

September 2017 NEWSLETTER

**The Next General Membership Meeting will be held 8:00 pm on
September 11 , 2017**

***** Used Tachten Sale - bring what you may not wear or use and sell it *****

***** Before , during break, and after meeting *****

Memoriam

William McNeal

Walter Schmidt

John Baumann

Father Edward Storck

Margarete Hawkins

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Liebe Mitglieder - Dear Members,

Oktoberfest is upon us! I cannot overemphasize the importance of the Oktoberfest to the finances of the club as it supplies more than 80% of our operating income. In comparison, membership dues supplies 3%. Success depends on the generous donation of the time and talents of the membership. Please volunteer, we need your help.

With sadness I note the passing in July of three esteemed and long time members. Walter Schmidt was a farmer and generous benefactor of the club. Margarete Hawkins and Will McNeal were invaluable assistants to their spouses, Robert Hawkins former First Vice President and AnneMarie McNeal, former Kitchen Chairman.

Please mark your calendars for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Bauernstube on Sunday November 19th.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Carl Renner

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From The Bauernstube

Friday Night Food:

Sept 1st @ 6pm by Heinz and Erika

Salad, Baked Ham , Pasta , and Dessert \$10

Sept 29th@6pm by Dennis and Crew

Shrimp Pie

To all club members: Always remember that the Bauernstube is an excellent venue available to host your parties. For questions please reach out to Gary Huggler. Keep in mind that you may bring your own food but not have it privately catered.

Entertainment

MARGARITA NIGHT

Our Margarita Night in June was an overwhelming success! We had no idea how many people would attend. Due to the large number of people, our bar was on overload making it difficult for one bartender to serve specialty drinks in a timely fashion. We plan to have another Margarita Night sometime in early 2018 and we promise there will be two bartenders on duty to make sure everyone is served quickly. Looking forward to seeing you all of you again for our next Margarita Night.

Property Committee

Property Committee Meeting - Monday, September 5, 2017 - DSB Library, 7:30pm
All interested members are welcome.

THE CULTURE COMMITTEE

KOMMT UND LERNT DEUTSCH!

A special privilege of your DSB membership is the opportunity to learn or review German! It is the language that holds a cultural group together! So, come and enroll in one of two classes offered. The **beginner's class is taught on Tuesday by Helga Kissell** in the von Steuben Zimmer . You will learn the basic skills along with culture dialogs, readings, song. The **intermediate class is taught on Thursday by Alison Matsen** in the library. For members who have the basic language skills, you have a chance to review, to read short stories, articles, and to converse ' auf Deutsch'.

THE BEGINNER CLASS MEETS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 AND THE INTERMEDIATE CLASS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017. Class times are from 7:30pm to 9 pm and continue weekly from October to May.

If you wish to enroll, attend the first class on the designated date. Should you have questions, contact the Language Coordinator, Trudy Gilgenast at 302-995-1726 or Trudyg@udel.edu.

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ERNTEDANKFEST 2017

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT'. Erntedankfest, the annual German- American Thanksgiving Service, will be held on Sunday, **October 1 at 3:00pm** at Sacred Heart Oratory, 9th and Madison Streets in Wilmington. Brother Ronald of the Ministry of Caring will conduct the service. The Johannes Brass and the Delaware Saengerbund Chorus under the direction of Dr. C. Nelson Fritts will provide the festive music. Sacred Heart Church was built by German craftsmen and served the German community for many years. Today it serves as an oratory and supports programs for the Ministry of Caring.

A bus from the DSB will provide transportation for the chorus and members who wish to attend. For those who plan to drive, street parking at and around the Oratory is available. After the service, everyone is invited to a light supper at the club. *Man soll die Feste feiern, wie sie fallen* (celebrate the festivals as they occur) so come to church and continue celebrating at the club! The dinner is free of charge, but to help us with planning we request that you make a **reservation by September 21st 2017**

RESERVATION FOR ERNTEDANKFEST - HARVEST SUPPER

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of people attending _____

Please complete and return this form to the DSB, Attn: Ladies of DSB by September 21st 2017.

50 YEAR CELEBRATION

1967 BAUERNSTUBE 2017

On November 9, 1967 the Bauernstube was dedicated and officially opened. You can see the names of those who worked to transform the stable on the Alcorn farm into a comfortable Stube inscribed on the stones placed on various walls throughout the Bauernstube.

It's hard to believe that 50 years have passed and the Bauernstube has become the heart of many fun activities and Gemütlichkeit. Time to celebrate! **Plans are underway for a reception and dinner on Sunday, November 19th at 3:00 pm**, so mark your calendar now! Reservations will be requested in a future newsletter.



If you have any children or grandchildren who are interested in playing. Please contact Mike Dallas at 302.275.9349 or soccer.dsb@gmail.com.

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Singers

The DSB Singers will begin their fall season on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 here in the Deutschehalle.

Our first performance will be the Erntedankfest on October 1st. We will also participate with the United Singers of Philadelphia at the annual von Steuben Day observance at Valley Forge on October 8th and, of course, our club Variety Night on October, 21st.

As always, new members are encouraged and welcome.

The Spitzbuben

Come join us and learn how to play SKAT **every Friday** in Bauernstube @ 8:00 PM

On June 23,24,25th we hosted the 3rd annual U.S. Skat Championship at our club. Skat playing participants came from Canada, OR ,OH ,TX, as well as our regulars from PA, MD, and DE

All visitors had a great time during the competition which were tense at times followed by good camaraderie in the Bauernstube.

Our friends enjoyed good food and refreshments at reasonable prices along with friendly service.

At this point I like to thank everyone that helped make the Turnier a success . Particularly Marty and Dennis Kane, Judy Ariganello and the total kitchen staff. Thank you.

All members of the Spitzbuben helped to organize it so that it became a smooth affair. A special thanks goes to Kevin Ridgley to "crunch" all the results and numbers, he kept his cool even when a whole bunch of players looked over his shoulder in anticipation of the standings.

Many of our visitors came up and complimented us on the excellent club facilities

DSB Familien Gruppe

. Please check our facebook page DSB Familien Gruppe, for more information or contact DSBfamiliengruppe@gmail.com.

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The Garden Committee

Contact Jim at his cell: [815-474-7090](tel:815-474-7090) or his email: jamesethridge31@gmail.com.

Please Like the new Facebook page at: Delaware Saengerbund and Library Association Botanischer Garten

The House Band

We are looking for musicians interested in joining us as we expand our group to play traditional Blasmusik. If you play a brass, or woodwind instrument or have played in the past and wish to again enjoy instrumental music as we play marches, waltzes, and polkas in a concert band format, please contact Brian Schulz at schulzwb@gmail.com, John Mayer at johngmayer@verizon.net, or Kurt Grieb at sirgeb27@gmail.com. Those interested must be able to read music at a high school level or above. Open to all members, members' children and grandchildren. Help us create our very own Delaware Saengerbund Blaskapelle.

The EVTG

Come out and join us on Thursday evenings
Kids: 7:30 p.m. Adults: 8:30 p.m.

Save the date!



Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16, 2018

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Delaware Wandervögel

Our next hike will be on October 21st at 9:00 am in White Clay Creek Preserve. This is a family hike and we invite all children to join in for a pleasant autumn hike along the creek. We will meet at 9:00 am at the London Tract Meeting House just over the border in Pennsylvania off South Bank Road. This is an out and back hike about 2 miles each way to the Nature Center in Delaware where we will stop for refreshments.

The next tentative hike dates are November 18 and December 16 with locations to be determined. If you have a favorite local hike or suggestion let us know. The New Year's Day hike at French Creek State Park will be on Monday, January 1, 2018 and we meet at Lantana Square at 10 am for carpooling. Additional information can be found on the Wandervögel website.

Delaware Saengerbund Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest will soon be here! The Oktoberfest is only made possible by our dedicated army of volunteers. We thank you for your dedication and hard work as we look forward to another successful year! **Volunteers are still needed, so please contact Teresa Vikari (tme1202@msn.com) to check where help is needed and you can always come and sign up at the September meeting.**

The Delaware Saengerbund is lucky to have many passionate champions who make it all happen! The entire week before the festival Gary Huggler, Don Sturmfels and the set up crew put it all together and then electrical wizard Harry Siebert brings it all to life. At Admissions you will find Tim Bennett who came up with the "\$20 express pack" that our guests really like. Claire Currey, Bob Dreibelbis and Sam Kalb keep tabs on the bars and are responsible for getting an accurate count of the mountain of kegs we empty over the weekend. You can thank Bob for the efficient cattle runs that maintain order in the beer lines.

Desiree Mulford has worked up a beer inspired menu for this year's Brewmaster Dinner on Thursday and of course music and good times will be provided by our own Enzian Musikanten. For the festival, John Degenhardt and his kitchen crew will be preparing the well-loved traditional fare including our signature platter with bratwurst, sauerkraut and potato salad, with special thanks to the early morning potato crew. Norma Grieb and Mary Degenhardt are responsible for getting it all served up on the food lines with a smile! For a special treat make sure to try Doug Degenhardt's roasted pig. To finish it off, Doris Pyle and Janette Merritt will be serving up the usual delectable desserts. But that's not the end to the food, you can find Jeanne Dyson serving up Rollmops and Landjaegers, Wayne Mulford and John Mulvihill with a selection of hot dogs and sodas, and of course Eric Gilgenast and Bruce Thorngate bringing you pretzels and funnel cakes. Maureen and James Pietschmann's potato pancakes are new to our festival, and we are working to figure out how to make more of them after selling out last year. Of course volunteers can't work on empty stomachs, so Sonia Ciresa is ready to feed them all in the Deutsche Halle.

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Everyone has to get to the festival, so Roseann Harkins has arranged busses to get our guests from the Christiana High School remote parking location directly to the admission gates. For workers, handicapped parking, busses, police cars, trucks and other assorted vehicles Daniela and Jim Georgeff make sure everybody gets to the right place. Publicity and staffing at the information booth is done by Arno Fels. Debby Statler and Nick Purse will be holding down the First Aid station located at the back of the Deutsche Halle. Workers only are allowed in the Deutsche Halle during the festival, and Paul San Doe is there to make sure that's the way it goes. Signs for everything are provided by Bill Hucker and the good folks at Standard Distributing.

When it's time to spend money, Keith Farmer is ready with tickets galore. Our guests spend them on food and beer tickets, and also the wide variety of souvenirs Dennis Kane and Ray Purse have made available. Chuck Maass gets to count it all, and special thanks to Rob Frankenfield for setting us up a robust wireless network for our point of sale devices.

So what's left over gets picked up during the festival by Hank Maier and Jann Campen's clean-up crew, then Tommy Keith and the morning crew are there early in the morning to get the rest.

This is just a small sampling of the hundreds of volunteers that make our Oktoberfest possible, and to all our volunteers we want you to know you are appreciated for all you do! THANK YOU!

Hans Nafzinger, Oktoberfest Chairman

OKTOBERFEST FOOD LINE HELP NEEDED! We are in great need of servers, runners and grillers for all shifts Oktoberfest weekend. The DSB provides a beautiful clubhouse and offers many activities all free to our members. Please remember our Oktoberfest is the venue that provides us with upkeep on our buildings, physical plant and the programs you enjoy all year, we simply ask 6 hours of your volunteer time. Shift times: Friday, Sept. 15 - 5 to 11pm, Saturday, Sept. 16 (day) 11:30am to 5:30pm, Sept. 16 (evening) 5 to 11pm, Sunday, Sept. 17 - 11:30am - 5:30pm. Contact: Norma Grieb - enghag@verizon.net or John Degenhardt - skipdegenhardt@gmail.com.

Admission and Cashiers are also needed greatly

**Please sign up we need all hands on deck
All ages to make this a successful year again**

Volunteers Needed!
For the Delaware Saengerbund
Oktoberfest

September 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2017

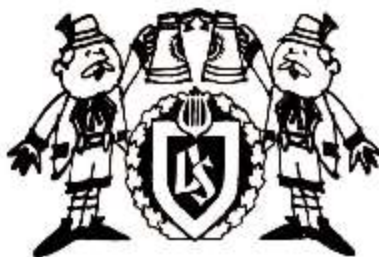
Planning is well under way for this year's Oktoberfest. Volunteer sign-ups have already begun, and will continue at the August General Member's Meeting with free beer and sodas offered. Be sure to come and sign up if you have not already, and encourage your friends and family to sign up too. The Committee Chairs will be set up at the meeting or you can contact our Volunteer Coordinator Teresa Vikari (tme1202@msn.com) if you have any questions about where help is needed.

The pre-Oktoberfest Committee Chairs Meeting will be held on August 21st at 7:30 pm in the Deutsche Halle. Completed sign-up and ticket forms should be turned in at this time by the Committee Chairs to allow time to prepare worker packets.

Advance Sale tickets for Oktoberfest will be available to Members at the August and September meetings for the discounted price of \$5. Remote parking will be available at Christiana High School again this year, and the price of \$5 includes a shuttle to the admission gate. This helps to reduce congestion on the road in front of the clubhouse, is great for families with kids so they don't have to walk along the road, and the proceeds from parking benefit school programs.

The Delaware Saengerbund is known for hosting a great festival and this is a great opportunity for us to work together to share our culture with the local community. The Core Committee thanks you for your dedication and hard work in making this event successful.

Hans Nafzinger, Oktoberfest Chairman



Brewmaster Dinner & Beer Tasting

Thursday, September 14

Music by Enzian Musikanten

Limited Number of Tickets Available

Tickets are \$40 per person and are

available from Desiree Mulford

or online at brownpapertickets.com

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**Enzian Volkstanzgruppe
49th Stiftungsfest**



Saturday, September 9, 2017

Music by the DSB Enzian Musikanten

Special performances by our visiting schuplattler friends

Doors open at 6:30 Einmarsch at 8:00

Donations \$8.00

Tickets will be available at the August DSB General Meeting

And will continue on Thursday nights 7:30—8:30 at the DSB

For additional information contact:

John Mayer at 302 475-2199 or johngmayer@verizon.net

To reserve your tickets, contact:

Tori Widdekind at 302 256-2971 or ywiddekind@gmail.com



**DEUTSCHE SCHULE IM DELAWARE SAENGERBUND
2017-2018
APPLICATION DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 15, 2017**

The Deutsche Schule at the Delaware Saengerbund is preparing for the new school year with an outstanding team. **Richard Grieb** serves as Director of the school. All questions are to be directed to him at 610-388-1447 or rgrieb@weichert.com.

Members are invited to sign up their children/grandchildren as soon as possible, as the first 15 will be accepted into each level. The school is open to non-members who are interested in the German language, culture and heritage. THERE IS NO SCHOOL FEE FOR MEMBERS. THE NON-MEMBER FEE IS \$150.00 PER STUDENT.

Classes will be held on Sundays, beginning September 24, 2017 until May 6, 2018. Class time: 1 – 3 pm for all classes. Please complete and submit the application form, include a check made payable to the DSB in the amount of \$150 if you are a non-member. Mail completed form and check (if applicable) to: Delaware Saengerbund, Attn: Richard Grieb, 49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713.

Deutsche Schule Application

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE #: _____ EMERGENCY

#: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME AND AGE OF

CHILD: _____

DSB MEMBER: _____ YES _____ NO _____

DSB Variety Night

Supporting the DSB Singers

Saturday, October 28, 2017

This is your chance!



Come & join the fun! Sing, dance, do a skit!



Doors open @ 5:00pm
Dinner @ 5:30pm
Show @ 6:45pm
Music & Dancing @ 8:15pm

Do you want to participate?
Contact Alison Matsen at:
302-378-8265
dmatsen@verizon.net

Tickets on sale Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Starting September 27th

Dinner & Show \$18.00 Show only \$10.00

Contact Keith Farmer @ 302-354-9748

Music by the Continentals

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Newark, Delaware 19713

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place
01 SEP	FRI	Friday Night Food	6:00 PM	Bauernstube
05 SEP	TUE	Property Committee	7:30 PM	Library
06 SEP	WED	Singers Rehearsal	7:30 PM	Deutsche Halle
07 SEP	THR	Culture Committe	7:30 PM	Deutsche Halle
09 SEP	SAT	49th EVTG Stiftungsfest	6:30 PM	Deutsche Halle
11 SEP	MON	General Meeting	8:00 PM	Deutsche Halle
14 SEP	THR	Brewmaster Dinner	5:00 PM	Under tent
15 SEP	FRI	1st Day of Oktoberfest	5:00 PM	Under tent
16 SEP	SAT	2nd Day of Oktoberfest	12:00PM	Under tent
17 SEP	SUN	3rd Day of Oktoberfest	12:00PM	Under tent
24 SEP	SUN	Deutsche Schule - 1st Day		
29 SEP	FRI	Friday Night Food	6:00 PM	Bauernstube
01 OCT	SUN	Erntedankfest - Sacred Heart Oratory, Wilmington	TBA	
02 OCT	MON	Genealogy Group	7:30 PM	Von Steuben
08 OCT	SUN	von Steuben Day - Valley Forge/Erzgebirge	TBA	
21 OCT	SAT	White Clay Creek Preserve	9:00 AM	Outside
28 OCT	SAT	DSB Variety Show	5:30 PM	Deutsche Halle
19 NOV	SUN	Bauernstube Dedication Anniversary	3:00 PM	Bauernstube
03 DEC	SUN	ADVENT Concert	3:00 PM	Deutsche Halle
09 DEC	SAT	Tannenbaumnacht	7:00 PM	Deutsche Halle