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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – SEPTEMBER / SEPTEMBER 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, August is over and so are the majority of our public events. The weather was not kind to us for our Rock the Lot fundraiser, nor our Country and Western Night. We can only hope that we get better weather for Deutscher Tag and Oktoberfest! While August is traditionally a slower month business-wise for the Club, we did enjoy a group trip to the Somerset Patriots game on August 11th, thanks to Phil Fruh for the idea and reaching out to the team. We also enjoyed Hessen night on August 30th with another curated culinary selection from Chef Ewald. September brings us back to our regularly scheduled meetings, and the "normal flow" returns. We have a lot of activities planned and hope to see everyone back from vacations. On Saturday September 7th, the Bayern Verein of Newark (BVN) will be hosting their annual Oktoberfest at our Club. Please come out and support the BVN. We have many members who belong to both clubs, and in the spirit of solidarity we should support them as much as they support us. I hope to see many of you at the event. On September 11th, we will hold our monthly membership meeting, and on the 14th, we will hold Swing Night under the Pavilion with The Bottle Hill Big Band. September 21st will be the Steuben Parade in Manhattan. As of the writing of this, the primary bus list has been filled, but there is a waitlist in the folder. Let's enjoy a great day in the city together! A quick note regarding the bus ride - while we all should be having a good time, please remain aware of your surroundings, and respect your fellow passengers, especially when children are present. Language became an issue last year. Should it become an issue this year, the offending party will be responsible for finding their own ride back. On the 22nd, we will celebrate Deutscher Tag, with the Musikverein Ahausen, from the Lake Konstanz area. It will be great having a band over from Germany for the first time since 2019. Come out and volunteer at the event and make everyone from the band feel at home. On the 26th, we will hold our Fall New Member Induction. Make sure to come out, meet our new members, and give them a warm Welcome. Finally, on the 28th, we will hold our fan favorite - Trivia Night! As always thank you All for supporting these events, patronizing the bar and restaurant, and donating to our Club. Without you, we wouldn't be as successful and as vibrant of a Club as we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, der Juli ist vorbei, aber die Hitze bleibt. Hoffentlich hat jeder den Sommer bisher genossen. Es war ein weiterer arbeitsreicher Monat für unseren Club und leider nicht ohne Narben. Die Stürme Ende Juni haben einige Schäden am Pavillon, sowie im Bereich hinter dem Pretzel Haus verursacht. Wir haben fleißig daran gearbeitet diese zu reparieren und mit einigen Modifikationen arbeiten immer noch mit voller Leistung. Vielen Dank an die Tuesday Crew sowie an Peter Richter und Rod Schwarz für ihre Fachkenntnisse bei den Reparaturen. Wir werden auch einige professionelle Baumarbeiten durchführen, um hoffentlich zukünftige Schäden durch Äste zu vermeiden. Liebe Mitglieder, der August ist vorbei und damit auch die meisten unserer öffentlichen Veranstaltungen. Das Wetter war weder bei unserer Rock the Lot-Spendenaktion noch bei unserer Country and Western Night gut zu uns. Wir können nur hoffen dass wir für den Deutschen Tag und fuer das Oktoberfest besseres Wetter haben werden! Obwohl der August für den Club geschäftsmäßig traditionell ein ruhigerer Monat ist, konnten wir am 11. August einen Gruppenausflug zum Spiel der Somerset Patriots genießen, Dank an Phil Fruh für die Idee und die Kontaktaufnahme mit dem Team. Am 30. August konnten wir eine kulinarische Auswahl des Bundesstaats Hessen, von Chefkoch Ewald genießen. Ab September finden unsere regelmäßig geplanten Zusammentreffen wieder statt und der „normale Ablauf“ kehrt zurück. Wir haben viele Aktivitäten geplant und hoffen Sie alle wieder zu sehen. Am Samstag den 7. September, veranstaltet der Bayern Verein of Newark (BVN) sein all-jährliches Oktoberfest in unserem Club. Bitte kommen Sie vorbei und unterstützen Sie den BVN, denn viele Mitglieder, gehoeren beiden Clubs an, und im Geiste der Solidarität sollten wir sie genauso unterstützen, wie sie uns unterstützen. Ich hoffe dass viele von Ihnen bei der Veranstaltung dabei sein werden. Am 11. September halten wir unsere monatliche Mitgliederversammlung ab und am 14. veranstalten wir die Swing Night unter dem Pavillon mit der Bottle Hill Big Band. Am 21. September findet die Steuben Parade in Manhattan statt. Zum Zeitpunkt des Schreibens dieses Artikels ist die Hauptbusliste ist voll, aber es gibt eine Warteliste im Ordner. Lasst uns gemeinsam einen tollen Tag in der Stadt genießen! Eine kurze Anmerkung zur Busfahrt: Auch wenn wir alle Spaß haben werden, bitte achten Sie auf Ihre Umgebung und respektieren Sie Ihre Mitreisenden, insbesondere wenn Kinder dabei sind. Die „Sprache“ wurde letztes Jahr zum Problem. Sollte dies dieses Jahr zum Problem werden, ist die betreffende Partei dafür verantwortlich selbst eine Rückfahrt zu finden. Am 22. feiern wir den Deutschen Tag mit dem Musikverein Ahausen aus der Bodensee-Region. Es wird großartig sein zum ersten Mal seit 2019 eine Band aus Deutschland zu haben. Kommen Sie vorbei und helfen Sie ehrenamtlich bei der Veranstaltung mit und sorgen Sie dafür dass sich alle Mitglieder der Band wie zu Hause fühlen. Am 26. halten wir unsere Herbststeinführung für neue Mitglieder ab. Kommen Sie bitte vorbei, lernen Sie unsere neuen Mitglieder kennen und heißen Sie sie herzlich willkommen. Und schließlich veranstalten wir am 28. unseren Fanfavoriten - die Trivia Night! Wie immer möchten wir uns bei allen für die Unterstützung dieser Veranstaltungen, die Besuche in der Bar und im Restaurant und die Spenden an unseren Club bedanken. Ohne Sie wären wir nicht so erfolgreich und lebendig wie heute. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Keith Rhyner

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

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PROGRAMM FÜR SEPTEMBER / SEPTEMBER PROGRAM 2024

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

Sun 01	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 04	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 05	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 05	Entertainment Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
Fri 06	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 07	Bayern Verein's Oktoberfest * • Music by Bernie's Orchestra • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	4:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 08	Frühschoppen	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 11	Monthly Membership Meeting • <i>Welcome back from Summer! Light Fare available at the Window prior to the Meeting.</i>	7:00 PM
Thu 12	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 13	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 PM
Sat 14	Swing Night in the Grove • Bottle Hill Big Band • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 15	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Jockey Hollow, Morristown • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	10:00 AM
Sun 15	Frühschoppen	1:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 15	DC Ladies Division Meeting • <i>Details on Page 5</i>	2:00 PM
Wed 18	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 19	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 19	Railroaders Dinner & Video • <i>All Members are Welcome!</i>	6:30 PM
Thu 19	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	7:30 PM
Fri 20	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 21	67th German-American Steuben Parade in NYC • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	7:30 PM
Sun 22	Frühschoppen	Canceled
Sun 22	Deutscher Tag in Clark • Musikverein Ahausen (Lake Konstanz) • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	12:00 – 6:00 PM
Wed 25	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 26	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>	5:00 – 7:30 PM
Thu 26	Fall New Member Induction • <i>Welcome our New DC Members!</i>	8:00 PM
Fri 27	History Committee Meeting • <i>Details on Page ?</i>	6:30 PM
Sat 28	Trivia Night • Assemble the Teams and Exercise Your Brain Cells! • <i>Details on Page 6</i>	5:00 PM
Sun 29	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

* indicates event is open to the public

† indicates the clubhouse will be closed

Vorschau Oktober / Preview October 2024

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Thu 03	Entertainment Meeting	Thu 17	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!
Fri 04	Meeting of the Potato Peeling Society	Thu 17	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business
Sat 05	DC Oktoberfest – Day 1 * • Don Bitterlich & Die Heimatklänge	Sat 19	DC Fall Blood Drive • Make a Difference and Give Blood!
Sun 06	Frühschoppen • Canceled	Sun 20	Frühschoppen
Sun 06	DC Oktoberfest – Day 2 * • Bernie's Orchestra	Sun 20	Mahjong Classes • Curious? See information below....
Wed 09	Monthly Membership Meeting • Let's get down to Business!	Fri 25	History Committee Meeting
Fri 11	Paranormal Night • Canceled	Sat 26	Halloween Dance • Fast Forward 80's
Fri 11	Deutscher Stammtisch	Sun 27	Frühschoppen
Sun 13	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers	Sun 27	Children's Halloween Party
Sun 13	Frühschoppen		
Sun 13	DC Ladies Division Meeting		

Looking for that Special Gift?

Think DC
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- Dinner
for Two

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are available for
purchase at the
Bar.



KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members, **Rosemarie Geertsma, Dolores Leithner, Suzanna Polhamus, Megan Tripodi, and Ellie Wilkins.**

We mourn the passing of our former member **Zita Elisabeth “Elsie” Ehmann**, mother of our member, **Peter Ehmann**, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

We mourn the passing of our Lifetime member, **Frederick “Fritz” Plaessmann**, and member, **Donald Schwerdt**, grandfather to members **Nick and Evangaline Conte**, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

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

IN THE NEWS

MEMBERS NIGHT IN THE GROVE



Another successful Members Night in the Grove with a Mexican Fiesta on Saturday, August 17, 2024! Chef Ewald's Taco Bar and Mexican treats for the palate, paired with Ellen's renowned Margheritas and Drunken Monkeys were enjoyed by all!

PHILADELPHIA CONCERT



On Friday, August 23, 2024, members of the Deutscher Club of Clark (DC) traveled to the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein (CVV) in Philadelphia, PA to enjoy the HEINO Back in America concert. Thank you to CVV President, Chris Pregler for hosting the DC delegation!

VOLUNTEER AT YOUR CLUB & EARN YOUR 10 HOURS ANNUALLY

1. Special Event Admissions (manning the Admissions table) -*sign up on the Bulletin board behind the table and see a trustee for instructions.*

2. Tuesday Crew (helping with repair projects, cleaning, mowing/leaf blowing, etc. Show up at club at 8AM) – *there is a sign-in book.*

3. Saturday Crew (outside landscaping, show up at 8AM) – *there is a sign-in book.*

4. Potato Peeling (making the potato salad

for Biergartens & Fests. The Friday before an event, at 8AM, bring a peeler) – *there is a sign-in book.*

5. Work at a Biergarten or Fest (work 2 ½ hours manning Admissions, 50/50 Raffle Sales, sell pretzels, serve food, grilling, manage parking, work as cashier, sell at the cake table, etc) - *Sign-up Genius**

6. Spring Clean-Up (clean our clubhouse and get the grove ready for events, show up at 8 AM) – *there is a sign-in book.*

7. Fall Clean-Up (put away tables, clean outdoor bar and kitchen, leaf and sticky ball removal, show up at 8AM) -*sign-in book.*

8. Entertainment and Decorating Committees (meet first Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM in the main dining room) – *there is a sign-in book.*



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9. Additionally, if you have a talent or skill, you are willing to donate your time performing, this too can count towards your volunteer hours.

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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER – When in the Club ...



MAY WE TAKE YOUR ORDER? Deutscher Club has Take-out!

Open to the Public!

Call in your order:

(732) 574-8600

Thursday, Friday,

Saturday • Orders are taken as of 4:15 PM

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



NOW HIRING: Waiters & Waitresses

Become a member of the DC Service Team!

Interested in applying? Please call Deutscher Club Manager, Ewald Hollinger at (732) 574-8600.

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THE BIG RAFFLE RABBIT HAS RETURNED WITH TICKETS

Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase from any Vorstand (Executive Board) member. There are 3000 tickets to be sold, with a potential for 3 grand prizes of up to \$5000 each - if all are sold. The drawing will take place on the night of our Silvester/New Years Eve Gala, **Tuesday, December 31st, at 9:00 PM** - you do not have to be present to win. Please support this fundraiser which benefits the Club's effort to pave the parking lot and driveway.



Ken Vogt, Trustee



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

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

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

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



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MEMBERSHIP

2024 Membership Dues

The Deutscher Club 2024 Membership Dues are 87% paid as of August 1.

As of **AUGUST 1**, those members who have not paid their dues, your name has been removed from the membership roster pursuant to the Deutscher Club bylaws. You will also be removed from the email list.

The Membership Committee has begun interviews for new prospective members which continues into early September. The New Member Fall induction ceremony is in mid-September. If you plan on sponsoring someone for membership, please have their application submitted as soon as possible. Applications are available at the club in the manager's office, or an electronic version is available on the DC website.

Please stay safe and enjoy your summer!

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

Prost! Buzz Sawyer, Membership

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee will meet again on the **first Thursday of the month, September 5th, at 7:00 PM**, in the back corner of the dining room (by the piano). Do you have an idea for an event you would like to have at your Club? Do you have suggestions for making events better? Would you like a fun, easy way to earn your volunteer time for the Club? Join us! The **Decorating Sub-committee**, led by Carol Marquardt and Colleen Sawyer, works hand-in-hand with us to "dress up" the Club for every special event. They meet, on the same day and time, with the Entertainment Committee to coordinate requirements for seasonal, holiday, and special events decorating. *Robert Dries*

SOCIETY OF POTATO PEELERS - UNITE!!

Welcome back to the Season of Potato Peeling! Dust off your peelers and slicers because a meeting of the Society of Potato Peelers will take place on **Friday, Sep 20th & Oct 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**. We normally meet on the **Friday of/preceding an event**. Please mark your calendar for **Sep 20th (Deutscher Tag in Clark)** and **Oct 4th (DC Oktoberfest)**. 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)

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.



LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

The Ladies Division hopes all Club Members had a great summer, despite the oppressive heat! Our first meeting after the summer break will be Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the Ratskeller. Anyone interested in seeing what the Ladies Division is about, please feel free to attend the meeting as our guest! The Fall is filled with Club ac-



tivities, and I hope to see many of you.

Carol Marquardt, Ladies Division President

P.S. If anyone has or knows anyone who would like to donate Trachten (traditional German costumes) please contact the LD at ladies@deutscherclub.us or bring the items to the club. They will be sold at the Christ-kindlmarkt. There are people who look forward to purchasing them. Thank you.

Clothing Drive

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

THE SINGERS



SÄNGERCHOR NEWARK

The Sängerkhor Newark is the Deutscher Club's longstanding "in house" Men's Chorus (Männerchor) founded in 1925, and we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2025. We sing in both German and English, with both piano and accordion accompaniment. Singing with us is also a great way to learn and improve one's German language skills, and after our practices in the Club's Music Room upstairs, we have good fellowship over bier and Chef Ewald's sandwiches downstairs. Greg Scime, whom you may know from the Jazz am Freitag series, is our pianist and conductor while Tage Haun is our accordionist. We sing a full repertoire of classic German songs as well as more casual "Bier-Lieder" and Schlager Musik evergreen favorites. Our chorus meets **several Fridays a month starting at 8pm**. Please contact our President Peter Volk at 908-938-9019 or 1st VP Glenn Fogarty at 732-259-8993 for more details and check out our website at www.saengerchor.net.

RHEINISCHER SÄNGERBUND

The Rheinischer Saengerbund is a Men's Chorus that has been in existence since 1847. They have a very rich history (to include singing at Abraham Lincoln's Funeral) and continue to enjoy their traditions today with their Musical Director, Johanna Teubner-Prussak, a talented and established musician and conductor. The chorus meets at the

Deutscher Club **every Thursday at 8:00 PM**. Think you might be interested in becoming a member? Come on by

DER SCHWÄBISCHER SÄNGER BUND



All good things come in three, so the saying goes. We are a mixed chorus and are part of the Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) house choruses. Our chorus has been in existence for over 135 years. We have done a great deal of travelling, both nationally and internationally, including singing Saturday evening mass at the Vatican on two separate occasions.

We perform two concerts a year. Our Christmas Concert has been a highlight for the German-American community for the past 35 years. We rehearse every **Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM** at the DCC.

If you enjoy singing, we welcome you to come and join us on **Wednesdays** for rehearsal and enjoy the friendship and camaraderie afterwards. For further information, please contact fran.flourishes@gmail.com

Bayern Verein Newark presents

Music by Bernie's Orchestra

German Market Children's Activities Beer Stein Holding Contest

Oktoberfest

7 SEPT - 4pm - 10pm

DRINK - FOOD - ENTERTAINMENT

Open to the Public • Admission \$5

Children under 12 FREE • Cash Only Event • ATM on premises

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

**SEPTEMBER
MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING**
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
7:00 PM



Meal Service 5:30-6:45 PM

- Bratwurst (2 sides) \$10
- Bauernwurst (2 sides) \$10
- Schnitzel Sandwich (Chips) \$11
- Hot Dog \$3
- Buffalo Chicken Wings (w/Celery) \$11
- Honey-Ginger Chicken Wings (w/Celery) \$11

**SWING
NIGHT**
Big Band Music in
The Grove



Saturday, September 14, 2024
6:00-10:00PM
Music by The Bottle Hill Big Band

The Bottle Hill Big Band is a nineteen-piece ensemble with a repertoire that spans the classics from the 1930's and 1940's through the big band music of today. They honor the music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and other greats, and more recent artists like Chuck Mangione, and Maynard Ferguson.

Outdoor Bar and Grill
Members and Guests \$5/person

HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca
brian.mecca@gmail.com



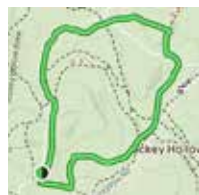
Hope that you are enjoying the summer, hope to see you at some of the events. Looking forward to seeing you in September!

We are planning our hikes for the 2nd half of 2024, if you have any suggestions, please share them with me

On the day of the Hike, we meet at 9:50 in the parking lot (details to be provided to the email group the week prior – contact me to get added to the email list), and the hike be-

gins promptly at 10:00am. If you are running late, please call me so that we can make accommodation for you. .

On **Sunday September 15th** we will be going north to Jockey Hollow at the Morristown National Historical Park. We will hike the Yellow and Orange 2.3-mile loop trail near Morristown, New Jersey. Generally considered an easy route, it takes an average of 58 min to complete. This is a popular trail for hiking and running, but you can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day. The trail is open year-round and is beautiful to visit anytime. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash. www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-jersey/jockey-hollow-yellow-and-orange-loop. More details to be sent out to the email list for the Hiking Group prior to the hike.



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 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.

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, September 19, 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*



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

**67TH GERMAN-AMERICAN
N.Y. STEUBEN DAY PARADE!**
Saturday, Sept. 21st

SCHEDULE:
**6:30-7:00AM-BREAKFAST AT THE DEUTSCHER CLUB
**7:30AM-BUS DEPARTS
**9:00AM-STEUBEN DAY PARADE MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, NYC
**11:00AM-DC MARCHERS ARRIVE AT ASSEMBLY POINT
**BUS RETURNS TO DC AT PARADE CONCLUSION



SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LOBBY! FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!!

The Deutscher Club of Clark presents
DEUTSCHER TAG
A Celebration of Germany....

BEER - LIVE MUSIC - FOOD
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
1:00PM-6:00PM (GATES OPEN AT 12:00)

MUSIC BY MUSIKVEREIN-AHAUSEN
35 MEMBER BAND FROM BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG GERMANY

- *Full menu of German delicacies and desserts*
- *Wide selection of German beers*
- *Children's entertainment provided*
- *Open to the public (Kids under 12 yrs. free)*
- *Offsite Overflow Parking/ Free Shuttle*

Admission: \$5/person
No coolers or outside food or beverage permitted

**Trivia
Night**

Saturday, September 28th

Fun! Food! Prizes!
Grill Open 5:00-7:00 PM For Dinner
Team Table Signup Folder In Lobby
Members W/Card: Free/Member Guests: \$5
Limit of 8 Players per Team/Table

Which Team Will Win The Ken Jennings Bobblehead??!!

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



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

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

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

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

A GENEALOGY EVENT

Hosted by our member, Mr. Robert Fruh is back by popular demand at the Deutscher Club Clark.



Whether you've hit a roadblock researching your family tree or would you like to learn how to begin building a family tree, Mr. Fruh, a genealogist, has extensive experience navigating through the muddled waters of German lineage research.

A virtual workshop will be limited to five (5) members at a time, allowing Mr. Fruh to provide one-on-one consultation with each participant. A waitlist will be established. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to correspondence@deutscherclub.us.

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 on

Friday, September 27, 2024. Come join us! *This is yet another opportunity to earn your volunteer hours.* • If you are interested, please email correspondence@deutscherclub.us

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

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Are you a Mahjong player or would you like to learn?

We have a professional Mahjong player who can teach a 2-hour class once a week for 4 weeks. The cost is **\$10 per hour** for a total of **\$80** per person.



We will meet on **Sundays** from 4 to 6 pm in the Rathskeller, starting in October. (exact date will be announced)

After the initial 4 weeks of instruction, we hope to start a continuous weekly Mahjong Club. Come and learn this fun game of skill, wit and fortune.

Please respond to correspondence@deutscherclub.us to reserve a spot or see me. —Respectfully, Paula Mattis

BLOOD DRIVE

The Deutscher Club of Clark continues their long-standing tradition of supporting the blood supply for local hospitals in our area.



The Vorstand supports your Blood Drive with coffee and Bavarian jelly donuts for early donors and a light German lunch consisting of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad complete with a fresh roll. Of course, our collection service the **New York Blood Center (NYBC)** will always have water, juices and a full complement for pre and post donation snacks.

Mark your calendars and please notify your friends and relatives that the Deutscher Club

of Clark is hosting another **Blood Drive**.

Saturday October 19, 2024,

8:00am – 2:00pm

BALLROOM DANCE

It's time once again to warm up your dancing shoes and come out on a **Thursday** evening to enjoy dinner at the Deutscher Club followed by a dance lesson. The next edition of Ballroom Dancing Lessons will begin in **October. Six (6) weekly one-hour classes.** Maria and Frank look forward to returning and instructing another dance class. Limited spots are available as we prefer to keep the class to a maximum of twenty (20) people. The cost of the class will depend upon the number of students registered (a range between \$5 and \$10 per person per night). The class will not be held if a minimum of ten (10) students is not reached. Members who are interested must commit to all six (6) lessons (no refunds will be given). Those who are interested in joining this next session of Ballroom Dance class, please send your name and contact information to correspondence@deutscherclub.us.



THE BOOK CLUB

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

The next Book Group meeting is tentatively set for **Friday, October 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM**, in the Rathskeller.

The book to be discussed is **A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of WWII** by Adam Makos. The book was recommended to me by one of our members, and it is one of the most remarkable war time stories I've ever read. Some may think this book is too military-oriented but the human-interest drama is gripping and worth the read.

Just to note, everyone is welcome to attend our discussions, even if (s)he has not read the book. The discussions are designed to be fun and learning experiences.

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Deutsche Ecke

EGGENBERG PALAST

Graz ist klein, aber fein. Die Hauptstadt der Steiermark (Österreich) ist nicht nur Kulturhauptstadt, sondern auch Platz einer UNESCO Weltkulturerbestätte. Diese Stätten bekommen ihren Ehrentitel für außergewöhnlichen, universellen Wert für eine Kultur-oder Naturstätte. Gar nicht weit außerhalb von Graz steht ein prächtiger Palast, das Eggenberg Schloss, aus dem 17. Jahrhundert, das weit mehr als eine schöne Fassade bietet. In 1625 wurde Prinz Hans Ulrich von Eggenberg Gouverneur von der Steiermark und beauftragte den wichtigsten Hofarchitekt der Zeit, seine neue Residenz zu entwerfen. Obwohl der 30jährige Krieg in ganz Europa wütete, (von Eggenberg hatte viel Geld) wurde das Schloss zu einer Vereinigung verschiedener architektonischer Stile von der Gotik bis zur zeitgenössischen Zeit gebaut, denn der Wunsch des Regents war eine harmonische Struktur zu schaffen. Einige Jahre später, 1685, erweiterte Hans Ulrichs Enkel, Prinz Johann Seyfried, das Schloss mit dem Planeten Saal und so wurde der Palast zu einer architektonischen Allegorie der Welt. Das Schloss hat 24 Prunksäle mit 52 Türen, in denen die ursprünglichen Möbel und Artefakte des 17. und 18. Jahrhundert in wunderbarem Zustand aus dem Barock erhalten sind. Die Säle haben 60 Fenster, aber das ganze Schloss hat 365 Fenster, mit 31 Zimmer auf jedem Stockwerk und vier Ecktürme. Alles zeugt für die Anspielung an Zeit: ein Jahr, ein Monat, die Wochen, Tage, Stunden und Minuten und Jahreszeiten. Der Maler Hans Adam Weissenkircher widmete die Decken im Planetensaal den sieben Himmelskörpern, die damals im Gregorianischen Kalender genannt waren: Sonne, Mond, Planeten und Sterne; den Tagen der Woche rechnete er den Römischen Göttern und verschiedenen Metallen zu und schließlich schloss er die Mitglieder der Eggenberg Familie den Zahnen bei. Im Ganzen hat das Schloss 500 herrliche Deckengemälde, die heute noch in höchst außergewöhnlichem Zustand erhalten sind. An den Wänden findet man die zwölf Tierkreiszeichen, die das Spiel der astronomischen Zahlen vervollständigen. In der Alten Galerie sind 600 Jahre der europäischen Geschichte in einem Gesamtkunstwerk

vom Mittelalter bis zum Ende des Barocks ausgestellt, unter denen auch die großen Werke der niederländischen Meistern des 17. Jahrhunderts sind. Eine besondere Attraktion sind die Gärten, umgrenzt von einem weitläufigen Landschaftspark aus der Zeit der Romantik, mit einem wertvollen Baumbestand und Rosengarten, die zu den kostbarsten Garten Denkmälern des Landes zählen. Prächtige Pfauen stolzieren im Schlossgarten unter den Besuchern umher. Die Eggenberg Familie starb 1717 mit dem letzten männlichen Erbe aus, der mit 13 Jahren an Blinddarmenzündung starb. Das Schloss ist heute ein Teil des Universalmuseums "Joanneum" und beherbergt neben den Prunkräumen, dem Planetensaal und der Alten Galerie auch das Münzkabinett und das Archäologiemuseum. Wenn in Österreich, wäre ein Besuch nach Graz und dem Eggenberg Palast sehr zu empfehlen.

EGGENBERG PALACE

Graz is small but beautiful. The capital of Styria (Austria) is not only the cultural capital, but also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These sites receive their honorary title for exceptional, universal value as a cultural or natural site. Not far outside Graz stands a magnificent palace, the Eggenberg Castle, from the 17th century, which offers much more than a beautiful facade. In 1625, Prince Hans Ulrich von Eggenberg became governor of Styria and commissioned the most important court architect of the time to design his new residence. Although the Thirty Years' War raged throughout Europe (von Eggenberg had a lot of money), the castle was built as a union of different architectural styles from Gothic to contemporary style, because the regent's wish was to create a harmonious structure. A few years later, in 1685, Hans Ulrich's grandson, Prince Johann Seyfried, extended the palace with the Planet Hall, and so the palace became an architectural allegory of the world. The palace has 24 state rooms with 52 doors, in which the original furniture and artifacts of the 17th and 18th centuries are preserved in wonderful condition

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from the Baroque period. The rooms have 60 windows, but the whole castle has 365 windows, with 31 rooms on each floor and four corner towers. All numbers testifying to the allusion of time: a year, a month, the weeks, days, hours, minutes and seasons. The painter Hans Adam Weissenkircher dedicated the ceilings in the Planet Hall to the seven celestial bodies known at that time in the Gregorian calendar: the sun, moon, planets and stars; the days of the week he attributed to the Roman gods and various metals and finally he included the members of the Eggenberg family in the number scheme. In total, the castle has 500 magnificent ceiling paintings, which are still preserved in a highly exceptional condition today. On the walls you can find the twelve signs of the zodiac, which complete the play on astronomical numbers. In the "Alte Galerie," there are 600 years of European history exhibited in a total work of art from the Middle Ages to the end of the Baroque period, including the great works of the Dutch masters of the 17th and 18th century. Special attractions include the gardens surrounded by a spacious countryside park from the Romantic period, with a valuable selection of trees as well as a rose garden, which counts among the most precious garden monuments in the country. Additionally, magnificent peacocks stroll among the visitors in the castle garden. The Eggenberg family died out in 1717 with the last male heir, who succumbed to appendicitis at the age of 13. The castle is now part of the Universalmuseum Joanneum and, in addition to the state rooms and the Old Gallery, houses the coin cabinet and the archaeology museum. When in Austria, a visit to Graz and the Eggenberg Palace is definitely recommended. — Barbara Oberding



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HENRY JOHN HEINZ – MANUFACTURER

Henry John Heinz was born in Birmingham, Pennsylvania in 1844 to Henry Heinz and Anna Schmidt, both German immigrants who moved to America in 1840. The family settled in Sharpsburg, PA where Henry's father was a brickmaker and his mother spent much of her time gardening. By age 8, Henry was selling surplus produce from the family garden. At age 16, he had several employees working in his hotbeds and delivering the produce to Pittsburgh grocers. His first company, formed in 1869 with two other men, prepared and sold sauerkraut, horseradish, vinegar, and pickles. This business failed during the economic Panic of 1875. A year later, with a brother, John Heinz and a cousin, Frederick Heinz, he founded another company. In 1888, with the business thriving, Heinz bought out his family members, and reorganized the business as H.J. Heinz Company. He used only the best produce and advertised attractively designed products. Heinz "57 varieties" is thought to be two lucky numbers suggested by Henry John and his wife. He also was responsible for the first electric sign, a 40-foot-long green pickle with 1200 electric light bulbs at the site of today's Flatiron building in NYC. Heinz lobbied in favor of the Pure Food and Drug Act in 1906. Heinz became a worldwide company with more than 20 food processing plants, seed farms and container facilities by 1909. His factories were known for their cleanliness, safety, and support for employees. Henry John was married to Sarah Young and had five children. He died of pneumonia in 1919 at age 74. The H.J. Heinz Company had family leadership with Henry John's descendants until 1969. In 2015, Heinz merged with Kraft foods to form the Kraft Heinz Foods Company, a world-wide conglomerate. —Barbara Streit



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