



Deutscher Club of Clark Inc.

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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – OKTOBER / OCTOBER 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, It's OKTOBERFEST TIME! Our celebration is Saturday October 5th. This is our biggest event of the year and we hope you can celebrate with us! Of course, big events need many hands to make it successful. Please volunteer. September was a busy month for us. Many thanks to all those who marched in the Steuben Parade, and helped make our Deutscher Tag successful. The Club welcomed our dear friends from Austria, the Ötzer Wellerbrüggler, who returned to visit and entertain us for the weekend. We look forward to our continued friendship. If any of our members have contact with a band in Germany, please let us know. We are always looking for bands to host. The Club hosted a "500 years of lager brewing" Bier-tasting, which was a joint effort of our friends at the German American Heritage Foundation (GAHF) and the German Government's Deutschland-Jahr-USA program. Many thanks to John Carroll for coordinating the entire event. Our 84th Anniversary as a Club will be celebrated on Sunday October 20th. A full house for this historic event would be appropriate. Other events coming up include special Sunday Dinners, Operetta nights, Bier-tastings, and Book Club meetings to mention a few. Please refer to the inside pages of this newsletter for information on the many and varied attractions the Club offers. Please don't forget to attend the Blood Drive on Saturday October 26th. If you are interested in improving the Club as a Board or Committee Member, please contact any current Board member. Being a full volunteer organization, there are always many opportunities for involvement. Remember, it's your Club. Support it, use it, and enjoy it!

Liebe Mitglieder, Es ist OKTOBERFEST ZEIT! Unsere Feier findet am Samstag, den 5. Oktober statt. Diese ist unsere größte Veranstaltung des Jahres und wir hoffen, dass Sie mitfeiern können. Auf jeden Fall, gehören auch viele Hände dazu ein Fest wie dieses ein Erfolg zu versichern. Bitte melden Sie sich. September war ein arbeitsreicher Monat. Ein Dank an Alle die in der Steuben Parade mitmarschiert sind und den Deutscher Tag in Clark einen Erfolg machten. Der Club hat unsere lieben Freunde, die Ötzer Wellerbrüggler aus Österreich, die zum dritten Mal uns besuchten und das ganze Wochenende amüsiert haben, herzlich empfangen. Wir freuen uns auf eine ewige Freundschaft. Sollten Sie zu einer deutschen Musikkapelle Kontakt haben, bitte informieren Sie uns. Wir sind immer auf der Suche. Der Club war Gastgeber einer Bierprobe, 500-Jahre Lagerbier Brauen, veranstaltet zusammen mit unseren Freunden von der German-American Heritage Foundation (GAHF) und dem Deutschland-Jahr-USA Programm der Bundesregierung. Vielen Dank an John Carroll der diese Veranstaltung organisiert hat. Das 84. Jubiläum des Clubs wird am Sonntag, den 20. Oktober gefeiert. Ein volles Haus für diese historische Feier wäre angemessen. Weitere Veranstaltungen, die auf uns zukommen sind unter anderem, Sonntagessen, Operettenabende, Bierproben, und Buchclubtreffen. Bitte sehen Sie die inneren Seiten dieses Monatsblatts für mehr Details. Vergessen Sie nicht am 26. Oktober Blut zu spenden. Interessieren Sie sich als Vorstands- oder Ausschussmitglied zu engagieren, bitte wenden Sie sich an ein Vorstandsmitglied. Als ein ausschließlich ehrenamtlicher Verein bestehen immer Mitwirkungsmöglichkeiten. Denken Sie daran – es ist Ihr Verein – unterstützen und genießen Sie ihn!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Chris Wagner

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CLUB HOURS: Wed. to Sat. 3:00 PM – 12:00 AM • Sunday 10:30 AM – 10:00 PM • Closed: Monday & Tuesday • Entrance to the Club building and grounds is not permitted when closed.

SATURDAY EVENING DRESS CODE (For members and guests in the main hall): Casual business attire • No T-Shirts or Sneakers • We reserve the right to refuse entry • Gentlemen, please remove your hats whenever you are in the main hall.

PROGRAMM FÜR OKTOBER / OCTOBER PROGRAM 2019

Thu 03	Dinner • Special Event/Rental • Limited Menu will be available for members in the Ratskeller	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 03	Entertainment Committee Meeting • <i>Details on Page 3</i>	6:30 PM
Sat 05	DC Oktoberfest* • MUSIC: Mountain Xpress and Doppelgaenger	12:00 – 10:00 PM
Wed 09	Monthly Membership Meeting • Come see your Board at work!	8:00 PM
Thu 10	Dinner • New York Strip w/Roasted Potatoes & Vegetables \$17 • Weisswurst Platter \$9	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 11	Deutscher Stammtisch • German Conversation • Come practice your German!	7:30 – 8:30 PM
Sat 12	Members Appreciation Night in the Grove	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Wed 16	Ladies' Division Meeting • PROGRAM: Wine and Cheese	7:00 – 8:00 PM
Thu 17	Railroaders Dinner & Video • Rouladen w/Red Cabbage & Spätzle \$16 • Wiener Schnitzel w/Red Cabbage & Spätzle \$14	6:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 17	Networking Meeting • <i>Details on Page 4</i>	7:00 PM
Sat 19	Dinner • No Band	5:30- 10:00 PM
Sun 20	84th Anniversary Gala • MUSIC: Bernie's Orchestra • <i>Details on Page 4</i>	2:30 – 7:30 PM
Thu 24	Dinner • Szegeediner Goulash w/Spätzle (Pork Goulash w/Spaetzle & Sauerkraut) \$14 • Bratwurst Platter \$9	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 25	Operetta Night in the Ratskeller • Eine Nacht in Venedig by Johann Strauss • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	6:30 – 10:00 PM
Sat 26	Blood Drive • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sat 26	80's Halloween Party • MUSIC: Fast Forward <i>Details on Page 5</i>	6:30 – 10:30 PM
Sun 27	Schlachtfest	12:00 – 4:00 PM
Thu 31	Dinner • Stuffed Cabbage w/Mashed Potatoes \$14 • Bauernwurst Platter \$9	5:30 – 8:00 PM

The Ratskeller is open Saturdays from 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM • Casual atmosphere, selection of popular wines & beer • Bar menu until 10:00 PM / Gemütlichkeit & background music

Vorschau November/ Preview November 2019

Sun 03	Dinner and a Movie	Sat 16	Dinner • No Band
Thu 07	Entertainment Committee	Sun 17	Venison Dinner • Cost: \$25 PP
Fri 08	Deutscher Stammtisch • Come practice your German!	Wed 20	Ladies' Division Meeting • PROGRAM: Eileen Harrison Sanchez, author of "Freedom Lessons"
Fri 08	Book Club – "On Hitler's Mountain: Overcoming the Legacy of a Nazi Childhood," by Irmgard A. Hunt	Thu 21	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members Welcome
Sat 09	Fall Clean-up Day • Bring your Rakes and Work Gloves!	Sat 23	Dinner • No Band
Sat 09	Dinner • Music: Joe Kroboth	Sun 24	Ladies' Division Christkindlmarkt*
Wed 13	Monthly Membership Meeting • Come see your Board at Work!	Sat 30	Dinner • No Band

* Denotes Open Public Event

Please Remember – When in the Club - CAPS OFF - and...



SNACK AT THE BAR

Snack packs will be available for purchase at the bar on those days/evenings when the kitchen is closed.

The cost is \$5.00 each.



GERMAN LESSONS • INTERMEDIATE BEGINNERS: Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 PM (nominal fee)-Please sign up at the bar

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.

KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members, **Elke Geacintov, Barbara Herrington, Rachel Kasuch, Barbara Oberding, and Dieter Pfisterer.**

Our sincerest condolences to our members **Walter Duerr** who lost his brother, **Karl** and **Mark Jackson** who lost his brother, **William.**

In case of illness or death of a member, please call Christa, 908-391-3178 or contact us at correspondence@deutscherclub.us

DC GIFT CARDS

Just in time for the Holidays!

Starting **October 1st**, DC

Gift Cards will be available for purchase at the Bar.

Present someone the gift of cheer in the form of a DC Gift Card. Perfect for any occasion!



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee will begin meeting again this month and welcomes any member to join and help us plan events for the club. We meet on the **first Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM**, right outside the manager's office. Our responsibilities include planning special event dances, hosting Saturday night dances, organizing entertainment, naming the Man and Woman of the Year and many other activities. The Decorating Sub-committee, led by Carol Marquardt, works hand-in-hand with us to "dress up" the Club for every special event. They meet, same day and time, with the Entertainment Committee to coordinate requirements for seasonal, holiday, and special events decorating. Any member of the club is welcome to stop by and sit in on a meeting to see what we do before agreeing to become a full-time member of the committee or sub-committee. I hope to see you there!

DEUTSCHER STAMMTISCH
Meets every 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 PM

DC BIG RAFFLE 2019

Hello members! Tickets for the Big Raffle will be available for purchase until Saturday, October 5th, 2019. Please support this fundraiser which benefits the Club's efforts in promoting German Culture and maintaining the condition of the clubhouse and grounds. Tickets cost \$20 each and are available for purchase from any Vorstand (Executive Board) Member. There are 1500 tickets for sale, with the potential for 3 grand prizes of \$5000 each – if all the tickets are sold. The odds of winning now are three times better than in the past. The drawing takes place on Saturday, October 5th, 2019 at the Oktoberfest – you do not have to be present.

Please support this important fund raiser for your club. *Brian Daly, Trustee*



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 and Thursday at 8:00 PM** and learn the game.

KNITTING CLUB at the Deutscher Club!

Join a circle of fellow crafters **every Thursday at 3PM** and teach, share your tips and tricks, and socialize. No experience is necessary.



JOIN OUR SINGING GROUPS!

The Deutscher Club is very proud of all of our singing groups. **New singers are always needed and welcomed.** Knowledge of the German language welcomed but not necessary. Please feel free to come by any of the practices and observe.



► **Schwäbischer Sängerbund MIXED CHORUS** (<http://cazoo.org/SSB/>) Rehearses every Wednesday - 8:00 PM, Contact Fran Steinmetz President: fran.flourishes@gmail.com

► **Sängerchor Newark MEN ONLY** (www.saengerchor.net) Rehearses every Friday evening at 8:00 PM at the Deutscher Club. Contact Peter Volkat: peter@saengerchor.net or 908-938-9019.

► **Rheinischer Sängerbund MEN ONLY** (<http://cazoo.org/RSB/>) The chorus rehearses every Thursday evening at 8:00 PM at the Deutscher Club. To become a member contact by mail: RheinischerSängerbund, c/o Deutscher Club, 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, NJ 07066.

► **Plainfield Gesang-Verein MIXED CHORUS** Rehearses at 4 PM on Saturdays. Please stop in for more information.

The great meals you enjoy at the Club are now available for catering your home party. Please stop by and see Ewald, our Manager, for a full list of options. Catering is available for pick-up on Thursdays through Sundays

SOCIETY OF POTATO PEELERS - UNITE!!

The Season of Potato Peeling is still going strong! Dust off your peelers and slicers because a meeting of the Society of Potato Peelers will take place on **Friday, October 4th**. New members are always welcome. We are in need of peelers, slicers and mixers to prepare the Potato Salad for our Biergartens and Fests. Please mark your calendar for • **October 4th** (Oktoberfest) and **November 15th** (Christkindlmarkt). The FUN begins at **8:00 AM**.



Atlantic City Oktoberfest CANCELLED

Please be informed that there will be NO Oktoberfest in Atlantic City this year. Your continued support and loyalty to our German Culture by attending the Christmas & Spring Shows, as well as participating in the "Reise mit Musik" is highly appreciated.

Gisela Lewis

ORNAMENTS are Needed!

Do you have any Christmas Ornaments you no longer want?

The DC Ladies' Division would appreciate donations of Christmas Ornaments to help them to decorate the Pavilion for the Christkindlmarkt.



You can contact Sigrid Pagano at (908) 687-7449 or Linda Hildebrandt at (908) 232-3511.

LERNEN UND SPIELEN – LEARN AND PLAY

In October, the Deutsche Sprachschule, Inc. of Winfield, NJ is offering an introduction to the German language for children ages 1 to 3. Accompanied by a parent or caregiver, the child will be exposed to the German language through music, games, songs, dancing, puppets, storytelling, etc.



We offer 3 sessions (ten 45-minute Wednesday classes per session):

Session 1: Wednesday Sept. 25th through

November

Session 2: Wednesday December through February

Session 3: Wednesday March through May

Teacher: Frau Oberhollenzer

Time: 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Location: Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, NJ

The "Lernen und Spielen" class is a part of the German Language School, Inc. and therefore, a **membership fee of \$50** is due upon registration. Families with children already enrolled in the German Language School are exempt. **Cost per session is \$125.**

For further information please contact us at: schoolboard@thegermanschool.org

National German-American Day - OCTOBER 6

German - American Day is a United States holiday which



celebrates German American heritage. It is observed every year on October 6.

The date of October 6 was chosen because on this day in 1683 thirteen German Mennonite and Quaker families from the town of Krefeld landed in Philadelphia and founded the borough of Germantown that was absorbed into Philadelphia in 1854. Germantown was the first German settlement in North America.

German-American Day was first celebrated in the 19th century. Its celebrations were discontinued during the First World War due to the anti-German sentiment that prevailed at the time. In 1983, the holiday was reestablished by President Ronald Reagan. Since 1987, it has been observed annually.

On this day, numerous activities are organized by the German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA (GAHFUSA). GAHFUSA is a non-profit organization that focuses on promoting German heritage, culture, and language in the U.S.

Hiking News

The hiking group will take its next walk on **Sunday, October 13th**. We will meet at the visitor center at Jockey Hollow. Jockey Hollow is off Tempe Wick Road in Morristown. We will meet at **10:00 AM** at the Visitor's Center and walk for about one and a half hours.



NETWORKING MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 17th, 2019, 7:00 PM

Special Topic: Nursing Home Costs in Northern New Jersey. The next Deutscher Club Networking meeting will be on Thursday, October 17th, at 7:00 PM. Please join us if you would like to expand and 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 this day and time does not fit into your schedule, contact me. RSVP to Michael Fleyzor at mfleyzor@gmail.com or cell phone (732) 319-4886. Looking forward to hearing about your business.

Michael Fleyzor



October 18th at 7:30PM
Kean Stage

84th Anniversary Gala

Sunday, October 20 • 2:30 – 7:30 PM

Music by Bernie's Orchestra

Cocktail Hour and Open Bar • Cream of Wild Mushroom Soup • Fall Salad with Cranberry Dressing • Prime Rib

with Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables • Rack of Lamb served with Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables • Filet of Sole "Meuniere" served with Rice and Vegetables • Pumpkin Pie with Ice Cream

Sign-up sheets are at the Bar! Cost is \$60 per person.



DINNER & OPERETTA NIGHT IN THE RATSKELLER

Presents
**Eine Nacht
in Venedig**
by Johann
Strauss
Conduc-
tor: Kurt
Eichhorn,
Berlin 1973
96 mins



Friday, October 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Cost is \$30 PP. Purchase tickets at the bar!

DEUTSCHER CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 26 • 8:00am to
2:00pm**

Your Club is again hosting a Blood Drive to support local hospitals. If you're in good health, then you are likely able to donate. Depending on the



circumstances, if you were told previously that you couldn't donate you might be able to now. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please call 877-258-4825 (877-25VITAL) and choose option 1. The blood center can quickly help you with any concerns you may have with your medication, travel concerns or any general health questions you may be concerned would prevent you from donating.

The Deutscher Club's Blood Drive will again work with the Community Blood Center (CBC). The CBC will be prepared with a full collection crew to help move donors through the system. They will also bring the ALYX systems that will collect two pints of Double Red Blood for those who are regular donors.

Look for the BLOOD DRIVE BANNERS in the grove during Club picnics. Mark your calendars and please pass the word. This is your blood drive; pass the word to friends and family that your Deutscher Club is holding another successful blood drive.

All donors will receive a Continental breakfast or a traditional German lunch compliments of the Deutscher Club.

**DONATING BLOOD IS SAFE, SIMPLE
and BLOOD SAVES LIVES**

Roswitha and Michael Burkert, Co-Chair
Deutscher Club Blood Drive



**DUST OFF YOUR LEGGINGS AND
TEASE UP YOUR HAIR IT'S AN
80'S HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE
DEUTSCHER CLUB THAT IS SURE TO
SCARE!**

Saturday, October 26th at 6:30- 10:30

Come as your favorite 80s character or in your 80s best outfit!

Costume Contest with great prizes!

Awesome Band: Fast Forward!!!

Dinner will be served

Buy your tickets at the Bar. Cost is \$10 PP.

<http://fastforward80s.com/>

COMING SOON.....



A Bier-tasting with Ommegang Brewery, courtesy of Pete Vaccarelli on Saturday, **November 2nd, starting at 6:30 PM.** There will be a Raffle with Prizes and Entertainment. Cost per ticket is \$55 - members and \$60 - non-members.

Book Club

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

The next book, "On Hitler's Mountain: Overcoming the Legacy of a Nazi Childhood," by Irmgard A. Hunt, will be



discussed on **Friday evening November 8th at 7:30 PM.** "Growing up in the beautiful mountains of Berchtesgaden -- just steps from Adolf Hitler's alpine retreat -- Irmgard Hunt had a seemingly happy, simple childhood. In her powerful, illuminating, and sometimes frightening memoir, Hunt recounts a youth lived under an evil but persuasive leader. As she grew older, the harsh reality of war -- and a few brave adults who opposed the Nazi regime -- aroused in her skepticism of National Socialist ideology and the Nazi propaganda she was taught to believe in. On Hitler's Mountain is more than a memoir -- it is a portrait of a nation that lost its moral compass. It is a provocative story of a family and a community in a period and location in history that, though it is fast becoming remote to us, has important resonance for our own time." -- Harper Collins Publishers

Please sign up at the bar if you are interested in joining the Book Club.

FALL CLEAN UP

**Saturday, November 9th,
from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

Please come out to the DC and help get the Grove and the Pavilion ready for Winter. Refreshments will be provided.



**Deutscher Club Ladies' Division
PRESENTS**

Christkindlmarkt

Authentic German Christmas Market
Indoor and Outdoor
**Sunday, November 24th
• 12 Noon – 5:00 PM**

Open Day at the Club – Everyone is Welcome
Please support the Ladies Division's big event

Come and do your Christmas Shopping
and enjoy a Mug of Glühwein

**German Delicacies • German Christmas
Cards & Candies • Handmade Items,
Jewelry & much more!**

In a Spirited German Atmosphere •
Dinners available
Free Admission • Free Parking

**CLUB DER BERLINER • Meets every
first Sunday of the month**

COMING SOON.....

Deutsche Ecke



Christmas Show 2019

“Alle Jahre wieder”

Saturday, December 7th • 7:30 PM

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the bar or from Christa Wimmer at (908) 391-3178.



Thursday, February 13, 2020 the Deutscher Club will be taking part in a **German American Heritage night**, as the Devils take on the Detroit Redwings.

The game begins at **7:00 PM**

We have special pricing of **\$58** per ticket.

There will be German Entertainment, food and Bier. • Wear your Dirndl or Lederhosen and show your German pride.

You'll receive a gift from the Devils, and our group will have a picture on the ice after the game. **Please sign-up at the bar!**

Die Stadt Nördlingen liegt im Donau-Ries Bezirk, Schwaben Bayern, und ist berühmt für ihre interessante Geschichte und Lage. Die Stadt wurde zum ersten Mal 898 in der Karolinger Hof Geschichte (Karl der Große) erwähnt und so feiert die Stadt heutzutage dieses Datum als ihren Anfang. Die deutsch sprechenden Alemannen besetzten das Gebiet von Nördlingen während des 6. und 7. Jahrhunderts und 1215 gab Kaiser Friedrich II Nördlingen das Stadtrecht des Heiligen Römischen Reiches. Es war auch in diesem Jahr, dass die erste Stadtmauer gebaut wurde, deren Grundriss heute noch sichtbar ist. Nördlingen ist eine der drei Städte in Deutschland, die eine ganz unbeschädigte Stadtmauer aus dem Mittelalter hat (Rothenburg ob der Tauber und Dinkelsbühl sind die anderen zwei). Von 1327, als die heutige Stadtmauer gebaut wurde, hat sich die Mauer und die Größe der Stadt ums Vierfache vermehrt. Die Mauer ist auf drei km komplett erhalten und begebar, hat fünf Tore und 4 bedeckte Wachhäuschen. Einige Häuser der Stadt sind direkt in die Mauer gebaut. Ein Teil des Hauses ist in der Stadt, dann wird die Mauer zum Teil des Hauses, z.B. Wohnzimmer und ist auf der äußeren Seite der Stadt weitergebaut. Viele Leute machen Gebrauch von dem nun ausgetrockneten Burggraben und planen da Grillfeste, Gärten und auch Basketball Spielplätze (Nördlingen hat eine sehr erfolgreiche Frauen und Männer Basketball Liga). Heute weisen oft die Piloten vom Flugzeug aus hin auf den perfekten Kreis, den die Stadt mit der Mauer bildet. In den Jahren 1589 und 1598 wurde Nördlingen berühmt für seine Hexenverfolgungen, die gut dokumentiert sind, denn 34 Frauen und ein Mann wurden auf dem Scheiterhaufen als Hexen verbrannt. Nördlingen war auch der Platz an dem zwei historische Kriege des 30jährigen Krieges stattfanden. Während der Besatzung des Krieges verlor die Stadt mehr als die Hälfte der Bevölkerung an Hunger und Krankheit. Er dauerte bis 1939



bis sich die Zahl der Bevölkerung wieder ausgleichen konnte. Im 2. Weltkrieg wurde der historische Teil der Stadt verschont und wenige kamen ums Leben. Damals errichteten die amerikanischen Alliierten ein Lager für Vertriebene, wo die meisten aus Lettland und Litauen kamen. Nach dem Krieg ließen sich mehr als 4.500 Leute dauerhaft in Nördlingen nieder.

Außer ihrer historischen Geschichte ist Nördlingen eine weltweite Berühmtheit, was ihre Lage betrifft. Die Stadt liegt in einer Mulde, in einer Erdvertiefung, die jahrelang als Resultat eines Vulkanausbruchs angenommen war. Aber 1960, als zwei amerikanische Wissenschaftler Nördlingen besuchten, entdeckten sie, dass die Stadt auf einem Meteor Krater gebaut ist, dass heute das Nördlinger Ries heißt (Ries stammt vom Namen der römischen Provinz “Raetia”). Es wurde bewiesen, dass dieser Einschlagkrater Meteor vor ca.14,6 Millionen Jahren auf die Erde einschlug und anhand von Gestein Proben durch Auffinden von Coesit und geschocktem Quarz, wurde es bestätigt, dass es nur von einem Meteoreinschlag entstehen konnte. Der Einschätzung nach, war der Meteor ca. 1.5 km im Durchmesser und schlug mit einer unheimlichen Geschwindigkeit von etwa 54.000-180.000 km/h ein. Das Eintreffen des Meteors hatte die Energie von mehreren 100.000 Hiroshima-Bomben und hatte eine Tiefe von rund 500 Meter Tiefe! Nach dem Einschlag füllte sich der Krater mit Wasser und das führte zu einem 400km weitem See, wo der Salzgehalt einen riesigen Salzsee bildete. In den folgenden 2 Millionen Jahren verlandete sich der Krater, füllte sich nach und nach, und wurde zu landschaftlichem Gebrauch, in der Vertiefung, wo heute Nördlingen liegt. Beweise des Meteors sind in den Gebäuden der Stadt, besonders im St. Georgs Kirchturm, dem Daniel, zu finden, wo winzige Diamanten von etwa 0.3 mm in den Baublöcken zu sehen sind. Die Einschätzung der Wissenschaftler sagt, dass 72.000 Tonnen von Diamanten Stücken beim Einschlag entstanden sind. In neuester

DINING ROOM AND RESERVATIONS: Dinners served from 5:30 to 8:00 PM Thursdays

5:30 to 9:00 PM Fridays Fish & German Dinners on Fridays • 6:00 to 9:00 PM Saturdays

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

Enjoy your dinner among members and friends!

Zeit wurde die Stadt als Kulisse für die Filme: Willi Wonka und die Schokoladen Fabrik (1971) und neuerdings Harry Potter, verfilmt, denn die mittelalterlichen Gebäude, besonders die Fachwerkhäuser und engen Straßen, sind noch so gut erhalten. Es würde sich lohnen eine Reise nach Nördlingen zu machen, denn es ist der einzige Platz in der ganzen Welt mit solch einer Entstehung. Ein Besuch nach Nördlingen wäre gut, denn es ist noch nicht mit Touristen überlaufen.

NÖRDLINGEN (The most beautiful corners are round)

The city of Nördlingen is located in the District of Danube-Ries, Swabia-Bavaria, and it is famous for its interesting history and location. The city was first mentioned in 898 in the registry of the Royal Court of Charlemagne (Karl the Great), and that is why the city celebrates this date as its beginning. The German speaking Alemannic tribes occupied the area of Nördlingen during the 6th and 7th century and in 1215 Emperor Frederick II gave the city the town charter of the Holy Roman Empire. It was also in the same year that the first city wall was built, whose original site is still visible today. Nördlingen is one of only three cities in Germany, that has a city wall from the Middle Ages, completely intact (Rothenburg ob der Tauber and Dinkelsbühl are the other two). Since 1327, when the present city wall was built, the wall and the size of the city has increased fourfold. The wall is preserved for 1.86 miles and comfortable to walk, it has 5 gates and 4 covered sentry houses. Some of the houses are built directly into the wall. A part of the house is in the wall, and the wall becomes part of the house, for example the living room, and then is continued on the other side of the wall. Many people make use of the now dried up moat and plan their barbecues, gardens and basketball courts there (Nördlingen has a very successful women's and men's basketball league). Today pilots often point from the plane at the perfect circle the city and its wall form. Nördlingen became famous in the years of 1589 and 1598 for its witch hunts, which are well documented, because 34 women and one man were burned as witches on the stake. Nördlingen was also the site where two historic wars of the Thirty Years War took place. During the occupation of that war, the city lost more than half of its occupants,

due to hunger and illness. It took until 1939 for the population to recover the original number of inhabitants. During WW II the historical part of the city was spared, and few lost their lives. At that time the American Allies planned a displaced persons camp in Nördlingen, where most people came from Latvia and Lithuania. After the War more than 4,500 people settled in the city. Besides its historical history, Nördlingen has worldwide fame, due to its location. The city lies in a hollow, a depression in the earth, which for centuries was believed to be the result of a volcanic eruption. But in 1960, when two American scientists visited Nördlingen, they discovered, that the city was built on a meteor crater, which today is called the Nördling Ries (Ries comes from the name of a Roman province "Raetia"). It has been proven that this massive meteor struck the earth about 14.6 million years ago. With the help of rock samples, they found coesite and shocked quartz, which was confirmed, that it could come only from a meteor strike. According to estimates the meteor was about a .9 mile in diameter and it collided with earth at such an uncannily speed of about 87,000 mph

to 290,000 mph. The impact of the meteor had the energy of several 100,000 Hiroshima bombs and had a depth of around 1,640 feet (.3 mi). After the impact, the crater filled with water and that led to a 248.5 mi lake, where the salt content formed a huge salt lake. In the following 2 million years, the crater filled gradually with silt and eventually became usable for agriculture in the depression, where Nördlingen is located today. Proof of the meteor can be found in the buildings of the city, especially in the landmark St. George's Church tower, named Daniel, where tiny diamonds of about .3mm are visible. The estimate of the scientists says, that about 72,000 tons of diamond pieces were created at the impact. In recent times the city became the background scenery of the films: Willi Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) and recently Harry Potter, since the medieval buildings, especially the half-timbered houses and narrow streets are so well preserved. It would be worthwhile to take a trip to Nördlingen, because it is the only place in the world that can boast of such a creation. A visit to Nördlingen would be good, because it is not yet filled with tourists.

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Thomas Nast – The Father of the American Cartoon

Thomas Nast was born in Landau, Germany in 1840. He came to New York City with his family when he was six years old, studied art at the National Academy of Design and became a draftsman at 15. By age 20, Nast was working for New York Illustrated News when he was sent to Italy to cover Giuseppe Garibaldi's military campaign. Upon his return to the US, he married Sarah Edwards and had five children. At the start of the American Civil War, Nast joined Harper's Weekly, and earned recognition for his vivid battlefield and camp illustrations which reflected his support of the Union. He later drew satirical scenes of slavery, reconstruction and political corruption. William Marcy "Boss" Tweed's Tammany Hall political machine in NYC was a frequent target, and eventually helped to bring Tweed to justice. Thomas Nast's cartoons gave him the nickname of "President Maker" and influenced the outcomes of six presidential elections between 1864 and 1884. Nast is responsible for the elephant as a symbol of the Republican Party and the donkey for the Democrats. Due to his very



opinionated editorial cartoons, Nast feared for the safety of his family and relocated to Morristown, NJ, where today his art is exhibited at Macculloch Hall Museum. In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Nast as the Consul General to Guayaquil, Ecuador where he fell ill with yellow fever and died. Thomas Nast will always be remembered as the artist who developed the popular appearance of Uncle Sam as the symbol of the US. He will perhaps even more so be remembered as the man who popularized Santa Claus as a jolly, plump figure with his bag of holiday treats for every girl and boy at Christmas.

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