

# Delaware Saengerbund and Library Assn., Inc.

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## December 2012 NEWSLETTER

The Next General Membership Meeting will be held on

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (8:00 PM)**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place	Doors Open
Nov 24	Sat	Property Cleanup	9:30 am	DSB grounds	
Nov 24	Sat	German Christmas Show	2:30 pm	Deutsche Halle	2:00 pm
Nov 26	Mon	Ladies' Meeting	7:30 pm	Von Steuben Zimmer	
Nov 30	Fri	Friday Night Dinner	6:00 pm	Bauernstube	
Dec 1	Sat	Children's Christmas Party	12:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	
Dec 2	Sun	Advent Concert	2:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	
Dec 3	Mon	Property Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	DSB Library	
Dec 8	Sat	Tannenbaum Nacht	7:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	6:30 pm
Dec 10	Mon	General Membership Meeting	8:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	
Dec 31	Mon	Silvester New Year's Party	7:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	6:30 pm

DER VORSTAND DES DELAWARE SÄNGERBUNDES WÜNSCHT ALLEN MITGLIEDERN  
UND FREUNDEN EIN GESEGNETES WEIHNACHTSFEST UND EIN GLÜCKLICHES NEUES  
JAHR.



NORMA GRIEB, PRÄSIDENTIN

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JANETTE MERRITT, 2. VIZEPRÄSIDENTIN

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MITGLIEDSCHAFTSEKRETÄR

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
DELAWARE SÄNGERBUND WISHES ALL  
ITS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS A BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

## ELECTION COMMITTEE

Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the December meeting with the following candidates:



For President: Norma Grieb  
For President: Don Sturmfels  
For 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Janette Merritt  
For Recording Secretary: Teresa Escheu  
For Recording Secretary: Hans Nafzinger

## The Entertainment Committee

### Tannenbaum Nacht

Tannenbaum Nacht is a free event for members only. A single person may bring a guest. No tickets are required. The doors will open at 6.30 pm. The singers will sing at 7.00 pm followed by a performance of the EVTG. The Continentals will play for your enjoyment.

### New Years Eve

Tickets for this event are \$55.00 per person. It includes appetizers, a buffet style dinner, drinks and party favors.

The Europa Band will play from 8.30 pm - 12.30 am.

Doors open at 6.30 pm, appetizers will be served at 7.00 pm, followed by the buffet style dinner at 7.30 pm.

Tickets must be purchased by 12/22/2012.

## The Singers

Our big event for the fall season was the Variety Night Show on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We had a nice crowd and the performers enjoyed performing. A delicious dinner was served and all had a good time at the dance afterwards. Many people walked home with prizes from the raffle. Next on our schedule is the Advent Concert on Sunday afternoon December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 pm to about 3:00 pm. This event is a free concert open to the public. Friends and relatives are invited. After the concert enjoy German cookies and refreshments that will be provided by the Culture Committee. This is our outreach to the public to show some of our German culture and traditions. A flyer has been included in the newsletter and more are available at the DSB to give out or post at your place of worship or other locations. We will also be performing at Little Sisters of the Poor on December 7<sup>th</sup>, at Tannenbaum Nacht and at Winterthur on December 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

Rehearsals start again on the first Wed. in January of next year which will be a good time to join the chorus.

For the Singers      Hilmar Fricke

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## **The Ladies**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Ladies Christmas Bazaar, on the day of the Bazaar and the week before preparing everything to make the Bazaar a great success.

The Ladies always welcome donations of coffee and sugar to help replenish our pantry.

The next Ladies meeting is Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the VSR. There will be no meeting in December.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Ladies of the Delaware Saengerbund.

Judy Ariganello, President of the Ladies of the DSB

## **DSB KICKERS'96 U16 BOYS UPDATESfor U16 boys**

At Oktoberfest, we sent over 30 volunteers to help!

In October, Coach Bill Rimmer was named Delaware Youth Soccer Competitive Boys Coach of the Year, and was then voted the USYSA Region 1 Soccer Coach of the year. He will be honored at the NSCAA Convention in Indianapolis on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. Coach Bill has been with DSB since 2006, and is an associate member of club along with Mary his wife and team manager.

On Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, DSB won the MAPS(Midatlantic Premier Soccer) tournament Championship for U16 boys. The tournament is ranked #1 in the United States by Got Soccer.com. As a result, DSB has a team now ranked #10 in the USA for U16 boys (out of 2,500 teams in 50 States). Our scores were as follows:

1. Won 1-0 v. ASA Milan Blackhawks (Maryland, #6 in USA)
2. Tied 0-0 v. Washington Twshp Lightning; (New Jersey #7 in USA)
3. Won 2-0 v. FC Copa Juniors (New Jersey, #32 in USA)
4. Tied 0-0 v. UFA Strikers (New Jersey, #3 in USA)

2-0-2 for the Tournament

On Nov 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, DSB is defending its 2011 Championship at the Bethesda Tournament in Maryland, where they play Smithtown Arsenal from New York presently ranked #5 in the USA.

DSB will also play in the Eastern Development League's First Division starting later in Nov. Schedule will be posted soon,

Please support DSB U16 boys! Thank you.

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## Property Committee

There is a cleanup day on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM on the DSB grounds. The next property committee meeting will take place Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm in the library.

We thought our members would be interested in knowing what a typical Property Committee meeting entails:

1. Completed items for the month of October
  - a. Purchased entrance hall carpet with DSB insignia
  - b. Replaced compressor on hall bar cooler
  - c. Unclogged stopped up toilets and replaced flush valves in Ladies Rest Room
  - d. Semiannual preventive maintenance and inspection of all mechanical equipment
  - e. Repair of cabinet doors and drawers in DSB kitchen
  - f. Completed trim around doors and baseboard in main entrance hallway
  - g. Light bulbs changed and new light installed outside Bauernstube
  - h. Striping in parking lot redone – we were not happy with quality of original striping
  - i. Stored picnic tables in pavilion in preparation of Winter
  - j. Property clean-up, grass cutting, general grounds maintenance and garage cleanout
  - k. Winterized building to keep waterlines from freezing
  - l. Many other small maintenance projects throughout the facility
2. Working on the following:
  - a. Install weather stripping around all outside doors
  - b. Trim or remove dead branches from trees in the front yard
  - c. Install timers for parking lot lights
  - d. Paint coat room and touchup walls
  - e. Repaint inside of entrance hall doors
  - f. Replace door closers on entrance hallway doors
  - g. Repair alarm on fire door in game room
  - h. Assemble newly purchased fussball table for game room
3. Future considerations:
  - a. Check on feasibility and payback on installing solar panels to produce electricity
  - b. Investigating cost and feasibility to install free standing walk-in cooler/freezer
  - c. Provide gravel road to access toilets and tents during Oktoberfest
  - d. Solve problem of overloading electric supply in pavilion due to distributors using more and more power for lights, coolers etc.

As you can see there is a lot going on – unnoticed and taken for granted to keep our facilities in good repair and our membership safe.

We are always looking for people who are willing to help in any way. If you are willing to put in some time, even if you are unskilled – we have work you can do! If you have skills that would keep some of the required repairs in house, it is a tremendous benefit to all.

**This is your club – please help where you can!**

## NORTHERN GERMANY AND PRAGUE

**With Hamburg, Berlin, Lübeck, Meissen, Dresden, the ‘Toy Capital’ Seiffen, Prague, and more--**

**August 26 – September 8, 2013**

Price: **\$3850/sharing room with group airfare**; Single: \$4350. First deposit due on or before Feb. 8, 2013: \$500; 2nd deposit due on or before June 7, 2013: 1,000; final payment due on or before July 10, 2013.

Join the Culture Committee and My World Travel on another exciting tour for family and friends of the DSB. We decided to explore this itinerary again and know you will enjoy these exciting sites and sights! Submit deposit now, so that we know you are interested. Fly via LH from Phl to Hamburg and explore the Hafencity project, model railway museum or Ballin Stadt emigration city and enjoy a dinner cruise on the Alster. Travel on to Lübeck for a day tour of the city known for famous author, Thomas Mann, and the sweet candy enjoyed at Christmas, Marzipan. Berlin, capital of Germany, offers numerous exciting options such as the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island with the bust of Queen Nefertiti in the Egyptian Museum. Continue on to Meissen, world famous for its porcelain, and Dresden with its Frauenkirche, Zwinger and Semper Opera. Seiffen, the toy capital in the Ore Mountains, features nutcrackers, smokers, pyramids and other wooden treasures produced by local craftsmen. This is where we ‘shop until we drop’ for very special Christmas gifts! Prague, capital of the Czech Republic and UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage city, lies on the Vltava river. Here you can visit the Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, astronomical clock and Wenceslas Square.

**Contact Trudy Gilgenast** at 302-995-1726 , [Trudyg@udel.edu](mailto:Trudyg@udel.edu) or **Giovanni(John) Maiorano**, 302-545-2684, [mail\\_myworld@yahoo.com](mailto:mail_myworld@yahoo.com) for further information.

## ENZIAN VOLKSTANZGRUPPE SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The Enzian Volkstanzgruppe of the Delaware Saengerbund would like to share a tradition which was started 30 years ago, and became one of the highlights of our performances year after year.



For a community outreach project we decided to volunteer once a year to provide an Oktoberfest dinner for the Ministry of Caring in Wilmington, Delaware, a non-profit organization run by the Capuchin Franciscan



Friars. Our volunteerism and donation is to help raise funds for the homeless shelters, daily dining room, emergency shelters, transitional and long-term residences, a residence for people with AIDS, a shelter for battered women, child care centers and medical and dental centers for the poor and homeless that the Franciscan Brothers operate every day of the year.

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We purchase and prepare all the food, and serve a meal for the Ministry of Caring in the guise of an International Night, which is a fund raiser for this very important organization. The cost to the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe is approximately \$500, and the giving of our time. The attendees pay \$25 per person, all monies donated to the Ministry of Caring. The money collected - \$5,000 - is all profit for the Ministry. They are able to multiply this money by purchasing food for the homeless from government suppliers for pennies on the dollar. This increases their purchasing power of the \$5,000 profit to double the actual amount or more. At an approximate cost of \$2 to \$3 per meal, this money will provide 3,000 to 5,000 meals to people much less fortunate than we are.

Before and during the dinner our guests are entertained by either our Enzian Musikanten (our House Kapelle) or by our faithful accordion player, Steve Armstrong. After the meal, the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe performs for the guests to help give this venue a real Oktoberfest atmosphere.

We wanted to share this experience with all of you as we are proud of this tradition and believe it is in line with our German heritage. It is our hope that it will give some of you inspiration to do a similar project in your community.

## **SAVE THE DATE!** **JUNE 1, 2013 WILL BE THE** **MID-ATLANTIC KINDERFEST**

The Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest started with the goal of giving the youth of our area Vereine in the Mid-Atlantic region an opportunity to get to know one another, and to share dances and music with one another. In 1993, the Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein of Oley, PA, had many young members, mostly between the ages of 6 and 10. At that time they participated in the first Kinder Gauplattler at a Gaufest. However, children were only starting to attend the Gaufest and there was not very much mixing of the children of the different Vereine.



To encourage youth involvement, the Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein decided to host a festival with the children in mind. The day included a parade of the children, entertainment from live music, carnival style games and a magician. All activities stopped when it was time for the Kindergruppe to dance. This encouraged the children to watch the others dance, and they also were not missing any other activities while they were dancing.

The first year, 1994, approximately 60 children attended the Kinderfest. They represented 7 Vereine: GTV Edelweiss, Enzian Volkstanzgruppe, Germania Almrausch SV, United German Hungarians, GTV Almrausch, Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein and Alpenrose Schuhplattlers. In 1995, even more children and Vereine participated; close to 120 children attended. It was very exciting to see a school bus full of participants from Delaware!

In 1996, GTV Almrausch from Philadelphia volunteered to host the Kinderfest. This was the start of this festival becoming the Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest. During this event, leaders of the Kindergruppe, with the help of the 1996 Gaujugendvertreter, Tommy Keith from EVTG Delaware, established guidelines for a traveling Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest. Three main points were decided for future Kinderfest: 1. The festival must be fun for the children. 2. Minimal travel time for the majority of the

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Vereine. 3. The festival should be as inexpensive as possible for the attendees. At that time, the 3 main regions were established: Southern Region – Philadelphia and Delaware; Central Region - mid-Pennsylvania; and Northern Region - New Jersey and New York City area. The fest would rotate from year to year, region to region. A time for the fest was also established to be the weekend containing the first Saturday of June. The day of the fest, Saturday or Sunday, would be decided by the hosting Verein.

In 1997, the Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest traveled to GTEV Schlierachtaler Stamm. Thanks to sign maker Kenny Kasper and painter Elisabeth Elenis, this was the first year for official signs for each Verein to carry in the parade. From there the fest continued to travel among the three established regions.

The Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest quickly grew to include over 15 different participating Vereine and close to 200 children from 5 different states. Each host Verein has added its own style of games and entertainment for the children. All have been a great success!

In 2010, the 17th Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest was hosted by Germania Almrausch SV in Poughkeepsie, NY. For the first time this traveling festival was joined by SG Alpenland Montreal. It was also at that Kinderfest the traveling commemorative scrapbooks were born. The host Verein purchased two books and many of the participating Verein brought completed pages filled with cropped photographs bringing back great memories of the past 19 years. It is hoped the past years will fill in and the memories be captured in the scrapbooks for years to come and shared by all.

## MID-ATLANTIC KINDERFEST HOSTS

1994 – Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein, Oley, PA  
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1996 – GTV Almrausch, Philadelphia, PA  
1997 – GTEV Schlierachtaler Stamm, Franklin Square, NY  
1998 – GTV Edelweiss, Reading, PA  
1999 – Enzian Volkstanzgruppe, Newark, DE  
2000 – Bavarian Club Edelweiss, Westchester, NY  
2001 – Alpenrose Schuhplattler, Lancaster, PA  
2002 – United German Hungarians, Oakford, PA  
2003 – Bayern Verein, Newark, NJ  
2004 – Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein, Oley, PA  
2005 – GTV Almrausch, Philadelphia, PA  
2006 – Alpenland Tänzer, New Britain, CT  
2007 – Alpenrose Schuhplattler, Lancaster, PA  
2008 – SVV Original Enzian, Franklin Square, NY  
2009 – Harugari Jr. Schuhplattlers, West Haven, CT  
2010 – Germania Almrausch SV, Poughkeepsie, NY  
2011 – Edelweiss Passaic, Fairfield, NJ  
2012 – GTV Edelweiss, Reading, PA  
2013 - Enzian Volkstanzgruppe, Newark, DE



## From the Bulletin Board

### **Bilingual German/English Service Professional**

We are seeking a highly motivated, enthusiastic individual to join Corporation Service Company as a Bilingual Customer Service Specialist in our Wilmington, DE office. Bilingual Customer Service Specialists work in a challenging, fast-paced environment with our customers to provide them with solutions to fulfill their business needs. This is an opportunity in the intriguing world of internet commerce where we provide our customers trademark search, domain portfolio management and brand monitoring services.

CSC helps businesses at every stage of their corporate life cycles. We safeguard intellectual property, give law firms and corporate legal departments the tools they need to be successful, and provide critical support to deals around the globe. Our clients include many of the Fortune 1000® and Global 2000® companies, as well as some of the top merger and acquisition law firms worldwide. We strive to provide superior services and products while creating an environment where our people can stretch their capacity to grow and develop their career. Visit our website at: <http://www.cscglobal.com/careers>. CSC has been recognized as a Top Workplace in Delaware for the sixth consecutive year in 2012.

### **Responsibilities include:**

- Providing excellent customer service to both internal and external clients
- Taking and fulfilling orders
- Working with clients in our domain names, trademarks and brand protection business to help them protect their intellectual property
- Work with vendors to resolve technical issues and identify new revenue opportunities
- Sales Support for our international accounts (handles service issues, invoicing questions and research for individual client requests)
- Assist Product Manager with problem-solving, product development and troubleshooting

### **Qualifications Include:**

- Ability to fluently write, read and speak in German and English
- Proficiency in MS Excel
- The ability to multitask
- The ability to work independently and function as part of a team
- Strong prioritization and time management skills
- Flexibility
- Problem solving skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to communicate effectively verbally and via email

### **What can we offer you?**

- A challenging and rewarding career



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- Annual bonus program recognizing individual performance
- Profit Sharing Plan
- Excellent benefits for you and your family! - 401(k) with employer match  
Medical/Dental/Life insurance--Spouse and dependent life - 18 paid days off accrued in first year - 7 paid holidays - Tuition Reimbursement - AND MORE!

**From The Baurenstube**  
**Friday Night Dinner 30 November 2012**  
**APPLE AND CRANBERRY STUFFED PORK LOIN**  
**ROASTED VEGETABLES**  
**APPLE CIDER GRAVY**  
**PUMPKIN CRISP DESSERT**

**Enjoy dinner with your family and friends in our renovated von Steuben room next to the fireplace**



## D.S.B. T<sub>EEN</sub>-A<sub>GE</sub> G<sub>R</sub>OUP

During our November meeting, the teenagers had a great time using their artistic skills to create renditions of the first Thanksgiving on a paper plate. If you think that was an easy task, try drawing a dining room table with six chairs, a centerpiece, and a bowl of sweet potatoes on the end. If that's too easy, try drawing a picture of a Native American on the wall behind the table. Did we mention that you have to do this all while keeping the plate on your head? Little did they know that their drawings would be scored against a rubric to award points for accuracy. And yes, there were prizes to the people scoring the most points!



For our December meeting, we are planning our Annual TAG Christmas Party. We usually start with a pizza dinner for all the teens. This year, we have several games planned for the evening and if you know a teen that thinks he or she has a "Minute to Win It," please encourage them to come out and have a blast with other teenagers from the DSB. The party will also include our annual gift exchange where Gina and Katy have a few extra tricks up their sleeves for the teenagers! It will be a fun night for all! *(Each teen brings a wrapped gift (\$15 maximum) suitable for a boy or a girl. Some of the most popular exchange gifts of past years have been a container of homemade fudge and a huge rice crispy treat with candy to decorate it!)*

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 7PM in the Bauernstube. All teens welcome!

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# ADVENTSKONZERT

*with the Chorus of the  
Delaware Sangerbund*

*Sunday, December 2, 2012  
2:00 PM*

*Directed by  
Dr. Nelson Fritts*



*Open to the public and free admission*

*Come join us for a concert of German and  
American Christmas songs and carols*

*Following the concert:  
Refreshments by the Culture Committee  
and music by the Hausmusik*

*All club facilities will be open after the concert  
until 7:00 PM*

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49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713

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