

Delaware Sangerbund and Library Assn., Inc.

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June 2025 Newsletter

In Memorium

Ronald Lee Henry

General Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2025, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Deutsche Halle
Ladies' Dinner Special – Pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw.

A Message from our President

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

Summer is here... at least it officially arrives this month... Yeah!!!

In case you missed the May General Meeting, we awarded 7 scholarships to some amazing young people. First, Danae Luecke of Hilltown, Pennsylvania, received the \$1,000 "Sepp Hilsenrad Memorial Scholarship" awarded to an outstanding University of Delaware student studying German. We then awarded an unprecedented amount of "DSB Board of Directors' Scholarships." This award is presented to outstanding Senior High School students with direct connections to our Organization, children, and grandchildren of our members. Typically, we only present 2, and sometimes maybe 3, \$1,500 scholarship awards per year, but this year's numerous applicants include such an exceptional group of teenagers, it was decided to award 6 scholarships, three at \$1,500 and three at \$1,000.

When you see any of these young adults, please acknowledge your appreciation of their accomplishments. I think you will agree with me that in today's world when all we seem to do is dwell on "negativity and bad press," these youngsters make you feel good and give you hope that our society is moving in a much more positive direction than seems to sometimes be portrayed. The recipients are:

Mallory Creveling
Jaden Hoffmann

Giselle Offschanka
Elizabeth Redding

Collin Creveling
August Schweiger

Congratulations and thank you to all these young adults as well as others who continue striving toward success and doing good in our community, our country, and the world, making it a better place.

Moving on. June and early July will be busy times here at the DSB leading into some extraordinary summer events. Including but not limited to the following:

- Saturday June 7th, the Annual DSB Picnic on the Club's Property
- Weekend of July 4th, the 30th Gaufest under the big tent on the DSB Property

There continues to be many things happening around the club. Check out all our events, in this newsletter, our website, our Facebook pages as well as the flyers posted throughout the Bauernstube. See what you might be missing, see what you can attend and see where you might be able to help, JOIN US!

Hope to see you soon.

Rudy Schock, President

Mobile phone: (814) 574-8243 please send a text or leave a voicemail message. Email: rschock324@gmail.com



Spitzbuben

Who are they and what do they do?

Club members who play the German trick-taking card game of "Skat"
We play every Friday from 7:30 - 10:00 in the DSB Library
All are welcome to visit or join in

Now's your chance to learn and join in the FUN!

LEARNING DAY ... Learn how to play Skat

SUNDAY JUNE 8th from 1:00 - 4:00 in the VSR

Experienced players will help novices

Bring a laptop, tablet or phone and we will help you download a learning app

Refreshments will be provided for those who participate



Pickleball Sunday

Join us on the following Sundays:

June 1, June 22, July 29, September 7

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/YoUJiskAN38vr7kN9>

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Property Committee

MEETING – Monday, June 2, 2025 – DSB Library – 7:30 p.m.
Property Committee Workday on June 14, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

1st Vice President

I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day weekend and remembered why we celebrate this date. It's not all about barbecues and sales at the store. It's about honoring and remembering our veterans that have passed. Not everyone can say they put their lives on the line so that we can live as we do in this great country.

The DSB picnic is coming up on June 7th, and I'm looking forward to roasted pig!

On Saturday, June 14th, we have a pavilion rental, so the Bauernstube will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A reminder that we are closed on June 15th, Father's Day.

On Saturday, June 28th, we have a pavilion rental, so the Bauernstube will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There's a lot going on at the DSB. Get involved and enjoy the club.

Thank You and I'll see you in the Bauernstube!
Kevin McMullin, 1st Vice President

Cornhole

We've started playing outside in the area adjacent to the Bier Garten. We continue to play from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings except on General Meeting nights or unless otherwise noted. If bad weather is expected we will play under the Pavilion or inside. Come be a part of our "Freundliche Versammlung und Gemutlichkeit" (Friendly Gathering and Fun).

Spitzbuben

"Skat Learning Day" from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8th in the VSR. This will be a very casual event for people wanting to learn a bit about the German trick-taking card game of "Skat." Experienced players will be assisting novices. Refreshments will be provided for participants. **See the attached flyer.**

Friday Night Food with the Spitzbuben on June 13th ... "Spargel mit hausgemachter Soe" ... White Asparagus with homemade Hollandaise Sauce served with ham, potatoes, and a dessert. This event is limited to 70 people at a cost of \$13 per plate. Food will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. **See the attached flyer to make a reservation.**

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DSB Summer of 2025 Language Camp for Kids: Deutsch macht Spass!



Please sign up your children (or grandchildren):

From August 4 to August 15, 2025 (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

We plan to have one Language class this year for children in the age group of 8 through 13. Iris Busch will be the teacher, and she will be assisted by Giselle Offschanka. This year's theme will be: Die deutschsprachigen Lnder (The German- Speaking Countries), Geography, History and Culture. Activities will include storytelling, singing, writing, and drawing to support the interactive learning experience.

The application deadline is June 30, 2025. First come, first served. Classes fill up quickly. The maximum number of children admitted in the class are 15. Questions? E-mail Iris Busch (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, 2025**. **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. Non-members may also sign up for \$100 per child.

Name and age of child(ren) (age in August 2025). Please mention **month of birth**.

(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 2025

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German Clothing Resale

Before the General Meeting on June 9th and again on August 11th, bring your gently used German Clothing that no longer fits, or that you no longer wear and sell it to a fellow club member.

Seller is responsible for pricing and for staying with their own sale items.



Craft Committee

The Craft committee is staying busy coming up with new items for our craft table at the Christmas Festival that's coming in November. We started selling raffle tickets for a Yo-Yo Quilt already, that you can purchase at the bar. The winner will be drawn at the Festival. Tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We meet in the Library the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 12:30 - 2:30. All are welcome to join in any time. Come into the back entrance.

Barb McMullin and Carol Bridges

Membership Committee

The next new membership induction meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2025. So please have any new member applications to me by July 31, 2025, in order to be reviewed by the membership committee for consideration at the August meeting.

Judy Ariganello

302-463-9658

judarig@verizon.net

Enzian Volkstanzgruppe

Thank you to those who purchased an ad or booster for the 30. Gaufest Festbook and to everyone who has signed up to volunteer that weekend. We greatly appreciate your support and efforts in making this Gaufest a success.

Reminder: July 3rd through July 6th the Club will be Closed for the 30. Gaufest.

Enzian Volkstanzgruppe

Music in the Bauernstube

Steve and Ann will provide "Musik in der Bauernstube" on:

June 13 starting at 5:00 p.m.

June 20th starting at 6:00 p.m.

Come on out and enjoy an evening with friends.

Friday Night Food

by the Spitzbuben

A beloved German Tradition

Spargel mit hausgemachter Soe



**“White Asparagus with homemade Hollandaise Sauce”
Served with Boiled Potatoes & Ham and a Seasonal Dessert**

Friday June 13, 2025

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Reservations Required, Seating limited to 70 persons.

Cost \$13 per person

RSVP by Monday June 9th (General Mtg)

Return this form with full payment to **Rudy Schock** at the DSB

If you have any questions, please contact Rudy Schock

by phone at (814) 574-8243 or email at rschock324@gmail.com

Contact name: _____

Email address: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Number of persons: _____ @ \$13 each = \$_____ total

Checks should be made payable to DSB with “Spargel” in the memo line.

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2nd Vice President

Please plan to attend the DSB Annual Picnic on Saturday June 7th from Noon to 4:00 p.m.; there will be activities for all ages with Bounce Houses; games; shooting gallery and cornhole! There will be music by the Enzian Muzikanten, and food prepared by the Ladies of the DSB.

Remember to start signing up for the Oktoberfest this year! Please contact your favorite Chairperson with your schedule or if you don't know where you wish to work this year please feel free to contact me at teresa.vikari@gmail.com.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Gaufest Volunteers

We need early morning cleanup help during the Gaufest. We also need help with cleanup during each day of the event. Approximate times for cleanup are Thursday evening, Friday early AM, all day and evening Friday, Saturday early AM till midafternoon, Sunday early AM, and Noon till about 10:00 p.m., Monday mid-morning. Times can be flexible throughout the weekend. Please contact me at teresa.vikari@gmail.com.

mit Schonen Gruss!

Teresa M. Vikari - 2nd Vice President

The Culture Committee

Genealogy Group - If you are interested in learning more about Genealogy, including how to start tracing your own family's roots, Shelia Young and Lloyd Maier will be having a rejuvenation meeting for the Genealogy Group on Sunday, June 1st at 1:30 p.m. in the boardroom.

Upcoming presentations:

- Sunday, June 22nd, starting at 3:00 p.m. in the von Steuben Room, Jim Rosenkrantz will have a talk on dual citizenship of US and Germany, including how to apply.
- Special Video Presentation – featuring Richard Grieb and Simon Schock
 - Sunday, June 22, 2025, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the von Steuben Room
In 2007, Simon Schock, President emeritus and Richard Grieb, President at the time told their life story. Both started in Ukraine and came to America as young men. The Heritage of the Saengerbund are these stories and those of all our unique members. This one is interesting, surprising, and amusing.
- Remember, there is no cost for these presentations! Come and grab a beer, some popcorn and enjoy the stories of your fellow members!

Reminder that the annual Erntedankfest will be held on Sunday, October 5, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Ballroom Dancing – We are gauging interest in new Ballroom Dancing Classes to start this fall. Please see the next newsletter for more details and costs.

Summer Language Camp for Kids – There are still a few openings available for this year's German Language camp which has the theme "Die deutschsprachigen Lander" (The German-speaking countries). See the flyer included in this Newsletter.

Historic Jim Thorpe Pennsylvania

The Reisegruppe invites you to visit *Historic Jim Thorpe PA*
and take a ride on the *Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway*

Tuesday October 14, 2025

56 seat Coach Bus trip to historic Jim Thorpe Pennsylvania

- Depart the DSB parking lot at 8:00 am
- Arrive in Jim Thorpe at 10:00 am
- Explore, shop, and have a bite to eat, 10:00 - 12:45
- 12:45 Gather at the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway for a 45 minute scenic train trip through Lehigh Gorge State Park. The train departs at 1:00 (train tickets included)
- 2:00 - 4:00, more exploring and last minute shopping
- Bus departs for home at 4:00 pm
- Returning to the DSB by 6:00 pm

Cost per person \$60 for members and \$70 for guests

Prices include round-trip bus transportation, train tickets.

Food, drinks, and other associated costs are on your own. Food and drinks on the bus are allowed, but we must clean up after ourselves.

RSVP with full payment by Monday August 11th (General Mtg)

Return this form with full payment to Rudy Schock at the DSB

If you have any questions, please contact Rudy Schock

by phone at (814) 574-8243 or email at rschock324@gmail.com

Contact name: _____

Email address: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Number of persons:	Members _____ @ \$60	subtotal	\$ _____
	Guests _____ @ \$70	subtotal	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

Checks should be made payable to DSB with "Train" in the memo line.

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Culture Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Culture Committee will be Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.

DSB Library News

Book Review by Anne Sullivan – Tiergeschichten (Animal Stories) by Julie Boehme is a charming collection of eight short animal stories offering light-hearted, imaginative tales, such as a detective dog, an Eiffel Tower-climbing ant, and a bored polar bear looking to brighten his snowy world. The book is part of a leveled reading series and is a good choice if you are looking for a fun and accessible way to support your child's German learning. It is also perfect for adults who are building their German reading skills. The language is slightly above beginner level, making it ideal for learners who want to move beyond basic texts without feeling overwhelmed. Clear, engaging illustrations add to the reading experience and help with understanding vocabulary in context.

If anyone would like to write a review, please contact Sandie Mather.

Delaware Wandervögel

Due to scheduling conflicts there will not be a hike in June.

From the Ladies

The general meeting special menu item for June is pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw.

There appears to have been some recent confusion as to what sides were available for sale by the Ladies at the monthly general meeting. Going forward, if sides are specified ahead of time, we will include them in the newsletter. If sides are not specified ahead of time, the Ladies ask that you review the menu posted at the window at each general meeting. There may be times when the special menu items need to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances, so please check at the window to see what is available that month.

The next Ladies' meeting is June 30th in the VSR at 7:00 p.m. Please, come join us! There is no meeting in July.

Happy Father's Day!

Marti Kane
President, Ladies of the DSB

Schützenverein

The Schützenverein will be running the air rifle range at the DSB picnic. Anyone that would like to help please contact me at mnussle@comcast.net.

Matt Nussle

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Reisegruppe (Travel Group)

The Reispegruppe has been busy working on several new events as well as some we have already announced. Here are those we are currently offering to our club members.

- ❖ August 17 – 21, 2025 - Riedlbauer's Resort - We plan to have hiking and possibly other group activities. For additional information see the flyer available in Bauernstube. There are limited rooms available!
- ❖ Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - Jim Thorpe Fall Foliage - Bus trip that will include Lehigh Gorge train ride. More information to come.
- ❖ October 2025 - Ghost in the graveyard at Old Swedes Church - This is a Halloween haunted walking tour with characters dressed in period costumes. Spooky music will be playing inside the church. More information to come. (Date to be determined).
- ❖ May 9 - 17, 2026 – Mackinac Island with Tulip Festival – Brochures available in Bauernstube. The deadline for signing up is November 9, 2025
- ❖ Aug 4 – 11, 2026 - Rhine River Cruise - Amsterdam to Basel Switzerland. Contact Jeanne Dyson for more information via email: jdyson1014@gmail.com
- ❖ Fall 2026 – Multi day trip to Helen Georgia - 5-day bus trip stopping at historical attractions along the way such as Biltmore and much more - More information to come.

Garden Committee

The new Bauernstube Patio is open! Soon, new benches will be added for seating... Please, keep the cafe tables and chairs on the concrete porch area. We have established an herb garden and planted a flower garden for the Ladies' group to season our food and decorate our tables.

A couple of areas around the grounds will get some new native flower plantings. We had to order more than we needed in order to meet the minimum purchase requirement from the grower, so you can benefit! The garden committee will have an internal plant sale for members during the club picnic on June 7th. We will be selling *Asclepias tuberosa*, Aster 'purple dome,' Iris versicolor 'Purple Flame,' Penstemon smallii, Phlox paniculata 'jeana,' and Physostegia v. 'Miss Manners.' At this time, we are not sure how many of each of the plants will be available, but they will be \$4.00 each.

Weeding Wednesdays will continue on Wednesdays as the weather permits, and we are accepting new members for this year's DSB Watering Team! Watering takes place on Mondays and Thursdays. If you would like to join the team there will be crew training on Wednesday June 4th at 6:00 p.m. - meet in the Bier Garten.

The next Garden Committee Organizational meeting will be on Monday, June 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Bauernstube.

For questions or to add your name to the email list contact julia.dooley@gmail.com

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Singers

The Singers thank everyone, sellers, and buyers, who participated in the Spring Yard Sale in May. We had beautiful weather, and the sale was a success!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Saengerfest scheduled for June 28th has been cancelled.

Keith Farmer, Singers' Chairman

Monthly Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jun 1	SUN	Pickleball	2:00 p.m.	Parking Lot
Jun 1	SUN	Genealogy Meeting	1:30 p.m.	Board Room
Jun 2	MON	Property Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Jun 4	WED	Garden Watering Team Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Bier Garten
Jun 5	THU	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Jun 7	SAT	DSB Picnic	Noon	Pavilion
Jun 8	SUN	"Skat Learning Day"	1:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Jun 9	MON	General Meeting Dinner Special – Pulled Pork Sandwich w/coleslaw. German Clothing Resale Before Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
--	--	NO Monthly Meeting in July	--	--
Jun 12	THU	Craft Committee	12:30 p.m.	Library
Jun 13	FRI	Friday Night Food – Reservations Required White Asparagus with homemade Hollandaise Sauce	5:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Jun 13	FRI	Musik in der Bauernstube (Music in the Bauernstube) Also, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Bauernstube
Jun 14	SAT	Property Workday	8:30 a.m.	Grounds
Jun 14	SAT	Bauernstube Open until 6:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Bauernstube
Jun 15	SUN	Club Closed – Happy Father's Day	--	--
Jun 16	MON	Cornhole (Repeats every Monday except General Meeting nights)	6:30 p.m.	Bier Garten
Jun 16	MON	Garden Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Bauernstube
Jun 22	SUN	Genealogy – Special Speaker, Jim Rosenkrantz US & German Dual Citizenship and how to apply	3:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Jun 22	SUN	Genealogy Video Presentation Simon Schock & Richard Grieb	3:30 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Jun 26	THU	Craft Committee	12:30 p.m.	Library
Jun 28	SAT	Bauernstube Open until 6:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Bauernstube
Jun 30	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Jul 3 – 6	--	30. Gaufest – Club Closed	--	--
Jun 30	MON	DSB Summer Language Camp - <i>Application Deadline</i>	6:00 p.m.	DSB
Jul 22	SUN	Pickleball	2:00 p.m.	Parking Lot
Jul 29	SUN	Pickleball	2:00 p.m.	Parking Lot
Jul 31	THU	<i>New Membership Applications Due</i>	6:00 p.m.	DSB
Aug 11	MON	General Meeting German Clothing Resale Before Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Sep 7	SUN	Pickleball	2:00 p.m.	Parking Lot

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