

Delaware Sangerbund and Library Assn., Inc.

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March 2025 Newsletter

In Memoriam

Elard Scharffenberg

Karl Wolfgang Bolte

General Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2025, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Deutsche Halle
Ladies' Dinner Special – Ham, scalloped potatoes, and a vegetable

A Message from our President

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

Hopefully, this newsletter finds you all well, warm and comfortable. If you believe and trust in the groundhog's prediction, spring and warmer weather should be here in a few weeks. Let's all keep our fingers crossed.

March is an important month regarding the history of our organization. On Saturday, March 15th we will be celebrating our 172nd Stiftungsfest (Founders' Festival). We will also once again have a "Founders' Day Fruschoppen," a traditional German brunch (drinking before noon), on Monday, March 17th, the actual day of our organization's founding.

Herzlichen Gluckwunsch zum Jubilaum! (Happy Anniversary!)

I hope to see you at one if not both of these events as well as many of the other events the club and some of its many groups are hosting. More information regarding organizational events can be found throughout the newsletter.

Rudy Schock, President

Mobile phone: (814) 574-8243 please send a text or leave a voicemail message.

Email: rschock324@gmail.com

Property Committee

MEETING – Monday, March 3, 2025 – DSB Library – 7:30 p.m.
Property Committee Workday on March 15th at 8:30 a.m.

Cornhole

We continue playing Cornhole in the Deutsche Halle from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings except on General Meeting nights or unless otherwise noted. Come be a part of our "Freundliche Versammlung und Gemutlichkeit" (Friendly Gathering and Fun).

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1st Vice President

I hope to see a lot of you at Starkbierfest, on Saturday, March 22nd. This event is open to members and their guests, so bring your friends.

For a change this year, we invited 3 local Craft Brewers to make a Starkbier for us. Wilmington Brew Works, Iron Hill, and High Steaks. We will still have the 2 most popular German Starkbiers from last year. Something for everyone!

Kevin McMullin, 1st Vice President

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: (302) 598-6873.

Please note the new phone number!

Singers

The Singers continue to prepare for our Spring Programs. Our first event is the annual Liederabend (Evening of Song) hosted by the United Singers of Philadelphia at the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein in Philadelphia. This year's event will be on March 2nd. The Singers will have a bus and should have about 20 seats available for guests that would like to join us. Admission to the event is \$8.00 per person and dinner and desserts will be available for purchase.

The bus will depart the DSB parking lot at 2:00 p.m. and return to the club no later than 8:00 p.m.

If you are interested in going, please contact Keith Farmer at klfarmer1962@gmail.com or 302-354-9748.

Future events include our participation in the 172nd Stiftungsfest on March 15th and the 3rd Starkbierfest on March 22nd. The Singers will present our Fruhlingskonzert or Spring Concert on Sunday, April 27th with the program starting at 3:00 p.m.. And, finally, we have our Spring Yard Sale scheduled for May 10th starting at 9:00. Further information and/or flyers for all of these events can be found in this newsletter.

As always, all members are welcome and encouraged to join us on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m.

Keith Farmer, Singers' Chairman

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DSB BOARD of DIRECTORS' SCHOLARSHIP – 2025 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 in high school student** that plans to pursue post-secondary education. The applicants must be of German descent and must **provide proof of German heritage**. 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 and click on Membership on the right side of the banner. Then click Scholarship on the left side of the screen. Or copy and paste or click the link below to go directly to the Scholarship page. <https://delawaresaengerbund.org/membership/scholarship/>

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

Craft Committee

The Crafters meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the Library from 12:30-2:30. Come in through the back door by the back parking lot. Anyone is welcome to attend our meeting. We make crafts to sell at the Christmas Festival in November. We welcome new ideas.

Barb McMullin and Carol Bridges

2nd Vice President

Happy March! Welcome Spring!

I would like to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed our 2025 Fasching! A great time was had by all! We had spectacular costumes and so much creativity! Our next event is the 172nd DSB Stiftungsfest on March 15th; doors open at 6pm with the programs beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Alpenlanders will be playing for us for your dancing pleasure.

DRESS CODE: BUSINESS DRESS PREFERRED FOR ALL; FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TRACHTEN WEAR ARE WELCOME TO WEAR THIS; NO HOODIES; NO SWEATSHIRTS OR JEANS; NO BASEBALL CAPS.

SATURDAY June 7th is the DSB annual picnic in the pavilion. We will be having activities for all ages again this year! 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. Weather Permitting.

GAUFEST VOLUNTEERS: PLEASE HELP US OUT FOR A FUN FILLED WEEKEND JULY 3RD TO 6TH; WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR BEVERAGES; FOOD SERVICE; KITCHEN HELP; SET UP/TAKE DOWN, OVER ALL COVERAGE DOING DIFFERENT THINGS THRU OUT THE WEEKEND. EMAIL ME AT TERESA.VIKARI@GMAIL.COM WITH YOUR AVAILABILITY AND WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

Teresa M Vikari - 2nd Vice President

*Delaware Saengerbund Chorus
Fruhlingskonzert*



When: Sunday, April 27, 2025

Time: 3:00pm (doors open at 2:00)

*Entertainment by the
Enzian Musikanten
after the Concert*

Food Available for Purchase

Raffle Prizes!

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From the Ladies

The general meeting special menu item for March is ham, scalloped potatoes and a vegetable.

Planning a celebration, the DSB is a wonderful option. Whether it's for a birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement or a wedding, The Ladies would love to cater your special event. Please contact Kevin McMullin to check availability.

The next Ladies' meetings are March 31st and April 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the VSR. New members are always welcome!

Marti Kane, President, Ladies of the DSB

Garden Committee

Thank you to everyone that came to the Pre-Spring Gardening talk- we learned so much! Based on initial feedback, more such events will be in the planning. The UD Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners Program have MANY resources available for homeowners. Several members in attendance were interested in having their soil tested for optimal acidity for specific plants- soil testing information is available here-

<https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/canr/cooperative-extension/environmental-stewardship/soil-testing/>

Our next event hosted by the Garden Committee will be the **DSB Tree Tour Walk and Talk** for National Arbor Day. This will be a guided walk around our property with stops to talk about the significance of certain trees. The date is Friday, April 25th, meeting in the Bier Garten at 6:00 p.m. Possible rain date will be announced later.

The Committee's next plan of action is to rework the bed area in front of the Bauernstube to include an extended patio area. The first step in the process is to clear out some of the overgrowth. If you would like to help with this process, work begins on **April 12th and 17th, weather permitting- start time 8:30 a.m.** The plan is to have this work completed in time for Gaufest. As the weather warms and sunshine returns, we will resume our *Weeding Wednesdays and Watering Team* efforts. If you would like to come out and join us. Contact julia.dooley@gmail.com.

Next Garden workday is March 15th at 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

The next Garden Committee **organizational meeting will be on March 17th.** Since that is also St. Patrick's Day we will meet at **6:30 in the DSB Library** and keep the meeting short. Wear green and have a Guinness with us afterward!

Thank you, Julia Dooley- email julia.dooley@gmail.com

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Music in the Bauernstube

In March we will have live music in the Bauernstube on the following dates:

March 7th – Ann and Steve

March 14th – Ann only

March 21st – Ann and Steve

The music starts at approx. **5:30 p.m.** Come on out and enjoy an evening with friends.

Delaware Wandervogel

Upcoming Hikes (subject to change) include:

Glenroy Preserve – March 29, 2025 – Meet at 10:00 a.m. for a hike in this 577 acre nature Preserve off of PA Route 272 N in West Nottingham Township, Chester County, PA. There are miles of trails accessible to the public for hiking.

Bluebells along the Susquehanna – April 12, 2025 – Meet at Fisherman’s Park below the Conowingo Dam for an easy hike along the Susquehanna to view the Virginia Bluebells.

For information contact Hans Nafzinger at hpzinger@gmail.com or by phone 443-553-4270.

Founders’ Day Fruhschoppen

On March 17, 1853, at a Stammtisch (a special table reserved for a group of individuals) in Krauch’s Tavern on King Street in Wilmington, Delaware a group of approximately 16 friends interested in singing gathered with the idea of formally organizing a German singing society.

This was the start of our organization, the Delaware Saengerbund. In order to commemorate this occasion, we celebrate by having a “Stiftungsfest” (Founders’ Festival) every year. Typically held on the 3rd Saturday in March.

For many years, there was grumbling about why OUR German Club celebrates St Patrick's Day. While March 17th may mean St Patrick's Day to some, here at the DSB it also means Founders’ Day. So again, this year, we will be celebrating the founding of our club with a Founders’ Day Fruhschoppen on March 17th.

Come celebrate OUR heritage and OUR club with a mid-morning Fruhschoppen before our St Patrick’s Day festivities get started. Come to the Bauernstube early and have a traditional German Fruhschoppen, 2 Weiss Wurst, a Pretzel, and a large Draft Beer (preferably a Weissbier). The Bauernstube will be open at 10:00 a.m. with food service to begin shortly thereafter and ending at Noon. **YOU MUST HAVE A PRE-PURCHASED TICKET OR RESERVATION TO ENTER.**

Tickets are \$10, please call or text Rudy Schock at (814) 574-8243.
or by email at rschock324@gmail.com to purchase yours today.

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Delaware Saengerbund Bird Survey 2025

This year I am looking and listening for birds once a month to make an ongoing list of bird species that are part of our natural landscape. I did the first survey on Jan 2. It was cold and clear. There were times no birds were present, but then I would find pockets with a variety of birds. In my 2 hours on site, I counted 22 species of birds. That included 3 different woodpeckers, Blue Birds, a Red Shouldered Hawk, and a Bald Eagle. It was a great start to the Survey.

I will try to do it near the first of each month so the day may vary each month. If you would like to join me, I would be delighted for the extra eyes and ears. I even have extra binoculars that can be used.

The Cumulative total list will be posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the Bauernstube.

The walks begin at 8 am. Let me know if you are interested. patch10@maierassociates.com



**Join us on Sunday, April 27, 2025
2 to 4 pm**

in the DSB Parking lot

for Members and their families, 14 and older

Beginners Welcomed - we will teach!

If you have paddles and/or a portable net, please bring them.
If we get enough interest, we plan to play once a month.

Please let us know you are interested by completing this form:

<https://forms.gle/YoUJjskAN38vr7kN9>

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Culture Committee

KAFFEEKLATSCH

May 18, 2025

Time: **3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** / presentation at **4:00 p.m.**

Location: Delaware Saengerbund's **von Steuben Room**

Cost: **\$15** per person for adults

Children 12 & under, **\$7.00** (milk served instead of coffee)

In the rich tradition of the *Kaffeeklatsch* (coffee chatter), we invite you to take a break, enjoy an afternoon get-together chatting with friends, catching up over a good cup of coffee or tea, and sweet treats. Enjoy your *Kaffee und Kuchen* while supporting a great cause – the Riverview Historic Cemetery. This delightful afternoon will feature a short video and a presentation by a Riverview Cemetery board member.

Tickets are available in the Bauernstube or through members of the Culture Committee.

Come and enjoy great company, delicious treats, and learn more about this important historic site. Your support makes a difference! We look forward to seeing you there.



The Culture Committee Meeting

Our next Culture Committee meeting is on Thursday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Interested DSB members, including new members, are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Thank you,
Don Thureau
Culture Committee Chair

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Reisegruppe (Travel Group)

The Reisegruppe has some fun and exciting events planned for this year. Club members are invited to attend our events. Here are some for this year.

Tuesday March 25, 2025- Presentation for Mackinac Island tour with Tulip festival
7:00 pm in the VSR. Light refreshments will be provided.

A representative from Collette will give an overview of the tour planned for May 9 - 17, 2026. The tour will include the Tulip festival in Holland Michigan, Mackinac Island, Chicago's Millennium Park, Frankenmuth Michigan and much more.

Saturday April 5, 2025 - Tenement Museum, New York City \$85 per person
Visit the Museum, the lower east side, bus transport to the Chelsea neighborhood, and The High Line. The price includes round-trip bus travel, entrance to museum & tour of museum. Food and all other costs are additional. Bus will leave the DSB parking lot at 6:45 a.m. & return around 8:30 p.m.

Must RSVP to Julia Dooley and full payment due March 1st. Another great trip for school age children and their families. **Printed flyers are available in the Bauernstube or within the on-line newsletter.**

August 17- 21 or 18-22, 2025- Riedlbauer's Resort located in Roundtop, NY
5 days , 4 nights located in the Catskills of New York. \$418 pp double occupancy or \$428 for single this doesn't include tax or gratuity. Meals are included.

Plan to carpool or travel independently. The estimated travel time is approximately 4 hours. They offer swimming, hiking, golf and much more nearby. We plan to have some group activities, or you can relax and enjoy the area on your own.

The resort is holding 20 rooms for the DSB until the end of March. \$50 deposit per person required . Final payment is due upon arrival. **See enclosed Flyer or printed flyers in the Bauernstube.**

Schutzenverein

The DSB Schutzenverein will be hosting the 2nd Annual "Spring Trap and Skeet Shooting Event" on Saturday April 26th at the Wilmington Trap Association (WTA) in Newark. The event will be followed by a meal and gemutlichkeit (fun) at the Saengerbund. This will be a ticketed event and is open to members of the DSB and their family and friends.

Flyers will be in the Bauernstube, and tickets will go on sale in mid-March.

Friday Night Food by the Spitzbuben

On Friday night, March 28th the Spitzbuben (Skat Group) will be hosting a Friday Night Food in the Bauernstube. We will be doing a "Brotzeit" or "Vesper" which is a German evening meal or snack between meals, similar to a "Charcuterie," a meal served on a board which consists of but is not limited to meats, cheeses, breads, fruits, and vegetables.

More information and a flyer will be available in early March.

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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 May 1st.
For more details,
contact Keith Farmer
@ 302-354-9748



Will be Advertised!

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

May be left in Singers' Mailbox

Delaware Saengerbund trip to Riedlbauer's Resort

August 2025

It's official and reservations are now open!

A German/American Family Resort Located in the Scenic Catskill Mountains

The minute you drive up the road, you will notice the gorgeous grounds with lushness
tower oaks wherever you look. After a day enjoying our beautiful grounds and many
recreational activities, enjoy a delicious family style dinner in a 2-story air-conditioned
dining room with adjoining bar where we have entertainment 7 nights a week.
Riedlbauer's Resort is located only 230 miles, just over 4 hours, from the Delaware
Saengerbund. There are many wonderful activities to be enjoyed in Round Top, NY.

www.riedlbauersresort.com

The DSB Reisegruppe is planning a 4 day / 4 night trip to Riedlbauer's Resort in Round Top, New York similar
to the trips the DSB did here in years past. The trip is scheduled for the middle of August.

We have "block booked" numerous rooms (20 rooms in 2 buildings) which Riedlbauer's is willing to honor until
the end of March 2025. If it looks as though we need more rooms we may be able to add them. This being
said, if you'd like to take part in this trip, please continue reading this announcement and make your
reservations as quickly as possible to guarantee your stay.

**We have chosen to coordinate (2) 4 day/4 night trips which overlap by 3 days. You can either arrange for
arrival on Sunday August 17th for dinner and depart Thursday August 21st after lunch ... Or ... you can
arrange for arrival on Monday August 18th for dinner and depart Friday August 22nd after breakfast.
Extra nights can be added, at a prorated cost, but this needs to be handled when making your
reservation.**

The 4 day/4 night trip cost is \$418 per person, Double Occupancy or \$428 per person, Single Occupancy and
includes ALL meals. It does not however include taxes (8%) or tips (approx. 15%). This being said, the cost of
your stay will be between \$520 and \$540 per person. This does not include cost for travel (plan on traveling
yourself or carpooling) or any activities outside the resort. There is also an additional charge for children,
depending on ages.

**If you would like to take part in this trip please contact Riedlbauer's directly at (518) 622-9584 to make
your reservation.** Deposit information as well as other information can be found on their website, noted
above. **Please make sure you let them know that you are with the "DSB Reisegruppe".** For any other
questions regarding this trip, please contact Jeanne Dyson via email at jdyson1014@gmail.com

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Monthly Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Event	Time	Location
Mar 1	SAT	Wandervogel – White Clay Creek Hike	10:00 a.m.	White Clay Creek
Mar 2	SUN	Singers – Evening of Song @ Cannstatter	2:00 p.m.	Cannstatter
Mar 3	MON	Property Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Mar 6	THU	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Mar 10	MON	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 13	THU	Craft Group Meeting	12:30 p.m.	Library
Mar 15	SAT	Property Workday	8:30 a.m.	Grounds
Mar 15	SAT	Garden Workday	9:00 a.m.	Grounds
Mar 15	SAT	172 nd DSB Stiftungsfest – Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 17	MON	Founders' Day Fruhschoppen – Tickets Required	10:00 a.m.	von Steuben Room
Mar 17	MON	St. Patrick's Day Celebration	12:00 p.m.	Bauernstube
Mar 17	MON	Garden Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Library
Mar 22	SAT	3 rd Annual Starkbierfest – Tickets Required	2:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 25	TUE	Reisegruppe – Mackinac Island Tour Overview	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Mar 27	THU	Craft Group Meeting	12:30 p.m.	Library
Mar 28	FRI	Spitzbuben (Skat Group) Friday Night Food	TBA	Bauernstube
Mar 29	SAT	Wandervogel – Glenroy Preserve Hike	10:00 a.m.	Glenroy Preserve
Mar 31	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Mar 31	MON	<i>Riedlbauer's Trip – Reservation Deadline</i>	5:00 p.m.	---
Apr 3	THU	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Apr 12	SAT	Garden Committee – Bauernstube Garden Update	8:30 a.m.	Grounds
Apr 12	SAT	Wandervogel – Bluebells along the Susquehanna	10:00 a.m.	Fisherman's Park
Apr 14	MON	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Apr 15	TUE	<i>DSB Scholarship Applications Due</i>	6:00 p.m.	DSB
Apr 17	THU	Garden Committee – Bauernstube Garden Update	8:30 a.m.	Grounds
Apr 25	FRI	DSB Tree Tour Walk & Talk	6:00 p.m.	Grounds
Apr 26	SAT	Schutzenverein – Spring Trap & Skeet Shooting Event	10:00 a.m.	Wilm. Trap Assoc.
Apr 26	SAT	Schutzenverein – Dinner – Tickets Required	3:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Apr 27	SUN	Pickleball in the Pavilion	2:00 p.m.	Pavilion
Apr 27	SUN	Singers' Fruhlingskonzert	3:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Apr 28	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room



Reisegruppe Invites you to explore New York City's German roots and contemporary allure

Saturday, April 5, 2025

TENEMENT MUSEUM

56 seat Coach Bus round-trip travel

- Board the bus in the Delaware Saengerbund parking lot at 6:45 am
- Tenement Museum's** German focused *Family Owned* program
- Explore lower east side and lunch on your own
- Tour bus transport across town to the Chelsea neighborhood
- Journey **The High Line**
- Explore and have early dinner on your own
- Board the bus at 5:45pm for return to DSB
- Arrival at DSB by 8:30pm

HIGH LINE #

Cost per person- \$85

Price includes round-trip bus travel plus entrance to the Tenement Museum and tour. Food and all other costs additional.



(More details on the reverse side)

RSVP with full payment by March 1st!

Return this form with full payment to **Julia Dooley**
julia.dooley@gmail.com with questions

Contact name _____

Email address _____

Cell phone number _____

Number of persons in your group _____ x \$85= _____
(total cost for your group)

Checks made payable to DSB with NYC trip on the memo line

The DSB presents

STARKBIERFEST
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3-22-2025

(Strong beer fest)

3pm to 6pm \$35.00 per person

(Doors open at 2:30pm)

Must be 21 or older to enter

Tickets available in the Bauernstube

Your admission includes,

A souvenir tasting glass, Starkbier tastings,
Dinner, with your choice of Roasted pig OR
Roasted Chicken Thigh.

Both include Red Cabbage, Roasted Potatoes,
Cucumber Salad and Dessert.

(Dinner served from 3pm to 5pm)

Also available for purchase;

Soft Pretzels, Traditional German beers on tap,
wine, mixed drinks, sodas and Schnapps.

Limited tickets available to members and their guests.

Requesting Traditional German Tracht.

Otherwise, please dress respectfully for the event.

Tickets available from any bartender.

KAFFEKLATSCH

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Come unwind with us at our cozy Coffee & Tea Fundraising Social! Indulge in coffee, tea, or milk (2%) accompanied by sweet cakes and friendly faces. All proceeds will go to the Riverview Historic Cemetery for their maintenance work.

A short video and presentation are planned during event. Presented by the Culture Committee. Tickets available at the Bauernstube or through Culture Committee members.

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Donation: \$15 p.p.; 12 & under \$7.00 p.p.

**von Steuben Room of the Delaware Saengerbund
49 Salem Church Rd., Newark, DE 19713 | Free Parking**





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