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January 2013 NEWSLETTER

The Inaugural Ball and next General Membership Meeting will be held on

Saturday, January 5th, 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place	Doors Open
Dec 31	Mon	Silvester New Year's Party	7:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	6:30 pm
Jan 1	Tue	Wandervogel Hike		French Creek State Park PA	
Jan 5	Sat	Inaugural Ball/General Membership Meeting	5:30 pm	Deutsche Halle	5:00 pm
Jan 7	Mon	Property Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	DSB Library	
Jan 14	Mon	Genealogy Meeting	7:30 pm	von Steuben Zimmer	
Jan 28	Mon	Ladies Meeting	7:30 pm	von Steuben Zimmer	
Feb 9	Sat	Fasching	7:30 pm	Deutsche Halle	7:00 pm
Feb 25	Mon	Ladies Meeting	7:30 pm	von Steuben Zimmer	
Feb 25	Mon	Genealogy Meeting	7:30 pm	Deutsche Halle	
Mar 16	Sat	Stiftungsfest		Deutsche Halle	



DER VORSTAND DES DELAWARE SÄENGERBUNDES WÜNSCHT ALLEN MITGLIEDERN EIN GLÜCKLICHES NEUES JAHR.

NORMA GRIEB, PRÄSIDENTIN

DENNIS KANE, 1. VIZEPRÄSIDENT

JANETTE MERRITT, 2. VIZEPRÄSIDENTIN

TRUDY GILGENAST, PROTOKOLLSEKRETÄRIN

ROD MEEHAN, MITTEILUNGSEKRETÄR

WERNER FREYMAN, MITGLIEDSCHAFTSEKRETÄR

NICHOLAS HOESCHEL, SCHATZMEISTER

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ELECTION COMMITTEE

Elections for the Board of Directors were held at the December meeting with the following officers elected:

President: Norma Grieb
2nd Vice President: Janette Merritt
Recording Secretary: Hans Nafzinger

The Entertainment Committee

Fasching

Helau ! The Adlers will play for your entertainment on Fasching, **Saturday , February 9th, 2013** at 7.30pm.



Doors will open at 7.00pm.

Dress in your best costume! We will have prizes for best male, female, couple and group.

Tickets are \$7.00 per person and on sale on Friday evenings the Bauernstube 8.00pm-9.00pm or call Janette at 302 738 0477. No tickets sold at the door.

Tickets for Stiftungsfest on March, 16th, 2013 will also be for sale in January for \$7.00. The Breidenbach Band will play for your entertainment after a performance by the DSB chorus and the EVTG dance group.

The Singers

The Singers performed their annual Advent Concert on Sunday afternoon December 2nd. We again had an overflow audience that enjoyed the concert and munched on German Christmas cookies after the concert thanks to the Culture Committee. This event was open to the public and friends and relatives were invited. A donation to the Needy Family Fund of \$547 was made thanks to contributions from the audience. This is our outreach to the public to show some of our German culture and traditions. We also performed at Little Sisters of the Poor on December 7th, at Tannenbaum Nacht and at Winterthur on December 15th 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 since we have an interesting program and challenging music planned for the Spring Concert Season.

For the Singers Hilmar Fricke

The Ladies

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped the Ladies during 2012. We appreciate the help that you give us to make our events a success. The Ladies are busy in the kitchen this time of year.

We have quite a few caterings in the upcoming months. We are always looking for donations of coffee and sugar.

We had our election of officers at the November meeting. The Recording secretary and Vice President positions were up for election. Our new Vice President is Marti Kane and our new recording secretary is Fritz Godfrey.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 28, 2013 and February 25, 2013 in the VSR at 7:30. New members are always welcome.

Judy Ariganello, President of the Ladies of the DSB

GERMANIC GENEALOGY GROUP (GGG)

All members of the DSB are always invited and welcome to attend.

Meeting date changed! We will meet in the von Steuben Room on Monday, January 14, 2013, 7:30 pm. This will allow us to meet at a time when the Ladies can join us.

We continue our series of Members giving first hand accounts of their early years in a German community in Europe. We will have two speakers at this meeting. **Erwin Mezger** is from East Germany. He lived a number of years in East Berlin. His wife **Katie Mezger** was born in Yugoslavia. Come and here their compelling stories.

If you would be willing to share your story, contact Lloyd Maier (239-6552). We cherish the rich traditions of our members.

The February meeting will be held in the Deutsche Halle on Monday 7:30, February 25. We will continue the series that will introduce members to the various regions, Bundeslands of Germany. This year we visit Baden-Württemberg in southwestern Germany. Our guest speaker will be **Meike Lehmayer**, a German exchange student at the University of Delaware. She is from Mannheim in the northeast corner of Baden- Württemberg. I am hopeful of having another student from the **Schwäbisch** area near Stuttgart to add to the Baden-Württemberg information. B-W is a very large area.

Come, enjoy and support our young guests.

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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 or **Giovanni(John) Maiorano**, 302-545-2684, mail_myworld@yahoo.com for further information.

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Excerpt of a letter from the **German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA** in a response to a DSB donation.

Dear Ms. Grieb

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA. I thank the Delaware Sangerbund & Library Association for your very generous donation of one thousand dollars.... On October 8th 2012. Your Verein's Circle donation is very much appreciated and will be most helpful in covering a portion of our operating costs.

On October 5, 2012 on the eve of German-American Day we hosted a reception and presentation at our museum for the 25th Anniversary of the event. Hans-Ulrich Klose a member of the German bundestag and Chairman of the German-American Parliamentary Group gave the keynote address. We were also honored that brief presentations were also made by German Ambassador Ammon and former US Ambassadors to Germany, Bob Kimmitt and Tim Timken. On Saturday around 50 of us met at the German-American Friendship Garden to read the various Proclamations for the day.

We also opened our Trachten Exhibit on October 5th which is expected to run through February 2013. We are reporting about this in the next issue of the Ambassador Newsletter. We invite you and member of your organization to visit this exhibit. It was provided to us by Mrs.Karin Gottier from Connecticut who is a collector of German Costumes from the mountains to the sea. Once again, we thank you and your members for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Bern E. Deichmann

President

For more info of the German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA: <http://www.gahfusa.org>

Deutsche Weisheit und Binnsenweisheit

Ein glueckliches neus Jahr kann man erwarten wenn beim Zerschneiden eines Apfels keiner der Kerne zerstoert wird

A happy new year can be expected if while cutting an apple none of the seeds are damaged

Denn hinderlich, wie uberall, Ist hier der eigne Todesfall
For clumsiness as everywhere is its own deadly case

From the autobiography "Blatter Aus Dem Tagebuch Eines Uberlebenden" by Heribert K. Herglotz" (*Pages out of a Diary of a Survivor*) on how carelessness kills in war.

From the Bulletin Board

Time is running out to pay your 2013 dues, see the form in the newsletter! Many thanks to those that have already paid for 2013, Werner Freymann

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Property Committee

The next property committee meeting will take place Monday January 7th at 7:30 pm in the library.

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

1. Recently Completed items
 - 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!

Deutsche Schule Students at work with Lebkuchen



Deutsche Schule Students with Kürbisse

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Dues for 2013 are payable by December 31st

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**Attention: DSB Membership Secretary,
49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713**

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