

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

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## October 2024 Newsletter

### In Memoriam

Frances "Franny" Anne Schmidt

**General Meeting** – Monday, October 14, 2024  
**7:30 p.m.** in the Deutsche Halle

Ladies' Dinner Special – Meatloaf

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### A Message from our President

Guten Tag Freunde und Kollegen (Good day friends and fellow members).

Welcome to October. Our Oktoberfest is behind us and even though we finished 2nd in the nationwide USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards for "Best Oktoberfest" we had an extremely successful event. As I've stated repeatedly since the poll results were released, including during my opening remarks of the Oktoberfest itself, finishing 2nd in only our first foray in the poll against many much larger and professionally organized and managed "corporate type" festivals is nothing to hang our heads about. For a small private organization using 600+ volunteers, to consistently put on the festival we do, we should be proud. Most of the festivals in the most recent poll are just regular festivals which label themselves as "Oktoberfest" because of the time of the year they are held, and the fact that they serve brats, beer, sauerkraut, and potato salad. We have all that plus, more traditional German foods, music (from Europe, for the weekend and just for us), traditional dancing as well as tracht, lots of tracht. My feeling is I would rather finish 2nd every year rather than compromise our values, Tradition, Authenticity, Heritage, Volunteerism and Spirit. That doesn't mean that given the opportunity again next year we won't do everything possible and more to finish 1st, but whatever happens, we will always know that we are, "The Best Traditional German Oktoberfest in America".



Thank you to all those members, families and friends who voted as well as volunteered, worked, and supported this year's Oktoberfest. Especially those who worked many extra hours for two weeks prior to the fest with setup as well as a few days afterward for tear down, cleanup and storage.

Thank you also to the Core Committee and all the chairpersons who work tirelessly throughout the year to keep things going and make things happen. Job well done, I'm looking forward to 2025.

On another note, there continue to be many things happening here at our facility as well as outside our facility open to our membership, families, and friends. So please, as always, read this newsletter thoroughly and pay

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close attention to your emails as well as the website and Facebook for updates. Just a few items to be on the lookout for:

- German Unity Day to be celebrated on Thursday October 3rd in the Bauernstube.
- Erntedankfest (Harvest Festival) which includes the celebration of the loved ones we lost this past year will be celebrated at St Paul's Lutheran Church and our club (Deutsche Halle) on Sunday October 6th.
- The von Steuben Day Celebration at Valley Forge National Park followed by a meal, and music at the Vereinigung Erzgebirge.
- Love for Lisa Blood drive in the Deutsche Halle on Sunday October 20th.
- The Schutzenverein Trap & Skeet event followed by a Hungarian Goulash Dinner in the Deutsche Halle on Saturday October 26th.

Servus,

Rudy Schock, President  
(814) 574-8243 text or leave a message  
Email: [rschock324@gmail.com](mailto:rschock324@gmail.com)

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## DANKE...DANKE...DANKE...DANKE...DANKE!!!

To everyone who was responsible for planning, setting up, working, cleaning up, breaking down and putting away everything involved with the best Oktoberfest in the nation, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. The Lord provided a beautiful weekend, and you all provided the rest. I will not even try to name all who gave our neighbors the best possible German experience they could possibly have. The food, the dancing, the singing, the music, the beer and especially the personal touch that all of you provide when dealing with each and every customer. To those supporting the out-front efforts with your continual supply of food and manpower, it could not have been done without you...and to those in contact with the public, your smiles and courtesy made everyone's experience the best. On behalf of the Core Committee and all the Oktoberfest Chairs we hope to see you all at the Oktoberfest Appreciation Party on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Again, danke for your dedication and hard work. (We'll do this again next year...yes?)

Don Sturfels, Oktoberfest Chair

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### Property Committee

MEETING – Tuesday, October 7, 2024 – DSB Library – 7:30 p.m.  
WORKDAY – Saturday, October 19, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

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### 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](mailto:Rockinrobin01@verizon.net), Phone number: (302) 598-6873.

**Please note the new phone number!**

## **Hungarian Goulash**

2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2024

(doors open at 1:30, food served from 2:00 – 4:00)

at the Delaware Saengerbund in the Deutsche Halle

hosted by the Schutzenverein

**Come to our dinner!**

This traditional Hungarian Goulash meal  
will be served over pasta with a green salad and dessert.

All exquisitely prepared by our own “Chefs”  
Heinz and Erika Ambrosch



Yummy, looks delicious!  
Buy a ticket and be there!

Cost is \$15 per dinner

Special Musical Performance by “Dri Rain,” Classic Rock Covers and Originals

Reservations are required!

Tickets will be on sale after Oktoberfest and ending on Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

For more information, questions or to purchase tickets,  
Call or text Rudy Schock at (841) 574-8243 or email [rschock324@gmail.com](mailto:rschock324@gmail.com)

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

Happy October to All!

We are now in that time of year when our calendar is full of events.

We had a wonderful Oktoberfest! Thank you to everyone who helped!

Up next is German Unity Day on October 3rd; Love for Lisa Blood Drive on October 20th; Oktoberfest Appreciation Party on November 2nd with the Alpenlanders playing for your dancing pleasure; Tannenbaum Nacht on December 14th with the Enzian Muzikanten playing; Children's Christmas Party on December 15th; New Year's Eve Party on December 31st; and to kick off 2025 the Inaugural Ball on January 11th with Bernie's Orchestra. Please mark your calendars!

More information to come on all these events next month!

Teresa Vikari, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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## **Schutzenverein**

The Schutzenverein will be hosting another Trap Shooting Day and Dinner on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for details.

Matt Nussle

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## **Cornhole**

Cornhole continues to meet and play every Monday night, except General Meeting nights, playing from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will begin playing inside the Deutsche Halle on Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and join us in a gathering of Gemutlichkeit (friendship) and even if you don't play come out and join us for a beer ... Prost!

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## **Singers**

Our fall singing schedule begins with the Erntedankfest on October 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by our participation in the von Steuben Day celebration in Valley Forge on October 13<sup>th</sup>, our Advent Concert on December 8<sup>th</sup> and participating in the DSB Tannenbaum Nacht festivities on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a bus to the von Steuben Day celebration in Valley Forge and dinner at the Erzgebirge on October 13<sup>th</sup> and we have empty seats! If you are interested in going, please contact me.

Please consider coming out to join us!

Keith Farmer, Singers' Chairperson

**Delaware Saengerbund  
Schutzenverein**

**INAUGURAL**

# **TRAP & SKEET SHOOTING FALL EVENT**

**Take Your Best Shot!  
50 TARGETS**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024**

at Wilmington Trap Association (WTA), Newark DE  
Individuals must supply their own shotguns and ammunition  
NO 10 guage shotguns and only shot size of 7.5, 8 or 9 may be fired

**Shooting followed by a Hungarian Goulash Meal  
@ the Delaware Saengerbund at 2:00pm**

**\$60 PER INDIVIDUAL  
SHOOTING PARTICIPANTS LIMITED TO 50 SHOOTERS**

Cost includes shooting, a meal and a beverage. Individual meals may be purchased for \$15 in advance  
or \$20 at the door (limited quantities should be available)  
DSB doors open at 1:30pm

Shooter registration at WTA begins at 10:00AM - Safety Program at 10:30AM - Shooting Starts at 11:00AM

More Information, questions or to purchase tickets,  
Call or Text Rudy Schock at (814) 574-8243 or email [rschock324@gmail.com](mailto:rschock324@gmail.com)  
**TICKETS TO GO ON SALE AFTER THE OKTOBERFEST**

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## **Video Showing Before the October Meeting**

### **Annemarie McNeal**

The Germanic Genealogy Group of the DSB invited German members born in Europe to tell their story. These presentations were recorded. We have 16 years' worth of stories, over 30 in all. They were our insight into another time and place. They talked about their childhood communities, school years, why they immigrated and how they came to be in our community. We treasure these stories and want to share them with you.

Before the October 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting our video will feature Annemarie McNeal, a long time very active member of the club. She was responsible for the kitchen through the Ladies for many years. Originally from Nuremberg she has wonderful stories of her youth there. Unfortunately, she died a number of years ago, but fortunately, we have her story.

The presentation will be in the von Steuben Room at 7 p.m. on October 14. It will conclude before the meeting begins at 7:30. We hope you will join us and revisit or meet Annemarie.

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## **Craft Committee**

The Crafters will be meeting on the 10th and 24th of October from 12:30 - 2:30 usually in the Library. (You will come in from the back door.) We love to see new faces and ideas.

We will be selling some items in October for Halloween along with some general crafts. That will be at the General Meeting on the 14th and the Ladies' meeting on the 28th. We can only take cash. We are also raffling off a beautiful Red and White Star Quilt that was donated by Sam Ayers. The tickets for that are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be purchased at the bar almost any time it's open. The drawing for it will be done at the Christmas Festival on November 16th.

Thanks, Barb McMullin, and Carol Bridges

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## **From the Ladies**

The general meeting special menu item for October is Meatloaf.

Thank you to the volunteers who have already committed to helping at our Annual Christmas Festival on November 16. Unable to help at the Christmas Festival, consider helping on Friday, November 15th. If you can spare an hour, two or even more, please contact Judy Ariganello at 302-463-9658 or Marti Kane at 302-528-5608. Please place White elephant donations in the back hallway by the kitchen. Baked goods can be dropped off anytime on Friday, November 15th, and the morning of the Christmas Festival before 10:00 a.m.

The next Ladies' meetings are October 28th and November 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the VSR.

Marti Kane, President, Ladies of the DSB

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## Membership

2025 Membership dues are now due. Please use the form in the newsletter to send along with your payment. The next new member induction will be on November 26, 2024. New member applications should be submitted to me by November 1st so the Membership Committee can review them at their next meeting on November 5th.

Judy Ariganello, Membership Secretary

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## Garden Committee

Thank you to everyone that came out to get the DSB grounds looking great for Oktoberfest! Even though most of our visitors come for food and beer, I think evidence of Bavarian Gardening tradition was also appreciated.

An American Linden tree was purchased and recently planted In honor of Jim Ethridge. It is located between the pavilion and the playground. A dedication event will be planned and publicized for open participation.

Weeding Wednesdays and regular watering will continue as daylight and weather allow and require. We try to start our Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. Some of these workdays will also be used for doing a bit of planting and replanting. Please reach out if you would like to participate. As we clean up and get ready for winter, several oak saplings (probably planted by birds and squirrels) need to be removed from beds. They will be potted and available to give out to club members hopefully at the next general meeting. Some of these oaks will be from the Joseph Bueys acorns.

The next Garden Committee organizational meeting will be on Monday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Bauernstube.

As always, if you have questions, email [julia.dooley@gmail.com](mailto:julia.dooley@gmail.com).

Thank you! Julia

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## **Dues for 2025 are DUE!**

**Use this form for Dues Renewal**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ or CASH \_\_\_\_\_ or CC \_\_\_\_\_ SEC INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

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## Culture Committee

### Erntedankfest

**Erntedankfest**, the German harvest Thanksgiving celebration will be celebrated again with the DSB Singers on Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 p.m. The program will take place first at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newark with a Thanksgiving service conducted by Pastor Johnson, and participation of the DSB Singers, the Johannes Brass, our pianist, and St. Paul's organist.

Everyone is invited and welcome to bring friends. After the service, join us at the harvest supper served at the club in the Deutsche Halle. A prerequisite or obligation for the dinner is attendance at the church service at St. Paul's. Parking in front of the church entrance is free and plentiful. The distance between the church and DSB is less than 4 miles or about 10 minutes away.

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**German Language Adult Classes** begin weekly on the following dates:

- Tues., October 1: **Intermediate German** with Iris Busch at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.
- Wed., October 16: **Beginning German** with Piper Wissinger at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.
- Thurs., October 17: **Advanced German** with Alison Matsen at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

All classes are free to all DSB members, but attendance at these classes should be as consistent as possible to get the most out of the classes. No pre-registration is necessary. Just show up. You may try out all 3 classes to determine your best level. Below is a synopsis of what you will learn in each class:

**Beginner Class:** Beginners should be for people who have had no German, or maybe a year way back in high school, or just know a few phrases. You would start with the alphabet, colors, months, seasons, and numbers and then slowly build a basic vocabulary and simple sentences.

**Intermediate Class:** This class is meant for learners who have a basic level of proficiency and who can already function in uncomplicated communicative situations. Focus will be given the improving oral skills through constant interaction with others. There will be short readings that will help increase vocabulary and familiarity with grammatical structures.

**Advanced Class:** Advanced classes would be for people who recognize all the previously mentioned things but need practice in formulating their own sentences using the passive, subjunctive, etc., and things like adjective endings. Articles from magazines and newspapers will be used as teaching aids to better understand sentence structure as well as a more comprehensive vocabulary.

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*Die Kettner Briefe*, a newly donated book to the **DSB Library**, contains letters written by Franz Kettner and his father, Dr. Franz Lambert Kettner, between 1850 and 1875. Franz, forced to leave his home in Germany, immigrated to Gillespie County, Texas, in 1848. His letters give first-hand accounts of life and events in Texas hill country and tell of the difficulties building a new way of life on a landscape very different from the one he left behind. Similarly, letters written by Dr. Kettner, a physician in Oberkirch, Baden, tell of life there during the mid-to-late 1800s. Letters and captions for the numerous photographs and maps appear in both English and German. For those members with an interest in American history, the book is well-worth reading.



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**The Travel Group** (TTG) is busy planning day trips for the next several months. Not all the details have been finalized. However, we wanted you to save the dates. More information to come soon.

Sunday, November 24, 2024 - *Wister Concert Series - The Casmir Trio* - Cost \$20 per person at the German Society of Pennsylvania, 611 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia. Concert begins at 3:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door using cash, check, or online:

<https://www.germansociety.org/classes/wister-and-more-presents-casimir-trio/>

Tickets may be mailed or held at "Will Call." Plan to carpool. It will take approximately 1 hour each way.

Thursday, December 12, 2024, *Christkindlmarkt* in Bethlehem, PA - Cost is approx. \$35 for DSB club members and approx. \$45 for non-members. The bus will leave the DSB parking lot at 9:00 a.m. & returns to the DSB parking lot at 5:00 p.m. Travel time is approximately 2 hours each way. The cost will include the bus, entrance fee and tip for the driver. Food, drinks, and purchases are on your own.

Sunday, January 12, 2025 - *Wister Concert Series - Karlsruher Konzert Duo*. Cost \$20 per person at the German Society of Pennsylvania, 611 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia. Concert begins at 3:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door using cash, check, or online:

<https://www.germansociety.org/classes/wister-and-more-presents-karlsruher-konzert-duo/>

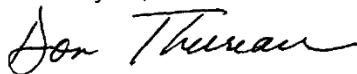
Tickets may be mailed or held at "Will Call." Plan to carpool. It will take approximately 1 hour each way.

On a February Friday to be determined - *Night Under the Stars*. Cost approx. \$5 per person at the Mather Planetarium, West Chester University, West Chester, PA. Visit the planetarium at the university. Plan to carpool. It will take approximately 1 hour each way.

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The next Culture Committee meeting is on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. We will be reviewing our upcoming events and programs. Interested members are always welcome.

Thank you,



Don Thureau, Culture Committee Chair

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## Music in the Bauernstube

In October we will have Steve and Ann providing live music in the Bauernstube on all four Friday nights! Come on out and enjoy an evening with friends.



# **German Christmas Festival**

**THE DELAWARE SAENGERBUND**

49 Salem Church Road

Newark, DE

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2024**

**11:00am to 3:30pm**

(Kitchen Opens at 11:00am)

## **FEATURING**

GERMAN FOOD AVAILABLE ALL DAY

STOLLEN & BAKED GOODS

WHITE ELEPHANT, IMPORTED CANDY

HAND CRAFTED ITEMS

**SANTA WILL ARRIVE at 2:30pm**

MUSIC BY ENZIAN MUSIKANTAN

DANCING BY THE CHILDREN'S ENZIAN VOLKSTANZGRUPPE AT 1:00 pm

BAUERNSTUBE OPEN ALL DAY FOR ENJOYMENT OF ADULT BEVERAGES

**RAFFLE AT 3:00pm**

**VINTAGE CAR SHOW 11:00am to 3:00 pm**

**FREE PARKING AND FREE ADMISSION**

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# NEW YEAR'S EVE IN GERMANY

*Celebration*

DECEMBER | 31 | 2PM-7PM

**CELEBRATE AT THE DELAWARE SAENGERBUND  
AND RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH GERMANY  
LIVE STREAMING ON THE BIG SCREEN**

**GREAT FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
TO EXPERIENCE TOGETHER!**

**DETAILS & PRICING COMING SOON!**

**DAVE BETZ ENTERTAINMENT WILL  
BE PROVIDING MUSIC**

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### Monthly Calendar of Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Oct 1	TUE	Intermediate German for Adults (Continues every Tuesday)	7:00 p.m.	Library
Oct 3	THU	German Unity Day Celebration	3:00 p.m.	Bauernstube
Oct 6	SUN	Erntedankfest	3:00 p.m.	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oct 7	MON	Property Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Oct 10	THU	Craft Meeting	12:30 p.m.	Library
Oct 12	SAT	Crabfeast – Tickets Required	1:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Oct 16	WED	Beginning German for Adults (Continues every Wednesday)	7:30 p.m.	Library
Oct 17	THU	Advanced German for Adults (Continues every Thursday)	7:30 p.m.	Library
Oct 19	SAT	Property Clean-up	8:30 a.m.	Grounds
Oct 14	MON	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Oct 20	SUN	Love for Lisa Blood Drive In Memory of Lisa Schmalbach Boyer Appointments required. More information to follow.	10:00 a.m.	Deutsche Halle
Oct 24	THU	Craft Meeting	12:30 p.m.	Library
Oct 26	SAT	Schutzenverein – Trap & Skeet Shooting Event	10:00 a.m.	WTA, Newark, DE
Oct 26	SAT	Hungarian Goulash Dinner Reservations Required	2:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Oct 28	MON	Travel Club Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Oct 28	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Nov 2	SAT	Oktoberfest Workers' Appreciation	TBA	Deutsche Halle
Nov 5	TUE	Membership Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Nov 16	SAT	Ladies' German Christmas Festival	11:00 a.m.	Deutsche Halle
Nov 19	TUE	All Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Nov 25	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room



The Garden Committee and TAG present...

# HAUNTED HAPPENINGS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**4 PM**

- Enjoy an evening of fun in the pavilion and on the grounds of the DSB. Haunted hayride, bonfire, games, and more!
- Costumes encouraged!
- Bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers and s'mores provided. Beverages available for purchase.

RSVP not required but appreciated for planning:

[dsbtag@gmail.com](mailto:dsbtag@gmail.com) or (302) 528-4656

Once again, it is time for our Annual German Christmas Festival. The Ladies are in need of volunteers to help the day of the Christmas Festival. Could you give us a few hours of your time to volunteer? If so, please indicate below where you would be willing to help. Please include your telephone number and return this slip to the office or call Judy @ 302-463-9658 or email @ [judarig@verizon.net](mailto:judarig@verizon.net).

NOVEMBER 16, 2024, 11:00 – 3:30

Food Line \_\_\_\_\_

Cakes \_\_\_\_\_

Kitchen Help \_\_\_\_\_

As Needed \_\_\_\_\_

We are also in need of baked goods to sell. Homemade cakes, pies or cookies are a perfect donation and are deeply appreciated.

Please indicate your donation of baked goods below.

Baked goods item: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PRE-ORDER STOLLEN

Use this form to order or call Judy Ariganello @ 302-463-9658

or email [judarig@verizon.net](mailto:judarig@verizon.net)

Pick up the day of the bazaar.

Number of Loaves \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 per loaf