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October 2020 Update

In Memoriam:

William H. Twardus

A Message from our President:

Freunde,

And the days turn into years, or so it seems. We hope this newsletter finds you well and waiting until we can all meet again. I have some limited "good news". As we (Delawareans) are still in Phase II, many uses of our building are extremely limited. However, the BOD has decided that limited use of the Deutsche Halle will be allowed. This limitation will include and only include our established committees. These committee chairs will receive our protocol (this is also printed in this newsletter) with guidelines that must be followed. Any deviation from these rules will cause that entire committee to be disallowed use of the facility. No excuses, one strike and you no longer have the privilege. This is for the use of the building. However, we have a great outdoors that all members can enjoy as much as they want. The use of woods/trail, fields, biergarten and pavilion will fall under normal, state accepted guidelines.....social distancing, masks less than 6 feet, etc. If you wish to have a more formal gathering on the pavilion, you must go through our first VP, Dennis Kane, to reserve it. I have asked Norma Grieb to handle all questions and reservations of the hall regarding protocol and time/day. Many thanks to her for gathering the info and writing the protocol.

Some of the things that are happening, even if we all can't be together. The property continues to be maintained, with a special thanks to all who showed for work day. With a special thanks to Wayne Pouser who continues to keep the grass cut and trimmed. The Deutsche Schule resumed this past Sunday, with kids spread from the pavilion to the Bier Garten, spaced and masked. Genealogy used the hall on Sunday for a presentation by Iris and Joerg Busch to celebrate 30 years of German reunification.

I am sure there are many of our cherished older members who have difficulty dealing with this pandemic. Be in touch with them, care for them and if possible, be with them. Fortunately, I have not heard of any losses this month but if you know of any please notify us. We will continue to keep you apprised of changes in our situation. One can only hope....until better times.

Auf Wiedersehen und bleib gesund.

Don Sturfels, President

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**TO: DSB COMMITTEE CHAIRS
FROM: DSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The State of Delaware is still in Phase II of the Covid-19 reopening plan. The BOD has decided that *limited use* of the Deutsche Halle will be allowed to our **established committees only.**

We have attached our **protocol and cleaning guidelines** (see the following pages) that must be followed with **no exceptions.**

Any deviation from these rules will cause the **entire committee** to be **disallowed** use of the facility.

If you wish to have a gathering in the pavilion, you must contact **Dennis Kane** at (302) 528-5609 or dkane1@aol.com to reserve. Please contact **Norma Grieb** at (610) 388-1447 or enghag@verizon.net to handle questions and reservations of the hall regarding protocol and date/time for hall access.

ENTERTAINMENT – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 3:30 PM – 8 PM – DSB PAVILION (Rain date: 11/1/20)

The *Enzian Musikanten Blaskapelle* is planning on performing and recording an outdoor concert at the Delaware Saengerbund on Sunday October 25th at 3:30 PM. The concert should last an hour and may be followed by more informal musical activity. We are inviting members to join us this day. In conjunction with the concert, the DSB Entertainment Committee is planning a “mini-Oktoberfest” for *DSB members only.*

- We will be selling: traditional sauerkraut, potato salad, bratwurst, weisswurst, hot dogs and warm pretzels as well as good beer, wine and plenty of Gemuetlichkeit!

In order to keep you safe and abide with the State of Delaware Covid-19 guidelines we must strictly enforce the following:

- **Face masks are not required in our outdoor space when an individual can maintain at least (6) feet of social distancing with people not living in the same household.**
- **Masks must be worn in food and beverage lines and observe social distancing in order to be served**
- **Please bring your own chairs – don’t forget your mask!**
- **Please do NOT bring your own alcoholic beverages as it would violate ABC laws.**
- **If you don’t think you can follow these rules, we suggest staying home. This is about all of us, and we have many members with medical issues.**



*WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT AND
HOPEFULLY MAKE SOME PROFIT FOR THE DSB.*

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU ON OCTOBER 25TH!

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COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

GENERAL GUIDANCE – applies to all individuals during Phase 2. During this phase, strict social distancing must be observed. (27th Modification State of Delaware)

1. **Wear a mask at all times. All children five (5) years of age and older, must wear a mask. Parents are responsible for children wearing a face mask properly as to cover mouth and nose.**
2. At all times, individuals who are not part of a household are to maximize physical distance from others and are expected to remain six (6) feet apart. This **includes indoor and outdoor gatherings** on our property (outdoor space). **Social distancing protocols are strictly enforced.**
Face masks are not required in our outdoor space when an individual can maintain at least six (6) feet of social distancing with people not living in the same household.
3. **Indoor gatherings - must wear a mask and must social distance** from those not part of your household. Gatherings must be calculated on usable capacity at thirty (30) square feet per person up to 60% of our fire occupancy requirements (excluding staff).

NOTE: with current distancing requirements this equates to approximately eighty (80) non-related people in the Deutsche Halle using eight (8) ft. tables, this includes tables on the dance floor. The Von Steuben Room calculated on usable capacity at thirty square feet per person up to 60% of our fire occupancy requirements is eighteen (18) non-related people using round tables.

Seated events should be preferred whenever possible. Face coverings are not required when eating or drinking or when seated at a table to eat and drink however face coverings are required to be worn at all other times including walking to and from tables, restroom usage etc.

4. People from different households may sit at a table together if they are socially distanced. Freestanding tables with pullout chairs should be eight (8) feet apart to ensure that a seated guest is six feet from other seated guests at other tables.
5. Bars (**when open**) must observe social distancing between those not of the same household. Signage and floor markings are present to guide patrons in appropriate spacing while in line.
6. When individuals are speaking, reading, or singing to a live audience and face coverings cannot be used, the speaker, reader, or singer shall face away from the audience, maintain at least thirteen (13) feet of distance between themselves and the audience, or stand behind a physical barrier or partition, such as a sneeze guard. The speaker, reader, or singer must put the face covering back on immediately after speaking, reading or singing. (A sneeze guard is a protective barrier, typically made from either plexiglass or acrylic, that prevents bacteria or viruses from spreading. It works by blocking spittle or spray from a person's nose or mouth before it can infect other areas).

NOTE: Microphones are not to be shared and must be sanitized after use.

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COVID 19 - GUIDELINES FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

1. **All sub-groups using meeting space must be responsible with NO EXCEPTIONS** for setting their tables/chairs, monitor all attendees per our DELAWARE SAENGERBUND COVID-19 PROTOCOL, and according to stipulated fire code/social distancing (currently 80 non-related people in Deutsche Halle).

NOTE: Chairs with vinyl covering only must be used. No chairs with fabric covering are to be used and have been removed from the Von Steuben Room.

**Clean, disinfect all equipment used including the following: tables, chairs, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, phones, keyboards, toilet seats, faucets, touch screens and ATM machines.

2. The Delaware Saengerbund has purchased a **professional handheld disinfectant sprayer for large items i.e. tables, doors etc. **Sprayer can only be used by designated personnel who have been properly instructed on use and cleaning.

Most cleaning can be done with the following: **Clean & Go Disinfectant* in spray bottles and **Flexwipes* disinfectant wipes. The handheld sprayer also contains *Clean & Go* in condensed form. All cleaning items will be available in the club office, including paper towels, gloves and trash bags.

3. Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol and *Flexwipes* have been placed in all restrooms for your personal use.
4. A white plastic bin in the office and clearly marked **DSB** is for your use and will include the following: disposable gloves, *Clean & Go Disinfectant Spray Bottle*, *Flexwipes* and a trash bag. Please utilize trash bag for disposing of paper towels, gloves and wipes. The trash bag must be disposed of in the outside trash container.

**Do not place trash bag in one of our inside containers,
all trash must be disposed of outside to prevent contamination.**

Don't forget to return white bin to office for the next person to use!!

**Clean & Go and Flexwipes are EPA Registered Disinfectants
EPA Reg.No. 1839-169-5641 & EPA Reg. No. 6836-340-70930**

NOTE: If you are using any of our outdoor facilities (pavilion, soccer field, biergarten, etc), please empty any trash cans you use into the dumpster in the back parking lot.

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Troop 29, Eagle Scout Project

The DSB Property Committee has not stopped working for you, despite the Corona Virus.

Thanks to our loyal committee members we did not miss a meeting or a workday.

Many repairs, upgrades and clean-ups were accomplished during the summer months.

Another great project was provided to us by SCOUT TROOP 29, RED CLAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, and in particular Sean McDermitt, who took on the Eagle Scout Project to clear, outline and upgrade trails in our woodlands behind the soccer fields.

DSB member, Charlie Bleisdall, provided his expertise and equipment to help Troop 29 facilitate the project.

Please take the time to see the wonderful job they did to convert a virtual wilderness area into beautiful hiking trails. Thanks again to Troop 29 and Sean McDermitt, all of your hard work is greatly appreciated!



Property Committee

Property Committee **Meeting**: Monday, November 2, 2020 - 7:30 pm - Deutsche Halle

Property Committee **Clean-up Day**: Saturday, November 14, 2020 - 8:30 am

All are invited to participate!

From the Treasurer

As we begin opening the club for limited use, I have sent a reminder to all Committee and Group Chairpersons that **until the club is fully open, our income is greatly reduced**. With reduced income, everyone is reminded that the **expenditure of club funds is to be limited to those necessary to maintain the facility and the minimum required to operate a Committee or Group**.

Keith Farmer,
Treasurer

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49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713

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