

# **Delaware Saengerbund and Library Assn., Inc.**

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## **March 2014 NEWSLETTER**

The next General Membership Meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on

**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

### **In Memoriam**

Lore E. Read

## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

Liebe Mitglieder - Dear Members,

I recently read an instructive article titled *The German Language in the U.S. Today* and it sparked my interest. In recent years the question has come up quite often as to what will happen to the German language as there has been a decline of teaching German in the United States. This translates into fewer German programs in high schools, let alone at the Kindergarten and elementary school level. As well universities have eliminated German programs or German as one of the foreign languages to fulfill a language requirement.

Of note – Spanish is in first position in this country with almost seventy percent of all foreign language students taking it as a subject in order to fulfill the compulsory language requirement in many schools with French maintaining about fifteen percent. German in the lead for many years has declined from twelve percent to eight percent within the last three decades.

There are an admirable number of supporting agencies in the US backing academic endeavors connected with German such as grants from the German Academic Exchange Service, the Goethe Institute to name two, foreign exchange programs for students as well as total immersion summer programs such as the Concordia Language Villages-Village Waldsee, which the Delaware Saengerbund offers two scholarships per year for children of members or grandchildren.

Language is an important part of any society. When a language dies out, future generations lose a vital part of the culture that is necessary to completely understand it. This makes language a vulnerable aspect of cultural heritage, and it becomes especially important to preserve it.

I believe our mission at the Delaware Saengerbund is to preserve our heritage and culture for future generations through leadership, education and programs as our cultural heritage is unique and irreplaceable.

I encourage all of you to participate in what we have to offer. Our goal of preserving the German language drives the founding of our Deutsche Schule, created for young people between the ages of 4 and 18, as well to support our long standing adult language classes for beginner and intermediate skill levels. Supporting our heritage further is the Singers of the DSB, the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe as well as other sub-groups such as the Ladies, Culture, Genealogy, DSB Spitzbuben, and our Property Committee.

Come out, support your club, and learn a little German along with the Gemütlichkeit the Delaware Saengerbund has to offer.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Norma Grieb

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## Membership Committee

Attention all DSB members: again at the next general membership meeting there will be no sign in sheets to confirm your attendance. Attendance is taken via your facility entry cards. If you do not bring the card then your attendance will **not** be counted to the required four-per-year minimum in order to keep or attain active status.

## Entertainment Committee

### Stiftungsfest

Doors will open at 6:30 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy performances by the DSB chorus at 7:00 pm followed by the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe.

Tickets are available for purchase @ \$8.00 Friday evenings in the Bauernstube 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm or call Janette at 302 738 0477.

### GERMAN FRÜHLINGS SHOW 2014, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, 3:00pm

Enjoy the the performance of Birgit Langer (Baden Wuerttemberg), Willie Seitz (Bayern), Kay Doerfel (Thueringen), and Die Waldspitzbuben (Thueringen).

Prior to the show a meal will be served.

Menu:

- Gemischter Salat (mixed salad)
- Zigeuner Schnitzel (gypsy style Schnitzel with roasted pepper sauce) Kartoffel (potatoes)
- Gruene Bohnen (green beans)
- Sahnefruchtbecher (creamed fruit cup).

Doors will open at 2:30pm, the meal will be served at 3:00pm and the Show will start at 5:00pm. Cost per ticket is \$35.00 per person.

Tickets are available Friday evenings in the Bauernstube 8:30pm – 9:30pm or call Janette 302 738 0477.

Deadline for ticket purchase is Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### CHILDREN 'S EASTER PARTY, Saturday April 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

1:00pm -3:00pm

This event is for children and grandchildren of DSB members only.

Please do not sign up children of friends or neighbors.

You can register on line at dsbkidsparty@aol.com or send in your registration to Delaware Saengerbund, 49 Salem Church Rd, Newark DE 19713....attention Easter Party.

Please submit the members' name and phone number along with the child's name and age.

Registration must be received by Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Please advise how many adults will attend as well. The Easter party is for children up to age 10.

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## **DSB YARDSALE, Saturday April 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 8:00am - 12:00pm**

The cost per table is \$10.00.

Please call Janette at 302 738 0477 to register. Registration deadline is 042314. Send payment to DSB.

Participants are required to set up and take down their own tables which will be provided by the DSB.

## **Singers**

The Singers have begun rehearsals for the Spring season. We meet on Wednesday evenings in the Deutsche Halle starting at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in joining us as we celebrate the German tradition of song is welcome.

Mark your calendars for the following, upcoming events:

- Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Evening of Song - Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein, Philadelphia - 4:00pm
- Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> DSB Stiftungsfest - Deutsche Halle
- Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert - Deutsche Halle

For the Singers, Keith Farmer

## **The Ladies**

The Ladies Annual Sunday Dinner will be April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:00 pm. Reservations must be made by April 6th. Reservation forms will be in the newsletter and will also be on the bulletin board in the back hallway. Donations of coffee and sugar are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

The next Ladies meetings will be Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Von Steuben Room. New members are always welcome..

Judy Ariganello, President, Ladies of the DSB

## **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.

In case of icy weather, please check the website or call the club to make sure the meeting has not been postponed.

March 17<sup>th</sup> Monday 7:30pm in the von Steuben Room. Ellis Schmidt will highlight the Internet Genealogy websites and changes that have occurred recently.

April 21<sup>st</sup> Monday 7:30 pm in the von Steuben Room. Subject to be announced.

May 19<sup>th</sup> Monday 7:30 pm in the von Steuben Room. Appropriately, the subject is the story of von Steuben and his Influence on the USA.

## **MAP PROJECT**

The Genealogy Group will again provide opportunities for members to place a star on our maps denoting where they or their ancestor came from. The maps are located in the entrance hall to the right of the flag cases. The maps will be available at the March and April general meetings.

The project began six years ago. The objective is to place locations on maps of Germany and/or Western Europe for up to two (2) ancestors of each club member who wish to participate.

The names will be cross referenced with the member name, ancestor name, and town location. You may choose to have your own city/village location chosen.

Only Germanic related locations will be used. (No Ireland, England, Caribbean, etc.) we need your name, the ancestor's name, and the town where they lived.

## **The Culture Committee**

Culture Committee presents our own Jim Ethridge

Jim told me "Mein Thema; 'Garten der Staaten Deutschlands' Wir entdecken einen Garten aus jedem Staat.

The presentation will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

at 7:30 pm in the von Steuben Room.

He will focus on gardens in 8 German States.

Refreshments will be served.

### German Singer Coming in April

The Culture Committee is pleased to present a young student from Bamberg University, his name is Nikolai Beland, and he is a friend of Jim Ethridge. Nikolai sings and plays the guitar, though not a "professional" he wants to meet our DSB members and talk a bit about himself and take questions you may have.

**Come sing with Nikolai in our  
Bauernstube on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Starting at 2 pm**

### Lecture Coming in April: Germans in Antiquity

Who were the Germans at the time of Jesus?

The presentation on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by Ronald Wismer will discuss the nascent German nation circa 100 AD.

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Are you interested in hosting German actors for two nights? The regional *Schauspielgruppe* from Elmshorn near Hamburg will visit the DSB again on **Sunday April 27** to perform in German, **DIE PHYSIKER BY FRIEDRICH DÜRRENMATT**. The group consists of **16 actors** including Ms. Jutta Ivens, their coach as well as one family group of four consisting of parents and two children, ages 15 and 9. (the family of 4 can be split into 2 groups.)

Two overnights including Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27 are needed. Member hosts are asked to provide two breakfasts and possibly one to two suppers. Hosts would gather at the club on Saturday to greet the guests upon arrival and guide them to your home. Our guests would leave on Monday to go on to Philadelphia and a future show at the German Society.

Some of you might remember this group that performed DER ZERBROCHENE KRUG here several years ago! Seize the opportunity to speak some German and host these German guests! If you are interested in this cultural endeavor, please contact **Lloyd Maier at 302-239-6552 or [patch10@maierassociates.com](mailto:patch10@maierassociates.com)** for further information.

### The Culture Committee Presents:

#### **Die Physiker – The Physicists**

**A satirical play by Swiss playwright Friedrich Dürrenmatt**

The central figures of the play are three men living in a mental institution who pretend to be insane. One claims to be Albert Einstein, the second Isaac Newton. The third, Johann Wilhelm Moebius, has discovered the “World Formula”, but is now worried that his discovery, in the wrong hands, could result in the destruction of humankind. Trying to evade his own inventions, he feigns insanity by pretending that King Solomon appears and speaks to him, and thus can avoid misuse of his revolutionary discovery. “Newton” and “Einstein”, however, are really agents of opposing secret services and have only entered the mental institution to steal Moebius’ formula to use it for their own country’s purposes.

The “physicists” are compelled to kill their three nurse attendants out of fear that the secret will be revealed. When the police arrive to investigate, Moebius destroys the formula. He persuades his colleagues to keep their dangerous knowledge a secret so that the world will be saved. But it is too late for that!

**To find out how the story ends, come to the performance of the *Elmshorn Theater Group* on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 pm in the Deutsche Halle. Note: The play will be presented in German.**

### Annual European Union Embassies’ Open House DSB Bus Trip

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Cost \$13

Leaving DSB Parking Lot at 8 am

Leaving German/French Embassy at 4 pm

John Nothstein will be selling tickets in March and April at the General Meetings.

Cost is \$13 check or cash.

Each person going will need to give John the complete name and phone number for each person and guest going on the trip.

Tickets are non-refundable. Deadline to pay for tickets is May 2, 2014.

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You can also send John your request and check to his home address:

John Nothstein  
1009 Sulky Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810-1053

Have questions? Please call John at 302-529-7766 or Marge Spittle at 301-415-5435

## **Enzian V.T.G.**

Any member adult or child, in need of new tracht, alterations or trade, please come to the Bauernstube on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at 2:30 pm. If you are exchanging an item be sure to bring it with you. Questions - please contact Norma Grieb at [enghag@verizon.net](mailto:enghag@verizon.net).

## **The Property Committee**

Next meeting of the Property Committee, Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, in the DSB library at 7:30pm.

Next property day cleanup is March 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am on the DSB grounds.

## **Bauernstube**

It's not hard to have visions of spring time with all of the snow we are getting. Sometimes it seems like the snow will never stop. One way to beat the cold is to stop into the Bauernstube and enjoy a beverage with friends. This month we'd like to introduce you to Victory Dirtwolf. Dirtwolf combines an assertive hop flavor with a delicious malt backbone. Expect a bite of pine and citrus grapefruit flavors that tingle your taste buds. Dirtwolf pairs quite nicely with a hamburger, which is available from your bartender if you are looking for something to eat. Stop in and get bitten by the Wolf before it's gone.

## **Heimatkunde Berühmte Namen der Heimat(Famous names from the homeland)**

Musik - Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770 ( Bonn) - 1827 (Wien) Als Beethovens erster Lehrer galt sein Vater Johann v. B. der sich hauptsächlich auf Musiklehre, Piano und Violine/Viola konzentrierte. Sein erster Konzert gab Ludwig als sieben Jahriger. Als Jüngling reiste Beethoven nach Wien, die Stadt der Musik von Mozart und Haydn. Im Jahre 1790 fand Beethoven die persönliche Unterstützung von Josef Haydn. Beethovens Kompositionen enthalten Stücke für Pianosonaten und Konzerte, Streichquartette sowie Choralgesang. Seine Hauptwerke bestehen aus neun Sinfoniekonzerten, wobei " die Neunte" als eine der grössten musikalischen Schöpfungen gilt.[Beethoven, who's first teacher was his father Johann, concentrated basically on music teaching, piano and violins. His first concert was given at the age of seven. As a youngster he traveled to Vienna, the city of music by Mozart and Haydn. In 1790 Beethoven received the personal support from Josef Haydn. Beethoven's compositions contain piano sonata, string quartet as well as choral music. His main works consist of nine symphonies whereby the ninth is considered one of the greatest musical creations.

# **Music thru the Ages**

## **Beef and Beer**

sponsored by the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe des Delaware Saengerbundes

Saturday March 1st, 2014

Doors Open at 6:30pm

Dinner and Bar open at 7:00pm

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 Friday January 31st!

Thursdays and Fridays in the Bauernstube after 7:30pm

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



**Ladies of the Delaware  
Saengerbund**

**ANNUAL SUNDAY DINNER**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014**

One seating at 3:00 p.m.  
Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Applesauce  
Vegetable, Rolls, Dessert

\$ 13.00 per adult \$ 7.00 per child (10 years and under)

Reservations must be made by April 6, 2014

Return reservation form to DSB office  
or call Judy Ariganello @ 302-463-9658

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People \_\_\_\_\_



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place	Doors Open
Mar 1	Sat	EVTG Beef n Beer	7:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	6:30 pm
Mar 2	Sun	Evening of Song	4:00 pm	Cannstatter	
Mar 2	Sun	Tracht Exchange, Buy, Sell	2:30 pm	Bauernstube	
Mar 3	Mon	Gardens of Germany Lecture	7:30 pm	von Steuben Room	
Mar 6	Thu	Culture Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Boardroom	
Mar 10	Mon	General Membership Meeting	8:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	
Mar 15	Sat	Stiftungsfest	7:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	6:30 pm
Mar 17	Mon	Genealogy Meeting	7:30 pm	Von Steuben Room	
Mar 22	Sat	German Spring Show	3:00 pm	Deutsche	2:30 pm
Mar 31	Mon	Ladies Meeting	7:30 pm	Von Steuben Room	
Apr 6	Sun	German Singer	2:00 pm		
Apr 7	Mon	German History Lecture	7:30 pm	Von Steuben Room	
Apr 12	Sat	Children's Easter Party	1:00 pm		
Apr 13	Sun	Ladies Annual Sunday Dinner	3:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	2:30 pm
Apr 21	Mon	Genealogy Meeting	7:30 pm	Von Steuben Room	
Apr 27	Sun	Play "The Physiker"	2:00 pm	Deutsche Halle	
May 10	Sat	Embassy Day in Washington	8:00 am	DSB Parking lot	
May 10	Sat	Singers Spring Concert			
May 19	Mon	Genealogy Meeting	7:30 pm	Von Steuben Room	