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August 2025 Newsletter

In Memorium

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General Meeting

Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Deutsche Halle

Oktoberfest Sign-ups before the meeting.

Ladies' Dinner Special – Baked ziti

A Message from our President

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

As you read this letter, my wife and I are touring Scotland with the DSB Reisegruppe and then heading to England to visit our son, daughter-in-law, and our extended family. Hopefully, we'll be having great weather as we travel. I also hope all of you are having an enjoyable summer.

As I'm sure everyone was aware, our organization takes things a bit easier in July, not distributing a newsletter or having a General Meeting. Even though this was the case as usual, our Organization and many of its groups and committees were busy. Some, such as the EVTG, were busier than usual. A quick recap of things which happen in June and July as well as a few notable items we are preparing for in August.

The club picnic was held on Saturday June 7th and everyone who attended seemed to have a good time. The food was good; the beer was flowing and the music provided by our very own Musikanten was wonderfully festive. By the way, the Musikanten have a new CD out for purchase, \$10, get your copy today. Also, the Schützenverein set up and operated a new and much improved "shooting gallery." The old air rifles continue to be a hit with all participants. The Schützenverein also awarded three honors to the best shooters:

Jugend Schützenkönig (Youth Shooting King), Frankie Maiorano
Schützenkönigin (Adult Female Shooting Queen), Jen Pettus
Schützenkönig (Adult Male Shooting King), Rudy Schock

There was a Cornhole Tournament made up of randomly drawn teams and players. It was an exciting tournament with the top three teams receiving awards.

1st Place: Jeff McAllister
Beth Thomassen

2nd Place: David Finney
Rudy Schock

3rd Place: Shane Edwards
Scott Moxley

One of the major highlights of the day was presenting Honorary Membership to Hank and Lloyd Maier, an honor well deserved and a long time coming. Congratulations!

Thank you to all the people who attended the picnic and our volunteers who made it such a memorable event.

In July, over the Independence Day weekend, our dance group, the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe (EVTG), along with the United German Hungarians (UGH), of Philadelphia and Vicinity co-hosted the 30. Gaufest at our beautiful facility. The Fest

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was a major celebration of Bavarian and Tyrolean heritage. If you attended or volunteered at the event you were lucky enough to be witness to an extremely well prepared and executed event. I can't honestly say there weren't a few glitches but overall, I heard nothing but accolades from many of the participants. The weather was nearly perfect for an outdoor event like this. Many people will be talking about this event for years.

Thanks to Brian Schulz, the Event Core Committee, the EVTG and UGH as well as all the volunteers from both clubs who spent countless hours preparing, arranging, and bringing this event together. Job well done, Danke schon!

August is all about:

"DSB Summer of 2025 Language Camp for Kids: Deutsch macht Spass!" held at our facility from August 4th to 15th (Monday through Friday from 9am to 12pm).

Oktoberfest volunteer signup at the General Meeting on Monday August 11th.

The DSB Reisegruppe trip to Riedelbauer's German/American Family Resort in the Scenic Catskill Mountains of New York between August 17th to 22nd, depending on the dates signed up for.

Looking only slightly ahead, Saturday September 6th, the EVTG will celebrate their 57th Stiftungsfest (Anniversary) in the Deutsche Halle

Continue to 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!

Hopefully, everyone continues to have an enjoyable summer and remember the Delaware Saengerbund Oktoberfest, the Most Traditional - Best in America, is less than 2 months away ... Prost! 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

Property Committee

MEETING – Monday, August 4, 2025 – DSB Library – 7:30 p.m.

WORKDAY – Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Cornhole

Because of the extremely hot summer we are still playing inside and continue to play 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).

Oktoberfest Volunteer Coordinator

It is that time of the year again to start signing up for the Oktoberfest! Please reach out to your chairperson if you will be returning to your usual place. See the enclosed sign-up list. When contacting the chairperson that you have worked for in the past, please be mindful of the work you can do.

Sign-ups before the August Meeting!

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German Clothing Resale

Before the General Meeting 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.

The 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 p.m. All are welcome to join at any time. Come into the back entrance.

Barb McMullin and Carol Bridges

Membership Committee

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. The next Membership committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. for the committee to review applications of prospective new members. The new member induction meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m. If you are a sponsor for a new member, you will be receiving information regarding this meeting via email in the first week of August. If you are a sponsor, please plan on being at the club by 6:45 p.m.

Judy Ariganello, Membership Secretary

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153rd Annual Cannstatter Volksfest

The DSB Reisegruppe invites you to join them on a trip to the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein in Northeast Philadelphia

Sunday August 31, 2025

Labor Day Weekend

56 seat Coach Bus trip to the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein

- Depart the DSB parking lot at 12:30pm
- Arrive at the Cannstatter between 1:30pm and 2:00pm
- Enjoy the "Oktoberfest-Styled Extravaganza"
- View the "iconic" 3 story tall "fruit and vegetable column"
- Family friendly rides and activities
- A variety of vendors
- Enjoy German and American beers and wines
- Authentic German foods
- Music by Philly's own Heimatklange and The Adlers from NY
- Traditional folk-dance performances by GTV Almrausch
- Returning to the DSB parking lot by 8:30pm

Cost per person \$50 for members and \$60 for guests

Prices include round-trip bus transportation and Fest entrance fee as well as a 1/2 barrel of beer for the group, while it lasts. *All other food, drinks and 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 Sunday August 24th

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

If you have any questions or to make reservations, 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 _____ @ \$50	subtotal	\$ _____
	Guests _____ @ \$60	subtotal	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

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

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Enzian Volkstanzgruppe

The Enzian Volkstanzgruppe would like to thank all the members of the DSB for their hard work and support during the 30. Gaufest. The event was a great success and put on display the wonderful clubhouse, grounds, and strength of our great club. That is all due to the strength of our people!

Please save the date for our Enzian Volkstanzgruppe's 57th Stiftungsfest on Saturday, September 6, 2025. More information will be shared by email, online, and around the clubhouse as we get closer.

Music in the Bauernstube

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

August 8th, 22nd and 29th - both Steve and Ann, starting at about 6:15 or 6:30 p.m.

Come on out and enjoy an evening with friends.

2nd Vice President

Happy August!

Can not believe that summer is almost over! It is that time of year to get ready for Oktoberfest! If you have not already done so, please sign up to help us out with the biggest event of the year here at the Delaware Saengerbund. If you wish to help out, please let me know via email and I can send you to the people that are in need of help. If you have helped in the past and know where you wish to work again, please come to the August Meeting and sign up!

On another note, I want to thank all of the members that came out and helped at the Gaufest this past month. I know all of you that worked had an amazing time meeting all of the different Trachtlers from all over North America! Thank you again!

mit Schonem Gruss!
Teresa Vikari
2nd Vice President

The Culture Committee

Reminder that the annual Erntedankfest will be held on Sunday, October 5th from 3:00 -5 :00 p.m. More details in the next newsletter.

Genealogy Group - If you are interested in learning more about Genealogy, including how to start tracing your own family's roots, the next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 24th at 1:30 p.m. in the von Steuben Room.

The group will meet, formally organize, and then there will be an open forum to hear genealogy challenges from members and propose helpful solutions in researching family histories. Bring your challenge with as much back-up information as you have. Challenges will be taken up one at a time.



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/YoUJjsKAN38vr7kN9>

GHOSTLY GRAVEYARD GARDEN PARTY AT OLD SWEDES CHURCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 FROM 6PM TO 9PM

OLD SWEDES HISTORIC SITE

606 N. CHURCH ST., WILMINGTON DE



Join the DSB Reisegruppe at historic Old Swedes Church for evening tours of the 1638 Burial Ground and hear stories of famous - and infamous - people buried here.

The Ghostly Graveyard Garden Party is a one-of-a-kind event! Beginning at 6pm enjoy hors' d'oeuvres, wine from Bohemia Manor Winery and a special Ghost Tour of the Burial Ground. The tours also include the Old Swedes Church interior, featuring a haunting pipe organ recital by David Simmons in this acoustically special historic site. Travel on your own, or carpool from DSB. Bring lanterns or flashlights for the tour.

- Limited tickets will be available for \$75 and include food, drink, and tour.

Call 302-653-5629, or reserve and buy tickets securely online soon:

<https://oldswedes.org/events/>

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Oktoberfest Chair

Oktoberfest is nearly upon us, and we need your help! Please come to the General Meeting on Monday, August 11th to sign up to volunteer for this annual event. We are especially looking for volunteers to help with setting up the week before the festival and breaking down in the days after the festival. Please come and help when you can!

Don Sturfels, Oktoberfest Chairperson

Culture Committee Meeting

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

DSB Library News

The DSB library is open for business and Sandie Mather is looking for volunteers to review and summarize books for the DSB Monthly Newsletter. If interested, please contact Sandie. Also, if you donate books, please remember to put the books on the donation shelf so they can be filed correctly. Thank you.

From the Ladies

The general meeting special menu item for August is baked ziti.

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 on August 25th in the VSR at 7:00 p.m. Please, come join us!

Marti Kane
President, Ladies of the DSB

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Riedlbauer's Resort – August 17-22, 2025 – Daily hiking excursions in the Round Top area of the Catskills.

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: _____

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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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Reisegruppe (Travel Group)

The Reisegruppe 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!
- ❖ Sunday, August 31, 2025 – Cannstatter Volksfest - Bus departs DSB 12:30 p.m. and returns by 8:30 p.m. \$50 per member and \$60 for non-member. See flyer for details. Copies are available in the online newsletter & also available in the Bauernstube. Hurry and sign up, before it's sold out!
- ❖ Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - Jim Thorpe Fall Foliage – Bus trip that will include Lehigh Gorge train ride. SOLD OUT.
- ❖ Saturday, October 25, 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.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Early October 2026 – Multi day trip to Helen Georgia - 5-day bus trip stopping at historical attractions. Both Biltmore & Monticello as well as enjoying the Alpine style village of Helen, Georgia. Planning is in final stages and flyers will be available in the October newsletter.

Garden Committee

A big thank-you goes out to the regular DSB Watering Team and Garden Committee for keeping everything watered in between deluge events, planting new native flowers, and trying to keep weeds at bay (not sure we are winning...). I also want to thank all others that helped keep the flowerpots in and around the tent watered during Gaufest - I noticed and was glad for the assistance!

Since our spring plant sale was such a success, we are going to do it again! By request, the plants will be appropriate for shade/part-shade. We will have two varieties of ferns, Heuchera as well as some Helleborus and a pretty blue Meehan mint. All of the offerings are considered ground-covering and perennial natives for early fall planting. The sale will take place in the hour prior to the August General Meeting start. I am working with the UD Master Gardeners on another talk - this time on fall garden tasks and planting. Details will be emailed and advertised. We are also planning for the 2nd Annual Family Haunted Happening. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Pavillion. If you would like to help, please reach out to myself and/or Karen Biesenbach.

The Garden Committee will have its next field trip event on Sunday, August 24th to Longwood Gardens to "roam on your own". We will meet in the Longwood Gardens Beer Garden at 6:00 p.m. to visit and have a casual dinner. Open to all DSB members.

The next Garden Committee Organizational Meeting will be held in the Bauernstube at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 18th. If you would like to join us before then, come out and help us pull a few weeds on most Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Other questions, email julia.dooley@gmail.com.

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Monthly Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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 4	MON	Cornhole (Continues every Monday except General Mtg Night)	6:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Aug 4	MON	Property Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Aug 5	TUE	Membership Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Aug 6	WED	Weeding Wednesdays – Garden Committee (Continues Weekly)	6:00 p.m.	Grounds
Aug 7	THU	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Aug 8	FRI	Musik in der Bauernstube (Also, on Aug 22 and Aug 29)	~6:30 p.m.	Bauernstube
Aug 11	MON	<u>General Meeting</u> Oktoberfest Sign-up Plant Sale German Clothing Resale	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Aug 16	SAT	Property Clean up	8:30 a.m.	Grounds
Aug 18	MON	Garden Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Bauernstube
Aug 24	SUN	Genealogy Meeting	1:30 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Aug 24	SUN	Garden Committee – Longwood Gardens		
Aug 26	TUE	Membership - New Member Induction Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Sep 3	WED	Singers' Rehearsal (Continues every Wednesday)	7:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Sep 6	SAT	EVTG Stiftungsfest	6:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Sep 7	SUN	Pickleball	2:00 p.m.	Parking Lot
Sep 8	MON	<u>General Meeting</u>	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Sep 19	FRI	OKTOBERFEST	5:00 p.m.	Grounds
Sep 20	SAT	OKTOBERFEST	12:00 p.m.	Grounds
Sep 21	SUN	OKTOBERFEST	12:00 p.m.	Grounds

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