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VEREINSNACHRICHTEN / CLUB NEWS – MÄRZ / MARCH 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members, February has come and gone, and hopefully it has taken the frigid temperatures with it. We definitely took advantage of the warmth, both physical and social, inside our Club though! We had a packed house for Trivia Night on the 8th, thanks to Cindy & Cheryl for another great event, and another packed house the next day for the Big Game party, thanks to Rick Myers for orchestrating another successful viewing party. We celebrated Valentine's Day on the 14th with over 150 people in attendance, and the Club looked great, decorated for the event. Thanks to Alexandra Beinstein, Paula Mattis, and Ruth Sutton, as well as the decorating committee for another great job. On the 21st, we made a stop on our culinary tour of Germany in Berlin. Chef Ewald and his staff brought the tastes of Germany's capital to us, and Peter Richter made sure that Eisbein was on the menu. Our next state dinner will be in April, and details will be in the next newsletter-please reserve your table through Ewald. We also had our first Sunday afternoon Tanz Cafe with the music of Maria & John. The Tuesday Crew has been busy with some behind the scenes projects as well as making improvements around our Club in anticipation of festival season. March will be busy with Fasching on March 1st, and a Breakfast Buffet on March 9th. On Friday, March 14th, the Spring Show makes its return to our Club for the first time in over 5 years. We will have musical acts from Germany performing. Please support this event, it's a fun evening and a lot of work was put in to get the entertainment here. A big thanks to Gisela Lewis for arranging the bands. Please note, the ticket cost of \$25 is the entrance fee only, dinner is NOT included in the price, and the main hall will be open for ticket holders only. The Ratskeller will be open to non-ticket holders for dinner service. On the 15th, we will be celebrating Saint Patrick's Day, another big event at our Club. On the 22nd we will be hosting our annual Spring Blood Drive, please come out and support this life-saving event. That same night there will be karaoke singing, which is always a good time. We wrap up March on the 29th with Bayern Abend featuring the music of Bernie's Orchestra, wear your best Tracht and come enjoy a Bavarian party. As always, thanks to all of you who support our Club, without you, we wouldn't be the Club that we are. See you at the Club!

Liebe Mitglieder, der Februar ist gekommen und gegangen und hoffentlich hat er die eisigen Temperaturen mitgenommen. Wir haben die Wärme in unserem Club auf jeden Fall ausgenutzt, sowohl körperlich als auch gesellig! Wir hatten ein volles Haus für die Trivia Night am 8. Februar. Dank Cindy & Cheryl für eine weitere großartige Veranstaltung, und ein weiteres volles Haus am nächsten Tag für die Big Game Party. Besten Dank zu Rick Myers fuer die Organisation einer weiteren erfolgreichen Fernsehparty. Wir feierten am 14ten den Valentinstag mit über 150 Anwesenden; der Club war für diesen Anlass großartig dekoriert. Danke an Alexandra Beinstein, Paula Mattis, Ruth Sutton, sowie dem Dekorationskomitee für ihre großartige Arbeit. Am 21ten machten wir auf unserer kulinarischen Deutschlandtour einen Zwischenstopp in Berlin. Chefkoch Ewald und sein Team brachten uns den kulinarischen Geschmack der deutschen Hauptstadt näher. Peter Richter sorgte dafür dass Eisbein auf der Speisekarte stand. Unser nächstes Staatsessen findet im April statt, Einzelheiten folgen im nächsten Newsletter – bitte reservieren Sie Ihren Tisch über Ewald. Wir hatten unser erstes Tanzcafé am Sonntagnachmittag, mit Musik von Maria & John. Die Tuesday Crew war mit einigen Projekten hinter den Kulissen beschäftigt und hat in Erwartung der Festivalsaison Verbesserungen in unserem Club vorgenommen. Der März wird zwischen Fasching am 1. März und einem Frühstücksbuffet am 9. März vollgepackt sein. Am Freitag den 14. März kehrt die Spring Show zum ersten Mal seit über 5 Jahren in unseren Club zurück. Musikalische Talente aus Deutschland werden uns unterhalten. Bitte unterstützen Sie diesen unterhaltsamen Abend denn es wurde viel Arbeit investiert um diese Show zu ermöglichen. Ein großes Dankeschön an Gisela Lewis für die Organisation der Bands. Bitte beachten Sie, dass der Ticketpreis von \$25 nur der Eintrittspreis ist, das Abendessen ist NICHT im Preis einbegriffen. Der Hauptsaal ist nur für Ticketinhaber bestimmt, doch der Ratskeller ist zum Abendessen für Nicht-Ticketinhaber geöffnet. Am 15ten feiern wir den St. Patrick's Day, ein weiteres großes Ereignis in unserem Club. Am 22ten haben wir unsere jährliche Frühjahrsblutspendeaktion. Kommen Sie bitte vorbei und unterstützen Sie diese lebensrettende Aktion. Am selben Abend wird Karaoke gesungen, was immer ein guter Zeitvertreib ist. Wir beenden den März am 29ten mit dem Bayern-Abend, mit Musik von Bernie's Orchestra. Zieht Eure beste Tracht an und genießt eine bayerische Party. Wie immer gilt unser Dank all denen die unseren Club unterstützen, denn ohne Euch wäre der Club nicht was er ist. Wir sehen uns im Club!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Keith Rhyner

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PROGRAMM FÜR MÄRZ / MARCH PROGRAM 2025

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

Sat 01	Fasching / Mardi Gras • Details on Page 5	6:11 – 10:11 PM
Sun 02	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 05	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 06	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 06	Entertainment Committee	6:30 PM
Thu 06	Ballroom Dance • The Hustle	7:00 PM
Fri 07	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 07	Deutscher Stammtisch	7:30 PM
Sat 08	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sun 09	Breakfast Buffet • Ticket Sales at the Bar • Details on Page 6	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sun 09	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 12	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Wed 12	Monthly Membership Meeting • Bring your ideas!	7:00 PM
Thu 13	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 13	Ballroom Dance • The Hustle	7:00 PM
Fri 14	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 14	Gisela's Spring Show • Experience a German Cabaret! • Details on Page 6	5:00 – 10:00 PM
Sat 15	St. Patrick's Day Dinner • Dan O'Shea & Eagle Ridge (w/Nick Conte) • Details on Page 6	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 16	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Hartshorne Woods Park • Details on Page 5	10:00 AM
Sun 16	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sun 16	DC Ladies Division Meeting • Presentation in Main Dining Room	2:00 PM
Wed 19	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 20	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 20	Railroaders Dinner & Video • All Members are Welcome!	6:30 PM
Thu 20	Ballroom Dance • The Hustle	7:00 PM
Thu 20	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business	7:30 PM
Fri 21	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 22	DC Blood Drive • New York Blood Center • Details on Page 6	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sat 22	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Sat 22	Karaoke • Tre Patterson • Details on Page ??	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 23	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed 26	Bar	3:00 – 11:00 PM
Thu 27	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Thu 27	Ballroom Dance • The Hustle	7:00 PM
Fri 28	Dinner • Menu on the DC Website	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Fri 28	History Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
Sat 29	Bayern Abend • Music by Bernie's Orchestra	6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sun 30	Frühschoppen	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Vorschau April / Preview April 2025

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Thu 03	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Sun 13	Children's Easter Party • The Easter Bunny leads the Egg Hunt
Sun 06	Frühschoppen	Thu 17	Spring Membership Induction • Come Welcome our New Members
Sun 06	Die Wandergruppe / The Hikers • Cheesequake Park	Thu 17	Railroaders Dinner & A Video • All DC Members Welcome!
Wed 09	Monthly Membership Meeting • See the New Board in Action!	Sun 20	HAPPY EASTER! • Clubhouse is Closed
Fri 11	Deutscher Stammtisch	Thu 24	Networking Meeting • Tell us about your Business
Sat 12	Spring Cleanup • Help Ready the Clubhouse & Grove for the Season	Fri 25	German State Dinner Series • State TBD
Sat 12	Trivia Night • KJ Bobble-head at Stake – Bring your Team of 8!	Fri 25	History Committee Meeting
Sun 13	Frühschoppen	Sat 26	Country Night * • Music by Scott Tracy
Sun 13	Ladies Division Meeting • In the Ratskeller	Sun 27	Frühschoppen

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

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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, **Joan Bulthaupt, Marion Hanko, Mike Sheridan, and Ellie Wilkinson.**

We mourn the passing of our member, **Richard Klophaus**, and of **Gloria Makowski**, spouse of our former member **Henry Makowski** (dec.) 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

Chili Cook-off Winners

HI CHILIHEADS, For the 7th Annual DC Chili Cookoff we had 15 chilis to sample and judge. There were 67 paid judges, plus the 15 cooks, this year and it was a close race between 1st to 3rd with 74 pts to 1st, 65 pts to 2nd, and 61 to 3rd. Thanks to Brian Daly, Colleen and Buzz Sawyer for helping setup and run the event, Alexandra and Chrissy for helping Colleen with wristbands and selling 50/50's, and Mike Clark for verifying vote counting. Cooks, thanks for serving samples and all that helped cleanup dishes/trays/garbage at the end. Thanks Ewald and the kitchen crew for the always great cornbread and getting some of the provisions.

The winners are:

Monopoly Chiliheads Game - **Nancy Rhyner** - "Jane Doe Chili"

3rd Place \$50 - **Kim Shanks** - "Penelope Chili"

2nd Place \$75 - **John Gawryluk** - "Johnnie Be Good Chili"

1st \$150 - **Doug Keating** - "Dry Aged Beef Chili"



(L-R: Buzz Sawyer, Nancy Rhyner, John Gawryluk, Doug Keating, Kim Shanks, and Kurt Leithner)

See everyone next year and remember the Chiliheads saying, "Life is like a jalapeño, what you do today may burn your a\$\$ tomorrow".

Kurt Leithner, Chili Cookoff Co-Chair

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 involved in our community. Our new Miss Deutscher Club will attend various events at the club, support local charities and represent our organization at the Steuben Parade in New York City, as well as other events. The interviews and crowning ceremony will take place during the Waldfest (Father's Day Picnic) on **Sunday, June 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.

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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.*

MEMBERSHIP

Renew your membership before March 31: If you haven't renewed for 2025, now is the time! Late fees will apply 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.

2025 membership dues are as follows:

\$100 - Regular Member

\$75 - Senior Member (*Must have reached 72 years of age AND been a member for 25 years*)

\$180 - Couples

\$20 - Lifetime Member.

A **\$10** late fee after March 31 will be added.

Do you know someone who would be a

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great addition to our club? Encourage them to join! New member applications can be submitted online and are due by **March 15** to be considered for the Spring induction.

Elyn Perez, Membership Secretary

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 Mattis, 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*

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.



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LADIES' DIVISION MEETING

The next Ladies Division meeting will be held in the **Dining Room at 2:00 PM on March 16th** with a presentation by the Ladies of History with the subject "Female Spies of World War II."



On **May 17, 2025**, the LD will hold their annual Spring Craft Fair. Anyone interested in purchasing a table or tables can request an application by writing: VENDORS@DEUTSCHERCLUB.US. Our co-chairmen, Chrissy Daly, Tanya Blouin, and Barbara Herrington have begun sending out applications and have already received several back to date. *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



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NETWORKING MEETING

There will be a Deutscher Club Networking meeting on **Thursday, March 20, 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



The next meeting of the History Committee will be on **Friday, March 28, 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

HIKING NEWS

Leader: Brian Mecca
brian.mecca@gmail.com



On the day of the Hike, we meet at 9:50 in the parking lot (I will send the details of the hike to the email group the week prior – contact Brian to get your email added to the list), and the **hike begins promptly at 10:00am.** If you are running late, please call me so that we can make accommodation for you.

We are planning the hikes for 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**, we hiked along the Midlesex Greenway, rails to trails in Metuchen.

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

On **March 16th** we will be hiking at Harts-horne Woods Park along the Grand Tour Trail which is a 5.0-mile loop near Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 1 h 59 min to complete. www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/new-jersey/hartshorne-woods-grand-tour-trail

On **April 6th**, 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, the hike will start at 10am. This will be an exhilarating hike over rolling hills and through beautiful marshlands with the assistance of numerous boardwalks. It will be about 4 Miles. It is a moderate difficulty hike with a lot of elevation changes, some stairs, and roots on the trails. Hiking boots are recommended, also a walking stick if you have one would be helpful. Details on the hike will be sent to the group prior to the hike. www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/maps/trailguides/comprehensive-cheesequake-trails.pdf

On **May 4th**, we will be hiking at the Watchung Reservation, meeting at the Trailside Museum Parking Lot. We will be hiking the Watchung White, Purple and Yellow Trail Loop. This 3.8-mile loop trail is near Mountainside, New Jersey. Generally considered an easy route, but there is an elevation gain of 354 ft. www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-jersey/white-purple-and-yellow-trail-loop

On **June 22nd**, we will be taking an exciting hike at a location to be determined.

Please let me know if you plan on attending by RSVP to 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 Fröh-schoppen. The bar is open, there is usually soup and open-faced 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.

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MAHJONG

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

We will meet on **Sundays from 4 to 6 PM** in the Rathskeller.

If you would like to learn, we will offer another series of beginner classes in January or February. Come learn and play this fun game of skill, wit and fortune! Please see Paula Mattis or respond to correspondence@deutscherclub.us



FASCHING 2025
SATURDAY, 3/1/2025
6:11-10:11PM
MUSIC BY: BERNIE'S ORCHESTRA
*A LA CARTE DINING
*\$5 MEMBERS/\$8 GUESTS
*PAYAT THE DOOR!
COME IN COSTUME AND HAVE FUN!

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

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](http://www.thegermanschool.org).



The Bayern Verein Newark is excited to invite the members of the Deutscher Club of Clark to our **95th Stiftungsfest** (Anniversary Celebration)! The evening will feature traditional Bavarian Schuhplattlers and Folk Dancers to the music of **Bernie's Orchestra**. Tickets include a buffet, salad, dessert and all-inclusive beer, wine and soft drinks. Purchase tickets by **February 21st** via email (info@bvnnj.org) or calling Susan Irwin (908-963-6350). Ticket Prices: **\$100** – Adults • **\$60** – Ages 13-20 • **\$35** – Ages 6-12 • **FREE** – Ages 5 and under. As proud supporters of the Deutscher Club of Clark, we look forward to an evening of cultural celebration amongst our incredible community!



Gisela's Spring Show is making its return to the DC on **Friday, March 14, 2025, 5 PM**. The Spring Show was a yearly staple and is back again featuring a variety of musicians from Germany. Tickets for the show are **\$25** per person (**dinner not included**) and are on sale at the Bar. Last day for Ticket sales is **March 9, 2025**. The Clubhouse will be **CLOSED** to regular visitors/members without a Ticket.

For Information: Gisela Lewis: 732-300-6419



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

A NOTE FROM THE DC BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE

Our next Deutscher Club Blood Drive is **Saturday MARCH 22, 2025**. There still is a dire need to replenish blood supplies country wide. Many corporate blood drives are lacking due to remote working. Please donate if you are eligible.



If you are over 75 years old you will need a doctor's script to donate. Many doctors will give their patients a script stating their ability to donate telephonically. Please donate if you are able.

We are now partnering with the New York/New Jersey Blood Center. They worked with us in our October 2024 blood drive, and it was a vast improvement over our past post-covid blood collections which took entirely too long to process donors. Now, donors can expect to donate within an hour.

Thank you to our membership and their friends and family for the support they have given our local hospitals through Deutscher Club blood drives since the 1960's.

We have scheduled two blood drives for 2025. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 22nd and Saturday, October 25th**.

Thank you all for your support of your Blood Drives.

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



COMING SOON.....

THE BOOK CLUB

The Deutscher Club's Book group will meet: **Friday May 16, 2025 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.

HERE IS AMAZON'S DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOK:

"A gut-wrenching, wildly inspiring story about overcoming the most daunting obstacles through steely tenacity, sheer will, and a great big dose of motherly love." —Jeannette Walls, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Glass Castle*

An inspirational and powerful memoir from the United States's most decorated winter Paralympic or Olympic athlete, *The Hard Parts* is Oksana Masters's gripping account of overcoming extraordinary Chernobyl disaster-caused physical challenges to create a life that challenges everyone to push through what is holding them back.

Oksana Masters was born in Ukraine—in the shadow of Chernobyl—seemingly with the odds stacked against her. She came into the world with one kidney, a partial stomach, six toes on each foot, webbed fingers, no right bicep, and no thumbs. Her left leg was six inches shorter than her right, and she was missing both tibias.

Relinquished to the orphanage system by birth parents daunted by the staggering cost of what would be their child's medical care, Oksana encountered numerous abuses, some horrifying. Salvation came at age seven when Gay Masters, an unmar-

ried American professor who saw a photo of the little girl and became haunted by her eyes, waged a two-year war against stubborn adoption authorities to rescue Oksana from her circumstances.

In America, Oksana endured years of operations that included a double leg amputation. Still, how could she hope to fit in when there were so many things making her different?

As it turned out, she would do much more than fit in. Determined to prove herself and fueled by a drive to succeed that still smoldered from childhood, Oksana triumphed in not just one sport but four—winning against the world's best in elite rowing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, and road cycling competitions. Now considered one of the world's top athletes, she is the recipient of seventeen Paralympic medals, the most of any US athlete of the Winter Games, Paralympic or Olympic.

Oksana's astonishing story of journeying through a series of dark tunnels is "as true a tale of grit as I've ever heard, with a message filled with triumph and beauty—that what doesn't kill us makes us stronger, if we are loved" (Angela Duckworth, New York Times bestselling author of *Grit*).



Ladies' Division of the
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Spring Craft Event

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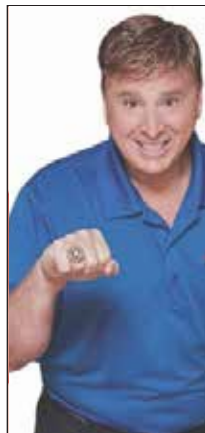
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Der Walzerkönig – 200 Jahre

Wien zu besuchen Besuch ist immer eine Reise die sich lohnt. In diesem Jahr jedoch bietet ein Besuch in Wien einen zusätzlichen Vorteil. Wien feiert 2025 das Vermächtnis des weltberühmten Komponisten Johann Strauss Junior (manchmal auch Johann Strauss II genannt), der am 25. Oktober 1825 in einer Kleinstadt in der Nähe von Wien geboren wurde. Johann Strauss Jr. wuchs in einer Musikerfamilie auf, sein Vater, Johann Strauss Sr. war selbst ein bekannter Komponist, man denke an den Radetzky-Marsch. Strauss Jr. zeigte bereits in jungen Jahren eine ausgeprägte musikalische Begabung. Seine musikalischen Ambitionen wurden jedoch von seinem Vater nicht unterstützt, der wünschte sich eine stabilere Karriere für seinen Sohn. Dennoch lies sich Strauss Jr. nicht davon abhalten seine Leidenschaft zu verfolgen. Mit der Unterstützung seiner Mutter lernte er heimlich das Geigenspiel. Nachdem sein Vater 1842 die Familie verlassen hatte, begann Strauss Jr. ernsthaft Musik zu studieren. Er nahm Unterricht bei den besten Musiklehrern seiner Zeit und im Alter von 19 Jahren gründete Strauss Jr. sein eigenes kleines Orchester. Zunächst musste er mit dem Orchester seines Vaters konkurrieren, dieser hatte zu dieser Zeit einen überwältigenden Einfluss auf die Wiener Musikszene. Dies machte es für den jüngeren Strauss sehr schwierig Angebote für Auftritte seines Orchesters zu bekommen. Schließlich wurde ihm angeboten, in einem örtlichen Casino zu spielen, und bald fanden seine Kompositionen großen Anklang beim Wiener Publikum. Nach dem Tod seines Vaters vereinte Strauss Jr. die beiden Orchester und erlangte nach und nach nationale und internationale Anerkennung. Schließlich wurde er berühmter als sein Vater und tourte mit seinem Orchester durch ganz Europa. Im Jahr 1872 reiste er sogar in die USA, um an einem internationalen Musikfestival teilzunehmen. Im Laufe seines Lebens komponierte Strauss Jr. mehr als 500 Tanzmusikstücke, viele davon Walzer. Dank seiner Arbeit erlangte der Walzer eine enorme Popularität und machte ihn unter dem Namen der „Walzerkönig“ bekannt. Darüber hinaus hatte er mehrere Operetten und eine Oper komponiert und arbeitete an einem Ballett, als er 1899 verstarb. Seine berühmtesten Werke

sind der Walzer „Blaue Donau“ und zwei seiner Operetten, „Der Zigeunerkönig“ und „Die Fledermaus“. In Wien werden 2025 viele unterschiedliche Veranstaltungen angeboten werden um das Leben und Wirken von Johann Strauss Jr. zu würdigen.

Die Organisatoren haben für jeden etwas vorbereitet. Die Wiener Museen haben Sonderausstellungen, die verschiedene Aspekte des Lebens von Johann Strauss Jr. darstellen. Wiens berühmteste Veranstaltungsorte, die Wiener Staatsoper, der Musikverein und das Konzerthaus, werden im Jahr 2025 zahlreiche Aufführungen mit den berühmtesten Werken von Strauss Jr. anbieten. Stadtführungen werden Orte erkunden welche für ihn von Bedeutung waren, Tanzschulen und Kulturzentren werden Kurse zum Erlernen des Walzertanzens anbieten. Parks und öffentliche Plätze werden zu Bühnen für Open-Air-Konzerte werden, und Bälle die sein Werk als Thema benutzen bieten die Möglichkeit an ganz in seine Musik einzutauchen. Das gesamte Programm für alle Veranstaltungen ist online unter „www.johannstrauss2025.at“ verfügbar.

The Waltz King – 200th Anniversary

Visiting Vienna is always a trip that is worthwhile. However, visiting Vienna this year will offer an additional benefit. In 2025 Vienna is celebrating the legacy of the world-renowned composer Johann Strauss Junior (sometimes also referred to as Johann Strauss II) who was born on October 25, 1825, in a small town near Vienna. Johann Strauss Jr. grew up in a musical family, his father, Johann Strauss Sr., was a well-known composer in his own right, think of Radetzky march. Johann Strauss Jr. showed a profound musical talent, already at a young age. His musical ambitions however were not supported by his father, who wanted a more stable career for his son. This didn't stop Johann Strauss Jr. from following his passion, supported by his mother he learned to play the violin in secret. After his father left the family in 1842, Strauss Jr. began to study music in earnest. He learned from some of the best musical teachers of his



period and at age 19, Strauss Jr. founded his own small orchestra. In the beginning he had to compete with his father's orchestra, who at that time had an overwhelming influence on the musical scene in Vienna. This made it very difficult for the younger Strauss to find venues that would hire his orchestra. Finally, he was offered to play in a local casino and soon his compositions were well received by the Viennese audience. After the death of his father, Strauss Jr. combined the two orchestras and gradually found national and international acclaim. Eventually he was more famous than his father and toured with his orchestra all over Europe. In 1872 he even travelled to the USA to participate in an international music festival. During his lifetime Strauss Jr. composed more than 500 pieces of dance music, many of them waltzes. Thanks to his work, the waltz gained tremendous popularity and made him known as the 'Waltz King'. In addition, he composed several operettas, an opera and was working on a ballet when he passed away in 1899. His most famous works are the 'Blue Danube' waltz, and two of his operettas, 'The Gypsy King' and 'The Bat'. The yearlong celebration of Johann Strauss's life, work and influence on musical culture will feature many distinct events. The organizers have prepared something for everyone. Vienna's museums will host special exhibitions showcasing different aspects of Johann Strauss Jr.'s life. Vienna's most famous musical venues, The Vienna State Opera, Musikverein, and Konzerthaus will have anniversary concerts throughout 2025 presenting Strauss Jr.'s most famous works. Guided tours will explore places that were of importance to him, and dance schools and cultural centers will offer workshops on learning to dance the waltz. Parks and public places will be a stage for outdoor concerts, and grand balls featuring his works will offer an opportunity to fully immerse oneself in his music. The entire program for all events is available online at, "www.johannstrauss2025.at".

– Martin Kohler

If anyone is interested in submitting articles for Die Deutsche Ecke, please write to correspondence@deutscherclub.us.

ANDRE PREVIN – MUSICIAN



Andre Previn, born Andreas Ludwig Priwin, was born in 1929 in Berlin. His parents, recognizing his early musical abilities, enrolled him in the Berlin Conservatory at age six. In 1938, the Priwin family was told that Andre was no longer welcome at the conservatory since he was Jewish. The family applied for American visas and went to Paris to wait. While in Paris, Previn enrolled in the Conservatoire de Paris to continue his musical studies. That same year the family sailed to New York City and continued to Los Angeles where a second cousin, Charles Previn, was employed as musical director for Universal Studios. In 1946, Andre graduated from Beverly Hills High School and began his career as a composer, conductor, and arranger at Metro Goldwyn-Mayer studios after being heard on the local radio station. Previn was drafted into the military in 1950 and stationed with the Sixth Army Band at the Presidio of San Francisco. While in San Francisco, he took conducting lessons from Pierre Monteux, then the conductor of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. Working for various studios after the military, Previn won Academy Awards for his music scores for *Gigi*, *Porgie and Bess*, *Irma la Douce* and *My Fair Lady*. He also made his conducting debut with the St. Louis Symphony and served as conductor for the Houston, London, and Pittsburgh Symphony orchestras and served as musical director of the Royal Philharmonic. In addition, he recorded his own compositions, authored books, performed piano concerts, recorded albums, and appeared on television. Previn received numerous awards including Academy Awards, Oscars, Grammy, and Tony nominations. He

also earned Kennedy Center honors and lifetime achievement awards from the United Kingdom and the United States. Andre Previn was married five times,

including nine years with Mia Farrow, and had ten children. He died in 2019 at age 89 in New York City.

—Barbara Streit

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