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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – DEZEMBER / DECEMBER 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members, hopefully everyone had a healthy and happy Thanksgiving! It's hard to believe, but December is already here. November, like most months, was again a busy month at our Club. We started on November 1st with our adult Halloween Party, and our kid's party on the 2nd. Thanks to Christine & Tom Noble and the decorating committee for setting the Halloween mood in the Festhalle and Clubhouse. On the 8th, we started the day with cleaning the grounds and moving tables for Christkindmarkt, and in the evening we celebrated our Club's 90th Anniversary Gala with a great night at Galloping Hill Caterers. I would like to thank everyone who attended, and to all of those who donated to the Gala Journal. Many hands went into making this happen, but I need to especially thank Birgit Maier for coordinating the Gala Journal, Marian Brenner for coordinating with the venue, and Cheryly Seng for making the beautiful 90th Anniversary wine and water glasses. I congratulate our 25- & 50-year members who received their pins at the Gala, as well as the Man of the Year-Peter Richter, and Woman of the Year-Nancy Rhyner. We were also presented with a beautiful new plaque donated by the Horling, Burket, and Klenner families honoring the founding members of our Club. Make sure you check it out the next time you're in the Clubhouse. On the 14th, we held our 16th state dinner, with the cuisine of Niedersachsen. Thanks to everyone who attended this dinner series, it has been hugely successful for our Club, and we have more ideas for next year. On the 15th we held a great Bier Pairing Dinner, featuring a curated menu by Chef Ewald paired with a selection of beers from Ramstein Brewing in Butler. Pete Vaccarelli put the entire evening together and did an amazing job. Greg Zaccardi, the founder and brewer of Ramstein was in attendance to explain each beer to us as well as give tasting notes. On the 22nd & 23rd, we held our annual Christkindmarkt in conjunction with our Ladies' Division, and everyone had a great time, with perfect Glühwein weather. Thanks to everyone who helped make the event successful, and to Colleen & Buzz Sawyer for coordinating the vendors. In order to save space, please check the calendar to see everything we have planned for you in December, it's a lot! As always, thanks to everyone who supports the Club, without you, we wouldn't be the great Club that we are. An early Merry Christmas to those who can't make it to the Club, you are always in our thoughts. For those who can - See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, ich hoffe dass Sie ein schönes Thanksgivingsfest erleben durften! Es ist kaum zu glauben, aber der Dezember ist schon hier. Der Monat November war wie die meisten Monate in unserem Club, sehr ereignisreich. Am 1. November hatten wir unsere Halloween-Party für Erwachsene und am 2. November fand die Halloween-Kinderparty statt. Ein herzliches Dankeschön an Christine & Tom Noble und das Dekorationsteam für die tolle Halloween-Stimmung in der Festhalle und im Clubhaus. Am 8. November starteten wir mit dem Aufräumen des Geländes und dem Aufstellen der Tische für den Christkindmarkt. Am Abend feierten wir das 90-jährige Jubiläum unseres Clubs mit einem wunderbaren Gala-Essen bei Galloping Hill Caterers. Ich möchte mich bei allen anwesenden Gästen bedanken. Ebenfalls herzlichen Dank an alle Spender die das Gala-Journal ermöglichten. Viele fleißige Hände haben zum Gelingen beigetragen, aber mein besonderer Dank gilt Birgit Maier für die Koordinierung des Gala-Journals, Marian Brenner für die Zusammenarbeit mit dem Veranstaltungsort, und Cheryly Seng für die wunderschönen Wein- und Wassergläser zum 90-jährigen Jubiläum. Ich gratuliere unseren Mitgliedern zum 25- und 50-jährigen Jubiläum, die an diesem Abend ihre Anstecknadeln erhielten. Ebenfalls gratuliere ich dem Mann des Jahres, Peter Richter, und der Frau des Jahres, Nancy Rhyner. Außerdem wurde uns eine wunderschöne Gedenktafel überreicht, die von den Familien Horling, Burket und Klenner gestiftet wurde, dies zur Ehrung der Gründungsmitglieder unseres Clubs. Schauen Sie sich diese Gedenktafel bei Ihrem nächsten Besuch im Clubhaus an. Am 14. November fand unser 16. Landesdinner mit niedersächsischen Spezialitäten statt. Vielen Dank an alle, die an dieser Dinnerreihe teilgenommen haben, sie war ein großer Erfolg für unseren Club. Wir haben bereits weitere Ideen für das nächste Jahr. Am 15. veranstalteten wir ein großartiges Bier-Pairing-Dinner mit einem von Küchenchef Ewald zusammengestellten Menü, begleitet von einer Auswahl an Bieren der Ramstein Brauerei in Butler. Pete Vaccarelli organisierte den gesamten Abend und leistete hervorragende Arbeit. Greg Zaccardi, Gründer und Braumeister von Ramstein, war ebenfalls anwesend um uns die einzelnen Biere zu erklären und Ratschläge zu geben. Am 22. und 23. Dezember fand unser jährlicher Christkindmarkt - zusammen mit unserer Damenabteilung - statt. Alle Teilnehmer hatten bei perfektem Glühweinwetter viel Spass. Vielen Dank an alle, die zum Gelingen der Veranstaltung beigetragen haben, und an Colleen und Buzz Sawyer für die Koordination der Händler. Bitte werfen Sie einen Blick auf den Kalender um zu sehen was wir im Dezember für Sie geplant haben. Wie immer danken wir allen die den Club unterstützen. Ohne Sie wäre der Club nicht so aktiv und erfolgreich. Ich wünsche allen die es nicht zum Club schaffen schon jetzt ein frohes Weihnachtsfest – wir denken an Sie. An alle die kommen können: Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Keith Rhyner • E-Mail: president@deutscherclub.us

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PROGRAMM FÜR DEZEMBER / DECEMBER PROGRAM 2025

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

Wed 03	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 04	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 04	Entertainment Committee • Bring your Imagination	7:00 PM
Fri 05	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 05	DC Christmas Tree Lighting • Details on Page 8	7:30 PM
Fri 05	Deutscher Stammtisch • Will return to 3rd Friday after the Holidays	7:30 PM
Sat 06	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 07	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Watchung Reservation • Details on Page 6	10:00 AM
Sun 07	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 10	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 10	Kitchen Open for Light Fare	5:00 – 6:45 PM
Wed 10	Monthly Membership Meeting • Take Part & Make this Club Great!	7:00 PM
Thu 11	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 12	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 12	History Committee • Come join us!	6:30 PM
Fri 12	Texas Hold'em • In the Ratskeller	6:30 PM
Sat 13	Dinner • Prime Rib Night • Reservations Recommended • Not Available for Take-out Orders	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 14	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 14	Children's Christmas Party • Details on Page 7	12:00 – 3:00 PM
Tue 16	DC Ladies Division Christmas Party • Details on Page 7	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Wed 17	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 18	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 7:30 PM
Thu 18	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!	6:30 PM
Fri 19	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 7:30 PM
Fri 19	Carols by Candlelight • Details on Page 7	8:00 PM
Sat 20	Christmas Gala • Music by The Adlers • Details on Page 8	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 21	Frühschoppen	Cancelled
Wed 24	HEILIGABEND / CHRISTMAS EVE	Club is Closed
Thu 25	Frohe Weihnachten / Merry Christmas!	
Thu 25	Christmas Frühschoppen (Potluck)	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Fri 26	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 27	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 28	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 31	Silvester Gala / New Year's Eve – Music by the Adlers • Details on Page 8	5:00 PM – 1:00 AM

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Thu 01	Neujahr / New Year's Day • Happy New Year! • Club is Closed	Fri 16	Deutscher Stammtisch
Sun 04	Frühschoppen	Sat 17	Neuer Vorstandstanz • Music by The Adlers
Thu 08	Entertainment Committee Meeting • Bring your imagination!	Sun 18	Frühschoppen
Fri 09	State Dinner Series • Stay Tuned...	Sun 18	DC Ladies Division Meeting
Sun 11	Frühschoppen	Sun 18	Grünkohl & Pinklwurstessen • Ryan Schubert
Sun 11	General Meeting & Election • Make your Voice Heard – Vote!	Sat 24	Magic Night • An Entertaining Evening of Prestidigitation
Thu 15	Railroaders Dinner & A Video • All DC Members Welcome!	Sun 25	Frühschoppen
Thu 15	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business	Sun 25	Chili Cook-off • Judge or be Judged & Have some Fun!
		Fri 30	DC Book Club • The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel, by Douglas Brunt

* indicates event is open to the public

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Two

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available for
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the Bar.



KLUBNACHRICHTEN • CLUB NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers for strength and recuperation go out to our members, **John Marquardt**, **James “Jimmy” Auditore** and **Norman Link**.

We mourn the passing of our members, **William “Bill” Adams**, **Charles “Chick” Bachmann**, **Carol Henke**, **Doris Mark**, **Frederick Plaessmann**, and **Ursula Ueltzhoeffer**, **Helga Waldner** and former members, **Leonhard Biller**, **Peter Hans Blechinger** (2024), **Celeste Starek Casino** (2023), **Fred Kramps** (2023), **William “Bill” Zeh**, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of **Helen Driza** (103 yrs), mother of member **George Driza**.

Our sincerest condolences go out to our friends, **The Adler Family** on the loss of their mother **Tina Adler**, a former member. Our condolences also go out to the family of **Caren Elizabeth Strasko**, former employee & friend of many Deutscher Club members.

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

IN THE NEWS

90TH ANNIVERSARY GALA HAPPENINGS



Congratulations to the Deutscher Club's 2025 Man & Woman of the Year!

Peter Richter and Nancy Rhyner

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 25- AND 50-YEAR DC MEMBERS HONORED AT THIS YEAR'S ANNIVERSARY GALA!

25-Year Honorees

Robert Endholz, Jr. • Jim Grieco • Christopher J. Hartsough • James L. Hons • Anne Klutkowski • Thomas J. Locher • Andrew J. Majsztrik • Carol L. Nolte • Ellen J. Schneider • Gertrude P. Seitel • Anne Stelzer • Madeline Ulrich • Raymond M. Zoeller

50-Year Honorees

Anneliese Falduti • Sigrid Monschke • Arthur H. Todt • Ursula Weuste

DEUTSCHER CLUB FOUNDERS PLAQUE PRESENTATION



Thank you to the **Horling and Klenner** families for their gracious gift of a plaque immortalizing the names of the Founding Fathers of the Deutscher Club of Clark. Members of the **Horling and Klenner** families attending the 90th Anniversary Gala presented the tablet to President, **Keith Rhyner**; 1st VP, **Eric Zabel** and 2nd VP, **Bob Dries**.

FUTURE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Metta is a big sister now! **Keri Lages** and **Mike Gould** welcomed **Lotte Lynn Gould** to the family on Friday, October 24, 2025. She was 7lb, 8oz and 20 inches long. Opa, **Bill Lages** is super happy and super proud – just ask him.



We also welcome our newest future member **Andrew Kaskiw IV**! Congratulations to first-time OPA, our member, **Andrew “Andy” Kaskiw** and to the proud parents **Patty and Andrew Kaskiw III**.

HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY, MICHAEL SHERIDAN!

The Deutscher Club proudly celebrates one of its most dedicated members on his 96th birthday. **Michael** continuously volunteers his time, energy, and endless good spirits - always the first to come and the last to leave. • **Michael's** commitment, kindness, and unending good humor continue to inspire all of us who know him. His dedication and spirit continuously enrich our club — thank you. *Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag! Prost to you, Michael!*



(submitted by the Tuesday Crew)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER – WHEN IN THE CLUB ...



"SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT"

(Author – Unknown)



Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented,
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay away from them
And criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part,
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the
Kind that "just belong?"
Do you ever think to lend a hand,
And help to make it tick,

Or leave the work to just a few,
And talk about the "clique?"
There's quite a program scheduled,
That I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate it, if you, too,
Will come and help out.
So come to the meetings, often,
And help with hand and heart;
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.
Think this over, Member,
You know right from wrong:
**ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER,
OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?**

This poem hangs in a simple frame behind the bar, to the left of the Ratskeller. It may be easy to overlook – but the message isn't.

Our club is run by volunteers. We need you to help make the Deutscher Club the best place ever. This is a way to meet life-long friends. We are more than a club. We are family! Willkommen!

* If you are not receiving the weekly Menu/Events Messages, please ensure we have your correct email address by sending it to events@deutscherclub.us. You can also send questions to correspondence@deutscherclub.us



JANUARY 11th, 2026

Make a difference at the Deutscher Club. Let your voice be heard! Take part in the 2026 Elections at our General Meeting on Sunday, January 11th, 2026, at 2:00 PM!

Nominating Committee members:

Chairperson, Chris Wagner, deutscherclub-chris@gmail.com; 551-427-8117

Carol Marquardt, cmarquardt1@verizon.net; (908) 403-5958

Betty Bunker, embunger@gmail.com; 908-239-0554

Lisa Heims, lisa-heims@comcast.net; 908-578-0969

Dan Lomelli, schroonman@gmail.com; 908-217-0677

Karen Paardecamp, paardecamp@aol.com; (908) 812-1017

The available positions are as follows:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Trustee: 2 Positions, 3- year term each

If you are a member in good standing and interested in serving in one of the above positions, please contact a committee member ASAP.

Prior to the election, the nominating committee will present the slate of candidates at the December monthly membership meeting on **Wednesday, December 10th**.

Absentee Ballots are available to members unable to vote in-person, only under the following conditions, per our bylaws:

- The member is an out-of-state resident
- The member will be out of town or working on election day
- The member is experiencing an extended illness

To request an absentee ballot, contact any committee member listed above. Absentee ballots must be received at the Club no later than **Saturday, January 10, 2026**

Absentee ballots are counted and entered into the vote count immediately after the in-person votes are cast.

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NOW HIRING: WAITERS & WAITRESSES

Become a member of the DC Service Team! Interested in applying? Please call DC Manager, Ewald Hollinger at 732-574-8600.

LOOKING FOR A GIFT FOR THAT SPECIAL OCCASION? THINK DC GIFT CARD - DINNER FOR TWO | CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE BAR.

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 or at the entry of any of our public events. 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

2026 membership dues are now being accepted. Members can renew online, in person at the bar, or by mailing a check to the club to the attention of Membership Secretary. New membership cards will be printed starting in December. Please be sure to include any change of address information at the time you renew.

Dues rates for 2026 are as follows:

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
Herzlichen Dank! Elyn Perez, Membership Secretary

90TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE PIN

The Deutscher Club of Clark will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary this year with a Gala event at Galloping Hill Caterers on Saturday, November 8, 2025. (for more information see the flyer below) One of the ways we wish to memorialize this important date is with the sale of this commemorative pin for **\$10** apiece. To purchase one, just see any Vorstand/Board member.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee will meet on **Thursday, December 4th, at 7:00 PM**, in the Ratskeller. 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**, Alexandra Beinstein, Paula Mattis, and Ruth Sutton work 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 7:30 PM
KNITTING CLUB: EVERY THURSDAY AT 3:00 PM

LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to work at the 2-day Christkindmarkt, donated Trachten, and visited the vendors. Another successful event at the Deutscher Club! The year is almost over, and the Ladies Division has many events, both social and informative. We also had several new members join our group. • *We wish everyone and their families a beautiful holiday season and a Happy, Healthy 2026!* - Carol Marquardt, President



THE SINGERS



SÄNGERCHOR NEWARK

It's Official! Saenger Chor Newark is 100 years old. We passed the milestone at the end of October. I'd like to say we are going strong into the next century, but we need your help, the help of NEW members to do so. If you enjoy hearing the Saenger Chor sing at the Christkindl Markt and other occasions, we need new strong voices of Deutscher Club men to carry on. We meet to sing **every other Friday night at 8 PM** and would love to welcome you to listen and join in on singing both English and German songs of various genres including traditional favorites and fun drinking songs. If you enjoy singing in the

shower or the privacy of your car, come and see how enjoyable it is to sing with a group of "Kameraden." Please call either Peter Volk at 908-938-9019 or Glenn Fogarty at 732-259-8993 for more information.

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!

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► 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**.

DER SCHWÄBISCHER SÄNGERBUND NEWS

Like to sing? Like to meet new people? Like to have fun? How about joining the Schwabischer Sängerbund (SSB) Mixed Chorus. You do not need to know how to read music and no previous singing experience is necessary.



Our Director is Greg Scime (Jazz am Freitag). We rehearse **every Wednesday at 7:30 PM** in the Deutscher Club, upstairs (above the dining room). Join us in September as we prepare for our Holiday and Candlelight concerts. Thank You!

Schwäbischer Sängerbund
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Presents

WEIHNACHTSKONZERT
37th Annual Christmas Concert

German and Popular
Christmas Music
with
Soloists and Orchestra
Professor Gregory Scime, Director



Sunday, December 7, 2025
4:00 PM

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Schwäbischer Sängerbund
or
contact: Julie at 908-796-1313
juliet13@yahoo.com

The Presbyterian Church
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Westfield, New Jersey
Donation: \$20

THE DANCERS Bayern Verein Newark News

Join us!

No experience? No problem! Whether you're looking to connect with your heritage, try something new, or just have fun and stay active, our group welcomes dancers of all



ages and backgrounds. We rehearse Monday evenings right here at the Deutscher Club and will be kicking off again in August - it's the perfect time to jump in!

Interested? Come give it a try - we'd love to have you! • For more information, contact Paul Ulrich at 734-646-6764 or vorplattler@bvnnj.org or Betty Bunker at 732-463-7855 or president@bvnnj.org



HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca
brian.mecca@gmail.com



On the day of the hike, participants are requested to assemble at **9:50 AM** in the parking lot. Details regarding the hike will be distributed to the group via email one week prior to the event; please contact Brian to have your email address added to the list. The hike will commence promptly at **10:00 AM**. In case of delay, kindly notify me so appropriate arrangements can be made. If you wish to join the Hiking Group's mailing list, please send an email including your name and mobile phone number. • We are currently planning activities for the first half of **2026** and welcome any suggestions regarding destinations or previous experiences. Our aim is to select locations within approximately one hour's drive from the Deutscher Club. • On Sunday, November 2nd, 17 of us hiked at **Hartshorne Woods Park**, in Highlands, NJ. It was a beau-

tiful sunny day; we also had 3 dogs join us for a 3.4-mile hike.



On **Sunday, December 7th**, a hike is planned at **Watchung Reservation**. We will meet by the picnic tables alongside the parking lot at the intersection of Coles Ave and New Providence Road in Mountainside at the **Trailside Nature & Science Center** parking lot (452 New Providence Rd, Mountainside, NJ 07092). at 9:50. This event covers a 2.8-mile route over moderate terrain. Please wear hiking shoes, as certain trails experienced damage during the July 14th rainfall. The following link provides further information; although this route is new to the group, I personally surveyed it in August. Leashed dogs (maximum length 6 feet) are welcome. www.alltrails.com/explore/map/trailside-surprise-lake-orange-blue-purple-white-trails-f07e839?u=i&sh=exqgus

Kindly confirm your attendance by RSVPing to brian.mecca@gmail.com and include your phone number so that we may create a texting group for last-minute updates. • After the hike, participants are invited to return to the Club for Fröhshoppen. The bar will be open, soup and open-faced sandwiches are typically available, and attendees are encouraged to bring additional refreshments as the kitchen will be closed. We look forward to a pleasant post-hike gathering.

MAHJONG

The Mahjongg Club meets on **Sundays from 4-6 pm** during Fall/Winter. If you are a DC member and already know how to play, please come and join us.



We will **not meet** on **December 28th**.

For further information about the Mahjongg Club, or if you would like to learn to play, please email correspondence@deutscher-club.us -Thank you, Meg and Paula

GERMAN SCHOOL OF UNION COUNTY



REGISTRATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026 IS NOW OPEN

www.thegermanschool.org/registration/register/



Join us on **Friday, December 12, 2025**, 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, December 11, 2025.
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

OCTOBER 2025 BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

We are thrilled to share the results from our recent



blood drive held on October 25th. Thanks to the incredible support and enthusiasm of our members and those regular donors that visit the Deutscher Club Blood Drive, it was a fantastic success!

We had 55 pints of blood collected.

Thank You! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this blood drive. Members' spreading the word and encouraging participation made a real difference. We also want to thank the staff of the New York Blood Services that did an awesome job processing donors and collecting blood. In most cases, donors were processed and donated in under one hour. Together, we are saving lives and strengthening and protecting our community's blood supply. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to seeing you at our next blood drive; **SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2026**



LADIES' DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, Dec. 16th,
5:30 to 8:00 PM

The DC Damenabteilung/Ladies' Division will hold their annual Christmas Dinner.

Cocktails begin 5:30 PM and Dinner 6:00 PM.





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2026 SCHOLARSHIP

WALTER LEHMANN SCHOLARSHIP awards \$4,500 to defray the cost for a High School Student registered to attend the Summer German Language immersion program offered by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) (for more information on the AATG High School Summer Study Program and application process, go to www.aatg.org/summer-study. The AATG application

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591 Jahre und immer noch Stark – Die Magie des Dresdner Striezelmarkts

Wenn Sie jemals davon geträumt haben, in ein echtes Winterwunderland einzutreten, sind Deutschlands Weihnachtsmärkte das perfekte Ziel. Jedes Jahr in der Adventszeit entstehen festliche Märkte in ganz Europa und darüber hinaus – denken Sie an New York, Bethlehem (PA), Wien, Prag und sogar im DC in Clark. Doch wenn Sie das ultimative Erlebnis suchen, reisen Sie nach Deutschland, dem Land mit fast 3.000 Weihnachtsmärkten, mehr als irgendwo sonst auf der Welt. Doch unter ihnen sticht einer besonders hervor: der Dresdner Striezelmarkt, eine Weihnachtstradition, die bis ins Jahr 1434 zurückreicht. In der Stadt, die oft als „Elbflorenz“ bezeichnet wird, ist dies nicht nur ein Markt – es ist ein Stück lebendige Geschichte. Der Striezelmarkt begann als eintägiger Fleischmarkt am Tag vor Heiligabend, damit die Einwohner von Dresden ihren Festtagsbraten kaufen konnten. Um 1500 erhielt der Markt seinen Namen, als örtliche Bäcker begannen, einen besonderen Weihnachtskuchen namens „Striezel“ zu verkaufen. Heute ist dieser Kuchen weltweit als Dresdner Stollen bekannt – ein reichhaltiges Fruchtbrot voller in Rum getränkter Rosinen, Mandeln und kandierter Zitruschalen. Aus bescheidenen Anfängen hat sich der Striezelmarkt zu einer vierwöchigen Feier entwickelt, die mehr als zwei Millionen Besucher anzieht und über 200 Händler die alles von traditionellem Kunsthandwerk bis zu kulinarischen Köstlichkeiten anbieten. Besucher können lokale Spezialitäten wie Pulsnitzer Pfeffernüsse, würzige Lebkuchen aus einer nahegelegenen Stadt, und Kräppelchen, kleine Gebäckstücke ähnlich wie Krapfen, probieren. Und nicht zu vergessen, Pflaumentoffel, kleine Figuren aus Backpflaumen die als Dekoration dienen, aber nach Weihnachten essbar sind. Um sich aufzuwärmen, können Erwachsene eine Tasse Striezel-

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Glühwein genießen, süß und aromatisch, der ideale Begleiter für kalte Nächte.

Optisch ist der Markt pure Magie. Tausende Lichter erhellen den Altmarkt und schaffen eine festliche Atmosphäre. Die Stände sind gefüllt mit handgefertigten Schätzen aus dem Erzgebirge, darunter hölzerne Weihnachtspyramiden, Schwibbögen (bogige Kerzenhalter), Nussknacker und Räuchermännchen. Zwei ikonische Elemente dominieren die Szenerie: der weltweit größte Schwibbogen am Eingang des Striezelmarkts und die weltweit höchste Weihnachtspyramide, die als Mittelpunkt über dem Platz thront. Neben Einkaufen und Essen bietet der Striezelmarkt reichlich Unterhaltung. Kinder können traditionelle Fahrgeschäfte genießen und sich an einem riesigen Adventskalender erfreuen, der gleichzeitig als Bühne für tägliche Puppenspiele dient. Chorkonzerte und Live-Musik erfüllen die Luft mit festlichen Klängen, während Handwerker ihre Fertigkeiten demonstrieren und Bäcker Stollen direkt vor Ihren Augen zubereiten. Eine der spektakulärsten Traditionen ist die „Bergparade“, ein Umzug mit 500 Teilnehmern in traditionellen Bergmannsuniformen. Der Dresdner Striezelmarkt ist mehr als ein Weihnachtsmarkt, er ist eine Feier von Geschichte, Handwerkskunst und Weihnachtsstimmung.

591 Years and Still Going Strong – The Magic of the Dresden Striezelmarkt

Ever dreamed of stepping into a real-life winter wonderland? Germany's Christmas markets are the perfect destination. Annually, during Advent season, festive markets pop up across Europe and beyond—think New York, Bethlehem (PA), Vienna, Prague, and even the DC in Clark. For the ultimate experience, head to Germany, the country that hosts nearly 3,000 Christmas markets, more than anywhere else in the world. Among these, one market stands out above the rest: the Dresden Striezelmarkt, a holiday tradition that dates back to 1434. Located in the city often called Florence on the Elbe, this isn't just a market, it's a piece of living history. The Striezelmarkt began as a one-day meat market held the day before Christmas Eve, giving locals a chance to buy their holiday roast. Around 1500, the market earned its name when local bakers started selling a special Christmas cake called Striezel. Today, it's known worldwide as Dresden Stollen, a rich fruit loaf packed with rum-soaked raisins, almonds, and candied citrus peel. From its humble beginnings, the Striezelmarkt has grown into a four-week celebration, attracting over two million visitors and featuring over 200 vendors offering everything from traditional crafts to culinary delights. Visitors can indulge in local specialties such as Pulsnitzer Pfeffernüsse, spiced gingerbread cookies from a nearby town, and Kräppelchen, bite-sized pastries similar to doughnuts and

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don't miss the Pflaumentoffel, little figurines made from prunes, a decoration edible after Christmas. To keep warm, adults can enjoy a cup of Striezel Mulled Wine, sweet and aromatic, the ideal companion for chilly nights. Thousands of lights illuminate the Altmarkt Square, creating a festive glow. Stalls overflow with handcrafted treasures from the Ore Mountains, including wooden Christmas pyramids, schwibbogen (arched candleholders), nutcrackers, and incense smokers. Two iconic features dominate the scene: the world's largest schwibbogen at the entrance to the Striezelmarkt and the world's tallest Christmas pyramid, a centerpiece that towers over the square. Beyond shopping and eating, the Striezelmarkt offers plenty of entertainment. Children can enjoy traditional rides and marvel at a giant Advent calendar that doubles as a stage for daily puppet shows. Choir performances and live music fill the air with festive sounds, while craftsmen demonstrate their woodworking skills and bakers prepare Stollen right before your eyes. One of the most spectacular traditions is the "Berg parade", a procession featuring 500 participants dressed in traditional miners' uniforms. The Dresden Striezelmarkt is more than a Christmas market—it's a celebration of history, craftsmanship, and holiday spirit. — *Martin Kohler*

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER – US PRESIDENT

Dwight David "Ike" Eisenhower was born on October 14, 1890, in Dennison, Texas, and was raised in Abilene, Kansas. His German ancestry dates to 1741 when Hans Eisenhauer and his family emigrated from Karlsbrunn, Germany to Lancaster, PA. Eisenhower was the third of seven sons born to David and Ida. He developed a deep sense of connection to the outdoors and learned about hunting, fishing, cooking, and card playing. In high school he excelled in sports and became interested in military history. Upon graduation, Eisenhower went to West Point which did not require tuition that his family could not provide, even though his deeply religious mother was disappointed. After West Point, Eisenhower was stationed in Texas where he met Mamie Geneva Doud, whom he married in 1916. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Eisenhower was called to Washington to work on war plans. He commanded the Allied Forces landing in North Africa in 1942, and in 1944, D-Day, he was the supreme commander of the troops that invaded France. After WWII ended, Eisenhower became president of Columbia University, took over NATO forces, and in 1952 was convinced by Republicans to run for president of the US, an election



that he won to become the 34th president of the United States. Some of Eisenhower's accomplishments as president include orchestrating an armistice between North and South Korea, creating the interstate highway system, insured a peaceful integration at Little Rock High School, and decelerated the arms race with the Soviet Union. Honors

for President Eisenhower include the Eisenhower dollar (1971-1978), tribute albums issued by ABC and MGM, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial on the Nation Mall, and dozens of awards and decorations from foreign countries. Dwight D. Eisenhower died in Washington, DC on March 28, 1969. —*Barbara Streit*

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deadline for the Summer Study Program is **January 19, 2026**. The student will spend three eventful weeks in Germany, staying with a German family, attending classes, and participating in a variety of excursions and activities.

► **Forms and instructions** for the Deutscher Club's Walter Lehmann Scholarship can be found on the Deutscher Club website deutscherclub.us (under "Bulletins and Downloads").

THE BOOK CLUB

The Deutscher Club's Book group will next meet: **Friday, January 30 at 7:30 PM** (tentative, depending on other scheduling)

most likely in the Ratskeller. We will read *The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel; Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of WWI* by Douglas Brunt.

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