

Delaware Saengerbund and Library Assn., Inc.

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January 2015 NEWSLETTER

The Inaugural Ball and next General Membership Meeting will be held 5:00 pm on

Saturday, January 17th, 2014

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Liebe Mitglieder - Dear Members,

It has been an interesting journey being the first woman President of the Delaware Saengerbund in 156 years. The past four years of my term has provided many hills and valleys and a constant struggle to keep things on an even keel.

The DSB is no longer the small intimate organization, where everyone knew each other; all members had a vested interest in the club itself and believed in the basic reasons as to why this organization was formed. For some it is just a local place for good beer and reasonable food and for others it stands for so much more, our heritage, culture and the hope that this will be passed down for many generations to come.

The DSB must be run as a business, something most people don't realize however, as the membership grew the requirements of the State and Federal regulations changed as well.

Resistance to change is part of human nature. Change is not just another thing that needs to be accomplished, it has to be woven into action, process and communication within the organization. Your Board of Directors for the past four years has strived to help make these changes successful and to convey to the membership a thorough understanding so people will learn to adapt over a period of transformation.

With such a large membership we obviously have many individual likenesses and differences. Many have a habit of criticizing any decisions made without complete knowledge of the subject and no interest in doing the work. It is so easy to sit back and be complacent instead of volunteering and possibly easing the burden of the people that are dedicated in the effort to keep this a viable organization. Hopefully some opinions will change over a period of time, everyone will be willing to contribute their individual talents and become part of the ever changing process. No matter where you are in life, no matter what your situation, you can always do something. To quote the German, "*Viele Hände heben leicht eine Last*", Many hands easily lighten a load. It has been more than an honor and privilege to be your President, through all the challenges this office and any other Board of Directors position brings. We all strive to do what is right for the organization as a whole and not to cater to any individual preference. I hope all of you support your new Board of Directors. There is a tremendous amount of work to keep this organization together, the pay is nonexistent and much dedication is required. Your volunteerism and cooperation is needed in so many ways.

I wish each and every one of you a healthy 2015 and the very best in the years to come.

"Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best" – *Henry Van Dyke*

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Norma Grieb

DSB Member Code of Conduct

All individuals are expected to behave in a manner that shows respect for others and refrain from language or actions that could hurt another person, or behavior that falls below a generally accepted standard of conduct.

Any conduct of an inappropriate, threatening or offensive nature will not be tolerated and may result in suspension or termination of membership privileges. These include, but are not limited to:

- Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language or any type of menacing behavior
- Physical contact with another person in an angry, aggressive or threatening way
- Verbally abusive behavior, swearing, name-calling or shouting
- Theft or behavior that results in damage, destruction or loss of property
- Using or possessing illegal substances on DSB grounds, or tobacco within the DSB facility.
- Disregard for any DSB Policies or Procedures

Appropriate attire must be worn at all times. The DSB reserves the right to deny access or membership to any person who has been accused or convicted of any crime involving sexual abuse, is or has been a registered sex offender, has ever been convicted of any offense relating to the use, sale, possession or transportation of narcotics or dangerous drugs.

As a member or guest, we encourage you to be responsible for your own personal comfort and safety. In the rare instance that someone's behavior threatens you, or you observe inappropriate behavior, please contact the DSB Board of Directors immediately. All complaints will be handled per the DSB Constitution, Section 2-Page 16" Advisory Committee".

Approved DSB Board of Directors, December 5, 2014

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Day | Event | Time | Place | Doors Open |
|--------|-----|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------|------------|
| Dec 31 | Wed | New Year's Eve Party | 7:00 pm | Deutsche Halle | 6:30 pm |
| Jan 2 | Fri | Kindergruppe Alumni Social | 7:00 pm | Deutsche Halle | |
| Jan 4 | Sun | Deutsche Schule Starts | 1:00 pm | | 12:30 pm |
| Jan 5 | Mon | Property Committee Mtg | 7:30 pm | Library | |
| Jan 8 | Thu | Culture Committee Meeting | 7:30 pm | Board room | |
| Jan 9 | Fri | Fri Night Food, Fish-Chicken | 6:00 pm | | |
| Jan 11 | Sun | Jim Ethridge Garden Lecture | 3:00 pm | Von Steuben Room | |
| Jan 13 | Tue | Bauernstube Talk | 2:00 pm | Von Steuben Room | |
| Jan 17 | Sat | DSB Clean up Day | 8:30 am | DSB building | |
| Jan 17 | Sat | Inaugural Ball/General Mtg | 5:30 pm | Deutsche Halle | 5:00 pm |
| Jan 19 | Mon | Genealogy Meeting | 7:30 pm | Von Steuben Room | |
| Jan 23 | Fri | Fri Night Food, the Heinz Leberkäse | 6:00 pm | | |
| Jan 26 | Mon | Ladies Meeting | 7:30 pm | Von Steuben Room | |
| Feb 5 | Thu | Culture Committee Meeting | 7:30 pm | | |
| Feb 14 | Sat | Fasching | 7:30 pm | Deutsche Halle | 7:00 pm |
| Feb 15 | Sun | Ron Wismer History Lecture | 3:00 pm | Von Steuben Room | |
| Feb 16 | Mon | Genealogy Meeting | 7:30 pm | Von Steuben Room | |
| Feb 28 | Sat | EVTG Beef and Beer | 7:00 pm | Deutsche Halle | 6:30 |
| Mar 7 | Sat | Stiftungsfest | | | |
| Mar 14 | Sat | German Spring Show | | | |

Entertainment Committee

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2014

Tickets will be sold for \$60.00 per person. Contact Janette @ 302 738 0477.

Price includes appetizers, buffet style dinner, dessert, champagne at midnight, party favors, soda, beer, wine, and water. Mixed drinks and shots are cash bar.

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

The Europa Band will play for your entertainment

Tickets must be purchased by 12/22/14

NO TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE DOOR

DSB DRESS CODE

Gentlemen: Suits or Sports coat and slacks.

Ladies: Dresses, skirts and blouses or pant suit

Deutsche Landstilmode and Trachten are also accepted.

Jeans, shorts, tee-shirts and sneakers are not acceptable. If you bring a guest please advise them of our dress code.

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Fasching, February 14, 2015

Tickets for Fasching will go on sale in January.
Contact Richard Grieb rgrieb@weichert.com or (610) 388-1447
Prizes will be given out for best costumes.
Bernie's Orchestra will play 7.30pm - 11.30pm.

The Singers

The Singers would like to thank everyone that attended our annual Advent Concert on Sunday, December 7th. With the return of good weather, we once again performed before a full hall of approximately 300 guests. This year the Chorus was accompanied by the Johannes Brass on four numbers and they also provided holiday music before the concert. After the concert we enjoyed a performance by the Cecil County Youth String Quintet. As a part of this concert every year, we collect a free-will offering that we donate to the Needy Family Fund. This year, we collected a record \$572.00 to help support those in need.

The Singers will perform a concert this Wednesday at the Little Sisters of the Poor and will also present a selection of German Christmas songs at Tannenbaum Nacht on Saturday. After a holiday party, the Singers will take a break for Christmas and New Years and will start up rehearsals on January 7, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Deutsche Halle. New members are always welcome.

For the Singers,
Keith Farmer

The Ladies

The Ladies are preparing for the Inaugural Ball. Menu is Smoked Pork Chops and the cost is \$15 per person. Reservations for dinner need to be submitted to the Ladies no later than January 9th, 2015. Please send reservations to the Ladies, Attn: Marti Kane. There are flyers on the bulletin board in the back hallway and also in this newsletter.

The next Ladies meeting is Monday, January 26th at 7:30 pm in the VSR. New members are always welcome. The Ladies are looking for donations of coffee and sugar; decaffeinated coffee is greatly needed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
for the Ladies, Judy Ariganello, President

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 19th, Monday 7:30 pm in the von Steuben Room. We will continue the popular and important historic series of Personal Stories of DSB members born in Germany. Jens (JP) Schwarz is from the **Schleswig-Holstein, the northern most area of** Germany. He has been a member for almost 5 years. Come get to know Jens and his story. I know there will be another speaker. I'll report it as soon as I get confirmation. We urge you to support our members as they tell their unique stories.

February 16th, Monday 7:30 pm in the von Steuben Room. We continue the study of German Bundesländer. The presentations are given by German University students studying at UD this winter. Carina is from Bergkamen, located in Nordrhein-Westfalen. She tells us that up until the 1970s, it was considered Europe's biggest coal-mining town, even though Bergkamen's population was less than 50,000 people. The other student is studying in Karlsruhe. He will tell us about this area of Baden, now Baden-Wuerttemberg, near the French border just south of the Black Forest.

These are wonderful evenings. We hope you will join us in 2015.

The Culture Committee

Concordia Language Camp Student for 2015

The student selected for the Concordia German Language Camp is *Eric Gilgenast*, age 16 years, who attends the Delaware Military Academy. He is in the 11th Grade. Eric has been to Germany with his Aunt Trudy and is eager to improve his German language skills. He takes Spanish at his school because German is not offered. Eric and his brother both attended the Camp last year. Eric is a well –rounded and focused young man and demonstrates high standards in behavior, character, and academics. The Culture Committee is pleased that Eric will again be attending Concordia German Language Camp. He is the fourth generation of his family to be a member of the DSB.

Kindercamp Dates for Summer 2015

The Culture Committee is happy to announce that the Kindercamp will be held on the following dates: Aug. 3 to Aug. 14th. Please note these dates so you can plan your child's summer activities and family vacation.

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Culture Committee Future Talks at the DSB,

Our own Jim Ethridge is back due to popular demand. He will show us the lovely "Gardens of Austria".

Sunday, Jan. 11th, 2015 at 3 pm in the von Steuben Zimmer.

Ron Wismer is coming back to continue his "German History through the Ages" Talks.

Sunday, Feb. 15th 2015 at 3 pm in the von Steuben Zimmer

Light Refreshments will be served at each event.

From the Bauernstube

Friday Night Food on January 9th in the Bauernstube.

Menu: Fish-Chicken-Fries.

Friday Night Food on January 23rd in the Bauernstube.

Menu: Leberkäse by Heinz .

Bauernstube Builders Remembered

Please come out on Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 2 pm to hear the DSB Members' stories who built the Bauernstube. We are fortunate to have several members who are responsible for the beginning of our German Club. They built with their hands the first part of our DSB Building.

Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 2 pm in von Steuben Zimmer

Property Committee

Property Committee Meeting - Monday, January 5, 2015 - 7:30 pm

Property Committee indoor cleanup Saturday January 17, 2015 - 8:30 am

To see the progress of the Solar Panel project review the reporting link here:

<https://easyview.auroravision.net/easyview/index.html?entityId=3610995>

Did you dance with the EVTG Kindergruppe?

Please join us on Friday, January 2nd, 2015 from 7pm to 11pm in the Von Steuben Room for the EVTG Kindergruppe Alumni Social.

Life has taken all of us in many different directions, and many of us have not seen each other in years. It does not matter how long ago you danced, or if you currently dance. All former Kindergruppe members over 18 are welcome.

Please contact Victoria Widdekind at 302-256-2971 or Divnredhed@aol.com or Tommy Keith at 302-981-1759 or dt90sb93@outlook.com for more information or to RSVP.



**NEW YEARS EVE
AT THE
DELAWARE SÄNGERBUND
DECEMBER 31, 2014
\$60.00 PER PERSON**

**BEVERAGES
HORS D'OEUVRES
DINNER
DESSERT
CHAMPAGNE TOAST**

**(MIXED DRINKS AND SHOTS ARE
NOT INCLUDED)**



**DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
HORS D'OEUVRES 7:00PM
DINNER 7:30PM
MUSIC BY THE EUROPA BAND
8:30PM-12:30AM
FOR TICKETS CONTACT
JANETTE MERRITT 738-0477
NO TICKETS SOLD
AFTER DECEMBER 26TH**



**Delaware Saengerbund
Inaugural Ball**



January 17th, 2015

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

Menu: Smoked Pork Chops, Red Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable, and Dessert

Dinner is available for \$15.00

Please make checks payable to the Ladies of the DSB
and send to the attention of Marti Kane

Final deadline for dinner reservations is January 9, 2015

TEAR OFF AND RETURN WITH RESERVATION FOR
INAUGURAL BANQUET – JANUARY 9, 2015

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

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

Please make checks payable to the Ladies of the DSB and send to the attention of
Marti Kane. Final deadline for dinner reservations is January 9, 2015.

Music thru the Ages

Beef and Beer

sponsored by the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe des Delaware Saengerbundes

Saturday February 28th, 2015

Doors Open at 630pm

Dinner and Bar open at 700pm

DJ and Dancing from 8pm to 11pm



**Come dance the night away with us listening to Music thru
the Ages!**

\$20 per person includes Buffet Dinner and Domestic Draft Beer and Soda

Tickets to go on Sale Thursday January 8th!

Thursdays and Fridays in the Bauernstube after 730pm

Contact Klaus Vikari-302-722-1675 or Teresa Vikari-302-766-0522

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Dues for 2015 are payable by December 31st

Use this form for Dues Renewal (Detach or copy and send with payment)

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

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Email address: _____

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| | _____ Family \$50 | _____ Family (Over 65 Years) \$20 |

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