bienenzucht, wo sich ein Imker um die Bienenstöcke kümmert und den Honig sammelt. Entlang

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der ehemaligen Berliner Mauer wurde das Gebiet in eine 14,5 km lange Gruppe von Parks und Wiesen verwandelt. Vielfältige und einzigartige Ansätze zeigen sich in ganz Berlin. Aber auch TNC ist hier in NJ sehr aktiv. In Zusammenarbeit mit der Stadt Newark startet die Conservancy das „Project Greenprint“, das versucht, Orte in der Stadt mit potenziellen Vorteilen zu identifizieren, wo grüne Infrastruktur gefunden werden kann. Newark hat sich verpflichtet, diesen Frühling und Sommer 100 neue Bäume zu pflanzen, und die TNC wird diesem Plan folgen. „Fair Street Green Street“ ist ein Projekt, das Interessengruppen in Paterson, NJ, mit TNC planen werden, wenn es finanziert wird, um Regenwasser zu verwalten und Regenwasser aufzufangen, das andernfalls das bestehende Abwassersystem überfordert. Diese Restaurierungen werden Mensch und Natur mit einer verbesserten Wasserqualität zugutekommen. Wenn Sie daran interessiert sind, diese Organisation zu unterstützen, freut sich The Nature Conservancy über Ihre Ideen, Ihre Unterstützung und Ihren Beitrag. Biodiversität ist das Ziel!

Barbara Oberding

Konrad Adenauer - Chancellor of West Germany

Konrad Adenauer was born in Cologne in 1876. Adenauer's father was a lawyer, and Konrad became a lawyer also after studying at the University of Freiburg, Munich, and Bonn. He became a member of the Cologne city council, and by 1917, Adenauer was Mayor of the city. Next, he was elected to the Provincial Diet (legislature). In 1920, Konrad Adenauer became the president of the Prussian State Council. Adenauer was responsible for many improvements in Cologne including the reestablishment of the university. When the Nazis came to power, he refused to cooperate, was arrested several times, and put out of office. In 1944, Adenauer was accused of involvement in the failed July bomb plot against Hitler and was sent to a concentration camp. After the war, the Americans restored Adenauer as mayor of Cologne, but the British removed him from office. By then he was active in the CDU party that he had helped found. On September 15,



1949, Konrad Adenauer became West Germany's first chancellor winning by one vote. As chancellor, he worked to strengthen Germany's foreign policy and especially ties to France and the US. He encouraged Germany's membership in NATO and the EEC (later European Union). He negotiated a compensation agreement with Israel in recognition of crimes against Jews by the Nazis. Lesser known is Adenauer's promotion and opening of the first public road for cars only between Cologne and Bonn in 1932. This was the beginning of the Autobahn. Today, that road is the Bundesautobahn (BAB) 555. Conrad Adenauer retired as chancellor of West Germany in 1963. He died in 1967 at age 91. Barbara Streit

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