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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – MAI / MAY 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, April has come and gone, and it was busy month at our Club. I usually start with a recap, but there is a very important item that needs to be addressed first. Unfortunately, the use of foul language at the bar has increased, which has been noticed by both members and the Vorstand. We pride ourselves on being a friendly Club, where members can always feel welcome and relax. Let's mind our tongues so that we don't have to invoke the "3 Strikes" policy. This policy requires a member to be asked to leave the Club for the day after 2 prior warnings were issued by a bartender or Vorstand member, and a 3rd offense occurred. We don't want it to come to this, but unfortunately, it has reached this point. On to happier news - We started with a great Whisky Around the World food pairing dinner, led by Chrissy Daly and Chris Freudenreich. On April 13th, we had our annual spring cleaning, and had over 50 members in attendance to get the Club cleaned up and ready for festival season. As we say, "Many hands make light work", and the Vorstand thanks everyone who came out and contributed. We also had another sold out Trivia Night, led by Cindy & Cheryl. We welcomed 66 new members into the Club on the 18th. Thanks to Buzz Sawyer and his Membership Committee for running a seamless event, and to the Ladies Division for baking cakes and cookies. On the 20th, we held our annual Bayern Abend, and were treated to Schuhplattler dancing by members of the Bayern Verein Newark. The Ladies Division held their Craft Fair on the 27th, and on the afternoon of the 28th we held our first Afternoon Tanzcafé, featuring Bernie's Orchestra. On May 3rd, we have our second stop on our German State Dinner tour, featuring the cuisine of Saarland, and videos from the area. On the 4th, we will be holding a Kentucky Derby Party – come dressed in the spirit of the event! On the 11th, we will host a 1950's themed Sock-Hop party, feel free to dress up. On the 12th, we will hold our annual Mother's Day Buffet and the Vorstand wishes all of the Mothers in our Club a Happy Mother's Day! On May 17th, the Whiskey Club will hold its first meeting. Festival season kicks off on Sunday the 19th with Frühlingsfest. The Club runs on volunteers, so please pitch in if you are able. At the end of the month we will be marching in the Clark Memorial Day Parade, please consider marching with the Vorstand. 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, der April ist vorbei und es war ein arbeitsreicher Monat in unserem Club. Normalerweise beginne ich mit einer Zusammenfassung, aber es gibt einen sehr wichtigen Punkt der zuerst angesprochen werden muss. Leider hat der Gebrauch von Schimpfwörtern an der Bar zugenommen, was sowohl den Mitgliedern als auch dem Vorstand aufgefallen ist. Wir sind stolz darauf ein freundlicher Club zu sein, in dem sich die Mitglieder immer willkommen und entspannt fühlen können, Fluchworte sind nicht angebracht, und wir wünschen dass dies auch so bleibt und wir uns nicht auf die „3-Strikes“-Regel berufen müssen. Diese Richtlinie schreibt vor dass ein Mitglied nach zwei Verwarnungen durch einen Barkeeper oder einem Vorstandsmitglied bei einem dritten Vergehen aufgefordert wird den Club zu verlassen. Keiner von uns möchte dass es so weit kommt, aber leider sind wir an diesem Punkt angelangt. Nun zu den erfreulichen Neuigkeiten: Wir begannen den Monat April mit einem großartigen „Whiskey Around the World“-Food-Pairing-Dinner, dies unter der Leitung von Chrissy Daly und Chris Freudenreich. Am 13. April fand unser jährlicher Frühjahrsputz statt und über 50 Mitglieder waren anwesend um den Club aufzuräumen und für die Festivalsaison vorzubereiten. Wie wir sagen: „Viele Hände machen die Arbeit leicht“, und der Vorstand dankt allen die gekommen sind und dazu beigetragen haben. An diesem Tag gab es einen weiteren ausverkauften Trivia-Abend, unter der Leitung von Cindy und Cheryl. Am 18. begrüßten wir 66 neue Mitglieder im Club. Vielen Dank an Buzz Sawyer und seinem Mitgliederkomitee für die reibungslose Organisation der Veranstaltung, sowie an die Damenabteilung für das Backen von Kuchen und Keksen. Am 20. veranstalteten wir unseren alljährlichen Bayern-Abend und wurden von Mitgliedern des Bayern-Vereins Newark mit Schuhplattler-Tanz unterhalten. Die Damenabteilung veranstaltete am 27. April ihre Handwerksmesse. Am Nachmittag des 28. veranstalteten wir unser erstes Nachmittags-Tanzcafé mit Bernie's Orchestra. Am 3. Mai bieten wir unsere zweite deutsche Staatsdinner-Tour an und präsentieren die Küche des Saarlands, sowie Videos aus der Region. Am 4. veranstalten wir eine Kentucky Derby Party. Kleiden Sie sich bitte passend zur Veranstaltung! Am 11. veranstalten wir eine Sock-Hop-Party im Stil der 1950er-Jahren, auch hier können Sie sich entsprechend kleiden. Am 12. Mai veranstalten wir unser alljährliches Muttertagsbuffet. Der Vorstand wünscht allen Müttern unseres Clubs einen schönen Muttertag! Am 17. Mai wird der Whisky Club sein erstes Treffen abhalten, Einzelheiten finden Sie im Bulletin. Die Festivalsaison beginnt am Sonntag, den 19. mit dem Frühlingsfest. Wie wir alle wissen, der Club besteht nur durch freiwillige Helfer, wenn Sie dazu in der Lage sind, bitte helfen Sie mit. Am Ende des Monats werden wir an der Clark Memorial Day Parade teilnehmen. Bitte planen Sie daran teilzunehmen und mit dem Vorstand zu marschieren. Wie immer ein großes Dankeschön an Sie alle für die Unterstützung aller Veranstaltungen, den Besuch der Bar und des Restaurants und die Spende für unseren Club. Ohne Sie wären wir als Club nicht so erfolgreich und lebendig wie wir es sind. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR MAI / MAY PROGRAM 2024

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

Wed 01	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 02	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 02	Entertainment Committee Meeting • <i>Details on Page 4</i>	7:00 PM
Fri 03	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 03	German State Dinner Series • Featuring Saarland • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 04	Derby Night • Ladies - Flaunt your Fascinator! • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 05	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Pyramid Mountain • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	10:00 AM
Sun 05	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 05	DC Ladies Division Meeting • Famous People & Their Flowers • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	2:00 PM
Wed 08	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 08	Monthly Membership Meeting • See your Vorstand at Work! <i>Light Fare available at the Window prior to the Meeting</i>	7:00 PM
Thu 09	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 10	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 10	History Committee Meeting • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	6:30 PM
Fri 10	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 PM
Sat 11	1950's Sock Hop • Music by James Barba • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 12	Frühschoppen • Moved to the Ratskeller	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 12	Mother's Day Brunch • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Wed 15	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 16	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 16	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!	6:30 PM
Thu 16	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	7:30 PM
Fri 17	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	8:00 AM
Fri 17	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 17	DC Whiskey Club • Curious? Meet us in the Ratskeller • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	7:00 PM
Sat 18	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 19	Frühschoppen • Cancelled Today	
Sun 19	Frühlingsfest * • Music by Bernie's Orchestra • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	12:00 – 6:00 PM
Wed 22	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Fri 24	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 25	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 26	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Mon 27	Memorial Day in Clark • March in Tracht - DC Honor! • <i>Details on Page 7</i>	9:00 AM
Wed 29	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 30	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 31	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM

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

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Sat 01	DC Whiskey Club Bus Trip • Visit a Bourbon Distillery	Fri 14	Deutscher Stammtisch
Sun 02	Schwäbischer Sängerbund Spring Concert	Sun 16	Waldfest * • Music by The Adlers
Thu 06	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Sun 16	DC Ladies Division Meeting
Fri 07	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	Thu 20	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!
Fri 07	VW Biergarten * • Music by Don Bitterlich	Thu 20	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business
Sun 09	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Watchung Reservation	Sat 22	Burgers in the Grove † • Music by Tre Patterson
Sun 09	Frühschoppen	Sun 23	Frühschoppen
Wed 12	Monthly Membership Meeting • Find out What's Up!	Sat 29	Deutscher Tanzabend • Music by Bud & Linda
Fri 14	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	Sun 30	Frühschoppen

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KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our member **Charles (Chick) Bachmann**, **Rosemarie Geertsma**, **Marion Hanko**, **Barbara Oberding**, **Walter Pfisterer**, **Paul (Les) Putanko**, **John Schmalz**, **Marga Senger** and **Gerda Szardenings**.

We mourn the passing of our members, **Renate Ludewig**, **Mary Lou Materna**, and our former members **Emilia Garcia Carlson**, **Barry Henderson**, **John Merz**, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

Congratulations to **Eric** and **Patricia Zabel** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Hannah**. Congratulations also to the new parents, **Alexandra** and **Brian Vigilante**..

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

IN THE NEWS



Happy 100th Birthday
to DC member **Salvatore Greco!**
Born April 12, 1924

FUTURE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Welcome to **Hannah Vigilante**, born on April 12th to **Alexandra (née Zabel)** and **Brian Vigilante**. Congratulations to DC members, **Eric** and **Patricia Zabel**, the grandparents and to the entire Zabel and Vigilante families.

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

NEW MEMBERS



On April 18, 2024, the Deutscher Club of Clark welcomed sixty-six (66) new members at the Spring Induction Ceremony. Congratulations and Welcome to our new members!

THE SEARCH FOR MISS DEUTSCHER CLUB

The search has begun for the next Miss Deutscher Club!

The Miss DC Committee is now accepting applications (forms are on the website) **for Miss Deutscher Club 2024**. We are looking for a young woman between the ages of 16 - 25 who is interested in becoming actively involved in our community. Our new Miss Deutscher Club will attend various events at the club, support local charities and represent our organization at the Steuben Parade in New York City, as well as other events. The interviews and crowning ceremony will take place during the Waldfest (Father's Day Picnic) on **Sunday, June 16, 2024**, at the Deutscher Club of Clark. Applications are available on our website, www.deutscherclub.us (under Bulletins and Downloads). You may also contact **Chrissy Daly**, Chairperson, Miss Deutscher Club Committee via email at correspondence@deutscherclub.us for more information.



PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Our Parking Lot Fundraising is underway! We are asking our members to pledge a donation for the milling and re-paving of our parking lot. The parking lot is in much need of repair and upgrades.

Fundraising donation pledge levels of **\$50.00**, **\$75.00**, **\$100.00** or any amount are appreciated. You may pledge your donation by check, cash or on the DC website under the membership dues tab. There is also a donation box located in the lobby mounted on the bulletin board. You can use the form on the bulletin to make a donation. We are encouraging all members to pledge a donation for this project to help us reach our goal. Any amount of donation will go a long way to support the project.

Why not send in your pledge when renewing your 2024 dues!

John Carroll / Buzz Sawyer

2023-2024 Parking Lot Fund Raising Committee Co-Chairmen



PLEASE REMEMBER – When in the Club ...



VOLUNTEER AT YOUR CLUB & EARN YOUR 10 HOURS ANNUALLY

1. **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.*



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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.

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

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Thursday, Friday,

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



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*



MEMBERSHIP

If you are reading this and have not paid your 2024 Membership Dues, you are late.
Membership dues plus a late fee of \$20.00 are

due in May.

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

Upon receipt of payment your 2024 membership card will be mailed to the address on file. You may pay by cash, credit card or check. Payment may be made on the Deutscher Club Website, at the club or mailed to the club, Attention: Membership Secretary.

Dues rates for 2024 are as follows:

1. **\$100.00** - Regular Member
2. **\$75.00** - Senior Member (Must have reached 72 years of age AND been a member for 25 years)
3. **\$180.00** - Couples
4. **\$20.00** - Lifetime Member. Existing Lifetime Members are encouraged to pay a voluntary \$20.00 dues.
5. **\$100.00** Initiation fee for new members.

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

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

Buzz Sawyer, Membership Secretary

When paying your 2024 Membership Dues why not make a donation to the **Parking Lot Fundraiser**? Please help pave our parking lot by making a donation today!

► **2024 MEMBERSHIP CARDS** - Beginning Wednesday, April 17, we ask all members to be prepared to show their **2024** membership cards to the bartenders as proof of renewal.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee meets on the **first Thursday of the month, at 7:00 PM**, in the back corner of the dining room (by the piano). Do you have an idea for an event you would like to have at your Club? Do you have suggestions for making events better? Would you like a fun, easy way to perform your volunteer time for the Club? Join us! The **Decorating Sub-committee**, led by Carol Marquardt and Colleen Sawyer, works hand-in-hand with us to "dress up" the Club for every special event. They meet, same day and time, with the Entertainment Committee to coordinate requirements for seasonal, holiday, and special events decorating. *Robert Dries*

LADIES' DIVISION MEETINGS

May is here and "Fest" season begins!

In April, The Ladies Division served cake and coffee to members attending the Spring Induction Ceremony on Thursday, April 18th and they enjoyed a successful Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 27th.



We will have our monthly meeting on Sunday, **May 5th at 2:00 PM** in the Ratskeller. One of our members, Debra Nicholls will be presenting a program on "Famous people and their flowers". All DC women are invited to attend as our guest. Happy Spring!

Carol Marquardt, President of the Ladies Division

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, May 17th!** 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 **May 17th** (for Frühlingsfest), **June 7th** (VW-Biergarten), and **June 14th** (Waldfest). The FUN begins at **8:00 AM**.



DEUTSCHER CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

Roswitha and I would like to thank all members, guests of members and our Vorstand for the tremendous support we received at our blood drive in March. Over 55% of our donations were directly from our membership.

A note to the Vorstand - THANK YOU to those that are able and did donate to our blood drive. Your attendance and leadership are greatly appreciated.

Our blood drive continues to be the premier blood drive in this area. We are getting stronger and more well attended since the COVID scare drastically reduced area blood drives. Due to greater attendance than Vitalant anticipated we had some collection glitches. That is being corrected and **WILL BE CORRECTED** in our October 19th blood drive. To those that were inconvenienced, we apologize. Thank you for your attendance.

We had 56 potential donors attend our drive and we collected 57 total much needed blood products. Our drive collected whole blood, double red blood cells and plasma.

Please mark the date of **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024**, for our next blood drive.

Roswitha & Michael Burkert

Clothing Drive

We are continuing our collection of clothing for the Battered Women's Shelter and the Working Poor Men's Shelter. • Spring and Summer men's, women's, teen and children's clothing, as well as jackets, shoes, and sandals, clean and in good repair, are being accepted by Suzanna Polhamus. Contact Suzanna Polhamus at **correspondence@deutscherclub.us**.



PLEASE, no used undergarments or socks.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this worthwhile drive to date!

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.

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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

GERMAN STATE DINNER SERIES: SAARLAND

On **Friday, May 03, 2024**, we continue the **Deutscher Club's German State Dinner Series** with our second stop in the southwest of Germany, in the state of **Saarland**.



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

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

SAARLAND DINNER MENU

Kappesupp aus dem Saarland (*Cabbage Soup*) ■ Lioner Wurschdsalad (*Sausage Salad*) ■ Gefillde mit Sauerkraut (*Stuffed Potato Dumpling*) ■ Dibbelabbes (*Potato & Bacon Casserole*) ■ Marillenknoedel im Glass (*Apricot Dumpling in Glass*)

HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca
brian.mecca@gmail.com



We are planning our hikes for the 1st half of 2024, if you have any suggestions, please share them with me **On the day of the Hike, we meet at 9:50** in the parking lot (details to be provided to the email group the week prior – contact me to get added to the email list), and the **hike begins promptly at 10:00am**. If you are running late, please call me so that we



can make accommodation for you.



On Sunday April 14, 2023, 16 of us enjoyed the beautiful weather and hiked at Cheesequake State Park. We hike 3.2 miles in 1:44. It was warm and sunny! .

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



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

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

Please let me know if you plan on attending by email at brian.mecca@gmail.com , include your phone # so that we can create a texting group for last minute notifications.

Following the hike, we will return to the Club for Früh-

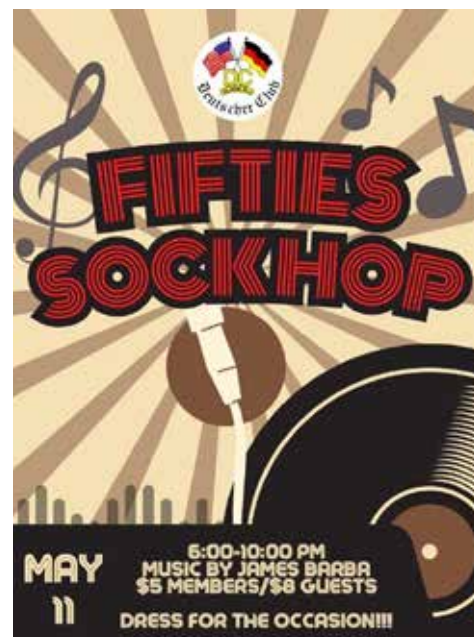
schoppen. The bar is open, there is usually soup and open face sandwiches, and people bring things to eat as the kitchen is not open. Feel free to bring something. It is a fun time after the hike.

HISTORY COMMITTEE



We have a formal History Committee to build, document, and archive the DC's history. The DC history books (by the Manager's office) are in need of care and could be digitized by anyone with the know-how. You can study and interpret the DC's past by reviewing the collection of photos, news articles, letters and more and share your findings with the rest of the membership in historical articles published in the monthly bulletin and by building new catalogs. The next meeting of the History Committee will be held **Friday, May 10, 6:30 PM**. Come join us! *This is yet another opportunity to earn your volunteer hours.* • If you are interested, please email correspondence@deutscherclub.us

► **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.





**Mothers Day
BRUNCH**
Sunday, May 12th
10:00-3:00

EGGS, SELECTION OF BREAKFAST MEATS,
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NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, May 16, 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*



DC WHISKEY CLUB

Friday, May 17, at 7 PM in the Ratskeller

Are you passionate about whiskey? Do you enjoy exploring different varieties, flavors, and distillation techniques? Then come and join our Whiskey Club, where enthusiasts like you gather to celebrate the world's finest spirits.

What We Offer:

TASTING EVENTS: Experience a curated selection of premium whiskeys from around the world. Expand your palate and discover new favorites.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS: Learn about the history, production process, and tast-



ing notes of various whiskey styles. Our experts will guide you through the fascinating world of whiskey.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS: Connect with fellow whiskey lovers, share stories, and exchange recommendations in a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere.

SPECIAL EVENTS: From exclusive distillery tours to whiskey-themed dinners, our club hosts exciting events throughout the year.

How to Join: Membership is open to all whiskey enthusiasts, whether you're a seasoned aficionado or just starting your journey. Simply sign up at the bar. Registration is limited to thirty (30) participants. Don't Miss Out!

Join the Whiskey Club today and embark on a journey of taste, discovery, and camaraderie.



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Frühlingsfest

Drink - Feed - Music - Dance
Sunday, May 19th 12:00-6:00 PM
The Deutscher Club of Clark
787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, NJ
Music by Joe Kroboth
Children's Entertainment 1:00-5:00 PM

CLARK TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On **Monday, May 27th, at 9:30 AM**, the Township of Clark will again host a patriotic Memorial Day parade to coincide with its annual Memorial Day services that honor "Clark's Fallen Heroes." Once again, the Deutscher Club of Clark will join the Township of Clark in celebrating those who have served and those now serving our nation here and abroad. Carpool to the assembly point departs the Club at **8:30 AM**. Parade line-up begins at **9:00 AM** in Nassau Street. *Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Come march with us! Sign-up in the Lobby.*



2024 SCHOLARSHIP

► **German Heritage Council of New Jersey:** The application and all supporting documents must be postmarked no later than **June 15, 2024** and addressed to – German Heritage Council of NJ, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 36 Kay Road, Yardville, NJ 08620 • *Application available on website under "Bulletins and Downloads"*

COMING SOON.....

THE SCHWÄBISCHER SÄNGERBUND'S ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, June 2, at 4 PM

Enjoy a Spring Fling with the Schwäbischer

Sängerbund at the Deutscher Club of Clark.

• Come for dinner and be entertained with a rousing concert of Springtime melodies, followed by more music and dancing. *Stay Tuned! More details to follow.*



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JOIN US FOR A BUS TRIP TO A BOURBON DISTILLERY!

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REISEN IN DEUTSCHLAND AB- SEITS DER AUSGETRETENEN PFADE: GÖRLITZ

Vielleicht denken Sie darüber nach, Deutschland zu besuchen und stöbern gerade nach Reiseangeboten. Sie werden feststellen, dass die meisten Reiseunternehmen Besuche in denselben Städten anbieten: Berlin, München, Frankfurt, Dresden, Heidelberg und einige mehr. Das sind entweder Großstädte, in denen es schwierig ist, alle Sehenswürdigkeiten zu sehen, oder kleinere Städte, die von Touristen überschwemmt werden. Wenn Sie eine Kleinstadt bevorzugen wo Sie mehr Einwohner als Touristen treffen können, und Sie ihre Umgebung lieber zu Fuß auf Kopfsteinpflasterstraßen erkunden wollen, dann wäre ein Besuch in Görlitz vielleicht das Richtige. Leider ist die Anreise aufgrund der Lage als östlichste Stadt Deutschlands etwas unbequem. Wenn Sie jedoch Dresden besuchen und einen oder zwei zusätzliche Tage Zeit haben, die Fahrt von dort nach Görlitz dauert nur eine Stunde mit Auto oder Bahn. Görlitz liegt am linken Ufer der Lausitzer Neiße, die auch die deutsch-polnische Grenze markiert. Wenn Sie schon immer Polen besuchen wollten, dies ist auch Ihre Gelegenheit. Sie müssen lediglich die Altstadtbrücke überqueren, auf der anderen Seite ankommen dann befinden Sie sich in der polnischen Stadt Zgorzelec. Früher waren diese beiden Städte eine Einheit, nach den Ereignissen des Zweiten Weltkriegs wurde jedoch aus den östlichen Vororten von Görlitz die Stadt Zgorzelec. Görlitz gilt als eine der schönsten Städte Deutschlands. Der bemerkenswerte historische Stadtkern entstand im Laufe der Jahrhunderte und besteht aus Gebäuden, die die Baustile Gotik, Renaissance, Barock, Neoklassizismus und Jugendstil repräsentieren. Glücklicherweise ist der Großteil des ursprünglichen Stadtgebiets im Laufe der Jahrhunderte erhalten geblieben und heute ist Görlitz das größte Flächendenkmal Deutschlands mit mehr als 4000 größtenteils restaurierten historischen Stätten. Seine



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bemerkenswerte Skyline macht Görlitz zu einem beliebten Drehort für Filme. Viele bekannte Filme nutzten Görlitz als Kulisse, unter anderem wurden Filme wie „The Grand Budapest Hotel“, „Inglorious Bastards“ und „Monuments Men“ in Görlitz gedreht. Bei Interesse hält das Tourismusbüro eine Karte mit allen Drehorten bereit. Es gibt so viele Attraktionen, dass ich nur einige nennen möchte, die ich für besonders interessant halte. Ein guter Ausgangspunkt für einen Stadtrundgang ist der Obermarkt, ein großer Platz umgeben von historischen Gebäuden. An den gegenüberliegenden Enden des Obermarkts befinden sich zwei Sehenswürdigkeiten. Eine davon, in der Nähe des Brunnens, ist die Dreifaltigkeitskirche, die ihren Besuchern spektakuläre Innenwandmalereien präsentiert. Der zweite ist der Reichenbacher Turm, ehemals Teil der historischen Stadtbefestigung. Die Belohnung für den Aufstieg auf die Spitze des höchsten Gebäudes von Görlitz ist ein herrlicher Ausblick über die historische Stadt. Auch die Besichtigung der unglaublichen „Sonnenorgel“ in der Peterskirche sollten Sie sich nicht entgehen lassen. Noch besser ist es, eines der regelmäßigen Orgelkonzerte in dieser historischen Kirche zu besuchen. Für Buchliebhaber ist Pflicht die Bibliothek der Oberlausitzer Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften zu besuchen. Diese Bibliothek mit ihren mehr als 140.000 Büchern gilt als eine der schönsten Bibliotheken der Welt. Nicht zuletzt, ein Besuch des „Schlesischen Museums“ im „Schönhof“, dem ältesten Renaissancegebäude in Görlitz, lehrt Wissenswertes über die lokale Kunst und Kultur. Da Worte nicht ausreichen, um Görlitz zu beschreiben, sollten Sie ihren nächsten Besuch in Dresden ausnutzen um Görlitz selbst zu besuchen.

GERMAN TOURS OFF THE BEAT- EN PATH: GÖRLITZ

Maybe you are thinking of visiting Germany and are currently browsing tour offerings. You will find most travel companies offer visits to the same set of cities, Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt, Dresden, Heidelberg, and a few more. These are either big cities, making it

inconvenient to see all the attractions or smaller cities that drown in tourists. If you prefer to have a small-town experience, explore your surroundings walking on cobblestone streets and meet more residents than tourists, then consider visiting Görlitz. Unfortunately, its location as Germany's easternmost city makes travelling there a bit inconvenient. However, should you visit Dresden and have an extra day or two, from there it only will take an hour to Görlitz by car or train. Görlitz is situated on the left bank of the Lusatian-Neisse River, which also demarcates the German-Polish border. If you ever wanted to visit Poland, this is also your chance. All you have to do is cross the Old Town bridge, and once you reach on the other side, you are in the Polish town of Zgorzelec. These two cities used to be one. Following the events of WWII the eastern suburbs of Görlitz became the town of Zgorzelec. Görlitz is considered being one of Germany's most beautiful cities. Its notable historic town center took shape over hundreds of years and is made up of buildings representing Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Neoclassicistic and Art-Nouveau architectural styles. Luckily, most of the original layout has been preserved over the centuries and today Görlitz is the largest area monument in Germany with more than 4000 mostly restored historic sites. Its remarkable skyline makes Görlitz a popular location to shoot movies. Many mainstream movies used Goerlitz as backdrop, amongst them films like "The Grand Budapest Hotel", "Inglorious Bastards", and "Monuments Men" were filmed in Görlitz. If you are interested, the tourist office has a map with all the filming locations. There are so many attractions that I will just mention a few that I consider interesting. A good starting point for a city tour is the Upper Market (Obermarkt), a large square surrounded by historic buildings. At the opposing ends of the Upper Market are two attractions worth seeing. One, close to the fountain, is the Holy Trinity Church (Dreifaltigkeitskirche), presenting spectacular interior wall paintings to its visitors. The second is the Reichenbach Tower (Reichenbacher Turm), formerly a part of the historic town fortification. The reward for climbing up to the top of the tallest building in Goerlitz is a magnificent view of the historic city. Also, do not miss viewing the incredible 'Sun Organ' in the St. Peter's Church. Even better is attending one of the regular organ concerts in this historic church. For book lovers, a visit of the Upper Lusatian Society Library of Sciences is mandatory. This Library with its more than 140,000 books is considered one of the most beautiful libraries on the planet. Last but not least, visiting the "Silesian Museum" housed in "Schönhof", the oldest Renaissance building in Görlitz will teach you about local art and culture. Since words cannot adequately describe Görlitz, go and visit next time you are in Dresden.

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Margaret "Maggie" Eliza Kuhn was born in 1905 to a German immigrant father and a Dutch American mother in Buffalo, New York. Maggie graduated from Case Western Reserve University's Women's College after



studying sociology and English. While in college, she organized a branch of the League of Women's Voters. Her first job was with the YWCA of Cleveland where she stayed for eleven years. Maggie next went to work as a deacon for the Presbyterian Church USA, and later served on the session, the church's governing body. Her progressive stands with the church led to positions on desegregation, urban housing, the Cold War, and nuclear arms proliferation. In 1961, Kuhn was invited to participate in the White House Conference on Aging. In 1970, Kuhn was forced into mandatory retirement herself at age 65. Kuhn was outraged and formed an ad hoc activist organization for Older Persons. A year later, she founded the political action group, the Gray Panthers who lent their support to improving health care, pension rights, public transportation, voter registration, housing, and legal services for the poor. The Gray Panthers were responsible in 1978 for the Discrimination of Employment Act which raised the retirement age to 70. They helped bring changes to Medicare and investigated nursing homes and fraud against the elderly. Maggie Kuhn was active until her death at age 89. At that time, the Gray Panthers had 70,000 members in 85 chapters across the United States. In 1995, Maggie Kuhn was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

—Barbara Streit

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9:15 am For All Ages



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