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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – AUGUST / AUGUST 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, July has come and gone, but the heat remains. Hopefully everyone has been enjoying the summer so far. It was another busy month for our Club, and unfortunately not without some scars. The heavy storms of late June resulted in some damage to the Pavilion as well as the area behind the Pretzel Haus. We have been working diligently to get these repaired, and are still operating at full power, with some modifications. Thanks to the Tuesday Crew, as well as Peter Richter and Rod Schwarz for bringing their expertise to the repairs. We will also be doing some professional tree work coming up to hopefully avoid future damage from branches. The Mercedes and BMW Biergartens were held, and on behalf of the entire Vorstand, thank you to all of you who volunteered and came out to support the events, despite the weather. August also has a large slate of events. We start on August 3rd with our all day "Rock the Lot" Festival to cover the remaining balance on the parking lot project. After that, we have Country Night on August 9, a group outing to see the Somerset Patriots baseball game on the 11th, a Mexican Fiesta Member's in the Grove on August 17th, and our big American Classics Biergarten on the 23rd. While it isn't a Deutscher Club event, I hope to see a lot of our members on August 25th at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, for the Heino concert. I've had my tickets since they went on sale! There's been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to get this concert to happen, and I want to thank Gisela Lewis and Birgit Maier for everything they have done. Simply put, if it wasn't for them this show would not have happened. We will wrap up the month on August 30th for our next German State Dinner. I have a State in mind, but I have to make sure we can get Frankfurter Apfelwein (Äpfelwoi) (hint hint) before we finalize details, so keep your eyes on your emails. Speaking of emails, please pay attention when they come out for the link to volunteer at events. It's hard to believe that the next President's Message I write will already be discussing the Steuben Parade and Deutscher Tag. As always 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, der Juli ist vorbei, aber die Hitze bleibt. Hoffentlich hat jeder den Sommer bisher genossen. Es war ein weiterer arbeitsreicher Monat für unseren Club und leider nicht ohne Narben. Die Stürme Ende Juni haben einige Schäden am Pavillon, sowie im Bereich hinter dem Pretzel Haus verursacht. Wir haben fleißig daran gearbeitet diese zu reparieren und mit einigen Modifikationen arbeiten immer noch mit voller Leistung. Vielen Dank an die Tuesday Crew sowie an Peter Richter und Rod Schwarz für ihre Fachkenntnisse bei den Reparaturen. Wir werden auch einige professionelle Baumarbeiten durchführen, um hoffentlich zukünftige Schäden durch Äste zu vermeiden. Die Biergärten von Mercedes und BMW wurden abgehalten. Im Namen des gesamten Vorstands danke ich allen die sich freiwillig gemeldet haben und trotz des Wetters gekommen sind um die Veranstaltungen zu unterstützen. Auch im August gibt es eine große Liste an Veranstaltungen. Wir beginnen am 3. August mit unserem ganztägigen „Rock the Lot“ Festival, um die Restsumme für das Parkplatzprojekt zu decken. Danach haben wir am 9. August die „Country Night“ und am 11ten einen Gruppenausflug zum Baseballspiel der Somerset Patriots. Am 17. August veranstalten wir eine „Mexikanisches Fiesta“ Members in der Grove und am 23ten unseren großen American Classics Biergarten. Obwohl es keine Veranstaltung des Deutschen Clubs ist, hoffe ich viele unserer Mitglieder am 25. August im Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway beim Heino-Konzert zu sehen. Ich habe meine Eintrittskarten seit sie zum Kauf angeboten wurden! Hinter den Kulissen wurde viel gearbeitet um dieses Konzert zu ermöglichen. Ich möchte Gisela Lewis und Birgit Maier für ihren Einsatz danken. Einfach gesagt, ohne sie hätte diese Show nicht stattfinden koennen. Wir werden den Monat, am 30. August, mit unserem nächsten deutschen Bundesland-Essen abschließen. Ich habe ein Bundesland im Sinn, muss aber sicher machen dass wir Frankfurter Apfelwein (Äpfelwoi) bekommen koennen (kleiner Hinweis) bevor wir uns festlegen. Bitte halten Sie Ihre E-Mails im Auge. Apropos E-Mails: Achten Sie ebenfalls auf den Link über den Sie sich zur freiwilligen Arbeit bei Veranstaltungen melden können. Es ist kaum zu glauben, dass ich in der nächsten President's Message schon ueber Plaene fuer die Steuben Parade und den Deutschen Tag berichten werde. Wie immer danke ich Ihnen allen für die Unterstützung dieser Veranstaltungen, Ihre Besuche in der Bar und im Restaurant und Ihre Spenden an unseren Club. Ohne Sie wären wir als Club nicht so erfolgreich und lebendig. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Keith Rhyner

E-Mail: president@deutscherclub.us

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

president@deutscherclub.us • Messages to President, Keith Rhyner

events@deutscherclub.us • Inquiries: Open events/bands/Club events, Eric Zabel/Robert Dries, 1st & 2nd VP

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PROGRAMM FÜR AUGUST / AUGUST PROGRAM 2024

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

Thu 01	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Summer Recess
Fri 02	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	7:30 AM
Fri 02	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 03	Rock the Lot Concert * • Music by Better Late, Brother John & Mushmouth • Details on Page 6	2:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 04	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers	Summer Recess
Sun 04	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 07	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 08	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 09	Country Night * • Music by Scott Tracy • Details on Page 6	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Fri 09	Deutscher Stammtisch	Summer Recess
Sat 10	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 11	Frühschoppen	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 11	DC Baseball BBQ • Somerset Patriots v. Rumble Ponies • Details on Page 6	4:00 PM
Wed 14	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 14	Monthly Membership Meeting	Summer Recess
Thu 15	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 15	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!	6:30 PM
Thu 15	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • Details on Page 6	7:30 PM
Fri 16	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 17	Mexican Fiesta in the Grove † • Music by Tre Patterson • Details on Page 6	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 18	Frühschoppen	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 18	DC Ladies Division Meeting	Summer Recess
Wed 21	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 22	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 23	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	7:30 AM
Fri 23	American Classics Biergarten* • Music by Don Bitterlich & Hot Rod Mike • Details on Page 6	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sat 24	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 25	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 25	HEINO & His Band Back in America • UPAC Main Stage, Rahway (Tickets are \$39 pp / doors open at 4:00 PM) • Details on Page 7	5:00 PM
Wed 28	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 29	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 30	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 31	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM

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

Vorschau September / Preview September 2024

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Sun 01	HAPPY LABOR DAY! • Club will be Closed	Thu 19	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!
Thu 05	Entertainment Meeting	Fri 20	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society
Sat 07	Bayern Verein's Oktoberfest * • Music by Bernie's Orchestra	Sat 21	67th German-American Steuben Parade in NYC
Sun 08	Frühschoppen	Sun 22	Frühschoppen • Cancelled
Wed 11	Monthly Membership Meeting • Join us again after the Summer!	Sun 22	Deutscher Tag in Clark • Musikverein Ahausen (Lake Konstanz)
Thu 12	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business	Thu 26	Fall New Member Induction • Come to Welcome our New DC Members
Sat 14	Swing Night in the Grove • Bottle Hill Big Band	Fri 27	History Committee Meeting
Sun 15	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Pyramid Mountain Orange Trail Loop	Sat 28	Trivia Night • Exercise those Brain Cells and Assemble the Teams
Sun 15	Frühschoppen	Sun 29	Frühschoppen
Sun 15	DC Ladies Division Meeting		

Looking for that Special Gift?

Think DC
Gift Card
- Dinner
for Two

Cards
are available for
purchase at the
Bar.



KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members, **William Cunningham, Barry Gould, Tage Haun, Amy Hoffman, Martin Pettesch, Suzanna Polhamus, and Kevin Williams.**

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Erik Riedel, Brother to member **Jens Riedel.**

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

IN THE NEWS

DEUTSCHKLASSE



After a successful year of German studies, the DC 2024 Advanced Deutschklasse celebrates the last day of their course.

Photo: (L-R) Cristian Lupp, Renee Bruno, Karla Schwedt, William Chudzik, Bruce Schaefer, Glenn Miklencic, Joseph Braun, Susan Sexton, Charlie Baumann und Barry Kizmann. Seated in front: Sigrid Pagano & Barbara Oberding. Missing: Gregg Albrecht, Rosemarie Kolb, William Lages, Norman Link, and Tina Mohrmann.

UNSER NEUER OPA! (OUR NEW GRANDPA)

Congratulations to our Member and new Opa (Grandfather), Daniel Lomeli, on the arrival of his granddaughter, Lucia Noelle Giovanello,



born at 4:53am on June 25th, weighing 8lbs. Congratulations also to Lucia's parents, Samantha (Dan's daughter) and Alex Giovanello.

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

"Thanks go to Buzz and Kurt as well as their Planning and Fundraising Committee for all the hard work they've put into bringing this much needed project to fruition. On behalf of the Vorstand, we also would like to thank all of you who have donated to the project since last year, and we would also like to thank you for your patience during the repaving." *President – Keith Rhyner*



If you would still like to donate to the parking lot fund, we are accepting donations to replenish the funds taken for this large expenditure. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated and can be made online on the DC website under membership or checks may be mailed to the club addressed, "Attention Parking lot Fund."

Sincerely, Buzz Sawyer | Parking Lot Fundraising Committee

VOLUNTEER AT YOUR CLUB & EARN YOUR 10 HOURS ANNUALLY

- 1. Special Event Admissions** (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 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) -*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.*



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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.

Note - Some employers may reward your volunteer hours via a "Giving Fund" donation to your chosen charity. The Deutscher Club of Clark has a 501(c)(3), the NJ Deutscher Club Foundation, Inc. for the Walter Lehmann Scholarship Fund. If 501(c)(3) status is not required, you can donate to any of the categories listed on the Memorial Tribute Program page at the end of this newsletter. Refer to your HR department for details.

* If you are not receiving the Sign-up Genius or DC backup messages, please ensure we have your correct email address by sending it to events@deutscherclub.us. You can also send questions to signup@deutscherclub.us

PLEASE REMEMBER –

When in the Club ...



MAY WE TAKE YOUR ORDER?

Deutscher Club has Take-out!

Open to the Public!

Call in your order:

(732) 574-8600

Thursday, Friday,

Saturday • Orders are taken as of 4:15 PM

• Pick-up orders 4:45 – 7:00 PM • Check the Website at www.deutscherclub.us for the Menu



NOW HIRING: Waiters & Waitresses

Become a member of the DC Service Team! Interested in applying? Please call Deutscher Club Manager, Ewald Hollinger at (732) 574-8600.

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THE BIG RAFFLE RABBIT HAS RETURNED WITH TICKETS

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 up to \$5000 each - if all are sold. The drawing will take place on the night of our Silvester/New Years Eve Gala, **Tuesday, December 31st, at 9:00 PM** - you do not have to be present to win. Please support this fundraiser which benefits the Club's effort to pave the parking lot and driveway.



Ken Vogt, Trustee



ON SALE NOW!
DC GROVE TOUR T-SHIRT
"MEET ME IN THE GROVE!"

SOLID COLOR: S-XL	\$25
SOLID COLOR: XXL	\$27
TIE DYE: S-XL	\$30
TIE DYE: XXL	\$32

For Sale at the DC Merchandise Table at all Fests and Biergartens.

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MEMBERSHIP

2024 Membership Dues

Interviews for Prospective Members will begin in August and September. If you know anyone who you would like to sponsor for membership, please have them complete a membership application. Applications are available at the club in the manager's office, or an electronic version is available on the DC website.

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

LATE FEES BEGAN APRIL 1 • Late fees of \$40.00 plus membership dues are now due if you have not paid your 2024 dues.

Upon receipt of payment of dues, I will mail your 2024 membership card to the address on file. You may pay by, check, cash or credit card on the Deutscher Club website. <https://deutscherclub.us/membership>

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.

Enjoy your summer! Prost!

Buzz Sawyer, Membership

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee will be taking a **Summer Break in July & August** and will begin meeting again on the **first Thursday of the month in September, 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 earn 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, on the same day and time, with the Entertainment Committee to coordinate requirements for seasonal, holiday, and special events decorating. *Robert Dries*

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, Aug 2nd, & Aug 23rd!** 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 **Aug 2nd** (Rock the Lot), and **Aug 23rd** (American Classics Biergarten). The FUN begins at **7:30 AM.**



THE GARDEN COMMITTEE

Do you enjoy gardening? Do you have knowledge of plants and flowers? The garden committee would like your expertise! We need your help.



We will normally meet on **Saturday mornings** at the Club. Just look for Kurt Leithner, Barbara Maguire, or Buzz Sawyer. We will be maintaining the grounds, planting, pruning and planning for fall and spring cleanups. We welcome any new ideas for beautifying the DC grounds with plants and flowers, etc. (Another way to earn your ten (10) hours)

SKAT GAME

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



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

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.



Clothing Drive

We are placing this collection on temporary hold. *Thank you to all who have contributed to this worthwhile drive to date!*

THE SINGERS



SÄNGERCHOR NEWARK

The Sängerkhor Newark is the Deutscher Club's longstanding “in house” Men's Chorus (Männerchor) founded in 1925, and we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2025. We sing in both German and English, with both piano and accordion accompaniment. Singing with us is also a great way to learn and improve one's German language skills, and after our practices in the Club's Music Room upstairs, we have good fellowship over bier and Chef Ewald's sandwiches downstairs. Greg Scime, whom you may know from the Jazz am Freitag series, is our pianist and conductor while Tage Haun is our accordionist. We sing a full repertoire of classic German songs as well as more casual “Bier-Lieder” and Schlager Musik evergreen favorites. Our chorus meets **several Fridays**

a month starting at 8pm. Please contact our President Peter Volk at 908-938-9019 or 1st VP Glenn Fogarty at 732-259-8993 for more 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

Party Time! Have your bridal or baby showers, birthday and anniversary parties, graduations, even weddings at our Club. Contact our manager, Ewald, at manager@deutscherclub.us or call the clubhouse at (732) 574-8600



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ROCK THE LOT FEST

ON THE GROUNDS OF THE DEUTSCHER CLUB OF CLARK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024
2:00-10:00PM (RAIN OR SHINE)
\$15 COVER PP. (FREE PARKING)
-BETTER LATE
-BROTHER JOHN BROWN
-MUSHMOUTH
MUSIC* *DANCING* *FUN
FOOD AND BAR AT ADDITIONAL COST

No outside food, coolers or drinks allowed
 All proceeds to support the Deutscher Club Parking Lot Paving and Improvement Project



Deutscher Club of Clark PRESENTS

COUNTRY NIGHT

Friday August 9th • 5:00 PM-10:00 PM

Featuring **SCOTT TRACY**

MEMBERS \$5 WITH CARD
NON-MEMBERS \$10
 *GERMAN GRUB, GERMAN BEER, MUSIC MADE IN THE USA!
 *"BULLET BOOTS" MOBILE CUSTOM HAT BAR!

HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca
brian.mecca@gmail.com



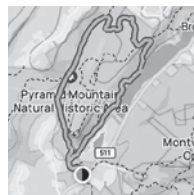
Hope that you are enjoying the summer, hope to see you at some of the events. Looking forward to seeing you in September!

We are planning our hikes for the 2nd 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 September 15th** 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. www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-jersey/pyramid-mountain-orange-trail-loop

www.morrisparks.net/parks_trails/pyramid-mountain-natural-historic-area/

Fall hikes are being planned for **October 13th, November 3rd, and December 8th**, mark your calendars for these future hikes.

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 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.



Deutscher Club

BASEBALL Night

MEMBERS: \$40
 GUESTS: \$45

SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST

RUMBLE POTIES VS PATRIOTS

TD BANK BALLPARK
 1 Patriots Park, Bridgewater, NJ

BUFFET: 4:00-5:30PM/FIRST PITCH: 5:05 PM

GAME TICKET • BBQ BUFFET • GROUP PICNIC AREA

NETWORKING MEETING

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




Deutscher Club

MEXICAN Fiesta

JOIN US IN THE GROVE !

AUGUST 17TH
5:00-10:00 PM

FOOD! | COCKTAILS! | MUSIC!

Music by Tre Patterson

Members With Cards Free
 Guests: \$5



THE ALL-AMERICAN CLASSICS BIERGARTEN AND CAR SHOW

"STAY CLASSY AND ELEGANT"

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD
5:00PM-10:00PM

MUSIC BY DON BITTERLICH AND HOT ROD MIKE

MEMBERS:FREE/NON-MEMBERS \$5
 (NO CARRIED IN FOOD OR BEVERAGES ALLOWED)

HEINO IN AMERIKA



Tickets are now on sale for the HEINO & Band Back in America concert on **Sunday, August 25, 2024**, at the Union County Performing Arts Center (UPAC) Main Stage in Rahway, 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ. General Admissions (no assigned seating) tickets cost **\$39** per person and are available on EVENTBRITE, www.eventbrite.com/d/united-states--new-jersey/heino/

HEINO & Band will also hold two concerts at venues in NY and PA:

► Plattduetsche Park, Franklin Square, NY, on Thursday, August 22, 2024. Please visit their website for details and ticketing information, www.parkrestaurant.com/german-events/

► Cannstatter Volksfest Verein, Philadelphia, PA, on Friday, August 23, 2024. Please visit their website for details and ticketing information, www.cannstatter.org/events/

For those tickets purchased on EVENTBRITE for the original concert, May 12, 2024, that was cancelled, they will **be honored** at the concert on **Sunday, August 25, 2024 at UPAC Main Stage, Rahway, NJ** or a **refund** can be requested through the Help Center on EVENTBRITE, www.eventbrite.com/help/en-us/articles/721549/can-i-get-a-refund/

COMING SOON.....



ASL SIGN CLASSES will be offered for Children and Adults in **mid-September**; an **8-week course for each class**. The classes will be held at Zion Lutheran Church of Clark, located at 559 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ.



Children's classes will be held on **Mondays, 5-6 PM**. Adult classes will be held on **Mondays, 7-8 PM**.

Please contact Dianne Fannell at correspondence@deutscherclub.us if interested.

The fees for both courses will depend on the number of people that sign up.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you, Dianne Fannell

HISTORY COMMITTEE



We will be taking a **Summer Break from July & August**. The next meeting of the History Committee will be held on **Friday, September 27, 2024**. Come join us! *This is yet another opportunity to earn your volunteer hours.* • If you are interested, please email correspondence@deutscherclub.us

► **The History Committee needs your help to find descendants of our Deutscher Club Founding Fathers who may be among our membership.** Anyone who may be related to any of the following founders please write to history@deutscherclub.us: Ludwig Gassmann, William Degenhardt, Hermann Klenner, Karl Kummer, Hugo Mueller, William Troebliker, Josef Rack, Anton Horling, Oscar Rodig, Bernhard Hitzler, or Louis Grubel.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Deutscher Club of Clark continues their long-standing tradition of supporting the blood supply for local hospitals in our area. Since the pandemic blood supplies have grown critically low. Corporate blood drives have collected dramatically low collection rates since many companies have changed from a five-day work week to a work from home or a modified home and office work week.

The Deutscher Club is on track with their



Saturday collection days. Our blood drives are supported by many and our collection rates in support of our local hospitals continue to increase. The Vorstand supports your Blood Drive with coffee and Bavarian jelly donuts for early donors and a light German lunch consisting of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad complete with a fresh roll. Of course, our collection service the **New York Blood Center (NYBC)** will always have water, juices and a full complement for pre and post donation snacks.

Mark your calendars and please notify your friends and relatives that the Deutscher Club of Clark is hosting another **Blood Drive**.

Saturday October 19, 2024, 8:00am – 2:00pm

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Saturday, November 2, 2024, 5:30-10 PM



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• Saturdays from 6:00 to 9:00 PM

• If you are dining with a larger group, reservations are recommended 732-574-8600

• Enjoy your dinner among members and friends!

Deutsche Ecke

ANGELA MERKEL

Ich verdiene meinen Lebensunterhalt damit, unterschätzt zu werden – Angela Merkel wird 70.

Angela Merkel, geborene Kasner, wurde am 17. Juli 1954 als ältestes von drei Kindern in Hamburg geboren. Ihr Vater Hans Kasner war lutherischer Pfarrer, ihre Mutter Herlind Lehrerin. Kurz nach ihrer Geburt zog die Familie nach Perleberg in der damaligen DDR, wo ihr Vater eine Gemeinde übernahm. Später zog die Familie nach Templin bei Ostberlin, Angela verbrachte dort den Rest ihrer Kindheit und ging dort 1961 bis 1973 zur Schule. Angela war eine begabte Schülerin und beendete die Schule als Klassenbeste. Von 1973 bis 1986 erwarb sie einen Bachelor-Abschluss in Physik und einen Dokortitel in Quantenchemie. Die folgenden drei Jahre arbeitete sie als Wissenschaftlerin für die Akademie der Wissenschaften der DDR. 1977 heiratete Angela ihren ersten Ehemann, Ulrich Merkel, und nahm seinen Namen an. Nach einer Scheidung heiratete sie 1998 ihren zweiten Ehemann Joachim Sauer und behielt den Namen aus ihrer ersten Ehe.

Bis 1989 engagierte sich Merkel nicht in der Politik. Dies änderte sich 1989 mit dem Fall der Berliner Mauer. Merkel wollte einen Wandel in Ostdeutschland und trat einer neuen Partei, dem „Demokratischen Aufbruch“ (DA) bei und wurde bald darauf Presse Sprecher. In Ostdeutschland fanden im März 1990 die ersten freien Wahlen statt. DA, ein Juniorpartner der siegreichen Koalition, nominierte Merkel als kommissarische Sprecherin der neuen Regierung. Die beiden frei gewählten deutschen Regierungen begannen bald Gespräche zur Vorbereitung der deutschen Wiedervereinigung. Am 3. Oktober 1990 war Deutschland wieder vereint und Merkel trat der Pressestelle der Regierung bei. Parallel dazu fusionierten DA und CDU, wodurch Merkel Mitglied der CDU wurde. Im Dezember 1990 fanden die ersten Bundestagswahlen des vereinten Deutschlands statt. Merkel nahm an dieser Wahl teil und gewann

das Bundestagsmandat für den Wahlkreis Stralsund. Zur Überraschung aller ernannte Helmut Kohl, der gewählte deutsche Bundeskanzler, Merkel zur Familienministerin und 1994 ernannte Kohl sie zur Umweltministerin. Nachdem die CDU die Wahl 1998 verloren hatte, arbeitete Merkel daran, ihren Einfluss in der Partei zu vergrößern. Sie kandidierte erfolgreich für das Amt des Generalsekretärs der Partei. Im Jahr 2000 wurde sie zur Parteivorsitzenden gewählt, im Jahr 2002 wurde sie Fraktionsvorsitzende der CDU im Bundestag. Darüber hinaus gewann sie die Nominierung ihrer Partei als Bundeskanzlerin für die Wahl in 2005. Bei der Wahl 2005 gewann die CDU die meisten Stimmen, benötigte jedoch einen Partner zur Regierungsbildung. Das starke Abschneiden ihrer Partei ermöglichte es Merkel, das Amt der Kanzlerin zu beanspruchen. Am 22. November 2005 wurde Angela Merkel als erste Bundeskanzlerin Deutschlands vereidigt und konnte sich anschließend die nächsten 16 Jahre an der Macht halten. Im Jahr 2021 verzichtete Merkel auf eine Kandidatur bei der Wahl 2021, sie war die erste deutsche Kanzlerin, die freiwillig in den Ruhestand ging. Am 07. Dezember 2021 schied Merkel endgültig aus dem Amt und der Politik aus. Während ihrer Amtszeit als Bundeskanzlerin meisterte sie viele Krisen erfolgreich, galt als inoffizielle Führerin der Europäischen Union, beeinflusste die Weltpolitik zum Besseren und steigerte den Ruf Deutschlands als führende Nation. Angela Merkels Erfolge und ihr 70. Geburtstag sind es wert gefeiert zu werden, egal wo man im politischen Spektrum steht.

ANGELA MERKEL

I make my living by being underestimated – Angela Merkel turns 70

Angela Merkel, nee Kasner was born in Hamburg on 17 July 1954 as the oldest of three children. Her father Hans Kasner was a Lutheran pastor, her mother Herlind a teacher. Shortly after her birth the family moved to Perleberg, in then East Germany where her father took over a congregation. Later the family moved to Templin near East Berlin where Angela spent the rest of her childhood and went to school from 1961 to 1973. Angela was a gifted student and finished school at the top of her class. From 1973 to 1986, she went on to earn an

undergraduate degree in physics and a PhD in quantum chemistry. For the following three years she worked as a scientist for the East German Academy of Science. In 1977, Angela married her first husband, Ulrich Merkel and took his name. After a divorce she married her second husband Joachim Sauer in 1998, keeping the name from her first marriage. Until 1989 Merkel was not involved in politics. This changed in 1989 with the Fall of the Berlin Wall. Merkel wanted a change in East Germany and joined a new party, the “Democratic Awakening” (DA) and was made press secretary soon after. East Germany had the first free elections in March 1990, DA, a junior partner of the winning coalition nominat-



ed Merkel as acting speaker for the new government. The two freely elected German governments soon started talks to prepare the reunification of Germany. By 03 October 1990, Germany was united again and Merkel joined the Government Press Office. At the same time, DA and CDU merged, making Merkel a member of the CDU. December 1990 saw the first federal election of the united Germany. Merkel participated in this election and won the Bundestag mandate for the

Stralsund voting district. To everyone's surprise, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor elect appointed Merkel as Secretary of Families and in 1994, Kohl appointed her as Secretary of Environment. After the CDU had lost the 1998 election, Merkel worked on increasing her influence in the party. She successfully ran for party secretary general. In 2000 she was elected as party leader, and in 2002 she became the minority party leader in the Bundestag. Not stopping there she won her party's nomination as candidate for chancellor for the 2005 election. In the 2005 election, the CDU won the most votes, however needed a partner to form the government. Her party's strong performance allowed Merkel to claim the position of chancellor. On 22 November 2005, Angela Merkel was sworn in as first female Chancellor of Germany, and then managed to stay in power for the next 16 years. In 2021 Merkel decided not to run in the 2021 election, she was the first German chancellor to voluntarily retire. On 07 December 2021 Merkel left the office and politics altogether. During her tenure as chancellor, she successfully mastered many crises, was considered the unofficial leader of the European Union, influenced world politics to the better and increased Germany's reputation as a leading nation. Angela Merkel's accomplishments and her 70th birthday are worth celebrating, no matter where one stands on the political spectrum.

— Martin Kohler



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KIRSTEN DUNST - ACTRESS

Kirsten Caroline Dunst was born in Point Pleasant, NJ in 1982 to Inez (Rupprecht) and Klaus Dunst. Dunst's father, from Hamburg, worked for Siemens as a medical services executive and her mother, a German Swedish American, was a flight attendant for Lufthansa and an artist. Dunst lived in Brick, NJ and attended the Ranney School in Tinton Falls until age 11. After her parents separated, she moved with her mother to Los Angeles. Dunst began her career in acting at age three in television commercials. These were followed by minor roles in Saturday Night Live as a granddaughter of George H.W. Bush, Oedipus Wrecks for Woody Allen, Bonfire of the Vanities and Star Trek: The Next Generation. Dunst gained recognition in 1994 when she played the child vampire Claudia in Interview with the Vampire opposite Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt for which she won the MTV Movie Award for Best Breakthrough Performance and a Golden Globe Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress. Among her many films are Jumanji, American Beauty, Spider-Man, Hidden Figures and The Power of the Dog. Kirsten Dunst is married to the actor Jesse Plemons and has two children. She is fluent in German and has German citizenship. Dunst continues to act, sing, direct, produce, and gather awards. In August 2019, Kirsten Dunst received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. —Barbara Streit



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