

# Delaware Sangerbund and Library Assn., Inc.

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## April 2023 Newsletter

### In Memoriam:

Louis M. Kirkpatrick

Carol "Joan" Schmidt

Ellis A. Schmidt (5/26/2022)

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### General Meeting – Please note the new time!!

Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Deutsche Halle

Tracht sale in VSR before and after the meeting. Bring you German Clothing to sell!

### Please note the new meeting time!!

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### A Message from our President

Liebe Mitglieder - Dear Members,

As it is customary with our Nation it is with our Organization. Every year the President of the United States is tasked with the responsibility of informing the people of our country about the "State of the Union" in our case it is my duty to inform you the membership as to the "State of OUR Organization"

It's been just over two months since I took office and unless you've personally or physically been a part of the BoD, you'll never grasp all the work, dedication, understanding and commitment that it takes to help lead such a large organization. It's been quite a learning experience.

Lately, as an Organization we've been able to continue through very difficult times, times when many clubs and organizations, like ours, have gone away and closed their doors. Yet we are persevering, primarily due to the hard work and dedication of so many of our members.

Recently I had the pleasure of hosting the Annual All Committees Meeting which went very well with nearly 100% of all our Committees and Groups represented. The purpose of the meeting was not just because it's our constitutional obligation but because we, the BoD, wanted to find out what all the committees and groups in the club are up to, how we as a club can better support them and you, as well as find out what their yearly schedule and budgetary needs are. It was a good meeting.

After holding this meeting, I feel I can honestly report that OUR organization under its current leadership and the chairmen and representatives of all the individual groups and committees and the support of their teams and participants... OUR organization is in GOOD shape. I would like to say GREAT shape but that would make it sound as if there were no room or need for improvement and that will not, nor should it ever be the case. There is ALWAYS room for improvement.

We are ALL constantly reminded, month after month, to "get more involved," "we need more volunteers," "join a group," "join a committee," and "come take part in an event." We need these reminders because the volunteer efforts of all of us members keep our club vibrant and growing in the right direction.

Let me say it again, the "State of OUR Organization" is GOOD...not GREAT but GREAT is what we should be striving for and each one of you, each one of US, is responsible for making that happen.

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In closing I just want to highlight three of our groups which would particularly welcome your immediate support.

TAG, The Teenage Group. Karen Biesenbach was unable to attend our All Committees Mtg at the last minute, due to illness, but Richard Grieb made it a point to emphasize how much help and work these young people do to support OUR club, everyone at the meeting agreed. They are a very small but dedicated group, and they are our future. So please, if you see these young folks, thank them for what they do. Also, if you know of any club members with children, grandchildren or even great grandchildren please put them in touch with Karen. We need to keep this group active and vibrant, they are OUR Future.

Genealogy, Lloyd Maier has worked hard and for many years leading this group. She has decided to step down...but that's something she'll need to tell you about, not me. We have yet to find a person to take this group over and believe me, Lloyd has tried. Let's see if we can't work together and find a person or "persons" to lead this group. This group works with YOUR history OUR history, let's not see it disappear.

Garden Committee, Jim Etheridge has done a lot of work and spent countless hours by himself and with numerous other members to beautify this club, again OUR club, with incredible and beautiful plants. I know many people, including myself, say it sometimes looks "overgrown" and "weedy" but when the plants are in full bloom, it's gorgeous. Because of Jim's declining health, he no longer has the strength, energy, or fortitude that it takes to maintain such a large property and gardens. I don't know about all of you, but I enjoy seeing all the wonderful plantings. We need help to keep up with maintenance and watering of these gardens. If you're willing to help or take on some additional responsibilities when it comes to our properties and gardens, please see Jim, or let Richard Grieb or someone else on the Property Committee know. It will be greatly appreciated by everyone, especially Jim, and I'm sure he will continue to help, guide and mentor whoever wants to "tackle" this task.

Thank you.

Servus,

Rudy Schock, President

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## **DSB Board of Directors Scholarship – 2023**

The mission of the DSB is to uphold and promote the German traditions of language, culture, and family. In keeping with these traditions, the Board of Directors offers a scholarship to a currently enrolled senior high school student that plans to pursue post-secondary education.

All applications and required documentation must be submitted no later than **April 15th of the scholarship year with no exceptions.**

Please visit our club website [www.delawaresaengerbund.org](http://www.delawaresaengerbund.org) and click on the "Info" tab. The application and complete guidelines are listed at the bottom of the page.

**NOTE:** Please review DSB Scholarship Guidelines before completing the DSB Scholarship Application. An incomplete application, missing required information, etc., will result in the application not being considered.

The Enzian Volkstanzgruppe invites you to a...

# Kaffeeklatsch

**Date:** Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 2pm to 4pm

**Price:** \$8.00 (includes: coffee or tea, and cake)

Please make your reservations by  
Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

EVTG Kaffeeklatsch – Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (\$8/person): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DETATCH AND RETURN BY: APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE EVTG

ENZIAN VOLKSTANZGRUPPE  
(ATTN: KAFFEEKLATSCH, TERESA VIKARI)  
49 Salem Church Road, Newark, De 19713

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Tables provided for \$10.00  
each for 2 tables.  
Additional tables free!  
(make checks payable to:  
DSB Singers)

Participants must set up and put away their own  
tables (assistance available)

Proceeds support the DSB Singers

Reservations & payment must  
be made by April 24th.  
For more details,  
contact Keith Farmer  
@ 302-354-9748



Will be Advertised in the News Journal!

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Number of Tables: _____

May be left in Singers Mailbox

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Unfortunately, the Easter Egg Hunt has been **CANCELLED**.

To all Committee Chairs, please, when booking dates with Kevin, Marti, or myself for events, please make sure you give us all the details. Date, estimated times, room. We do not want to overlap or over book. Just giving a date and for whom doesn't work. We need all the information.

Thank you!

Teresa Vikari, 2nd Vice President

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## **Reminder to All Members**

Parking at the rear of the club is reserved for current members of the Board of Directors, active employees, and those working in the kitchen. There is No Parking anywhere in front of the garage. There is No Parking in the circle along the driveway in front of the club. In addition to the handicapped spaces at the front of the building, there are two handicapped spaces alongside the garage.

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## **Membership**

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues for 2023. Our next Membership Committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 2nd and our next new Member Induction meeting will be Tuesday, May 23rd. If you know someone who is interested in joining the DSB, please see me for an application.

Judy Ariganello, Membership Secretary

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## **Property Committee**

MEETING – Monday, April 3, 2023 – DSB Library – 7:30 p.m.

WORKDAY – Saturday, April 15, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME – COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

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## **Wandervogel (DSB hikers)**

Our next hike will be Sunday, April 16, our Bluebell Hike. We will meet at the parking area at Fisherman's Park, 2569 Shures Landing Road, Darlington, MD at 1:30 p.m. Hike along the Susquehanna to see eagles and bluebells. Come and join us!

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## DSB Teen Age Group Fruschoppen / Breakfast

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Served 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

in the Von Steuben Room

**Fruschoppen**                      \$10

(Weisswurst & Brezel)

**American Breakfast**            \$ 10 / \$5 Child Portion

(Eggs, Meat & Potatoes)

Coffee & Juice included with meals.

\*\*\* Walk Ins Welcome but Reservations Recommended\*\*\*



Come join us in the German tradition of gathering on a Sunday for some food and Gemutlichkeit. Traditional Fruschoppen meal will be available as well as an American breakfast meal. A Bloody Mary bar will be featured in the Bauernstube.

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\*\*\* Reservations Recommended \*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of People: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # or E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Fruschoppen @ \$10 / person: \_\_\_\_\_

# of American Breakfast @ \$10 / person: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Child Portion @ \$5 / person: \_\_\_\_\_

(Contact Karen Biesenbach- (302) 528-4656 / dsbtag@gmail.com for payment arrangements or leave for TAG in the DSB office)

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## **Culture Committee**

Our fun-filled ballroom dance classes with Denis & Tania continue on Mondays from March 27, April 3, 17 and 24 in the Deutsche Halle. This series features classes for Polka, Line Dancing and Viennese Waltz. Flyers continue to be available in the Bauernstube.

Due to popular demand, we changed the date to go to the Kutztown Folk Festival to Saturday, July 1, leaving the DSB parking lot at 8:00 a.m. sharp. The ride is only \$25 per passenger and includes the \$12 entrance fee. Discover Pennsylvania Dutch culture in the comfort of an air-conditioned bus with hassle-free transportation. We plan to return to the DSB by 5:00 p.m. This is a great deal because the club is sponsoring and subsidizing the bus expenses. You may never get another opportunity like this one, and seats on the bus are expected to sell out very quickly, so we encourage everyone to reserve early. A flyer with a registration form and further details is enclosed, and guests are welcome to sign up also. Flyers will be available in the Bauernstube.

Kindercamp, our German language summer camp at the club which runs for 2 weeks from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>, is now accepting registrations from parents and grandparents. The camp classes run from 9:00 a.m. to noon and are for children **ages 5 - 12** with two separate groups of classes depending on age and availability. Kindercamp is available only to children and grandchildren of members and it is a free event. Therefore, please sign up early and only if you are not expecting to travel during those two weeks since signing up could prevent someone else from attending. Flyers will be available in the Bauernstube.

Our next Culture Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Interested DSB members are always welcome to our monthly Culture Committee meetings.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Thursday, April 6	Culture Committee Meeting	Board Room
Mondays, March 27, April 3, 17, & 24	Ballroom Dance Lessons	Deutsche Halle
Saturday, July 1, 8:00 a.m.	Kutztown Folk Festival	DSB Parking Lot
Monday - Friday, July 31 to August 11, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon	German Language Camp	Library and Game Room

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## **From the Ladies**

The next Ladies' meetings are March 27 and April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the VSR. New members are always welcome! The Ladies also gladly accept donations of coffee for the kitchen. Thank you to those who have already donated!

Have a wonderful Easter!

Marti Kane, President, Ladies of the DSB

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## **Singers' News**

The Singers are proud to announce that Keith Farmer has been elected President of the United Singers of Philadelphia and Vicki Farmer has been elected Treasurer of the United Singers of Philadelphia. Support the Singers by participating in our Spring Yard Sale on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Flyer with further information in this newsletter. Our Spring Concert will be on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

All members are welcome to join the Chorus. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Deutsche Halle.

*Delaware Saengerbund Chorus  
Fruhlingskonzert*



*When: Saturday, May 6, 2023*

*Time: 3:00 p.m. (doors open at 2:30 p.m.)*

*Dance to the lively music of the Enzian Musikanten,  
The Orchestra of the Delaware Saengerbund  
from approx. 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.*

*Food will be available for purchase from the Ladies.*

*Free admission*

DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED. NO JEANS OR T-SHIRTS  
WE ASK ALL TO WEAR AT LEAST BUSINESS CASUAL OR TRACHTEN ATTIRE.

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# MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET LUNCHEON

HOSTED BY THE ENZIAN VOLKSTANZGRUPPE

Saturday, May 13th

1pm to 3pm

Adults: \$15.00

12 and under: \$10.00

Bring the family!

## EVTG Mother's Day Luncheon

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly send in your reservations by Saturday, May 6th, 2023  
Checks Payable to the EVTG

Enzian Volkstanzgruppe  
(Attn: Mother's Day Luncheon)  
49 Salem Church Road, Newark, De 19713

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## Enzian Volkstanzgruppe

Thank you to everyone who supported the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe in March for the Gauverband Nordamerika Board of Directors' Meeting. We have heard many compliments since then!

Join us any Thursday evening for dance practice. Please note the first Thursday of each month is typically a meeting. Contact [enzianvtg@gmail.com](mailto:enzianvtg@gmail.com) for more information.

## Mid-Atlantic Jugend Einzel

We had eight Kindergruppe members dance at the Mid-Atlantic Jugend Einzel on March 11 hosted by the Lancaster Liederkrantz. Every dancer who could win in their age groups, did! The age groups are as follows:

### **Critique Only (Up to 8 years)**

Michael Fricker  
Eva Kane

### **Age Group: 12-15**

Collin Creveling, 1st  
Matt Marek, 2nd  
Mal Creveling, 2nd

### **Age Group: 9-11**

Emma Boyer, 1st  
Erin Loveless, 2nd

### **Age Group: 16-20**

Jayden Biesenbach, 2nd

In addition to those mentioned above, the EVTG was also represented by a huge cheering section as well as Tommy Keith and Morgan Schulz who spent their day judging the 33 couples.

For the 33 couples who danced, there were only three (oh my!) accordion players available that day. Two of which were our own Ann Wengloski and Steve Armstrong. We couldn't do any of this without our musicians!

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## Communications' Secretary

If you would like to receive your Newsletter electronically only, please complete the form below and return it to Keith Farmer at [DSBCommSec@gmail.com](mailto:DSBCommSec@gmail.com) or by leaving the form below in the Communications' Mail Slot in the DSB office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (In case I need to talk to you): \_\_\_\_\_

I **DO NOT** want a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to my home.

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*Saturday, July 1, 2023*

Gather your friends and family and experience all  
Kutztown has to offer!

DETAILS:

- Fare: \$25.00 (Roundtrip includes \$12 Group Admission to festival).
- The bus leaves the DSB Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m. and returns by 5:00 p.m. (1 hr. & 45 min. trip).
- Guests allowed.
- Limited seating (54 seats) Reserve Early!
- First come, first served.
- Rain or Shine.
- No refunds.
- Sponsored and generously subsidized by the Delaware Saengerbund.

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Kutztown Folk Festival Bus Trip Reservation

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Seats \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

DSB Member? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail check to Delaware Saengerbund, Culture Committee, 49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713 or give payment with this form to Don Thureau, Rod Meehan, Trudy Gilgenast, Dorie Galloway, or Sandie Mather.

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## 2023 CALENDAR OF ANNUAL EVENTS

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Time</i>
Inaugural Ball	Jan. 21	Deutsche Halle	5:00 p.m.
February General Meeting	Feb. 13	Deutsche Halle	8:00 p.m.
March General Meeting	Mar. 13	Deutsche Halle	8:00 p.m.
DSB Stiftungsfest	Mar. 18	Deutsche Halle/VSR	6:30 P.M.
Easter Egg Hunt and Party	Apr. 1	Grounds/Hall	12:00 p.m.
April General Meeting	Apr. 10	Deutsche Halle	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Fruhlingskonzert	May 6	Deutsche Halle	3:00 P.M.
Deutsche Schule Abschlussfeier	May 7	Deutsche Halle	TBD
May General Meeting	May 8	Deutsche Halle	7:30 p.m.
DSB Club Picnic	Jun. 10	Pavilion/Grounds	12:00 p.m.
June General Meeting	Jun. 12	Deutsche Halle	7:30 p.m.
August General Meeting/ Free Bier Night	Aug. 14	Deutsche Halle	7:30 p.m.
EVTG 55th Stiftungsfest	Sep. 9	Deutsche Halle	TBD
September General Meeting	Sep. 11	Deutsche Halle	7:30 p.m.
DSB Oktoberfest	Sep. 15	Grounds	5:00 p.m.
DSB Oktoberfest	Sep. 16	Grounds	12:00 p.m.
DSB Oktoberfest	Sep. 17	Grounds	12:00 p.m.
Erntedankfest	Oct. 1	TBD	TBD
October General Meeting	Oct. 9	Deutsche Halle	7:30 p.m.
Oktoberfest Appreciation Party	Nov. 4	Deutsche Halle	TBD
November General Meeting	Nov. 13	Deutsche Halle	7:30 p.m.
Ladies' Christmas Bazaar - Tentative Date	Nov. 18	Deutsche Halle/VSR	11:00 a.m.
Children's Christmas Party	Dec. 2	Deutsche Halle	12:00 p.m.
Singer's Advent Concert	Dec. 3	Deutsche Halle	2:00 p.m.
Tannenbaum Nacht	Dec. 9	Deutsche Halle	6:30 p.m.
December General Meeting	Dec. 11	Deutsche Halle	7:30 p.m.
Deutsche Schule Weihnachtsfeier	Dec. 17	Deutsche Halle	TBD
New Year's Eve Celebration	Dec. 31	TBD	TBD

**PLEASE NOTE: New start time for the General Meeting.  
Starting on April 10, 2023, the General Meeting STARTS AT 7:30 P.M.  
Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and food will be available starting at 7:00 p.m.**



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## DSB Summer Language Camp for Kids 2023: Deutsch macht Spass!



Please sign up your children (or grandchildren):

From July 31 to August 11, 2023 (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

We plan to have two Language classes this year separated by age, maturity and German language proficiency. The age range that we are looking for is ages 5-12. (We need to have some distribution flexibility to ensure each teacher has enough students; therefore, we cannot base our decision solely on age.) Teachers will be Iris Busch for children 9-12 and Caroline Dooley & Jayden Biesenbach for children 5-8.

*Activities will include storytelling, singing, writing, and drawing to support the interactive learning experience. This year's theme for both classes will be German fairy tales which are rich in folklore and morality. Because the fairy tales are imaginative analogies of the inner development of humanity as a whole as well as that of the individual child, they are the best spiritual nourishment a child can possibly receive during the period of transition or awakening. The Brothers Grimm collected and popularized many of the tales, and they have become a staple on the world's book-cases.*

Application deadline is June 30, 2023. First come, first served. Classes fill up quickly. Only 15 children per class for a total of 30 children. Questions? E-mail Iris Busch ([beuren@udel.edu](mailto:beuren@udel.edu)) or call (302) 453-9872. You will receive an e-mail confirmation if your child or children have been registered or not.



Tear out slip: please send in to the DSB (**attn: Culture Committee**) by no later than **June 30, 2023**. **There is no fee for members.** Please **do not** sign up if you anticipate a change in plans as this could keep another child from registering. **Members only.**

Name and age of child(ren) (age in August 2023) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please mention month of birth)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please use back of this sheet if not enough room)

DSB Member? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Do parents speak German at home? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Deutsche Schule? \_\_\_\_\_ Any trips to German-speaking countries? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please use back of this sheet to explain travel experiences more fully.)

Name and E-Mail address of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Kindercamp 2023



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## Delaware Sangerbund

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### Monthly Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 23	THU	Craft Group	12:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Mar 25	SAT	Starkbier Fest – <b>SOLD OUT!</b>	2:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 27	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Apr 1	SAT	Easter Egg Hunt – <b>CANCELLED!</b>		
Apr 3	MON	Property Committee	7:30 p.m.	Library
Apr 6	THU	Culture Committee	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
Apr 10	MON	General Meeting – <b>NEW TIME</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Deutsche Halle
Apr 10	MON	German Clothing Sale Before/After Gen. Meeting	6:30 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Apr 16	SUN	Wandervogel (DSB hikers)	1:30 p.m.	Fisherman's Park
Apr 23	SUN	EVTG Kaffeeklatsch	3:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Apr 29	SAT	Singers' Yard Sale	7:30 a.m.	Parking Lot
Apr 30	SUN	TAG Fruhschoppen / Breakfast	10:00 a.m.	von Steuben Room
May 6	SAT	Fruhlingskonzert	3:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
May 13	SAT	EVTG Mother's Day Buffet Luncheon	1:00 p.m.	TBD
Jul 31 – Aug 11	MON - FRI	Kindercamp – DSB Summer Language Camp for Children	9:00 a.m.	Library & Game Room