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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS - APRIL / APRIL 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ear members, March has come and gone, and who can believe that we are already getting into festival season? We were busy in March with Fasching, a breakfast buffet, the return of Gisela Lewis' Spring Show, a sold-out St. Patrick's Day Dinner, our annual spring blood drive, Karaoke Night, and Bayern Abend. The Vorstand thanks everyone who came out to these events, helped behind the scenes to make them happen, decorated, and to everyone else who has patronized our Club over the past month. We start April with a Dance Night on the 5th featuring Joe Kroboth. After that, on April 12 we have our spring cleanup, please come out and help us get the outdoor area set up and ready for festival season, as we say, "many hands make light work". That night, Cindy & Cheryl have our next Trivia Night planned, make sure to get your teams together and participate. On the 13th we have our Children's Easter Party and on the 17th we will be inducting our new members. Please come help welcome them to our Club and make them feel at home. We will hold our next state dinner on Friday, April 25th with a curated menu featuring the specialties of Baden-Württemberg, please reserve early through Chef Ewald. On the 26th we will kick off our festival season with Country Western Night. We tried something different this year to boost volunteerism at our events and released the entire year through Signup Genius at once. We will still send out reminders, but please take advantage of the hard work put in behind the scenes to get this done. Volunteer early, volunteer often! As always, thanks to all of you who support our Club. Whether you patronize our Club for dinner, at the bar, holding parties, or ordering take-out, we appreciate it all. Without you, we wouldn't be the Club that we are. See you at the Club!

iebe Mitglieder, der März ist vorbei und es ist kaum zu glauben dass die Festivalsaison schon wieder beginnt. Wir hatten im März ✓viel zu tun: Karneval, Frühstücksbuffet, die Rückkehr von Gisela Lewis' Frühlingsshow, ein ausverkauftes Abendessen zum St. Patrick's Day, unsere jährliche Frühlingsblutspendeaktion, Karaoke-Nacht und der Bayerische Abend. Der Vorstand dankt allen die zu diesen Veranstaltungen gekommen sind und denen die hinter den Kulissen mitgeholfen und dekoriert haben. Ebenfalls danken wir allen Mitgliedern die unseren Club im vergangenen Monat besucht haben. Wir starten den April mit einem Tanzabend, der am 5. April mit Joe Kroboth stattfinden wird. Danach findet am 12. April unser Frühjahrsputz statt. Kommt vorbei und helft uns den Außenbereich für die Festivalsaison vorzubereiten, denn wie es so schoen heisst: "Viele Hände machen der Arbeit schnell ein Ende." Für diesen Abend planen Cindy und Cheryl unseren nächsten Quizabend. Stellt Eure Teams zusammen und macht mit! Am 13. findet unsere Kinder-Osterparty statt, und am 17. April nehmen wir unsere neuen Mitglieder auf. Bitte heisst sie herzlich willkommen in unserem Club damit sie sich wie zu Hause fühlen können. Unser nächstes Landesessen findet am Freitag, den 25. April statt, und zwar mit einem kuratierten Menü von Spezialitäten aus Baden-Württemberg. Bitte reservieren Sie frühzeitig bei Küchenchef Ewald. Am 26. April starten wir unsere Festivalsaison mit der Country Western Night. Für dieses Jahr habe wir ein neues System ausprobiert um die Freiwilligenarbeit bei unseren Veranstaltungen zu fördernö wir haben deshalb den Veranstaltungskalender für das ganze Jahr über Signup Genius veröffentlicht. Wir werden weiterhin Mahnungen an Sie senden. Bitte benützen Sie dieses neue System damit die harte Arbeit die wir hinter den Kulissen geleistet haben belohnt wird. Melden Sie sich frühzeitig zum Dienst und oft! Wie immer vielen Dank an alle die unseren Club unterstützen. Ob Sie unseren Club zum Abendessen, an der Bar oder zu Partys besuchen – wir freuen uns über alles. Ohne Sie wäre der Club nicht was er ist. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR APRIL / APRIL PROGRAM 2025

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

Wed 02	Bar
Thu 03	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>
Thu 03	Entertainment Committee 6:30 PM
Fri 04	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>
Sat 05	Deutscher Tanzabend • Music by Joe Kroboth • <i>Details on Page 6</i>
Sun 06	Frühschoppen
Wed 09	Bar
Wed 09	Monthly Membership Meeting • Bring your ideas!
Thu 10	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>
Fri 11	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>
Fri 11	Deutscher Stammtisch
Sat 12	Spring Clean-up • Let's get Ready for Fest Season! • Details on Page 6
Sat 12	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>
Sat 12	Trivia Night • Bring your Teams of Eight (8)! • Details on Page 6
Sun 13	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Cheesequake Park • Details on Page 5
Sun 13	Frühschoppen
Sun 13	Children's Easter Party • Der Osterhase kommt! • Details on Page 6
Wed 16	Bar
Thu 17	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>
Thu 17	Spring Membership Induction • Come Welcome our New Members
Fri 18	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>
Sat 19	Dinner • <i>Menu on the DC Website</i>
Sun 20	HAPPY EASTER!
Wed 23	Bar
Thu 24	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website
Thu 24	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!
Thu 24	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business
Fri 25	German State Dinner Series • Baden-Württemberg • <i>Details on Page 6</i>
Sat 26	Country Night * • Music by Scott Tracy • Details on Page 5
Sun 27	Frühschoppen
Sun 27	Enzian Ski Club 61st Anniversary Gala • Bernie's Orchestra • Details on Page 5
Sun 27	DC Ladies Division Meeting • Meet Moose the Comfort Dog! • Details on Page 5
Wed 30	Bar

Vorschau Mai / Preview May 2025 SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE & EMAILS FOR UPDATES

Thu 01 Entertainment Committee Meeting Business Fri 02 **History Committee Meeting** Fri 16 Texas Hold'em • Sign-up Sheet at the Bar Sun 04 Frühschoppen DC Book Club • "The Hard Parts," an Fri 16 Sun 04 Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Watchung autobiography by Oksana Masters Reservation DC Ladies Division Spring Craft Fair * Sat 17 Fri 09 **Deutscher Stammtisch** Halfway to Oktoberfest * - Music by **Sun 18** Sun 11 Frühschoppen Doppelgänger Sun 11 **Mother's Day Brunch** Sun 25 Frühschoppen• in the Ratskeller Wed 14 Monthly Membership Meeting • See the New **Sun 25 Deutsches Tanzcafé** • *Music by Bud and Linda* Board in Action! Mon 26 Memorial Day Parade in Clark • Come out and Railroaders Dinner & A Video • All DC Members Thu 15 March with the DC! Welcome! **Thu15 Networking Meeting** • *Tell us about your* Fri 30 German State Dinner Series • State TBD

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

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KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members, Jose Cifuentes, Tom Noble, Les Putanko, Nancy Reuter, Marga Senger, Susan Sexton, and Irene Zehetleitner.

We mourn the passing of our former member, **Anton A. Mast**, father of our member, **Anton T. Mast**, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Matthew O'Connell, brother of our member, **Thomas O'Connell**.

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

IN THE NEWS

SPRING SHOW 2025 – A MUSICAL INTRODUCTION TO SPRING

On Friday, March 14, 2025, six musical Artists, direct from Germany, presented a show of music and comedy in true Cabaret style. The entertainers had the audience at the Deutscher Club clapping, swaying, laughing, dancing and led at least two (2) Konga Lines through the dining room that night. We would like to thank the promoters of the show, DC member, Gisela Lewis and her partner from Germany, Peter Matthäi for bringing back a long-missed tradition at the Deutscher Club.



SANNY serenading the Crowd



JO and JOSEPHINE share their Spirit and Humor



The FELLBERG BUAM bring the mood of the Alpine Mountains to the Deutscher Club of Clark

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION AT THE DC

On **Saturday, March 15, 2025** the band *Dan O'Dea and Eagle Ridge* and dancers from the *Marie Moore School of Irish Dance* thrilled a packed house at the Deutscher Club of Clark. Thank-you to Chef Ewald and his Team for the delicious and beautifully managed traditional Irish Meal & Drinks!



Dancers from the Marie Moore School of Irish Dance



Our own Nick Conte on the Bagpipes



Dan O'Dea and Eagle Ridge

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 2025**. We are looking for a young woman between the ages of 16 - 25 who is interested in becoming actively in-



volved in our community. Our new Miss Deutscher Club will attend various events at the club, support local charities and repre-Continued on page 4 Continued from page 3

sent 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 15, 2025**, 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.

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.



THE BIG RAFFLE IS BACK! DO YOUR PART TO FILL THIS DRUM

Tickets are **\$10 each** and are available for purchase from any Vorstand (Executive Board) member. There are **2400** tickets to be sold, with a potential for 2 grand prizes of up to **\$6000 each** - if all are sold. The drawing will take place on the night of our Silvester/ New Years Eve Gala, **Wednesday, December 31st, at 9:00 PM** - you do not have to be present to win. Please support this fundraiser to benefit the Club. *Ken Vogt, Trustee*

MEMBERSHIP

Join us on **Thursday, April 17th** for our Spring New Member Induction Ceremony at 8PM. Help welcome the newest members of our club!

Bring your 2025 membership card with you to the club. As of **April 1**, all members will be required to show their 2025 membership card at the bar upon entering the club.

If you haven't paid your 2025 membership dues, you are late! A late fee of \$10 per person has been added as of April 1. You can renew online, in person at the club, or by mail. Mailed renewals should be addressed to the Membership Secretary. Late fees will increase monthly.

Regards, Elyn Perez, Membership Secretary membership@deutscherclub.us

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee will meet again 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 earn your volunteer time for the Club?



Join us! The **Decorating Sub-committee**, led by Alexandra Beinstein, Paula Mattic, and Ruth Sutton (new Decorating Sub-Committee Chairs), 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*

DC CLUBS: All are welcome!

SKAT GAME: Every Wednesday at 8:00 PM • **KNITTING CLUB:** Every Thursday at 3:00 PM •

LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

On Sunday, **March 16th** the visitors to Frühschoppen became an audience to an intriguing presentation by **Lisa**



Dupuy, from the Ladies of History, on the subject **"Female Spies of World War II."**



(Photo L-R: Terry Maddalena — LD Secretary, Sigrid Pagano — LD Treasurer, Lisa Dupuy - Presenter, Marga Senger — LD Vice President, and Carol Marguardt, LD President)

Spring is coming and our "Fest Season" will be upon us soon enough. The Ladies Division will be holding their next meeting on **Sunday, April 27th**, in the Rathskeller at **1:00 PM** - with a visit from Moose, the "Comfort Dog".

On **May 17th**, the Ladies Division will hold their annual Spring Craft Fair. Anyone interested in purchasing a table or tables can request an application by writing: VENDORS@DEUTSCHERCLUB.US. The deadline is April 20th. *Carol Marquardt*

THE SINGERS



SÄNGERCHOR NEWARK

We are closer than ever to reaching our 100th

anniversary which takes place on **October 20**, **2025**. Although our numbers have dwindled our spirit, and voices continue to be raised high. We look forward to a celebration sometime in the near future and we are preparing for a festive event. Look for updates in this newsletter in the coming months.

An example of how meaningful the Saenger Chor can be in your life is the story of Frederick (Freddy) Paul who this year celebrates his 69th year with the Chor. Freddy still tells the story of his first meeting after joining the Chor, whose membership stood at 129 strong. Freddy nonchalantly sat down in the first row of tenors and was quickly chastised for it. He was told that maybe, in 15 or 20 years he would be granted the right and privilege to sit in the front row. Well, now, after 69 years, there is only one row, but Freddy has the seat of honor. It would be wonderful to increase our membership during our anniversary year and fill that row of tenors up again.

I encourage all the men in the Deutscher Club to come out on a **Friday night** to sing with us and join in the camaraderie we enjoy on these nights. We start at **8:00 PM**, so you will have had your dinner with your families, put the kids to bed and have the opportunity to get out and have some fun. We sing in both English and German to accompaniment with either a piano or accordion.

Please contact Peter Volk 908-938-9019 or Glenn Fogarty 732-259-8993 to let us know you are coming.

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

NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025, 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 at least 24 hours before the meeting. Looking forward to hearing about your business. *-Michael Fleyzor*

HISTORY COMMITTEE



We will skip the month of April and meet again on **Friday**, **May 2**, **2025**, **at 6:00 PM**. Come join us! *This is yet another opportunity to earn your volunteer hours*. If you are interested, please email correspondence@deutscherclub.us



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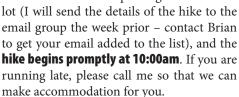
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HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca

brian.mecca@gmail.com

On the day of the Hike, we meet at 9:50 in the parking



We are planning hikes for the 2nd half 2025. Please share any ideas you may have or somewhere you have been or would like to go to. We try to stay within a one-hour drive time from the Deutscher Club.



On **February 23rd**, 19 people and 2 dogs hiked along the **Middlesex Greenway**, rails to trails in Metuchen. It was a beautiful & sunny day; the trail is paved and flat except for the bridge over US1. We started out in Metuchen, hiked into Edison, then into Woodbridge township.



On **March 16th** 13 people and 3 dogs hiked at **Hartshorne Woods Park at the Jersey Shore in Highlands**, along the Cuesta Ridge and Grand Tour Loop. True to our name, Continued on page 6

WANTED – GERMAN TEACHER

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL OF UNION COUNTY, WINFIELD, NJ, is seeking candidates to fill a middle to high school level teaching position.

Preferred qualifications include: Native German speaker, bilingual German/English or C1/C2 German language profile

- Experience as a teacher, teaching assistant or substitute teacher Willing to work Saturday mornings 9:00 am 12:30 pm, September through end of May Sustained level of comfort applying technology in the classroom
- ► If interested please send a cover letter & resume directly to our principal Mr. Salvatore Veniero (**principal@thegermanschool.org**). For more information, please visit our **website www.thegermanschool.org**.

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we took an early turn, then missed another one turning our planned 3.1-mile hike into a 4.2-mile loop for us, we completed this in 1:46 and had a great time. We got in after the morning fog and before the strong winds.

On **April 13th**, we will be going to **Cheese-quake State Park**, 300 Gordon Rd, Matawan. We will be meeting in the parking lot by the lake, not at the trailhead at 9:50 AM. The hike will start at 10 AM.

On **May 4th**, we will be hiking at the **Watchung Reservation**, meeting at the Trail-side Museum Parking Lot.

On **June 1st**, we will be taking an exciting hike at **Washington Valley and Chimney Rock** via Red, Orange, and White Trail, Newmans Ln, Martinsville, NJ 08836

We take off in July and August, lots of public events on weekends. Come out to volunteer and help.

MAHJONG

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



join us on **Sundays from 4 to 6 PM** in the Rathskeller. Come learn and play this fun game of skill, wit and fortune! Please see Paula Mattis or respond to **correspondence@deutscherclub.us**

Are you sick of watching members not volunteer... Want to help this Vorstand with ideas that culd help increase volunteerism...

Join the Volunteer CommitteeNext meeting Wed. April 9th at 5:30

Next meeting wed. Apri

Can't join, but want your ideas heard. Complete the google form!



Text or Call Corrina Parsio 914-443-0119



DC Spring Cleanup

Prepare The Grove, Pavilion, Clubhouse, and Kitchen for our Biergarten and Fest Seasons!

> Saturday, April 12th 8:00 AM

Earn your service hours!











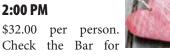


Include name(s) | *Number of tickets*

COMING SOON.....

Mother's Day Buffet

Sunday, May 11th, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Ticket Sales at the end of April. Last day of Ticket sales is May 4, 2025. No walk-ins. Dress Code: Business Casual

Texas HOLD 'EM

Join us on Friday, May 16 to compete in a "Texas HOLD 'EM" poker tournament at the Deutscher Club. |A sign-up sheet is at the bar. Registration closes on **Thursday**, May 15. Dress Code: Casual

Instructions and table assignments start at 6:30 PM and the first hand of the tournament will be dealt at 7:00 PM sharp. The cost is a \$50 buy-in with no re-buys allowed. Blinds increase throughout the evening. Table count and payout structure will be determined based on registration numbers. No new hands will be dealt after 11:30 PM. Tables with remaining players at that time will declare winners based on chip count after the last hand. Any questions please write to events@deutscherclub.us

THE BOOK CLUB

The Deutscher Club's Book group will meet: Friday May 16, at 7:30pm (tentative, depending on other scheduling) most likely under the pavilion.

The book we will read is *The Hard Parts*: A Memoir of Triumph and Courage, an autobiography by Oksana Masters. Although outside our German book theme, this book is one most touching human-interest stories I have ever read. Ms. Masters is the most highly decorated U.S. para-Olympic athlete having won Olympic medals in 4 separate events (summer and winter Olympics). She was a torch bearer in the most recent Paris para-Olympics.

Please note that everyone is welcome to join the discussion. They are designed to be informative and fun. I welcome any suggestions and comments about the group.



CLARK TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On Monday, May 26th, 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.

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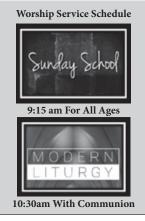
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Chemnitz – Kulturhauptstadt Europas für das Jahr 2025

In 2025 jährt es sich zum 40sten Mal das die jetzt 27 Mitgliedstaaten der Europäische Union (EU) den Titel "Kulturhauptstadt Europas" vergeben. Das Ziel für die Kulturhauptstadt Europas ist den Bewohnern der EU zum einen die Vielfalt europäischer Kulturen näherzubringen und zum anderen auf gemeinsame Wurzeln hinzuweisen. Athen war im Jahr 1985 die erste Stadt welche diesen Titel erhalten hatte. Für 2025 wurde zwei Städten diese Ehre erteilt, Nova Gorica in Slowenien und Chemnitz in Deutschland. Chemnitz, Sachsens drittgrößte Stadt liegt am nördlichen Rand des Erzgebirges, ungefähr 40 Km von der tschechischen Grenze entfernt. Mit ein Grund warum Chemnitz zur Kulturhauptstadt Europas ernannt wurde ist die lange Tradition als wichtiges Gewerbe und Kulturzentrum und die erfolgreiche Transformation zu einer Stadt der Zukunft. Chemnitz, zum ersten Mal im Jahr 1143 urkundlich erwähnt war seit Mitte des 14ten Jahrhunderts ein Zentrum der Textilherstellung. Durch die zunehmende Bedeutung des Bergbaus im Erzgebirge während des Mittelalters wurde Chemnitz auch zu einem Zentrum Metallverarbeitung. Im 19ten Jahrhunderts setzte die industrielle Revolution in Chemnitz eine rasante Entwicklung in Gang, um 1900 war Chemnitz eine der reichsten Städte in Deutschland. Im Jahr 1930 erreichte die Bevölkerung von Chemnitz seinen Höchststand mit 360,000 Einwohnern. Die große wirtschaftliche Bedeutung machte Chemnitz während WWII mehrfach ein Ziel von Luftangriffen dadurch wurde die Stadt zum Großteil zerstört. Mit dem Wiederaufbau wurde im Jahr 1945 begonnen. Ab 1949, dem Gründungsjahr der DDR wurden Gebäude nach den Prinzipien des sozialistischen Städtebaus (sprich Plattenbauten) errichtet. Bis heute prägt der Kontrast zwischen Neubauten und den erhaltenen historischen Gebäuden das Stadtbild. Chemnitz, 1953 in Karl-Marx-Stadt umbenannt, wurde auch für die ehemalige DDR ein wichtiges industrielles und kulturelles Zentrum. Im Rahmen der deutschen Wiedervereinigung erhielt Chemnitz 1990 wieder seinen ursprünglichen Namen. Leider verursachte die Wiedervereinigung in Chemnitz einen schwerwiegenden wirtschaftlichen Einbruch. Der Wegfall vieler Arbeitsstellen veranlasste viele Einwohner die Stadt zu verlassen. Heute ist Chemnitz wieder ein erfolgreicher Wirtschaftsstandort geprägt durch den Maschinenbau und die Automobilindustrie. Zahlreiche Forschungseinrichtungen machen Chemnitz zu einem attraktiven Standort für die Gründung von Start-up Unternehmen in Bereichen der Zukunftstechnologien. Um der Rolle als Kulturhauptstadt Europas gerecht zu werden hat Chemnitz zusammen mit 38 weitere Gemeinden aus der Region ein großartiges Programm für das ganze Jahr ausgearbeitet. Chemnitz 2025 soll den Besuchern die unbekannten Seiten der Stadt und Region unter dem Motto "C the Unseen" vermitteln. Ein reichhaltiges Angebot, 150 Projekte mit mehr als 1000 Veranstaltungen soll die Besucher den Wandel, die Widerstandsfähigkeit und die Neuerfindung der Region erleben lassen. Das gesamte Program und weitere Informationen können auch unter Chemnitz 2025: Kulturhauptstadt Europas abgerufen werden.

Chemnitz – European Capital of Culture for the Year 2025

2025 will mark the 40th anniversary of the now 27 member states of the European Union (EU) awarding the title of "European Capital of Culture". The goal of the European Capital of Culture is, on the one hand, to introduce EU residents to the diversity of European cultures, and on the other, to highlight common roots.

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Athens was the first city to receive this title in 1985. Two

cities have been awarded this honor in 2025: Nova Gorica in Slovenia and Chemnitz in Germany. Chemnitz, Saxony's third largest city, is located on the northern edge of the Ore Mountains, about 40 km from the Czech border. One of the reasons why Chemnitz was named European Capital of Culture is its long tradition as an important trade and cultural center and its successful transformation into a city of the future. Chemnitz, first recorded in 1143, had been a center of textile production since the middle of the 14th century. Due to the increasing importance of mining in the Ore Mountains during the Middle Ages, Chemnitz also became a center of metal processing. In the 19th century, the industrial revolution in Chemnitz set a rapid development in motion, around 1900 Chemnitz was one of the richest cities in Germany. In 1930, the population of Chemnitz reached its peak with 360,000 inhabitants. Its economic importance made Chemnitz a target of air raids several times during WWII, as a result of which the city was largely destroyed. Reconstruction began in 1945. From 1949 on, the year the GDR was founded, buildings were erected according to the principles of socialist urban planning (i.e. prefabricated buildings). To this day, the contrast between new buildings and the preserved historic buildings characterizes the cityscape. Chemnitz was renamed Karl-Marx-Stadt in 1953 and became an important industrial and cultural center for the former GDR. As part of German reunification, Chemnitz regained its original name in 1990. Unfortunately, reunification caused a severe economic downturn in Chemnitz. The loss of many jobs caused many residents to leave the city. Today, Chemnitz is once again a successful business location, characterized by mechanical engineering and the automotive industry. Numerous research institutions make Chemnitz an attractive location for start-up companies in the fields of future technologies. In order to do justice to its role as European Capital of Culture, Chemnitz, together with 38 other municipalities from the region, has worked out a great program for the entire year. Chemnitz 2025 is intended to convey the unknown sides of the city and region to visitors under the motto "C the Unseen". An extensive selection of 150 projects with more than 1000 events is intended to allow visitors to experience the change, resilience and reinvention of the region. The entire program and further information can also be found at Chemnitz 2025: European Capital of Culture.

- Martin Kohler

KATHE KOLLWITZ –
ARTIST

Kathe Schmidt Kollwitz was born in Konigsberg, Prussia, a North German Confedera-



tion, to a mason and his wife, a Lutheran pastor's daughter. Kathe was greatly influenced by her grandfather's lessons in religion and socialism. Showing a talent for art, her parents arranged for lessons in drawing and copying plaster casts. Kollwitz focused her drawings on working people, sailors, and peasants that she saw in her father's office. At age 18, Kollwitz went to Berlin to study at the School for Women Artists and then to Munich to study with Ludwig Herterich. While in Munich she met her husband, Karl Kollwitz, a medical student. Karl established his practice in Berlin and treated the poor. The patients became inspiration for Kollwitz's art. Her six works on the theme of weavers were greeted with great acclaim and she was nominated for the gold medal at the Great Berlin Art Exhibition of 1898. Kaiser Wilhelm II refused to honor Koll-

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witz because "medals of honor belong on the breasts of worthy men." Over her career Kollwitz produced dramatic, emotion-filled etchings, woodcuts, and lithographs generally in black and white. In time, her subject matter came to reflect her own experience as a witness to both World Wars. Kollwitz lost a son in WWI and a grandson in WWII. Her wrenching subjects and expert technique made her work popular in Germany and the Western World. Sadly, in 1933, she was forced to resign her position as the first female professor at the Prussian Academy of Art and forbidden to exhibit her art. Kollwitz continued to make prints,

drawings, and sculptures during her last years, much of which was lost during bombing raids in Berlin where she lived. Highly regarded today, Kathe Kollwitz's portrait is found on numerous German postage stamps. In addition, nearly every city has a street named after her. There are two Kollwitz museums, one in Berlin and the other in Cologne. Kathe Kollwitz died in Moritzburg, Saxony in 1945, just 16 days before the war ended. Among her many honors was a retrospective exhibition of Kathe Kollwitz's art works held at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City in 2024.

—Barbara Streit

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