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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – DEZEMBER / DECEMBER 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, the Christmas season has arrived at the Deutscher Club! It certainly is my most favorite time of the year as the entertainment committee decks the clubhouse out in all the holiday trimmings. Such a festive time as we celebrate the season amongst family and friends. We have a full calendar of events for the season for both children and adults. The tree lighting starts the month off followed by the Christmas Gala, Carols by Candlelight, led by the Schwäbischer Sängerbund, the children's Christmas party and Christmas morning Frühschoppen. Throw in a full schedule of Germany FIFA World Cup games and we have a very full December Calendar. I hope you will join us for many of these events as we celebrate this festive season. The festival season has now come to an end as the Ladies Division had a very successful Christkindlmarkt, its first ever two-day event. Along with the assistance of a committee comprised of the Ladies and Club members, the event drew a record crowd and rave reviews from both vendors and the public. Even the freezing temperatures couldn't put a damper on the day's festivities as Glühwein sales hit an all-time high. As we close out another year, I am so thankful to you, our members. Your continued support of the Executive Board and club events is unending. It is you that makes this club what it is today. On behalf of the Officers and Trustees, I wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Christmas season.

Liebe Mitglieder, die Weihnachtszeit ist im Deutschen Club angekommen! Für mich die schönste Zeit des Jahres während das Unterhaltungskomitee das Clubhaus weihnachtlich schmückt. Diese festliche Saison lieben wir mit Familie und Freunden zu feiern. Der Club hat einen vollen Veranstaltungskalender für Kinder und Erwachsene bereit. Aufmarsch der Saison ist die Beleuchtung des Weihnachtsbaums am 2. Dezember, gefolgt von der Weihnachtsgala, Carols by Candlelight, aufgeführt vom Schwäbischen Sängerbund, der Kinderweihnachtsfeier und dem Frühschoppen am Weihnachtstagmorgen. Fügen Sie den vollen Zeitplan mit Spielen der deutschen FIFA-Weltmeisterschaft hinzu und Sie können sehen dass wir einen sehr vollen Dezemberkalender haben. Ich hoffe Sie werden an vielen dieser festlichen Veranstaltungen teilnehmen und mit uns feiern. Die Biergarten-Saison ist nun vorbei, beendet mit einem sehr erfolgreichen Christkindlmarkt der Damenabteilung, ihre erste zweitägige Veranstaltung. Mit der Unterstützung eines Komitees, das sich aus Damen und Clubmitgliedern zusammensetzte, zog die Veranstaltung eine Rekordanzahl von Zuschauern an mit begeisterten Kritiken, sowohl von Verkäufern als auch von der Öffentlichkeit. Selbst die eisigen Temperaturen konnten den Festlichkeiten des Tages keinen Dämpfer versetzen, denn die Glühweinverkäufe erreichten ein Allzeithoch. Zum Abschluss dieses Jahres bin ich Ihnen, unseren Mitgliedern, sehr dankbar. Ihre ununterbrochene Unterstützung des Vorstands und den Clubveranstaltungen ist endlos. Sie sind es, die diesen Club zu dem gemacht haben was er heute ist. Im Namen der Amtsträger und Treuhänder wünsche ich Ihnen und Ihren Familien eine sehr schöne und gesegnete Weihnachtszeit.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Eric Zabel

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PROGRAMM FÜR DEZEMBER / DECEMBER PROGRAM 2022

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

Thu 01	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 01	Entertainment Committee Meeting • Details on Page 5	6:30 PM
Fri 02	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 02	Christmas Tree Lighting • Music by Nick Conte	7:30 PM
Sat 03	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 03	Poker Cash Game • Details on Page 6	6:30 PM
Sun 04	Die Wandergruppe/The Hikers • Spring Lake Park South Plainfield • Details on Page 6	10:00 AM
Sun 04	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 04	Schwäbischer Sängerbund Christmas Concert • Details on Page 6	4:00 PM
Wed 07	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 08	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 09	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 09	Christmas Carols by Candlelight • The Schwäbischer Sängerbund • Details on Page 6	8:00 PM
Fri 09	Deutscher Stammtisch	No Meeting
Sat 10	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 11	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 14	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 14	Membership Meeting • Get the newest info on the Club!	7:00 PM
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	Christmas Gala • Music by Bernie's Orchestra • Details on Page 7	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 18	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 18	Children's Christmas Party • Come visit with Santa! • Details on Page 7	1:00 – 3:00 PM
Wed 21	Bar • Bar Food available	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Sun 21	DC Ladies' Division Christmas Party • Details on Page 7	5:30 PM
Thu 22	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 23	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 24	Christmas Eve • Frohe Weihnachten!	Club is Closed
Sun 25	Christmas Frühschoppen	10:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wed 28	Bar • Bar Food available	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	New Year's Eve Gala • Music by The Adlers • Details on Page 7	7:00 PM – 1:00 AM

* indicates event is open to the public

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Sun 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY • HAPPY NEW YEAR! • The Club will be Closed	Sun 15	Frühschoppen
Thu 05	Entertainment Committee Meeting • w/ Decorating Sub-Committee	Sun 15	Ladies Division Meeting • Program – Entertainment by Karickter Duo
Sun 08	Frühschoppen	Thu 19	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!
Sun 08	General Membership Meeting & Elections • Remember to Vote!	Fri 20	DC Book Club • All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Fri 13	Deutscher Stammtisch • Kommt und schwätzt a bissle!	Sun 22	Frühschoppen
Sun 15	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Lenape Park Cranford	Sun 29	Frühschoppen

Looking for that Special Gift?

Think DC
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- Dinner
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 members George Wankmueller, Christine and Magda Peterson and our DC Mixologist, Ellen Rusnak.

We mourn the passing of our members Sharon Bonigk, Elsie Gawryluk, mother of member John Gawryluk, and Ursula "Uschi" Junge, 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

87TH ANNIVERSARY GALA HAPPENINGS



Congratulations to our 25- and 50-year DC Members honored at this year's Anniversary Gala! (From L-R: Karl-Heinz Wagner, Henning von der Wroge, Karla Schwedt, Lillian Root, Irena Badzelewicz-Hartl, Guenter Heim, Eric Zabel – President, Brian Daly – 1st VP, and Patrick "Buzz" Sawyer – Membership Secretary.) We salute your continued dedication and support!



Congratulations to the Deutscher Club's 2022 Man & Woman of the Year Norman Link and Chrissy Daly-Buchok!



NICHOLAS, KRAMPUS, & DAS CHRISTKIND

Congratulations to the Deutscher Club's Ladies' Division and the entire Christkindlmarkt Committee for a very successful two-day event! We would also like to thank Ali and Rob Modrak and Miss Deutscher Club – Carolina Kircher for bringing us Krampus, Nicholas and Das Christkind to enchant the Grove and thrill our young visitors.



DIE WANDERGRUPPE AT JOCKEY HOLLOW, OCTOBER 23, 2022



JANUARY 8TH, 2023

Make a difference at the Deutscher Club. Let your voice be heard? Take part in the 2023 Elections at our General Meeting on Sunday, January 8th, 2023, at 2:00 PM!

Any DC member may make a nomination for an office no later than the conclusion of the **November 9th** Monthly Membership Meeting to allow sufficient time for the Nominating Committee to interview and screen such candidates. Any member who wishes to run for a position on the **Executive Board**, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (see below) to schedule an interview. **Nominating Committee** members:

Martha Kein, Chairperson (908) 625-7086
Alexandra Beinstein (908) 875-8664
Chrissy Daly (908) 327-0376
Cheryl Grimes (732) 754-0587
Tom Noble (848) 205-0944
Peter Richter (908) 447-2544
Karla Schwedt (908) 377-9126

Currently, all officers on the Board have confirmed that they will be running for re-election except for Michael Alexy, 2nd Vice President and Michael Saake, Financial Secretary. According to the recent amendments to the By Laws, Section V. D. 2. states, to efficiently transition to a two (2) year election term for all Executive Officer, (i) Effective as of the January 2023 Annual Membership Elections, all positions of the Executive Board with the exclusion of the President shall be up for election. The 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Membership Secretary shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2)

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years. Going forward, this shall be referred to as the "Odd Year Election Cycle". (ii) Effective as of the January 2024 Annual Membership Meeting Elections, the positions of President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary shall be elected to serve for a term of (2) years. Going forward, this shall be referred to as the "Even Year Election Cycle". The Trustee positions open for re-election are: one currently held by Suzanna Polhamus (3-yr term); one currently held by Annette Glorius (3-yr term).

Prior to the Elections, the Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates at the December Monthly Membership Meeting (**Wednesday, December 14th**). No additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time.

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*

FROM THE BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE

The Deutscher Club of Clark sponsors two blood drives annually. Our Spring 2023 Blood Drive will be Saturday March 25, and the Fall blood drive will be Saturday October 21, 2023. Mark the dates and continue to check the newsletter



Local and national blood supplies remain critically low. Besides our two blood drives VITALANT, RED CROSS and any major hospital system collect blood year-round in an effort to maintain blood for our everyday

requirements. Each day hospitals require blood for scheduled and emergency operations. Trauma patients require blood every day. Newborns and moms may need blood. Our hospitals must have a supply.

Collected blood only has a use-life of six weeks. After three weeks blood is less effective in delivering oxygen-rich cells through the body and is less able to flow through the body's smallest capillaries.

Let's all continue to support a much-needed blood supply. Donate when you can. We hope to see you **MARCH 25, 2023 8:00AM - 3:00PM**

Because of you and your donation many individuals were given the gift of life.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday season and look for the next Deutscher Club Blood Drive in March 2023 Monthly Bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

PLEASE REMEMBER -

When in the Club ...



SEEKING GRAPIC DESIGNER FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Our treasured graphic designer of the monthly Bulletin, Clara Baumann will be retiring her pen for greener pastures closer to family in December.



I would like to thank Clara for devoting her artistic talents in service to the Deutscher Club of Clark (DC) for more than six (6) years. Not only did she and her husband Robert regularly volunteer at the public events in the Grove in the Summer, but she publishes the newsletter taking my "sow's ear" and creating the "silk purse" you enjoy every month.

If you are interested in working on the monthly DC Bulletin (volunteer hours), please contact me at correspondence@deutscherclub.us. *Thank-you, Birgit Maier*

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

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



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.

NJ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

TRENTON - The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs announced that the application period for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)



is now open for residents across the state for the 2022-2023 heating season. The program helps low- and moderate-income households with their heating bills and provides emergency heating system services and emergency fuel assistance. As a result of increases in federal income limits, families with higher incomes are now able to apply and urged to do so.

Residents are also reminded that assistance is available for past-due energy, water, and/or sewer bills and encouraged to apply for assistance to cover these arrears. Eligible households can visit the DCAid portal at www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid to submit an application for assistance. The DCAid portal also checks to see what other benefits the applicant may qualify for. People who do not have access to computers or the internet can call 1-800-510-3102 to be directed to one of the community action agencies partnering with DCA to assist them with starting, completing, and submitting an application online. A list of the community organizations providing such assistance is available at www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/agencydirectorylist.html on the DCA website.

"Heating and energy costs are expected to increase this fall and winter for people across the nation, including New Jersey. This is why it is now more important than ever to apply for help to pay upcoming heating bills and to address past-due utility bills," said Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver, who serves as DCA Commissioner. "LIHEAP is not just for people with lower incomes. Moderate-income families are also eligible for assistance."

Reach out if you need assistance. DCA is here to help."

The LIHEAP application period began October 1, 2022 and will end June 30, 2023. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and assistance is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis so applicants should not wait to apply.

Members who wish to have a copy of this article in its entirety, please see Birgit Maier or email: correspondence@deutscherclub.us.

MEMBERSHIP

I am now accepting 2023 Dues. Upon receipt of payment of dues, I will mail your 2023 membership card(s) to the address on file.



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

The Rates for 2023 are:

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

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

Buzz Sawyer, Membership Secretary

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee meets on the **first Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM**, in the back corner of the dining room (by the piano). Do you have an idea for an event you would like to have at your Club? Do you have suggestions for making events better? Would you like a fun, easy way to perform your volunteer time for the Club? Join us! The **Decorating Sub-committee**, led by Carol Marquardt and Colleen Sawyer, works hand-in-hand with us to "dress up" the Club for every special event. They meet, same day and time, with the Entertainment Committee to coordinate requirements for seasonal, holiday, and special events decorating. *Mike Alexy*

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 na-



tional 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.



Clothing Drive

We are continuing our collection of clothing for the Battered Women's Shelter and the Working Poor Men's Shelter. • Fall and winter men's and women's clothing, as well as coats, gloves, hats, shoes, and boots, clean and in good repair, are being accepted by Suzanna Polhamus, Trustee. Contact Suzanna Polhamus at correspondence@deutscherclub.us.

PLEASE, no used undergarments or socks.



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



BALLROOM DANCE FOR BEGINNERS

As we near the end of the first edition of Ballroom Dancing Lessons for Beginners, we plan to offer this same class again in the new year. Imagine enjoying dinner at the Deutscher Club on a Thursday evening and then moving to the dance floor to learn to "trip the light fantastic." **Six (6) weekly one-hour classes from 7 - 8 PM** at the Deutscher Club (exact dates to be determined). We have a female and male instructor available to teach the basic steps of the Waltz, Fox Trot, and Cha Cha. Limited spots



are available as we prefer to keep the class to a maximum of twenty (20) people. The cost of the class will depend upon the number of students registered (a range between \$5 and \$10 per person per night). The class will not be held if a minimum of ten (10) students is not reached. Members who are interested must commit to all six (6) lessons (no refunds will be given). Members interested in joining the next Beginner Ballroom Dance class in **2023**, please send your name and contact information to correspondence@deutscherclub.us.

SÄNGER CHOR NEWARK

Attention All New DC Members

The Sängers Chor Newark is seeking new members. If you are a man, and you like to sing and have fun, come join us on **Friday nights at 8:00 PM** right here in the DC. We sing in English and German and don't worry we will help those who need help with both. Call Peter Volk at 908-938-9019 and check out our website at www.saengerchor.net If you like to sing in the shower, you'll love singing under the DC pavilion.



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



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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

WORLD CUP SOCCER AT THE DC

World Cup Group E - Thursday, December 1st, 2:00 PM, Costa Rica v. Germany

Bracket - Round of 16

- Monday, December 5th, 10 AM, 53 - **Winners of Group E** v. Runners-up of Group F
- Tuesday, December 6th, 10 AM, 55 - **Winners of Group F** v. **Runners-up of Group E**

Bracket Quarterfinals

- Friday, December 9th, 10 AM, 58 - **Winners of 53** v. **Winners of 54**
- Saturday, December 10th, 10 AM, 60 - **Winners of 55** v. **Winners of 56**

Bracket Semifinals

- Tuesday, December 13th, 2:00 PM, 61 - **Winners of 57** v. **Winners of 58**
- Wednesday, December 14th, 2:00 PM, 62 - **Winners of 59** v. **Winners of 60**

Bracket Third Place

- Saturday, December 17th, 10 AM, 63 - **Losers of 61** v. **Losers of 62**

Bracket - Final

- Sunday, December 18th, 10 AM, 64 - **Winners of 61** v. **Winners of 62**

The Clubhouse will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. The bar will be open and Chef Ewald will have an "Imbiss" (wursts, leberkäse, etc) available for members and their guests to purchase.

TOASTMASTERS OF WESTFIELD

Learn, Practice and Reinforce Communication, Public Speaking and Listening Techniques!

Toastmasters of Westfield, Part of International Group
Deutscher Club Member, Noel Crawford,
President of Toastmasters Group

MEETINGS: First Three Thursdays of each month

PLACE: Westfield Area YMCA

220 Clark St. Westfield

TIME: 7:30-9:30 pm

Guests Welcome!

For more information visit our website:
toastmastersofwestfield.com

POKER CASH GAME

Join us on **Saturday, December 3rd at 6:30 PM** in a Poker Cash Game at the Deutscher Club.

It is not a tournament. You can come and go at any time. You buy-in for up to \$30 as many times as you want. The chips are \$1 each and the blinds stay at \$1/\$2 all night.

No sign up necessary. Any questions please contact Rebecca Steen at (908) 337-9712 or Brian Daly at (908) 917-3939.



HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca

Contact: Die Wandergruppe

We are planning our hikes for the 1st half of 2023, if you have any suggestions, please share them with me.

On the day of the Hike, we meet at 9:50 AM 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 10:00 AM.** If you are running late, please call me so that we can make accommodations for you.

On **Sunday November 13th**, 15 of us hiked at the Great Swamp at the Environmental Education Center at Lord Stirling Park, 190 Lord Stirling Rd, Basking Ridge NJ.

On **Sunday December 4th**, we are planning a leisurely stroll around **Spring Lake Park in South Plainfield**, a 1.6-mile loop on paved paths, maybe do 2x around the park. For January 2023, we will be planning something close by, **Lenape Park in Cranford on Sunday January 15, 2023.** This is an all-paved walkway, and nice stroll. On **Sunday February 12, 2023**, we will be in **Clark at Oak Ridge Park**, this is fully paved, and mostly flat, the perimeter loop is 2.5 miles.



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..

SCHWÄBISCHER SÄNGERBUND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mixed Chorus • Music Director, Gregory Scimé • This is our 35th concert!

Sunday, December 4th at 4 PM in the Westfield Presbyterian Church, Mountain Avenue, Westfield

Ticket: \$20.00 donation. Available from the singers, or by ordering them from Julie - Phone: (908) 756-1313.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Mark your calendar • **Friday, December 9th, 8 PM** • The Schwäbischer Sängerbund will

perform Christmas Carols by Candlelight at the Deutscher Club • Dinner service will be available before the concert.



NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, December 15th, at 7:30 PM.** If you have a business, join us if you would like to make known your



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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 required** to Michael Fleyzor at mfleyzor@gmail.com or cell phone (732) 319-4886. Looking forward to hearing about your business. *Michael Fleyzor*

Christmas Gala

**Saturday, December 17th •
6 – 10:00 PM**

Music by Bernie's Orchestra

The night begins with a Cocktail Hour featuring a Buffet of Appetizers and an Open Bar.

MENU: SOUP •

Tomato Bisque w/Homemade Croutons ~ **SALAD •** Christmas Pomegranate Salad ~ **ENTRÉE •** PRIME RIB w/ Baked Potato and Vegetable – CHICKEN MARSALA w/Rice and Vegetable – BAKED COD & HERB BUTTER w/Rice and Vegetable – BAKED STUFFED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM w/Rice and Vegetable ~ **DESSERT •** Biscuit topped w/ Asbach Uralt Raspberries, Ice Cream and Whipped Cream

Tickets will be available for purchase at the Bar and are \$65 for members/\$70 for non-members. Payment is required to secure your Reservation. Dress Code: Cocktail



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18th • 1 – 3 PM

The party is open to children and grandchildren of our members (up to 8yrs of age).

■ Each parent is requested to bring a wrapped Christmas gift with their child's name on it, not to exceed \$20 in value • *Your child will receive the gift you bring.*

■ There will be games, prizes, and entertainment, refreshments • and possibly even a visit from Santa Claus, too!

**Frohe Weihnachten
Merry Christmas!**

P.S. Look for the box in the Lobby to register the children.



Ladies' Division Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 21st, at 5:30 PM

The DC Damenabteilung/Ladies' Division will hold their annual Christmas Dinner.

**Cocktails at 5:30 PM and
Dinner at 6:00 PM.**

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



NEW YEAR'S EVE Saturday, December 31st

7:00 PM Cocktail Hour • Open Bar w/a Selection of Light Fare available all Evening

MUSIC BY THE ADLERS

Tickets: Members \$95/Non-members \$100 • Gratuity included

Purchase your Tickets at the Bar. Payment is required to secure your Reservation. Dress Code: Cocktail



COMING SOON.....

THE BOOK CLUB

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



For January 2023: All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. Once

again, we move to World War II, but what a book! Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and a terrific read. An excerpt from Amazon's write-up:

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize* A New York Times Book Review Top Ten Book* A National Book Award Finalist

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Our next meeting will be on **Friday, January 20, 2023 @ 7:30 PM** in the Ratskeller.

I wish you all a fun and healthy rest of the year. If you have any suggestions or comments about the Book Group, please feel free to contact me.

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Die Weihnachtspyramide

Eine Weihnachtspyramide ist einer der beliebtesten Dekorationsartikel in der Weihnachtszeit. Der Ursprung dieser Pyramiden geht, wie so Vieles in Europa bis ins Mittelalter zurück, und ihr Anfang kam aus dem Erzgebirge, wo auch heute noch viele dieser Kunstwerke gebaut werden. In den dunklen Vorweihnachtstagen war es üblich immergrüne Zweigen und etwas mehr Licht ins Haus zu bringen. Kerzen halfen da mit extra Licht und das Grün aus der Natur erinnerte an die Tage des Frühlings und des Sommers. Da es im Winter keine Arbeit für die Bergleute gab, beschäftigten sie sich in den langen, dunklen Winterszeiten mit Schnitzereien, denn Holz gab es reichlich im Gebirge. Trotz grosser Armut, bekamen dann die Kinder auch Weihnachtsgeschenke. Traditionelle Volkskunst verfertigte ein Drehgestell um das Kerzen aufgestellt sind, deren warme Luft nach oben steigt und eine Art Propeller, ein Flügelrad, in zwei oder mehreren Etagen zum Drehen bringt. Die Drehung durch Kerzenwärme ist der Fördertechnik von Schachtanlagen im erzgebirgischen Bergbau entnommen. Diese Kunstarbeiten wurden dann von den Herstellern mit grossem Erfolg verkauft. Auch heute noch sind diese Weihnachtspyramiden sehr begehrt und dienen in vielen Heimen als weihnachtliche Dekorationen. Die kleinen Pyramiden sehen magisch aus, wenn mit der Wärme der Kerzen die Figuren langsam in Bewegung kommen und sich im Kreis drehen. Nicht nur sind diese Pyramiden für das Heim gedacht, in manchen Dörfern und Städten erscheinen sie als Prunkstück, riesengross, in der Mitte des Marktplatzes, auf dem Weihnachtsmarkt zur Adventszeit, was in letzter Zeit eine grosse Attraktion für die Touristen wurde. Durch die Erscheinung in ca. 1830 von Kerosin, dass das Rapsöl der Kerzen ersetzte, konnten die Drehscheiben in grösserem Mass mit Motoren gebaut werden. Meterhohe bewegte Weihnachtspyramiden gibt es inzwischen weltweit, allein in Deutschland, mehr als vierhundert. Die Karussellen stellen Krippenfiguren, biblische Tableaus und Weihnachtsfiguren wie Engel auf den verschiedenen Etagen dar. Ursprünglich wurden Im 18.Jahrhundert in Deutschland,

Italien, England und in den USA die Weihnachtspyramiden an der Decke befestigt. Diese Deckenpyramiden sind auch heute noch erhältlich für Haushalte mit wenig Platz oder kleinen Kindern und Tieren. Auf jeden Fall kann eine Weihnachtspyramide Ihre Advents- und Weihnachtszeit verschönern.



The Christmas Pyramid

A Christmas pyramid is one of the most popular decorative items at Christmas time. The origin of these pyramids, like so much in Europe, goes back to the Middle Ages, and their beginnings came from the Ore Mountains, where many of these works of art are still built today. In the dark days leading up to Christmas, it was customary to bring evergreen branches and a bit more light into the house. Candles helped with extra light and the green from nature reminded one of the days of spring and summer. Since there was no work for the miners in winter, they occupied themselves with carving during the long, dark winter months, for wood was plentiful in the mountains. Despite the great poverty, the children also got Christmas presents. Traditional folk art made a rotary stand around which candles are placed, the warm air from which rises and makes a kind of propeller, an impeller, rotate in two or more tiers. The rotation by candle heat is taken from the conveyor technology of shaft systems in mining in the Ore Mountains. These works of art were then sold by the manufacturers with great success. Even today, these Christmas pyramids are very popular and serve as Christmas decorations in many homes. The small pyramids look magical when, with the warmth of the candles, the figures slowly start to move and turn in circles. Not only are these pyramids intended for the home, in some villages and towns they appear as a showpiece, gigantic, in the middle of the market square, at the Christmas market during Advent, which

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has recently become a major attraction for tourists. With the introduction of kerosene in the 1830s, replacing rapeseed oil in candles, turntables could be built on a larger scale with motors. Meter-high Christmas Pyramids can be found worldwide, with more than four hundred in Germany alone. The carousels display nativity figures, biblical tableaux, and Christmas figures such as angels on the various levels. In the 18th century in Germany, Italy, England and the USA, the Christmas pyramids were originally attached to the ceiling. These ceiling pyramids are still available today for homes with limited space or small children and pets. In any case, a Christmas pyramid can enhance your Advent and Christmas season.

~Barbara Oberding

Charles Feltman – Hot Dogs

Charles Feltman was born in Germany in 1841. In 1856, Feltman came to New York City where he put his knowledge of baking to use. By 1867, he had established his own bakery, and used a



pushcart to deliver his baked goods to Brooklyn customers. Coney Island beaches were popular where streets were lined with saloons and hotels. The demand for Feltman's baked goods was strong. Feltman realized an opportunity. He had knowledge of frankfurters from his homeland, so he outfitted his pushcart with a charcoal heater to warm his sausages, added assorted breads to his cart, and pushed his wagon along the sand dunes to sell to the beach goers. In 1864, Feltman came up with the idea of inserting a frankfurter into a specially elongated bun. This food could be held in your hand while on the beach, on a carousel, or taking a stroll on the street. Feltman named his new food creation "Coney Island red hots". The red hot became all the rage. In the first year 3,700 sausage sandwiches were sold. Each year sales increased, and soon the sandwiches were referred to as "hot dogs", possibly due to their resemblance to the German dachshund dog. Feltman, and later his sons, increased his business to include nine restaurants, a roller coaster, a carousel, a ballroom, an outdoor theater, a hotel, a beer garden, a bathhouse, a pavilion, a Tyrolean village, two huge bars, and a maple garden. By the 1920's Feltman's Ocean Pavilion served 5 million customers a year. One of Feltman's workers was a man named Nathan Handwerker, who in 1916 started his own hot dog business a few blocks away. Nathan charged less than Feltman's for a hot dog. Nathan's business also received an unexpected boost when a new subway stop was installed across the street. Charles Feltman's family sold the business in the 1940's. In 1962, the property became Astroland Park. One of Feltman's original kitchens remained until 2010 when everything was demolished.

~Barbara Streit

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