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January 2014 NEWSLETTER

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

Saturday, January 11th, 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place	Doors Open
Dec 31	Tue	New Year's Eve Party	7:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	6:30 pm
Jan 6	Mon	Property Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Library	
Jan 9	Thu	Culture Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Board Room	
Jan 11	Sat	Inaugural Ball/GenMembrMtg.	5:30 pm	Deutsche Halle	5:00 pm
Jan 20	Mon	Genealogy Meeting	7:30 pm	von Steuben Room	
Jan 27	Mon	Ladies Meeting	7:30 pm	von Steuben Room	
Feb 3	Mon	Garden Lecture by Jim Ethridge	7:30 pm	von Steuben Room	
Feb 17	Mon	Genealogy Meeting	7:30 pm	von Steuben Room	
Feb 22	Sat	Fasching	7:30 pm	Deutsche Halle	7:00 pm
Mar 15	Sat	Stiftungsfest			
Mar 22	Sat	German Spring Show			

In Memoriam

Johanna Lewis (1/27/27 - 11/24/13)

Naomi Lauck Wirt (9/9/26 - 12/11/13)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Liebe Mitglieder - Dear Members,

Each year all of us think about making New Year's resolutions and most of them deal with improving our lives; to be healthier, richer, more active, better organized and many more, but all of them positive. So it is with the Delaware Saengerbund.

Our goals this year are:

- To continue to perpetuate the German culture
- To support the cultural activities within the DSB such as the singers, dancers and language programs
- To complete the solar project and have our facility be part of the renewable energy process
- To investigate a surveillance/burglar alarm system to protect our old and new assets
- To continue good stewardship of our property and facilities
- To foster good will and communication within our community

Let us all make a resolution to work toward these goals and each of us contribute accordingly to the best of our ability.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,
Norma Grieb

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Notice from the Board of Directors to the DSB membership

Beginning January 1st 2014 all paid workers of the DSB will be considered employees of the organization. There is specific legal importance with this designation and it shall apply to all teachers, bartenders, facility workers and the like. If you fall into this category and have not given a W4 to the treasurer, then do so as soon as possible.

Membership Committee

Attention all DSB members: beginning at the next general membership meeting there will be no sign in sheets to confirm your attendance. At this point onward attendance is taken via your facility entry cards. If you do not bring the card then your attendance will **not** be counted to the required four-per-year minimum in order to keep or attain active status.

Entertainment Committee

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2013

Tickets will be sold starting in November for \$60.00 per person in the Bauernstube on Friday evenings 8.30pm-9.30pm or contact Janette at 302 738 0477.

Price includes appetizers, buffet dinner, dessert, and champagne at midnight, party favors, soda, beer, wine and mixed drinks.....Shots and high end liquors are not included.

The tickets must be purchased by 12/22/13.

NO TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE DOOR

DSB DRESS CODE

Unfortunately the increasing dress code violations have become a problem.

Please follow the dress code on your tickets.

(Gentlemen: Suits or Sports coat and slacks. Ladies: Dresses, skirts and blouses or pant suit .

Deutsche Landstilmode and Trachten are also acceptable). Jeans, shorts, tee-shirts(regardless of color) and sneakers are not acceptable.

If you bring guests please advise them of our dress code.

Fasching

Come dressed in costume on February 22nd, 2014. Doors will open at 7.00pm and the Adler's will play for your entertainment starting at 7.30pm. Prizes for best costumes will be awarded. Tickets are available @ \$8.00 starting in January in the Bauernstube 8.30pm - 9.30pm or call Janette at 302 738 0477.

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The Singers

The Singers would like to thank everyone who came out in the terrible weather for Tannenbaum Nacht. We would also like to thank all of those that came to the club for the rescheduled Advent Concert. We are pleased to announce that a donation of \$320 was made to the Needy Family Fund on behalf of the Chorus after the Advent Concert. Thank you for your generosity. The Chorus will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7:30pm. Until then we would like to wish everyone Ein frohes Weihnachtsfest und alles Gute zum neuen Jahr!

For the Singers, Keith Farmer

The Ladies

The Inaugural ball is Saturday, January 11th, 2014. Reservations are required for dinner. The price is \$15 per person and will be Rouladen, red cabbage, spaetzle, vegetable and dessert. Reservations must be received by the Ladies no later than January 5th. Reservation form included in this newsletter and will also be available at the bar and on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

Elections were held at the November meeting. Offices open for election were President and Treasurer. Judy Ariganello was re-elected as President and Marge Nagy was re-elected as Treasurer for another 2 year term.

There will be no meeting for the month of December. The next meeting will be Monday, January 27th at 7:30 pm in the Von Steuben Room. New members are always welcome.

Judy Ariganello, President, Ladies of the DSB

Property Committee

The next property committee meeting will take place on January 6th Monday at 7:30 PM in the Library

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The results of the December 2013 elections for the Board of Directors:

First Vice President: Greg Laskowski
Membership Secretary: Werner Freymann
Treasurer: Nick Hoeschel
Communications Secretary: Rod Meehan

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GERMANIC GENEALOGY GROUP (GGG)

All members of the DSB are always invited and welcome to attend. We look forward to welcoming you into our growing and active group.

January 20th, Monday 7:30pm in the von Steuben Room. We will continue the popular and important historic series of Personal Stories of DSB members born in Germany. Doris Pyle and Arno Fels will be our member guests. Doris is from the **Schwäbisch** area of southern Germany. Arno is from North Rhein Westfalia. We urge you to support our members as they tell their unique stories.

If you would like to volunteer in the future, please contact Lloyd Maier.

February 17th, Monday 7:30pm in the von Steuben Room. We continue the study of German Bundesländer. The presentations are given by young Germans students living in Delaware this winter. We will learn about Munich and surrounding Bavaria as well as Hamburg and the area surrounding this northern German city. We may also get insights into Cologne and Baden.

These are wonderful evenings. We hope you will join us in 2014.

The Culture Committee

Concordia German Language Camp Winners

The Culture Committee is pleased to announce the two students selected to attend the Concordia Language Camp in Minnesota. They are Eric A Gilgenast, age 15 years old, he attends the Delaware Military Academy and his brother, Nicholas Luke, age 13 years old, and he attends Skyline Middle School. Both young men help their dad, Eric, setting up electric for Oktoberfest. They have both attended Kinder Camp at the DSB. Both are Boy Scouts and excellent students. Eric and Nickolas (prefers Luke) Gilgenast are the Fourth Generation of Gilgenasts here at the DSB.

Culture Committee presents our own Jim Ethridge

Jim told me "Mein Thema; 'Garten der Staaten Deutschlands' Wir entdecken ein Garten aus jedem Staat.

The presentation will be Feb. 3rd, 2014
at 7:30 pm in the von Steuben Room.

He will focus on gardens in 8 German States.
Refreshments will be served.

DSB Library is Open

Everyone is encouraged to borrow a book and brush up on their German. Just bring the book back when you have read it.

Spitzbuben

Hallo DSB,

Sorry I have not sent much to you this year. I have been on deployment.

Here is the latest:

On 24th November, six of our members went to the Erzgebirge in Warminster PA for their annual Preis-Skat-Turnier. Of the six players, three were in the money.

The ranking and points are as follows:

#4 Peter Menzian	with 2077
#5 Don Merritt	with 2074
#7 Lothar Jeromin	with 2021
#19 Heinz Ambrosch	with 1410
#22 Erich Kuehn	with 1292
#24 John Daub	with 910

Congratulations to all who went! Delaware, the DSB and the Spitzbuben were well represented and we all did well!

On January 18th, 2014 at 2:00 pm we plan on playing our first "Saturday List". This means that those who are interested we will be playing by tournament rules. We also encourage any new players to come. We will have players to work with you to learn how to play. (No pressure and no score)

Frohe Weihnachten und ein gesundes neues Jahr !

Don Merritt,

Spitzbuben Information Minister

From the Bauernstube

To all members of the DSB and their guests: keep in mind that the bar "Happy Hour" (reduced drink prices), time frame is 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm for Tuesdays and Fridays.

Heimatkunde

Redensarten

Man hat's nicht leicht, aber leicht hat's einen. *Life is not without difficulty, but trouble can catch up with us easily.*

Manchmal ist es besser sich ein Blatt vor dem Mund zu nehmen. *At times it may be better to restrain one's expressions.*

Vom Regen in die Traufe ----. *When it rains it pours.*

Weihnachten Tatsachen (Christmas Facts)

Remember Weihnachten in the Old Country ? There was no chubby Santa coming down the chimney on Xmas day or the night before. However this special season often started in a serious manner for youngsters between ages 6 to 12 in early December, Saint Nicholas, a bishop in early times, is celebrated on 6th. December. The night before boys and girls are visited by the good Nicholas and his assistant the bad Krampus. While Saint Nicholas often would be dressed in flowing white and red robes, Krampus is an ugly dirty creature with a sack of coal or potatoes, a chain and several switches. Saint Nicholas knows all about the good and bad deeds of the children i.e. " did you eat all your dinner, did you help your parents, did you complete your homework,?" and if not, then Krampus may take you away or use the switch. In the end there are always gifts of fruit, candy or small toys; but not before reciting a prayer or a song. Also most of the time a switch was left with the parents, just in case.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are the happiest times in all the holiday season when children of all ages await the Christkind{!} or Christ Child and the sharing of gifts. Christmas itself is a two day affair. At noon on Christmas Eve most activities, shops close, public transportation is reduced the streets become quiet and empty even in large cities. The family prepares for a special dinner , often consisting of fish, while the Christkind's helpers are busy with the finishing touches in the closed off family room. After supper they listen for the tinkling of a little bell announcing that the Christkind has finished fixing the Christmas tree. The locked door of the living room opens and all enter.to admire the ornaments on the fully lighted (often with real candles) tree and the presents underneath. Before the presents are opened the family sings together Stille Nacht and other favorite carols. Midnight services are still popular in the country side. Christmas Day dinner often includes roast goose stuffed with chestnuts and apples The meal is topped off with all kinds of special cakes. Not to forget the mandatory Christmas Drink offered to neighbors and shared with friends and family.

**Delaware Saengerbund
Inaugural Ball**



January 11th, 2014

Doors Open 5:00 pm - Dinner at 5:30 pm - General Meeting 7:00 pm
Music and dancing from 8-12:00 pm

Menu: Rouladen, Red Cabbage, Vegetable, Spaetzle, and Dessert
Dinner is available for \$15.00

Please make checks payable to the Ladies of the DSB
and send to the attention of Judy Ariganello

Final deadline for dinner reservations is January 5, 2014

TEAR OFF AND RETURN WITH RESERVATION FOR
INAUGURAL BANQUET – JANUARY 5, 2014

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Number attending _____ X \$15.00 per person = \$ _____ amount attached

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

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Email address: _____

Check Status:	_____ Single \$35	_____ Single (Over 65 Years) \$15
	_____ Family \$50	_____ Family (Over 65 Years) \$20

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