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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – JULI / JULY 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, Festival Season has begun! Before we get to that though, there were plenty of other events in May. We started out with a Kentucky Derby party that was well attended, with plenty of members dressed for Kentucky Downs as well as some special themed drinks at the bar. On the 11th we held a 1950's Sock Hop with the music of James Barba. Again, attendance was high, and our members were dressed for the occasion, especially the greasers and the Pink Ladies! The Purple People Eater was also on hand to encourage all of us to buy our Big Raffle tickets. We celebrated Mother's Day on the 12th with over 100 members and guests in attendance and were entertained by Joey V. On the 17th, the Whiskey Club convened for the first time in the Ratskeller to enjoy some libations while discussing the differences in distilling methods from distiller to distiller and as well as country to country. We kicked off the Fest season with Frühlingsfest on the 19th with entertainment by Pennsylvania's own Joe Kroboth, who put on a great show as always. Thanks to everyone who attended and also to all the volunteers who, as always, are the ones who make these events work. There are a lot of members who volunteer behind the scenes making sure everything is ready for our events, and although their names might not appear on SignUp Genius, the Vorstand recognizes and appreciates the work! The new sound system installed throughout the Grove and Festhalle by Rick Myers has really brought our entertainment to another level. On Memorial Day, we marched as a Club in the Clark Parade to honor those servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Thanks to everyone who attended the parade. Looking forward to June, we have a Whiskey bus trip to Hudson Whiskey Distillery in New York, on the 1st. Our first Biergarten of the season on June 7th will feature Volkswagen and music by Don Bitterlich. On June 14th we will hold the third German State Dinner night, featuring Saxony. On the 16th we have our annual Waldfest with music by The Adlers and we will wrap up on the 22nd with our first Member's in the Grove night featuring the popular "Build Your Own Burger" bar. Please volunteer at our public events whenever you can, we simply could not hold our public events without you. As always, a big thank you to all of you for supporting these events, patronizing the bar and restaurant, and donating to our Club. Without you, we wouldn't be as successful and as vibrant of a Club as we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, wie immer war der Juni ein weiterer arbeitsreicher Monat in unserem Club. Wir begannen mit einer Busreise zur Hudson Distillery in New York, wo wir etwas über die Herstellung von Bourbon und, noch wichtiger, über die Bourbonverkostung lernten. Danke an Alex Nowak für die Organisation dieser Reise. Am 7ten veranstalteten wir unseren ersten Biergarten der Saison. VWs wurden dabei vorgestellt und Don Bitterlich sorgte fuer die musikalische Unterhaltung. Das Wetter war großartig und der Grove war voll mit Gaesten. Am 14ten veranstalteten wir unser drittes deutsches Staatsessen, dabei wurde das Bundesland Sachsen vorgestellt. Es war wiederum eine gut besuchte Veranstaltung. Chefkoch Ewald servierte Spezialitäten aus dieser Region, die allen schmeckten. Danke an Irma Gahan und Bill Meixner, die ihre Kollektionen von Gegenständen aus Sachsen ausstellten. Am 16ten feierten wir das Waldfest, der Grove und die Festhalle waren voll und wir hatten wieder einmal wunderschönes Wetter für diese Veranstaltung. Die Adlers boten eine unterhaltsame Show und alle Teilnehmer genossen den Tag. Herzlichen Glückwunsch an unsere neue Miss Deutscher Club, Elizabeth Compton! Wir möchten uns auch bei unserer scheidenden Miss Deutscher Club, Anna Sophia Hallenbeck, für ihre harte Arbeit im vergangenen Jahr bedanken. Ebenfalls vielen Dank an Chrissy Daly und ihr gesamtes Komitee. Bei diesem Anlass haben wir die Empfänger des Karl-Kummer-Stipendiums bekannt gegeben. Herzlichen Glückwunsch an Lukas Niehues und Elisabeth Husveth. Am 22. Juni wurde der alljährliche Mitgliederabend im Grove abgehalten, an dem die beliebte Build your Burger-Bar angeboten war. Wir freuen uns auf den Juli, denn wir haben unseren Mercedes-Biergarten am 12ten, den Mitgliederabend im Grove am 20igsten, und den BMW-Biergarten am 26igsten. Bitte helfen Sie freiwillig bei unseren öffentlichen Veranstaltungen, wann immer Sie können, denn ohne Sie könnten wir sie nicht abhalten. Wenn Sie diese Nachricht erhalten wird unser Projekt zur Neuasphaltierung unseres Parkplatzes abgeschlossen sein. Ich möchte Buzz und Kurt sowie ihrem Planungs- und Fundraising-Komitee für die geleistete harte Arbeit danken dieses dringend notwendige Projekt zu verwirklichen. Im Namen des Vorstandes möchten wir uns bei allen bedanken, die seit letztem Jahr für das Projekt gespendet haben. Auch moechten wir uns bei Ihnen für Ihre Geduld während der Sanierung bedanken. Zu dieser Jahreszeit läuft das Geschäft in unserem Club traditionell langsamer. Bitte kommen Sie vorbei und besuchen Sie das Restaurant und die Bar. Wenn Sie demnächst Familienfeiern planen, denken Sie darüber nach diese im DC abzuhalten. Es sind noch Plätze zur Reservierung frei. Wie immer möchten wir uns bei Ihnen allen für die Unterstützung der Veranstaltungen, die Besuche der Bar und des Restaurants, und Ihre Spenden an unseren Club bedanken. Ohne Sie wäre unser Club nicht so aktiv und erfolgreich. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR JULI / JULY PROGRAM 2024

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

Wed 03	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 04	HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!	Club is Closed
Thu 04	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Summer Recess
Fri 05	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 06	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 07	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers	Summer Recess
Sun 07	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 10	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 10	Monthly Membership Meeting	Summer Recess
Thu 11	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 11	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • Details on Page 6	7:30 PM
Fri 12	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	8:00 AM
Fri 12	Mercedes Biergarten* • Music by Marie & John • Details on Page 7	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Fri 12	Deutscher Stammtisch	Summer Recess
Sat 13	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 14	Frühschoppen	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 17	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 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	DC Book Club • “The Marsh King’s Daughter,” by Karen Dionne • Details on Page 6	7:30 PM
Sat 20	Members Night in the Grove † • Music by Mike Montemurro • Details on Page 7	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 23	Frühschoppen	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 21	DC Ladies Division Meeting	Summer Recess
Wed 24	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 25	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 26	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	8:00 AM
Fri 26	BMW Biergarten* • Music by Robbie Lawrence	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sat 27	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 28	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 31	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM

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Thu 01	Entertainment Meeting • Summer Recess	Welcome!	
Fri 02	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	Sat 17	Mexican Fiesta in the Grove † • Music by Tre Patterson
Sat 03	Rock the Lot Fundraiser* • Music by Better Late, Brother John & Mushroom	Sun 18	Frühschoppen
Sun 04	Frühschoppen	Sun 18	DC Ladies Division Meeting • Summer Recess
Wed 07	Monthly Membership Meeting • Summer Recess	Fri 23	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society
Thu 08	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business	Fri 23	American Classics Biergarten* • Music by Don Bitterlich & Hot Rod Mike
Fri 09	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	Sun 25	Frühschoppen
Fri 09	Country Night* • Music by Scott Tracy	Sun 25	HEINO & His Band America Tour • UPAC Main Stage, Rahway, NJ
Fri 09	Deutscher Stammtisch • Summer Recess	Fri 30	German State Dinner Series • Featured State to Be Determined
Sun 11	Frühschoppen		
Thu 15	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are		

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

Looking for that Special Gift?

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- 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, **Mariann Brenner, Annette Glorius, Dan Kaiser, and Martin Pettesch.**

We mourn the passing of our members, **Pauline "Pia" Adam, Claire Armbruster, George Kay, Walter and Halina Poesl, and Hannelore Reilly,** and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Kevin Raymond Lynch, Brother-in-Law to members **Paul and Marie Zissler.**

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

IN THE NEWS

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



▲ On Monday, May 27, 2024, members of the Deutscher Club of Clark proudly marched down Westfield Avenue in the Clark Township Memorial Day Parade.

► Miss Deutscher Club 2023, **Anna Sophia Hallenbeck** with her entourage – Chauffeur, John Carroll; front passenger – Marga Senger; rear right passenger – Martha Kepes; and rear left passenger – Irene Zehetleitner. Thank you to Ehrenpräsident, Chris Wagner for the use of his convertible.



MISS DEUTSCHER CLUB 2024



Congratulations and Best Wishes to our new Miss Deutscher Club 2024/2025, **Elizabeth Compton**, who was crowned at Waldfest/Father's Day Picnic on Sunday, June 16, 2024.

◀ Elizabeth "ZiZi" Compton is the daughter of members, Gerald and Greta Compton.

► Photo (L-R) – Miss DC 2024, Elizabeth Compton; Miss DC 2023, Anna Hallenbeck; Miss German-America, Isabella Caico; and Miss DC 2008, Chrissy Daly (Chair of the Miss DC Committee)



MISS DEUTSCHER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to **Miss Anna Sophia Hallenbeck** who received the Miss Deutscher Club Scholarship, on Sunday, June 16, 2024.

A well-deserved Award for an exemplary year as Official Representative of the Deutscher Club of Clark at public events both at the Club and in the community.

Thank you for setting the example for our future generations!

2024 KARL KUMMER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Karl Kummer Scholarship Fund (named after the first President of the "Deutscher Club of Rahway" (now Clark)) presents a cash award annually to a qualified New Jersey student who is pursuing higher education at a College/University after High School or who is currently enrolled in a College/University. This year's award was \$1500.



▲ Photo (L-R) – 1st VP Eric Zabel, Scholarship Committee Chair Sigrig Pagano, President Keith Rhyner, Scholarship Winner Elisabeth Husveth, 2nd VP Bob Dries, Birgit Maier, Scholarship Winner Lukas Niehues, Roswitha Burkert.

Congratulations to Ms. Elisabeth Husveth (daughter and granddaughter of DC Members, Krista Larsen and Barbara Oberding) one of two recipients of the Karl Kummer Scholarship. Ms. Husveth

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

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distinguished herself with high academic and diverse extramural achievements while attending Summit High School in Summit, NJ, where she received Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude Honors three years in a row. Characterized as “a talented and imaginative creator,” she has demonstrated her virtuosity in creative writing, visual arts and theater, which she no doubt will continue to hone as she begins her undergraduate studies at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City this year.



Congratulations to Mr. Lukas Niehues (son of DC Member, Karsten Niehues and Dr. Sabine Warschburger) one of two recipients of the Karl Kummer Scholarship.



Mr. Niehues distinguished himself with high academic and diverse extramural achievements while attending the United Nations International School and completing his first year at DePaul University in Chicago, IL, where he is majoring both in German Studies and Filmmaking. Mr. Niehues works at the DANK Haus – German American Cultural Center in Chicago as a teaching assistant to sharpen his German language skills, in hopes of studying abroad for a semester in Germany or Austria.

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

By the time you are reading this our parking lot will have been milled, paved, re-stripped and our rear gravel lot will have been refurbished.

Thank you for all you have donated to the parking lot project!

If you would still like to donate to the park-

ing 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 Fund Raising Committee**



PLEASE REMEMBER –

When in the Club ...



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.



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

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.*

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

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.*

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

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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*



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

MEMBERSHIP

2024 Membership Dues

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 lates 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 mem-*

bership will be revoked if dues are not paid.

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

Sincerely, 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*

LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

The Ladies Division had its last meeting before summer break. We enjoyed a representative from the "Seeing Eye" Foundation along with the puppy she is training to be a guide dog for the blind. A very worthy organization.



There will be no meetings in July & August.

The Ladies are having a bus trip planned for **September 10, 2024** to the **Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA**, where **DANIEL** will be playing. We still have a few seats available. The cost is **\$150/PP** which includes the bus, the theater ticket and a Smorgasbord lunch. If interested, call our Treasurer, Sigrid Pagano at 908-687-7449.

Also, if anyone has any Trachten (dirndls, lederhosen, etc.) they would like to donate, please see any of our Ladies Division mem-

bers. This is a very popular item we sell at the Christkindmarkt.

Enjoy your summer and the Club's events in the Grove! *Carol Marquardt, President*

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, July 12th & July 26th!** 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 **July 12th** (Mercedes-Biergarten), and **July 26th** (BMW-Biergarten). The FUN begins at **8:00 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)



Clothing Drive

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

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.



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.



THE SINGERS



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

HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca
brian.mecca@gmail.com



Taking the Summer off, see 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, June 9th**, 7 of us enjoyed the beautiful weather (after the brief rain just prior



to the start, it turned Sunny and was in the mid 60's) and hiked at nearby Watchung Reservation. We hiked 4.5 miles in 2:03, while doing a 433-elevation gain. It was an exhilarating hike through the forest, crossing the blue brook 2 times and a brief rest stop at the Trailside Museum.

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

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.

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, July 11, at 7:30 PM**. If you have a business, join us if you would like to make known your business to our Deutscher Club Networking Group. Members and guests will have time to talk about their business. There will be a business card and/or a brochure exchange. If there is a topic you want to focus on in a future meeting, let me know. **RSVP required** to Michael Fleyzor at mfleyzor@gmail.com or cell phone (732) 319-4886. Looking forward to hearing about your business. *Michael Fleyzor*



THE BOOK CLUB

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



The next meeting of our Book Group will be **Friday July 19, 2024, at 7:30pm**, most likely outside. We may have to reschedule if this date conflicts with something else happening that night at the Club.

The book we will read is *The Marsh King's Daughter*. This is a gripping read and has received worldwide praise. It has sold 10s of millions of books in over 20 languages. It is set in the Upper Michigan and unlike our other books Marsh King does not have a German theme. More and more, I am emphasizing books that are great reads over those with just a German theme though that will continue to be our main focus.

Amazon Description of *The Marsh King's Daughter*:

The Marsh King's Daughter is the mesmerizing tale of a woman who must risk everything to hunt down the dangerous man who shaped her past and threatens to steal her future: her own father. Helena Pelletier has a loving husband, two beautiful daughters, and a business that fills her days. But she also has a secret: she is the product of an abduction. Her mother was kidnapped as a teenager by her father and kept in a remote cabin in the marshlands of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Helena, born two years after the abduction, loved her home in nature, and despite her father's sometimes brutal behavior, she loved him, too...until she learned precisely how savage he could be. More than twenty years later, she has buried her past so soundly that even her husband doesn't know the

truth. But now her father has killed two guards, escaped from prison, and disappeared into the marsh. The police begin a manhunt, but Helena knows they don't stand a chance. Knows that only one person has the skills to find the survivalist the world calls the Marsh King—because only one person was ever trained by him: his daughter.

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

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



Mercedes-Benz Biergarten
JULY 12, 2024
5:00-10:00 PM
FOOD! DRINKS! DANCING!
 MEMBERS: FREE/NON-MEMBERS: \$5
 (NO CARRIED IN BEVERAGES OR FOOD ALLOWED)
 MUSIC BY: ROBBIE LAWRENCE
 CLASSIC CARS ON DISPLAY!



Members Night
In The Grove
SATURDAY, JULY 20TH
5:00-10:00 PM
 DRINKS, FOOD AND MUSIC UNDER THE STARS
 GUITAR AND VOCALS BY
 MIKE MONTEMURRO



Bmw Biergarten
JULY 26, 2024
5:00-10:00 PM
FOOD! DRINKS! DANCING!
 MEMBERS: FREE/NON-MEMBERS: \$5
 (NO CARRIED IN BEVERAGES OR FOOD ALLOWED)
 MUSIC BY: MARIE AND JOHN
 CLASSIC BMW CARS ON DISPLAY!

COMING SOON.....



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)
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► **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.*

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Deutsche Ecke



HALLSTATT, ÖSTERREICH

Für Touristen, egal ob Europäer oder andere Besucher, ist Hallstatt eine sehr begehrte Stadt in den Alpen Österreichs. Am gleichnamigen Hallstätter See liegt das Städtchen mit etwa 800 Einwohnern und ist außergewöhnlich klein : nur 7.5 km lang und 1.4 km breit, und so altertümlich charmant. Die Häuser schmiegen sich aneinander wie Sardinen in einer Dose, von Seeufer und Alpen Felsen eingerahmt, und für Autoverkehr ist in der Stadt kein Platz, ganz besonders wenn man liest, dass letztes Jahr allein, beinahe eine Million Touristen Hallstatt mit tausenden Bussen und anderen Verkehrsmitteln überfluteten. Und was ist diese große Anziehungskraft, die so viele Touristen nach Hallstatt zieht? Schon seit 25 Jahren ist die Region Hallstatt-Dachstein/Salzkammergut Weltkulturerbe gebührend des 7.000 jährigen Salzabbaus, das älteste Salzbergwerk der Welt mit Salzgewinnung bis zu dieser Zeit. Die Vorsilbe "Hall" bedeutet Salz und Salz ist auch als das "weisse Gold" bekannt. Funde aus der Bronzezeit, (800-400 BC) die von Bergleuten ausgegraben wurden, einschließlich des äußerst gut erhaltenen Körpers eines Bergmannes aus jener Zeit, mit anderen Funden aus vorrömischer Zeit, sowie die Modernisierung der Schacht Besuche haben alle dazu beigetragen, die kleine, bildhübsche Stadt zur Weltmetropole der Touristen zu machen. Eine Tour in das heutige, moderne Salzbergwerk bietet den Besuchern ein sehr interessantes Erlebnis. Die Salzbergbahn fördert die Besucher 350 m hoch auf den Berg, wo ein Skywalk (74m lang) eine panoramische, herrliche Aussicht über die ganze Stadt bietet. Um in das Innere des Berges zu kommen, ziehen die Besucher eine Schutzkleidung (mit Ledersitz) an und 8-10 Personen reihen sich hintereinander sitzend auf einem glatten Balken--Rutsche--genannt, und fahren so in schnellem Tempo, wie in alten Zeiten die Bergleute, in die Tiefe des Berges, (die längste Rutsche ist 64 m). Dort besichtigen sie das Innere der Salzwände, Salzseen und Museumsgegen-

stände. Eine kleine Zahnradbahn führt die Touristen unten vom Berg, wo man an einem Kiosk verschiedene Salz-Souvenirs erhalten kann. Ein wirklich herrliches Familienlebnis, das mit einem Besuch in der Salzburger Gegend verbunden werden sollte. Zu anderen interessanten Sehenswürdigkeiten in Hallstatt gehört auch das Beinhaus(Charnel House) in der Michaelskapelle, neben der Pfarrkirche. Raum, Platz, Land ist schon seit hunderten von Jahren eine Rarität in Hallstatt. Schon seit dem 12. Jahrhundert war wenig Platz für Familien, ihre Toten zu beerdigen. Wenn es keinen Platz mehr für die Leichen gab, wurden sie vom Grab zum Beinhaus gebracht und dann später wurden nur die Schädel aufgehoben. Wunderbare, künstlerische Malereien zeugen von der Tradition vieler Jahre. Die meisten Schädel wurden im 18.Jahrhundert künstlerisch dekoriert, viele haben den Namen des Verstorbenen auf der Stirn zur Erkennung des Verstorbenen und sogar heute noch wird dieser Brauch in Hallstatt fortgesetzt. Forschung zeigt, dass zwischen 1948-1950, 2104 Totenschädel, bemalt und unbemalt dokumentiert wurden. Vor 1900 zeigte das Kirchenregister ungefähr 30.000 Tote, also sind die neueren Daten nur ein kleiner Teil der Verstorbenen. Mit seiner märchenhaften Umgebung und historischer Geschichte steht Hallstatt vor dem großen Problem der Über touristen Besucher aus aller Welt. Ein Besuch dort muss schon lange vorher geplant werden.

HALLSTATT, AUSTRIA

For tourists, whether Europeans or other visitors, Hallstatt is a very desirable city in the Austrian Alps. The town with around 800 inhabitants is located on Lake Hallstatt of the same name and is exceptionally small: only 7.5 km long and 1.4 km wide, and endearingly charming. The houses nestle together like sardines in a can, framed by the lakeshore and Alpine cliffs, and there is no room for car traffic in the city, especially when you read that last year alone, almost a million tourists flooded Hallstatt with thousands of buses and other means of transportation. And what is this great attraction that brings so many tourists to Hallstatt? The Hallstatt-Dachstein/Salzkammergut region has been a World Heritage Site for 25 years in recognition of its 7.000 years of salt mining, the oldest salt mine in the world with salt production up to this time. The prefix "Hall" means salt and salt is also known as "white gold".

Finds from the Bronze Age, (800-400 BC) excavated by miners, including the extremely well-preserved body of a miner from that period, with other finds from the pre-Roman period, as well as the modernization of the shaft visits have all contributed to making the small, beautiful town into a global tourist metropolis. A tour of today's modern salt mine offers visitors a very interesting experience. The Mountain cable car takes visitors 350 m up the mountain, where a skywalk (74 m long) offers a panoramic, wonderful view of the entire city. To get inside the mountain, visitors put on protective clothing (with a leather seat) and 8-10 people line up, sitting one behind the other, on a smooth beam called a slide, and ride down at a fast pace, like in ancient times the miners, into the depths of the mountain, (the longest slide is 64 m). There you can visit the interior of the salt walls, salt lakes and museum objects. A small cog railway takes tourists down from the mountain, where you can buy various salt souvenirs at a kiosk. A truly wonderful family experience that should be combined with a visit to the Salzburg area. Another interesting attraction in Hallstatt includes the Charnel House (an ossuary) in the St. Michael's Chapel, next to the parish church. Space, area and land have been a rarity in Hallstatt for hundreds of years. Since the 12th century there has been little room for families to bury their dead. When there was no more room for the bodies, they were moved from the grave to the ossuary and then later only the skulls were kept. Wonderful, artistic paintings testify to the tradition of many years. Most skulls were artistically decorated during the 18th century, many have the name of the deceased on the forehead to identify the deceased and even today this custom continues in Hallstatt. Research shows that between 1948-1950, 2.104 skulls, painted and unpainted, were documented. Before 1900 the church register showed approximately 30,000 deaths, so the more recent data is only a small proportion of those who died. With its fairytale surroundings and ancient history, Hallstatt now faces the big problem of too many visitors from all over the world. A visit there must be planned long in advance.

– Barbara Oberding



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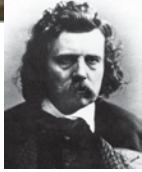
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EMANUEL LEUTZE – PAINTER

Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze was born in Schwaebisch-Gmeund in 1816. In 1825, his family came to



America where he grew up in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and later Philadelphia. Art was always an interest to Leutze at an early age. When he was just six, he began to spend his time drawing. After his father's death, Leutze painted portraits for \$5. to support himself and to take art lessons. Leutze soon became skilled at painting portraits of eminent American statesmen. In 1840, one of his paintings received attention and he began to generate orders. Gaining the funds that he needed, Leutze went to Dusseldorf to attend Kunstakademie. Next, he studied in Munich where he painted Columbus Before the Queen in 1842. Leutze visited Venice and Rome studying Titian and Michelangelo. He continued to paint a series of paintings based on American history. Columbus in Chains won a gold medal in the Brussels Art Exhibition. It was purchased by the Art Union in NYC and was later the basis of an 1893 \$2. Columbian issue stamp. Leutze was president of the Dusseldorf Artists Association and a dedicated supporter of Europe's Revolutions of 1848. To encourage Europe's liberal reformers with an example of the American Revolution, he used American tourists and art students as models and assistants for his Washington Crossing the Delaware painting in 1850. That original painting was destroyed by Allied Forces in 1942. Fortunately, a second, larger replica was ordered by the Parisian art trader Adolphe Goupil in New York. It is now owned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC. Other Leutze paintings include The Battle of Monmouth, and portraits of William Morris Hunt and Justice Roger Brooke Taney. In 1860, Leutz was commissioned to decorate the US Capital Building. In 1868, Emanuel Leutze died of heat stroke at age 52 in Washington, DC. —Barbara Streit

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