

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

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## March 2021 Newsletter

### In Memoriam:

Alfred "Fred" Escheu  
Ernst Grieb  
John Morrison

Alexander Piragow  
V. Robert Schmalbach  
Carl Witt, Sr.

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### A Message from our President:

Freunde,

I am sure by now, you all have heard of the passing of Fred Escheu. I am sure we all have fond memories of one of the backbones of the Delaware Saengerbund. Fred sat on the membership committee in the 70's, when I was asked about why I wanted to be a member. It was his sole purpose to make sure that anyone wishing to be a part his club had the intent to hold it in regard and cherish the right of membership. Fred ate, slept and breathed this club. Not only as a "soul" of the club but as touchstone that knew where every nail, timber and pipe was located. Due to Covid restrictions many of us were unable to visit him at the end but, it is with heartfelt gratitude and love that we all say "Auf Wiedersehen mein lieber Freund".

January came and went with little change in the club's Covid status. However, February may show a glimmer of hope. With the state modifying its restrictions to 50% occupancy, we may have some news. We will notify you through all means as to what we may be able to allow. As I have continued to say throughout this ordeal, stay safe and take care of each other.

Auf Wiedersehen und bleibt gesund.

Don Sturmfels, President

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### From our Treasurer:

Dear Members,

Financially, 2020 was a difficult year for the DSB. As you know we have been mostly closed since March with only a few activities happening. In addition to our normal activities, we were not able to host our biggest fundraiser, Oktoberfest. Of course, we continued to maintain the club facilities and there were normal expenses as well as some repairs and replacements of equipment.

Overall, I am happy to announce that the DSB continues to be in good financial shape. Our Investments gained over 5% in 2020 and offset over half of our operating losses. Like you, with the rollout of the vaccines, I hope that we will be able to begin reopening the club and welcoming members back into the facility.

Keith Farmer, Treasurer

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## Germanic Genealogy Group (GGG)

The Genealogy Group took three months off during the Covid winter, but we are planning to meet this spring. AND YOU ARE INVITED.

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month in the Deutsche Halle beginning at 3:15pm.

Wear your mask, keep your distance, but we have lots of room, and if it is possible, we keep the outside door open.

**March 21 – Sunday 3:15pm:** We continue our study of German Geography.  
Come learn about your ancestral country with us.

**Karen Druliner** will take us on a tour of **Mechlenburg** and  
**Lloyd Maier** will add information about the **Western Pomeranian**.

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## **Congratulations to Katherine Mary Niemeyer and Arno Kissel!**

The two were married on the site of the historic Judge Morris Estate, near Newark, DE on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The bride is the daughter of Randall and Shannon Niemeyer of Hillard, Ohio.

The groom is the son of AK and Helga Kissel of Newark, DE.

Eric Niemeyer of Wisconsin officiated the ceremony. They will reside near Newark.

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## DSB Board of Directors Scholarship – 2021

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.

The applicants must be of German descent and **must provide proof of at least 25% German heritage**.

**All applications and required documentation must be submitted by April 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Sunshine Committee

I hope this Sunshine report finds you all well and keeping sane during these crazy times in our world. I have remained busy as your Sunshine Lady, and I would like to share some things with you here.

Cards, fruit baskets, flowers, and/or donations when appropriate have been sent.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

**Get well or thinking of you notes** have been sent to Diene Grabner, Marion Santak, Bill Cox, Reinfriede Houseman, Inge Keith, Hans Karl, Dorothy Dodds, Christina Fels and Vera and Simon Schock.

**Birth congratulations** have been sent to Megan and Steve Hopkins upon the birth of their first child. (Carl and Susan Witt's first grandchild.)

**Wedding congratulations** have been sent to Arno and Katherine Kissell upon their marriage last October.

**Sympathy condolences** have been sent to the families of Carl Witt, Sr., John Morrison, Bill Santak, Ernst Grieb, Fred Escheu, and Alex Piragow. In addition, condolences were sent to Hans Nafzinger and Patty Clay upon the passing of his mother Erika, to Caterina Merendino upon the passing of her mother, to Ann Schmalbach, Robin Schmalbach, and Peter and Lisa Boyer upon the passing of Bob Schmalbach, to Vicki and Eric Gilgenast upon the passing of Vicki's mother Linda Hill, and to Bill and Diana Winkelman upon the passing of his father.

If you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, has lost a loved one, or just needs some TLC, please contact **Robin Moxley** by email at [rockinrobin01@verizon.net](mailto:rockinrobin01@verizon.net) or call me at **410-648-5069**.

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## Property Committee

**Property Committee Meeting** – Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – 7:30pm – Deutsche Halle

**Property Committee Cleanup** – Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 8:30am

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## 2021 Dues

If you have not yet sent in your 2021 dues, they are still being accepted!

Please use the tear off on the back of the newsletter.

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### 2021 Dues are still being accepted!

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Single (Over 65 Years) \$15
	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Over 65 Years) \$20

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