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June 2013 NEWSLETTER

The next General Membership Meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on

Monday, June 10th, 2013

In Memoriam

Irene S. Shinn Dearie

June 24th 1918 March 15th 2013

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Liebe Mitglieder - Dear Members,

DSB Annual Picnic, June 8th, 2013! Do you remember the great picnics we had in years past? We enjoyed a wonderful time seeing old friends or meeting new people, eating delicious food and drinking great beer. The children had a wonderful time playing games, doing crafts, perhaps a pick-up game of soccer and best of all the Schießbude – shooting air rifles at targets in the garage area. Wouldn't it be nice to bring those good times back? We can, with your participation! Make a commitment to attend and bring your family. Help our 2nd VP Janette Merritt by calling or email: janettemerritt1@hotmail.com and suggest something unique you can contribute and co-mingle with your fellow members.

The Continentals will be playing your favorite songs, the Ladies of the DSB will be serving some of your favorite foods, your Entertainment Committee will do their share to provide you with the opportunity to have fun-----the rest is up to you.

The Bauernstube is always open after the picnic for those of you that wish to stay later and talk with friends.

Make a commitment to bring your family and participate. We hope to see all of you Saturday, June 8th starting at 12 noon in the DSB Pavilion.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Norma Grieb

Entertainment Committee



The annual DSB picnic will be on Saturday, June 8th 2013 from 12.00pm - 5.00pm. The Continentals will play from 1.00pm -5.00pm. Food will be available for purchase from the Ladies. Activities for children might be available. You will be able to try your luck at "The "Schiessbude" (shooting gallery) .

The Singers

The Singers completed another successful singing season with the presentation of our Spring Concert on May 4th. The 2012 - 2013 season was a busy one for the Singers and included the following events:

- National Anthems at the Wilmington Blue Rocks
- Erntedankfest Celebration
- Variety Show and Dinner
- Von Steuben Day Celebration at Valley Forge
- Advent Concert
- Tannenbaum Nacht at The Little Sisters of the Poor
- Tannenbaum Nacht
- Tannenbaum Concert at Winterthur
- Evening of Song in Philadelphia
- DSB Stiftungsfest
- Spring Concert at The Little Sisters of the Poor
- Spring Concert

The Chorus will be taking our summer break and rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:30pm.

On behalf of the Singers, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Chorus over the last year. Without the support of the Board of Directors and so many of you who have helped to set up the Deutsche Halle, prepare and serve food, donate items for our Raffles, purchase raffle tickets and, of course, attend our concerts, we could not be the success that we are. Have a great summer and we hope to see you again in the fall.

For the Singers, Keith Farmer

The Ladies

The Ladies are planning for the upcoming picnic on June 8th. The Ladies will prepare food to sell. Food will be available from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We are looking for help with the preparing of the food and also working on the food line during the hours that food will be available. If you are available to help, please contact Judy Ariganello or Marti Kane. Donations of baked goods are also needed for the picnic.

The Ladies are planning for their annual "trip". This year we are planning to go to the Dutch Apple Theater in Lancaster to see Menopause, the Musical. The exact date and price have not been set yet but it will be the end of August or the beginning of September.

The next Ladies meeting is Monday, May 20th and June 24th at 7:30 pm in the Von Steuben zimmer. New members are always welcome. The Ladies are always in need of coffee and sugar donations.

Judy Ariganello, President, Ladies of the DSB

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GERMANIC GENEALOGY GROUP (GGG)

Thank you for being so supportive of the Genealogy Group this year. If you have ideas for a program or speaker, please tell Lloyd Maier. We will be planning 2013-14 during the summer. All members of the DSB are always invited and welcome to attend.

The Membership Committee

The following persons are now new members of the DSB

Rosmary Bolinski
Ericka G. and Edward A. Burke
Laura Lee Magee-Eskaros and Sherif Eskaros
Wilma P. and Ronald E. Hicks
Zachary Phipps
Michael and Martha Waldron
Camila and Stephen Pisklak
Agnes C. and D. Edward Wright

Special Notice from the Culture Committee

The DSB will welcome hundreds of Musical Students to Newark in August. They are 6 years of age to 17 years old.

The Wilmington Children's Choir celebrated 10 years of success. Perhaps you have heard them sing. Thirty five of the WCC Singers spent a week in Fulda, our Sister City, in 2011. Now, the Fulda students are coming to Wilmington from July 28 through August 4, 2013.

We have only one evening to welcome these musical students and their parents to the Delaware Saengerbund.

The Culture Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the picnic to welcome the 31 members of the Kammerorchester der Jugend Fulda and their chaperones who are on an exchange visit with the 220 children and parents of the Wilmington Children's Choir. The picnic will be on Thursday, Aug. 1st at 5 pm.

If you love live music, the choirs and orchestra will play together on Sat., Aug. 3rd, 7 pm at a place to be determined.

Volunteer - call Marge at 302-415-5435

EU Open House Bus Trip News

Dawson Bus Service apologized for the damp seats on the bus for some of our members and their guests. They agreed this was unacceptable and are returning \$300 to the DSB.

Next year, two buses will be provided.

To make this trip even better, what suggestions do you have? We want to improve the trip experience.

Please e-mail your comments to marguerite_spittle@yahoo.com or call 302-415-5435.

From the Bauernstube

FYI: Bauernstube hours will be reduced for June and July with Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays being closed, otherwise all scheduled hours are maintained. Note: if an event takes place on Saturday then the Bauernstube will be open at that time.

DSB History: Ladies of the Delaware Saengerbund

On October 28, 1968 the Ladies of the DSB was formed and the first meeting was held. 27 women attended this meeting. The first President was Elnora Schweiger and the first kitchen chairperson was Wally Alberer.

The purpose of the Ladies was to provide food at meetings and events. The Ladies were put in charge of the club's kitchen. A kitchen committee was formed, as a subcommittee of the Ladies, and the kitchen chairperson was in charge of the kitchen. There have been numerous kitchen chairpersons. Annemarie McNeal held the position the longest, for 25 years.

The Ladies work closely with the various committees of the club to prepare food for the many events held throughout the year, including the Inaugural Ball, Fasching, Stiftungsfest, Erntedankfest, Tannenbaum Nacht and the Singer's concert and variety show. The Ladies also have several events of their own, the Ladies Annual Dinner and the Christkindlmarkt (Ladies Bazaar) that they prepare food for. They also prepare all of the food for the annual Club picnic in June.

The Christkindlmarkt or Christmas Bazaar is the Ladies biggest event of the year. Some of the ladies are working all year long on handcrafted items to be sold. The Bazaar also has imported candies, homemade baked goods, Stollen, white elephant items and a secret Santa shop. Preparations start a week in advance to finalize the food preparations and the setup in the Deutsche Hall and Von Steuben Zimmer.

The Ladies also do a lot of private caterings: wedding receptions, birthday parties, anniversary parties, Christmas parties and whatever type of party a person might want. The menu items have made many changes over the years but still have the traditional German foods. Most of the recipes used are the same ones that were used 45 years ago. Some modifications have been made but the end result is still the same delicious food.

The Ladies also plan an annual excursion to a variety of places, mostly in the tri-state area. Some of the places visited recently has been Suicide Bridge restaurant and boat tour; Smithville, NJ; Jim Thorpe, PA; Bird-in-Hand, PA. Another great trip is planned this year also to Dutch Apple Dinner Theater in Lancaster, PA.

This year will be the 45th anniversary of the Ladies and hopefully there will be many more years of the "**Ladies of the Delaware Saengerbund**".

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Notice from the Culture Committee

Kindercamp 2013 Application form (Deadline is July 12th)

The camp will be held from **August 5th to August 16th**, every day from 9 to noon.

There will be two groups: children ages 5 to 7 and children ages 8 to 13.

Our theme will be : **Die Natur erleben. Experiencing nature.**

Please sign up children and grandchildren of members only!!!

Cost is \$30 for the first child and \$20 for every other child of the same family.

Please make out checks to DSB and send along with the application form to 49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713 attn. Culture Committee.

Name of child	Age	Contact Information (e-mail address and day time emergency phone number)	Dietary Restrictions

Please contact Iris Busch (beuren@udel.edu) 302-453-9872 with any questions that you may have.

CONSTITUTIONS OF THE DELAWARE SAENGERBUND

Drafting a constitution was the first order of business for the men who started the Saengerbund in 1853. Several other constitutions followed in the years when the Saengerbund re-grouped.

A comparison of the DSB constitutions shows clearly that adjustments can and have to be made to reflect the needs of a changing membership, but that the underlying reasons for belonging to the Delaware Saengerbund remain the same: to uphold German tradition, and to foster and further the use of the German language, customs and culture, and *to be proud to be a member of a society that has withstood the storms of 160 years!*

CONSTITUTION 1853

In the first constitution, sixteen paragraphs and a set of By-Laws determined the purpose of the Saengerbund as well as rights and duties of its members and officers. The officers, elected to serve for a three month period, were director, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and librarian.

Only active members – those singing in the chorus – could hold office and vote. Dues were 6 ¼ cents per week, or 25 cents for the month. Members who did not pay their dues for more than a

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month or did not give an explanation were no longer kept on the membership roll.

CONSTITUTION 1883

A new constitution was drafted when the Delaware Saengerbund moved into its own home on 205 East Sixth Street. The handwritten document stated as purpose: *“Der Zweck des Vereins soll sein durch veredelten Gesang Geselligkeit, Einheit und Bildung zu erstreben.”* – “The purpose of the society is to strive for sociability, unity, and edification through improvement in song.”

CONSTITUTION 1908

In the constitution of 1908, members were classified as active, passive, contributing, lifetime, and honorary members. All business was conducted in German. In addition to the active members, passive members could now vote and hold office if they were knowledgeable in the German language.

The Delaware Saengerbund merged with the German Library Society in 1924, but we do not have a record of a new constitution. As far as we know the constitution of 1908 was in use until 1975.

CONSTITUTION 1975

After the DSB was relocated in Ogletown, a new constitution was crafted, taking into account the influx of American members which changed the German Society into a German American Society. English had become the business language for meetings and minutes in 1962.

To keep the German heritage in focus, the first point of the objectives of the DSB was to encourage, support and perpetuate the study and use of the German language, culture, traditions and customs, and German choral singing.

CONSTITUTION 1981

Articles I and II - Name and Objectives - remained unchanged. Article III added more detail concerning groups affiliated with the DSB, requiring that their members be also members of the DSB, except where non-members were necessary to participate in group activities in order to successfully achieve the group’s objective, as long as the majority of the group were members of the DSB.

As the membership continued to grow steadily due to the beautiful new club facilities, it was determined that 20% of Voting Members constituted a quorum at meetings.

CONSTITUTION 2002

Preparing for the DSB’s 150th Stiftungsfest, the constitution was revised and updated. The objectives now included dancing along with choral singing and German language study.

Membership was divided into Voting Members and Supporting Members. The term “passive” had long been confusing to the members who were so very active as volunteers in the DSB. There was no objection to being called supportive! The main difference to being an Active Member was the rule that a Supporting Member cannot vote.

Procedures and House Rules were listed as By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION 2012

With a membership of almost 1,000 members, the Delaware Saengerbund needed to revise the constitution in 2012, mainly to address the need for greater accountability of committees and groups. The rights and duties of officers and committees are spelled out in more detail. Each group and committee is represented on the Board of Directors by one of the officers. An organizational chart is added to give new members a quick overview of the active groups within the Delaware Saengerbund as an enticement to join.

Constitutions have been the guideline, but the Saengerbund’s success and endurance was and is guaranteed by the members who make it happen with *“hard work and general sociability,”* as President Harry Zimmerman stated at the 50th Stiftungsfest in 1903.

One of the DSB's own coming up in the world

Please read the following letter written to the club from Rachel Derby, a young stalwart member of our organization, who participated in German classes here and was an active member of the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe Kindergruppe and is now an active adult member of the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe.

Liebe Mitgelieder

My name is Rachel Derby, and I have been a member of the DSB for many years. I have spent the past few years attempting to incorporate as much of the German culture into my life as possible, including my academic and professional life. I spoke at a general membership meeting at the end of the 2012 about a program called DAAD RISE that was for college age scientists wishing to spend the summer in Germany and complete a research project in the fields of physics, chemistry, engineering, environmental science, biology, or a related field. I had a wonderful experience, so I wanted to share it with the club.

Now that I am nearing graduation with a BS in physics, I have accepted another opportunity to incorporate the German tradition into my everyday life- I will participate in a master's degree program for Advanced Materials and Processes (MAP) at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, located in Erlangen, Germany.

Upon entering my undergraduate studies, I was not aware that as a science major such as myself, would have the same opportunities to "study abroad" as my colleagues in the fine arts and humanities. However, I was delighted to find that I could have an opportunity to study abroad and earn an advanced degree at the same time. An opportunity like this can allow children and grandchildren that were born in America to experience daily life in Germany and connect to the culture of their ancestors while at the same time as continuing the pursuit of their educational goals. I wanted to share this information with the club to encourage the young members to pursue something like this.

A message from the Communication Secretary

For those interested, the DSB facebook page is up and kicking. The address is:

<https://www.facebook.com/DelawareSaengerbund>

This is only a supplementary means of communicating with the membership; the main vehicle being the newsletter, the club website and the general membership meeting.

Note: correction on one of last months' German phrases, the "Pfeffer und Salz..." is incorrect. You may know this one "Hopfen und Malz Gott erhalt's", *Hops and malt, God save it*. This phrase demonstrates the German appreciation of beer.



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GERMAN DAY

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SUNDAY JUNE 30TH 2013

Gates Open at 12:00pm

Tickets: \$6.00

Advance Tickets are available at the local German Clubs for \$5.00

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT BY



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Collaborative Concert
Saturday, August 3, 7:00 pm

Ticket and Location information at
www.WilmingtonChildrensChorus.org



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CITYFEST





5th Annual DSB CRAB FEAST

August 24th 2:00 pm in the Deutsche Hall

Tickets are on sale now and you must reserve your seat or takeout by August
13th

\$30 all you can eat ticket includes:

Crabs, Corn-on-the-Cob,
French Fries, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Homemade Pasta Salad and Cole Slaw.
Pabst, Yuengling, Miller Light and sodas are included!

Live Music

Tommy Keith and the Acoustic Jam

(Children 12yrs and under are \$10)

Also available:

\$25 dozen or \$15 half dozen crabs take out.

Price includes combread only.

There will be no tickets sold at the door!

Tickets will be on sale at the bar until August 13th or you can use the form
below and place in the 1stVP mailbox or drop off to any bartender with
payment. You may also email me with your reservation to
DKANE1@AOL.COM

August 24th Crab Feast

All you can eat ___ x \$30 = ___ Children ___ x \$10 = ___

Dozen Crabs ___ x \$25 = ___ Half Dozen Crabs ___ x \$15 = ___

Name & Phone# _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place	Doors Open
May 23	Thu	German Brewer Presentation	7:30 pm	Von Steuben Zimmer	
Jun 1	Sat	Mid Atlantic Kinderfest		DSB Grounds	
Jun 3	Mon	Property Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Library	
Jun 8	Sat	DSB Picnic	12:00 pm	DSB Pavilion	
Jun 10	Mon	General Membership Meeting	8:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	
Jun 24	Mon	Ladies Meeting	7:30 pm	Von Steuben Zimmer	
Aug 24	Sat	5 th Annual DSB Crabfeast	2:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	
Aug 26	Mon	Trip to Germany Begins			
Sep 20	Fri	Oktoberfest	5:00 pm	DSB Grounds	
Sep 21	Sat	Oktoberfest	12:00 pm	DSB Grounds	
Sep 22	Sun	Oktoberfest	12:00 pm	DSB Grounds	
Oct 6	Sun	Erntedankfest	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart Oratory	