

Delaware Sängerbund and Library Assn., Inc.

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November 2022 Newsletter

In Memoriam:

Linda G. Escheu

Elsie Schwertl Craig

Leona T. Schechinger

Kenneth C. Meuser

Lisa Ann (Schmalbach) Boyer

General Meeting

Monday, November 14th, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. in the Deutsche Halle

A Message from our President

Freunde,

It seems as if every letter I write or every time I talk at a general membership meeting, the message becomes an echo. In order for our club to function, the participation of our members is paramount. I know it is comfortable to watch as others do the things that keep us going but it is time to join in and help. Make time for the club or there won't be a club! At the general meeting I listened as committee after committee asked for participation and help. The Singers, the basis of our existence, is dwindling to a point where "choral" singing may become a "quartet". The "property" exists on the shoulders of a few good men, women and teens who show up every month and do the job asked, but it would be a lot easier with more hands. Programs offered are attended by the same few, month after month. The "Ladies" run shorthanded in the kitchen during many events. It's time to man (or woman) up! We are a club with close to a thousand members. Look in the mirror and ask yourself if you are doing all you can to support the club. Done preaching...

Our Oktoberfest was very successful with the numbers making it possible to carry on for another year. The Core Committee would like to thank all our volunteers with an Appreciation Party on November 5th at 4PM. Again, as we come into the holiday season, there are many of our older members who need to be looked after. Some would love to attend programs but don't have the ability to get here or don't want to bother anyone and ask for a ride. Give them a call. See you all at the German Christmas Festival.

Auf Wiedersehen und bleibt gesund.
Don Sturfels, President



German Christmas Festival

THE DELAWARE SAENGERBUND

49 Salem Church Road

Newark, DE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022

11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(Kitchen Opens at 11:00 a.m.)

FEATURING

GERMAN FOOD AVAILABLE ALL DAY, STOLLEN & BAKED GOODS

WHITE ELEPHANT, IMPORTED CANDY

HAND CRAFTED ITEMS, CHILDREN'S GIFT SHOP

SANTA WILL ARRIVE at 2:30 p.m.

DANCING BY THE CHILDREN'S ENZIAN VOLKSTANZGRUPPE AT 1:00 p.m.

BAUERNSTUBE OPEN ALL DAY FOR ENJOYMENT OF ADULT BEVERAGES

RAFFLE AT 3:00 p.m.

VINTAGE CAR SHOW 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FREE PARKING AND FREE ADMISSION



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A letter to the President

Hi Don,

While the subject event is fresh in my mind (as well as the untimely passing of Lisa), I want to convey to you my thoughts on the affair.

That terrific event capsulized everything that the DSB represents for me. It contained German culture, excellent German food, German beer, German music, friendship and, most importantly, compassion for one of our members and her family. I was amazed at the huge turnout to help Lisa on rather short notice. The event was well-organized and well-run. While there I spoke at length to a member at our table and helped her share some issues of her own. I saw a friend for the first time since her knee surgery. I also spoke with another friend, who shared with me the story of her successful negotiations for a new position. Lorraine and I shared stories of lectors we have known at Resurrection. You were kind enough to save a seat for me at your table.

The dancing later in the evening featured the House Band (Enzian Musikanten). It was a treat to watch the very young family members dancing with their dads to such great traditional music!

Finally, I believe that the fund raising was a success based on the number of folks who attended. The compassion of our members is amazing and reveals a great deal about how they come together to help another member in time of need.

This entire event really did capsulize for me why I love the DSB.

Membership

The Membership committee will be meeting on November 8th at 6:30 p.m. to review applications for membership. The next membership induction meeting will be on November 29th at 7:00 pm. Also 2023 dues are now due. Please submit payment via mail or drop off in the membership mailbox.

Judy Ariganello, Membership Secretary

Property Committee

Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022 - DSB Library - 7:30 p.m.

Workday: Saturday, November 19, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME - COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

Craft Committee

The Craft Committee will meet on November 10 in the von Steuben Room from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Drive around back and ring the bell, someone will open the door for you. We are very busy finishing all our projects in time for the German Christmas Festival. This will be our only meeting in November as we take a break after the Ladies' Christmas Festival.

Singers

The Singers have begun to focus on our Holiday music and want club members to join us! We are inviting any interested members to join us in singing German carols at Tannenbaum Nacht! Join us for rehearsals on November 9th and November 30th at 7:00 p.m. See the enclosed flyer.

Oktoberfest Appreciation Party

Saturday, November 5th, 2022
Doors Open 3:30 p.m. Dinner Served 4:00 p.m.

No Reservations are required however your name will be checked off upon entry from the workers' list provided by each chairperson.

Enjoy a free dinner and beverages. *Maria & John* will provide German and American Music for your dancing pleasure.

Oktoberfest workers and guest only.

This event is in appreciation for your hard work at the 2022 Delaware Saengerbund Oktoberfest.



TANNENBAUM NACHT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy the music of the holiday season with a short program by the DSB Singers and a performance by our own Enzian Volkstanzgruppe. The *Maria & John Band* will play for your dancing pleasure. This is a free event for DSB members only, no tickets are required. Please adhere to the DSB dress code, no t-shirts or jeans permitted.

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Culture Committee

All of the recent Culture Committee events in October, such as Erntedankfest, ballroom dance classes, and the wine tasting event were well-attended and enjoyed. Our thanks go to Keith Farmer and Trudy Gilgenast who quickly volunteered to run the Erntedankfest service when our Pastor was forced to cancel his trip because of horrible traffic conditions on I-95 and a fender bender. Guess what? Plan B worked without a hitch!

It's not too late to join the ballroom dance lessons that are being taught by a young professional Ukrainian coach who is teaching us the Foxtrot variations, Waltz, and the Swing Dance on Oct. 17, 24, Nov. 7, 21 and Dec. 19. The cost is \$60 p.p. or \$100 per couple payable to "BlueBall Room."

Applications for DSB member families to apply for two 2-week camp awards to Concordia German Language Camps in Bemidji, Minnesota, in June/July of 2023 are being evaluated now. An application form is attached, and your children or grandchildren aged 8-18 are eligible. The application must be completed and returned to the Culture Committee no later than November 30th, 2022. So please hurry. Each award is worth up to \$3,250 per child to cover expenses for the trip. Our thanks go to Caroline Dooley and Collin Creveling for sharing their photographs and experiences at our last membership meeting. If you need further information, you may either speak with Caroline or Collin, or contact the Culture Committee via email at thureau@verizon.net.

Our next Culture Committee meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom. We will continue our work with the History Wall project, and plan for the Advent Concert's Christmas cookies event on December 4th. Interested members are always welcome to our monthly Culture Committee meetings.

From the Ladies

The Ladies are looking for volunteers to help with the annual Christmas Festival on November 19. Please contact Judy Ariganello at 302-463-9658 or Marti Kane at 302-528-5608 if you are able to assist even if only for an hour or two. Please remember baked goods can be delivered the day before or the morning of the festival. The next Ladies' meeting is on November 28th at 7:00pm in the VSR.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Marti Kane, President, Ladies of the DSB

Germanic Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet on Sunday, October 23rd. The meeting will begin at 3:15 p.m. in the Von Steuben Room. All members are invited to attend.

We will be completing our Geography tour of Germany. **Jim Ethridge** will tell us of the history, special places, foods, and events of **Sachsen-Anhalt**. We also hope to showcase **Niedersachsen** (Lower Saxony) at the same time.

We hope you will join us for this event.

Sunshine

If you know of a member who has been ill or in the hospital, has lost a loved one, or who could just be brightened up with a thinking of you card, please contact our Sunshine Lady, Robin Moxley.

Email address: Rockinrobin01@verizon.net

Phone number: 410-648-5069

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Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Oct 23	SUN	Genealogy	3:15 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Oct 24	MON	Ballroom Dance Lessons	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Oct 24	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Nov 3	THU	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Nov 5	SAT	Oktoberfest Appreciation Party	4:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Nov 7	MON	Property Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Nov 7 & 21	MON	Ballroom Dance Lessons	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Nov 8	TUE	Membership Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Nov 10	THU	Craft Committee Meeting	12:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Nov 19	SAT	German Christmas Festival (Open to the Public)	11:00 a.m.	DSB
Nov 26	SAT	Sip & Shop (Open to Public)	12:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Dec 4	SUN	Advent Concert (Open to the Public)	2:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Dec 10	SAT	Tannenbaum Nacht	7:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle

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Concordia 2023 German Language Camp Application

For Members' children and grandchildren 8 to 18 years old

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Age: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____



E-Mail Address: _____

Applicant's Involvement in DSB Activities: _____

Requirements:

- Language (or English Teacher's) Endorsement: Please attach letter to this form.
- Also, please attach your letter explaining "*Why I would like to attend the German Language Summer Camp.*"

Send this Application, your teacher's recommendation letter, and your letter to:

Delaware Saengerbund
Attn: Culture Committee
49 Salem Church Road
Newark, DE 19713

Deadline for Applications is November 30th, 2022

**The Delaware Saengerbund
Singers are inviting you to
sing along at Tannenbaum Nacht!**



The DSB Singers want to invite individuals who love to sing German carols to join them for rehearsal in the DSB Deutsche Hall at 7:00 pm on November 9th and 30th. Refreshments will be available and the bar will be open. Participants will sing at the Tannenbaum Nacht on December 10.

ADVENTSKONZERT

*with the Chorus of the
Delaware Saengerbund*

*Sunday, December 4, 2022
2:00 p.m.*

*Directed by
Dr. Nelson Fritts*



Open to the public and free admission

*Come join us for a concert of German and
American Christmas songs and carols*

*Following the concert:
Refreshments by the Culture Committee*

*All club facilities will be open after the concert
until 7:00 p.m.*

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Dues for 2023 are DUE!
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 _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Check Status: Active () or Supporting ()

_____ Single - \$35.00 _____ Single over 65 - \$15.00

_____ Family - \$50.00 _____ Family over 65 - \$20.00

Email address _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ONLY

DATE REC'D _____ CHECK # _____ or CASH _____ AMOUNT _____ SEC INITIALS _____