

Delaware Sangerbund and Library Assn., Inc.

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September 2025 Newsletter

In Memorium

Elli I. Moosreiner

Wendi Miller

General Meeting

September 8, 2025, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Deutsche Halle

Oktoberfest Sign-ups before the meeting.

Ladies' Dinner Special – Roast Beef Sandwich

A Message from our President

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

Our biggest event of the year, our Oktoberfest, is on Friday, Saturday & Sunday September 19th, 20th and 21st, less than a month away.

I'm excited to say that we are once again in the running to claim the title of "Best Oktoberfest in America." Last year we finished 2nd ... now it's time to step up our game and show America who truly has the best Oktoberfest in this country. Your daily voting counts, the contest ends on September 8th, so please continue to vote every day and have your friends and family vote as well. I believe - as I'm sure all of you do - that we, the DSB, deserve the title "America's Best Oktoberfest" and I want to be able to announce the same on the opening day of our Oktoberfest.

Our Oktoberfest is a lot of fun and putting it on is also, or at least it can and should be a lot of fun. It takes a lot of work, so please get involved, sign up to help wherever you can and to do whatever you can. Not only is it our showcase event, but it's also our major fundraiser for the year. The money earned from our Oktoberfest contributes immensely to the funds needed for our yearly operational budget including the subsidization of many of our events, programs and in helping our numerous committees, groups, and scholarships.

It's not just about us as members just having fun at our event. Personally, I have found over the past few years that I actually enjoy myself much more working and having fun than I did in the past, just coming and participating. I also think there are a lot of members who have joined because of our Oktoberfest who feel and would say the same thing.

Also, please remember, it's not just about one shift, many people work more than one or even two shifts. Some people work the entire event and others work even longer, including but not limited to the weeks of preparation and cleanup. For a few, it's even a yearly endeavor. Thank you ALL in advance for all your hard work.

In closing, please remember, there's lots to be done, SO PLEASE, get involved, volunteer, work and have fun! **And please remember that we all represent the club as a whole. How we act and behave, especially during this event, reflects on all of us.**

Thank You, and please continue to have an enjoyable summer and remember the Delaware Saengerbund Oktoberfest, the Most Traditional - Best in America, is less than a month away ... Prost!

Rudy Schock, President

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

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Property Committee

MEETING – **Tuesday**, September 2, 2025 – DSB Library – 7:30 p.m.
WORKDAY – Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Oktoberfest Chair

Oktoberfest is almost here, and we need your help! Please come to the General Meeting on Monday, September 8th to sign up to volunteer for this annual event. **We especially need 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

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 out and 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 September Meeting!

Garden Committee

Announcement: The Garden Committee is hosting another workshop with our Master Gardener friends. The Fall/Pre-Winter Gardening Workshop will take place on Sunday, September 28th at 2:00 p.m. in the von Steuben Room. Pam Nelson, Jill Beringer and Rebecca Rendeiro will be back to talk with us about fall pruning, planting for winter interest and planning for next year's garden. Be sure to join us!

Save the date for next month's second annual Haunted Happenings! The date is Friday, October 24th, start time at 7:00 p.m. in the Pavillion. Plans include the hay wagon ride through our spooky woods again! Reach out to Julia Dooley or Karen Beisenbach if you would like to help. Watch for flyers soon.

We are still watering regularly and weeding on most Wednesdays there is always room for more help. We have a bit of fun, learn new things about natives and invaders, and it feels good to make the club grounds blossom. Join us! Our next organizational meeting takes place on Monday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Bauernstube.

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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DSB Chorus

The DSB Chorus begins preparing for our Fall performances on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. We meet every Wednesday in the Deutsche Halle and would love to have you join us! Our Fall events include:

- ❖ Sunday, September 21st at 12:00 – Oktoberfest – We will perform on the main stage!
- ❖ Saturday, October 4th from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Yard Sale in the DSB Parking Lot
- ❖ Sunday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. – Erntedankfest – The chorus will perform during the traditional church service at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- ❖ Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m. – von Steuben Day Celebration – We travel by bus to Valley Forge National Historical Park to participate in the celebration of General von Steuben. After the celebration we will continue on to the Verein Erzgebirge in Warminster, PA for dinner provided by the von Steuben Society of Philadelphia. Seats on the bus will be available. Contact Keith Farmer if you are interested.
- ❖ Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. – Advent Concert – Holiday concert open to the Public.
- ❖ Saturday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. – Tannenbaum Nacht – The chorus will provide a short program of traditional German carols as a part of this annual club event.

If you are interested in joining the Chorus or have any questions, please contact Keith Farmer at klfarmer@gmail.com or 302-354-9748.

From the Ladies

The general meeting special menu item for September is Roast Beef Sandwich.

Preparations for the Ladies' Annual Christmas Festival on November 22nd are underway. Please contact Judy Ariganello at 302-463-9658 or Marti Kane at 302-528-5608 to volunteer for this year's event. Our wonderful volunteers are what makes this Festival such a success!

The next Ladies' meetings are September 29th and October 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the VSR. New members are always welcome!

Marti Kane, President, Ladies of the DSB

Craft Committee

Summer is almost over, and the Christmas Festival on November 22nd will be here before we know it! We meet in the Library the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. All interested, are welcome to come.

Barb McMullin and Carol Bridges

USA Today 10 Best Oktoberfest

Vote for the Delaware Saengerbund Oktoberfest! Voting ends at Noon on September 8th.

Voting link: <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/delaware-saengerbund-oktoberfest-newark-delaware/>

Vote every day!

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2nd Vice President

It is time 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 areas that need help the most. If you have helped in the past and know where you wish to work again, please reach out to your Chairperson or come to the September Meeting to sign up.

Don't forget the USA Today 10 Best "Best Oktoberfest in America 2025" voting. Please vote for the Delaware Saengerbund every day!!

mit Schonem Gruss!

Teresa Vikari, 2nd Vice President



Erntedankfest

**Sunday, October 5th, 2025
3:00 P.M.**

"Nun danket alle Gott" – Erntedankfest, the annual and 36th Delaware Saengerbund Thanksgiving Service, will be held on Sunday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 701 S. College Avenue in Newark, DE, at the corner of S. College Ave. and E. Chestnut Hill Road.

The church service will be officiated by Pastor Greg Johnson, and music will be provided by the Johannes Brass Ensemble and the chorus of the Delaware Saengerbund under the direction of Dr. C. Nelson Fritts. Pianist, Pat Rardon, will accompany the singers, and St. Paul's Music Director, Mike Bareham, will play the organ.

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. This dinner is free of charge, but to help us with food planning, we request that you make a reservation by Thursday, September 25th, 2025. **Please note that a prerequisite or obligation for the dinner is attendance at the church service at St. Paul's.**

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Reservation for Erntedankfest 2025 - Harvest Supper:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ / E-Mail: _____

Number of people attending: _____

Please return this form to the DSB, Attn: Ladies of the Saengerbund, DSB, 49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713 or at the Bauernstube or by e-mail to ***dsbculture@gmail.com***, by Thursday, September 25th, 2025.

PLEASE RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY

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The Culture Committee

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.

History Wall – To complete the History Wall (located in the back of the club by the office), we are looking for recent photos of events held at the club in 1990s and 2000s. Please contact Don Sturmfels with any questions.

The next meeting of the Culture Committee will be **Thursday, September 4th at 7 pm** in the Boardroom.

DSB Library News

The DSB library is open for business, and our Librarian Sandie Mather is looking for volunteers to review and summarize books for the DSB Monthly Newsletter. If interested, please contact Sandie.

Also, if you are donating books, please remember to put the books on the donation shelf so the books can be filed correctly. Thank you.

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 are available for \$75 and include food, drink and tour. Adults only please!

Call 302-652-5629, or buy tickets online:
<https://oldswedes.org/events/>

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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.

- ❖ 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.** *If you signed up and cannot go, please let me know ASAP. We have a waiting list.*
- ❖ Saturday, October 25, 2025 - Ghostly Graveyard Garden Party at Old Swedes Church - Halloween Garden party hors' d'oeuvres, wine from Bohemia Manor Winery and special tour of burial grounds. Limited tickets for \$75 pp include food, drink, and tour. See flyer for more information. Adults Only!
- ❖ May 9 - 17, 2026 – Mackinac Island with Tulip Festival – Brochures available in Bauernstube. The deadline for signing up is November 9, 2025. Only 10 seats remain!
- ❖ Aug 4 – 11, 2026 - Rhine River Cruise - Amsterdam to Basel Switzerland. Cabins are available on a first-come basis. The more people that sign up, the more discounts the group will receive. Contact Jeanne Dyson for more information via email: jdyson1014@gmail.com
- ❖ Early October 2026 – Multi day trip to Helen Georgia - 6-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.
- ❖ December 4 – 10, 2026 – Christmas Markets of Montreal and Quebec City – Brochures are available with detailed information in the Bauernstube.

Questions? Contact Jeanne Dyson via email: jdyson1014@gmail.com

Musik in der Bauernstube

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

September 5th and 12th from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
September 26th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
(all times are approximate)

New song sheets are available so there could be a sing-along any night!

Come on out and enjoy an evening with friends.

Schutzenverein

The Schutzenverein Fall Trap and Skeet Shooting Event and Dinner is happening on Saturday, October 25. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Matt Nussle

**Delaware Saengerbund
Schutzenverein**

TRAP & SKEET SHOOTING

FALL EVENT

Take Your Best Shot!

3 Rounds ...

75 TARGETS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

at Wilmington Trap Association (WTA), Newark DE

Individuals must supply their own shotguns and ammunition

NO 10 gauge shotguns and only shot size of 7.5, 8 or 9 may be fired

Shooting followed by a Venison/Beef German Frikadellen Meal

@ the Delaware Saengerbund at 1:00pm

\$60 PER INDIVIDUAL

SHOOTING PARTICIPANTS LIMITED TO 50 SHOOTERS

Open ONLY to DSB Members, Families and Friends

Cost includes shooting, a meal and a draught beer. Individual meals may be had for a \$15 "suggested donation" in advance or \$20 at the door (limited quantities should be available)

DSB doors open at 12:30pm

TICKETS REQUIRED AND ON SALE NOW!

SIGN-UP DEADLINE Sunday October 19th

Shooter registration at WTA begins at 10:00AM - Safety Program at 10:15AM - Shooting Starts at 10:30AM

More Information, questions or to purchase tickets,

Call or Text Rudy Schock at (814) 574-8243 or email rschock324@gmail.com

Tickets may also be purchased at the Bauernstube



German Christmas Festival

THE DELAWARE SAENGERBUND

49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2025

11:00 am to 3:30 pm

(Kitchen Opens at 11:00 am)

FEATURING

GERMAN FOOD AVAILABLE ALL DAY

STOLLEN & BAKED GOODS

WHITE ELEPHANT, IMPORTED CANDY

HAND CRAFTED ITEMS

GERMAN MADE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS AND GIFTS

SANTA WILL ARRIVE at 2:30 pm

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 3:00 pm

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

FREE PARKING AND FREE ADMISSION



Delaware Saengerbund Garten ~~Kom~~mittee presents

Fall/Pre-Winter Gardening Workshop

with

Delaware Master Gardeners

Pam Nelson, Jill Beringer and Rebecca Rendeiro

From UD's Cooperative Extension



Shake off your post-Oktoberfest fatigue and relax while you get some excellent gardening tips for your home landscape!

Sunday, September 28th

2:00 pm in the Von Steuben Room

This is a **free** event open to the DSB community.

❖ Transplanting tips

❖ Cutting back and pruning how **to's**

❖ Planting NOW for winter interest

❖ LEAVE the LEAVES.... Because it's good for pollinators

❖ Evaluate your current garden to plan for next year

Email julia.dooley@gmail.com with questions regarding this event

Master Gardeners assist in solving problems, educating, and advising the gardening public of Delaware. Residents can get advice on refurbishing and enhancing landscapes, using sustainable horticulture practices to support pollinators & birds, minimize maintenance, and select appropriate plants.



**German Unity Day
Friday Night Food**

Sponsored by the Culture Committee

Chicken Schnitzel with Spaetzle & Blaukraut



**“A Chicken Cutlet and Red Cabbage served with
Spaetzle (soft egg based pasta) and a Seasonal Dessert”**

Friday October 3, 2025

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Reservations Required, Seating limited to 70 persons

Cost \$15 per person

Accordionists Ann & Steve providing music in the Bauernstube

The Bauernstube will be open starting at 1:00

Celebration Special, \$1 off all German draft beers, ALL day

RSVP by Monday September 29th

Payment and the reservation form can be submitted to the DSB Culture Committee or through the Bauernstube but a reservation form must be submitted.

If you have any questions, please contact David Fricke (Culture Committee Chairman) by phone at (302) 757-9765 or email at dsbculture@gmail.com

Contact name: _____

Email address: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Number of persons: _____ @ \$15 each = \$ _____ total

Checks should be made payable to DSB with “Unity Day” in the memo line

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Monthly Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aug 24	SUN	Garden Committee – Longwood Gardens		
Aug 25	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Aug 26	TUE	Membership - New Member Induction Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Sep 1	MON	Labor Day Holiday – Club Closed	--	--
Sep 2	TUE	Property Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Sep 3	WED	Singers' Rehearsal (Repeats every Wednesday)	7:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Sep 4	THU	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Sep 6	SAT	EVTG Stiftungsfest	6:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Sep 8	MON	<u>General Meeting</u>	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Sep 11	THU	Craft Meeting (Repeats Sep 25)	12:30 p.m.	Library
Sep 13	SAT	Property Workday	8:30 a.m.	Grounds
Sep 15	MON	Cornhole (Repeats Sep 29)	6:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Sep 15	MON	Garden Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Bauernstube
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
Sep 28	SAT	Garden Workshop	2:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Sep 29	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Oct 3	FRI	German Unity Day – Friday Night Food (Reservations Required)	6:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Oct 5	SUN	Erntedankfest – St. Paul's Evangelical Church Dinner to follow – Deutsche Halle	3:00 p.m.	
Oct 6	MON	Property Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Oct 11	SAT	Crab Feast (Tickets Required)	12:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Oct 13	MON	<u>General Meeting</u>	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Oct 24	FRI	Haunted Happenings	7:00 p.m.	Pavilion
Oct 25	SAT	Schützenverein Fall Skeet Shooting Event	10:00 a.m.	WTA
Oct 25	SAT	Schützenverein Dinner (Reservations Required)	1:00 p.m.	von Steuben Room

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- German Foods & Beverages
- Amusement Rides & Games
- Bavarian Bands & Folkdancing

September 19 · 20 · 21

5-11 pm 12-11 pm 12-6 pm
Bars stop serving one hour before closing

\$10.00 per person entry donation
includes unlimited amusement rides

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Shuttle Parking at Christiana HS

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