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December 2025 Newsletter

In Memorium

Gerhard Otto "Gerd" Urban

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Victor V. Amato

General Meeting – Board of Directors Elections

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

Ladies' Dinner Special – Beef Stew

A Message from our President

Im Namen von mir und den anderen Mitgliedern Ihres Vorstands des Delaware Saengerbundes wunschen wir allen unseren Mitgliedern und ihren Familien frohe Weihnachten und ein freudiges, gluckliches und erfolgreiches neues Jahr.

Wir freuen uns alle auf ein wundervolles 2026!

Rudolf Schock, Prasident (President)

Kevin McMullin, 1. Vizeprasident (1st VP)

Teresa Vikari, 2. Vizeprasidentin (2nd VP)

Ann Marie Blasch, Schatzmeisterin (Treasurer)

Donald Sturmfels, Aufnahmesekretar
(Recording Secretary)

Keith Farmer, Kommunikationssekretar
(Communications Secretary)

Judy Ariganello, Mitgliedersekretarin
(Membership Secretary)



ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DELAWARE SAENGERBUND WE'D LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS, HAPPY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

WE'RE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL 2026!

SERVUS, 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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Sunshine

Season's Greetings! If you know of a member who has been ill, in the hospital, has lost a loved one, or could just be brightened up with a thinking of you card, please contact me. We also like to celebrate our members' happy life events. Weddings! Babies! Graduations! Let me know!

Stephanie Roten. Call, text or email: (302)402-3116 sroten2025@yahoo.com

Board of Directors – Elections

Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the December general membership meeting with the following candidates to date:

1st Vice President

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Communications Secretary

James (Jim) Little and Desiree Mulford

David Fricke

Ann Marie Blaasch

Judy Ariganello

Any active member with at least 24 months of active membership is eligible to run for office. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting. Please see Brian Schulz, Vicki Farmer, or Kevin McMullin to express your interest.

Property Committee

MEETING – Monday, December 1, 2025 – DSB Library – 7:30 p.m.

WORKDAY – No workday in December.

1st Vice President

I hope everyone is in good health and ready for the holidays.

Barbara & I will be joining the trip to the Magical Christmas Markets in Austria and leaving for Germany Nov. 29th and returning Dec. 6th. So, if you need to plan anything with me, please do it before or after these dates, Thank you. Ann Marie will be handling any business issues in the Bauernstube during my absence.

This may be my last entry into the monthly newsletter, so I would like to express my gratitude for the support and opportunity to serve on the Delaware Saengerbund Board of Directors, the past 4 years, as 1st Vice President. It has been fun, and well worth the time, to learn what makes this club so special. I would encourage anyone, with the time, to serve on the board in an area they may excel in.

Please check the newsletter and Website for upcoming events. On Facebook, check out "The Bauernstube". My wife Barbara started and maintains this page, and you are free to comment on club matters. It's a quick and easy way to keep up with last-minute changes and events.

Happy holidays and we'll see you at the New Year's Party!

Kevin McMullin

1st Vice President

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Genealogy Research Group

Seeking donations of “newer” audio/visual equipment

The GRG is seeking newer (new within the past three years) audio/visual equipment. If you have any newer equipment you would like to donate to the club, such as a wireless (wifi) microphone; laptop; projector; or camcorder, please contact us.

Questions? Please write to Sheila Young (say2018@gmail.com)

President’s Holiday “Potluck” Social

Sunday December 28th, 1-4 pm

Something a bit different during the upcoming holidays. Last year on the Sunday between Christmas and New Years, we had a “President’s Holiday Social” in which Anne and I supplied all the food. This year we’d like to do things a bit different, a “Potluck.” We’ll supply a “Main” (no decision yet, on what) but would ask that everyone bring something along to share, “hot dish, cold dish or dessert.”



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DSB Chorus

Please come out and support the Chorus and your club during our Holiday performances:

- ❖ 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.

Our first rehearsal for the New Year will be on January 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Deutsche Halle. All members are welcome to join us!

Frohe Weihnachten und ein gluckliches Neues Jahr!

Keith Farmer, Singers' Chairman

Musik in der Bauernstube

Steve and Ann will provide "Musik in der Bauernstube" starting at about 6:00 p.m. on:

- Friday December 5th
- Friday, December 19th

As we approach Christmas, in addition to our usual repertoire of German music, why not join us in singing Christmas carols both in German and in English?

From the Ladies

The general meeting special menu item for December is Beef Stew.

The Ladies are truly grateful for all the volunteers who assisted with our wonderful Christmas Festival! Our volunteers were amazing and we appreciate all the time and effort you gave! Thank you, we couldn't have done it without you!

Included in this newsletter is the flyer about the Inaugural Ball on January 10th that includes the dinner reservation. The next Ladies' meetings are January 26th and February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the VSR. There is no meeting in December.

Frohliche Weihnachten und ein Frohes Neues Jahr.

Marti Kane, President, Ladies of the DSB



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Concordia 2026 German Language Camp Application

For Members' children and grandchildren 8 to 18 years old

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Age: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Applicant's Involvement in DSB Activities: _____

Requirements:

- Language (or English Teacher's) Endorsement: Please attach letter to this form.
- Also, please attach your letter explaining "*Why I would like to attend the German Language Summer Camp.*"

Send this Application, your teacher's recommendation letter, and your letter to:

Delaware Saengerbund
Attn: Culture Committee
49 Salem Church Road
Newark, DE 19713

Deadline for Applications is December 31, 2025

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CONCORDIA LANGUAGE CAMP

Every year, the **Culture Committee** and the **Board of Directors** of the **Delaware Saengerbund**, sponsor up to two students to take part in the **Concordia Language Camp** located in Bemidji, Minnesota.

We have sent dozens of children and grandchildren of our members to the Concordia Language Camp over the years and everyone who attended has agreed that this was a very exciting and memorable experience.

Therefore, we are encouraging our members to find out more about the camp and decide whether to nominate their children to attend the camp.

To get started, please go to:

<https://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/summer-youth-camps/youth-overnight>

and start your planning!

The application form for the Delaware Saengerbund grant and additional information are included in this Newsletter and online. Please note that the Delaware Saengerbund grant for the camp will be \$3,250 for each child selected. All other expenses such as transportation and incidental expenses, beyond the grant amount, will be borne by the parents and/or grandparents.

Bird Watching at the Delaware Saengerbund

Our club has an enviable habitat. There are open spaces, inviting plantings on the edges, a stream and pond in the forest depending on the seasonal rains, and a forest canopy that extends well beyond our boundary. That makes it a desirable habitat for wildlife plantings, bugs, animals, and birds.

That is not a casual statement. Desirable habitats are becoming increasingly lost to the supposed needs of a growing population. Cherishing and protecting our habitat to share with nature is the legacy we owe to our future.

To understand what nature we have on our land, I focused on birds this year. Once a month, I spent a few hours looking at all the areas to find what birds are present. Some birds are residents, some only visit us in the winter and others only in the summer. By checking every month for a year, it is possible to catch sight of those residents and others passing through or spending a short season with us. This process is called doing a Survey.

The last Survey will occur Thursday, Dec. 11. If weather is bad, then Friday, Dec. 12. Always at 8:00 a.m.

Thus far 55 species of birds have been seen/ or heard. Many are known to all: Cardinal, Crow, even Blue Birds. What you may not know is that 5 of the 6 Woodpeckers are residents, including the Pileated. The Red-shouldered Hawk has been a long term resident, and birds like Acadia Flycatcher and Eastern Pewee lived here all summer. Juncos and Sapsuckers will be arriving for the winter months. They thank you for the habitat provided. As do I, Lloyd Maier.

Please Note – Additional Flyers can be found in the online version of the Newsletter.

<https://delawaresaengerbund.org/2025/11/23/december-newsletter/>

**Delaware Saengerbund
Inaugural Ball
January 10th, 2026**



Doors Open 5:00 pm - Dinner at 5:30 pm - General Meeting 7:00 pm
Music and dancing from 8:00pm-11:00 pm

Menu: Soup, Schnitzel, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, and Dessert
Dinner is available for \$20.00
Please make checks payable to the Ladies of the DSB
and send to the attention of Marti Kane.
Final deadline for dinner reservations is January 3, 2026.

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TEAR OFF AND RETURN WITH RESERVATION FOR
INAUGURAL BANQUET- JANUARY 10, 2026

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Number attending _____ X \$20.00 per person = \$ _____ amount attached

Please make checks payable to the Ladies of the DSB
Send to the attention of Marti Kane
Deadline for dinner reservations is January 3, 2026

STROES NEUES JAHR 2026

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Reisegruppe (Travel Group)

Calendar of future events being planned by the Reisegruppe.

- March 2026 - Yuengling Brewery Tour Pottsville, PA – more information to come.
- April 2026 – Naval Academy Tour, Annapolis, MD – more information to come.
- Aug. 4 – 11, 2026 Rhine River Cruise – Amsterdam to Basel Switzerland – Contact Jeanne Dyson for more information via email: jdyson1014@gmail.com Cabins are available on first come basis. Flyers are available in the Bauernstube.
- Sunday, August 16 to Thursday, August 20, 2026 – Riedlbauer's Resort, 2nd Annual fun in the Catskills. See flyers available in the Bauernstube and online newsletter.
- Thursday, October 8 to Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – Multiday 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. Flyers are available in the Bauernstube and online newsletter.
- Friday, December 4 to Thursday December 10, 2026, Christmas Markets of Montreal and Quebec City. Brochures are available with detailed information in the Bauernstube.

REMINDER: Our next Reisegruppe meeting is Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the VSR. All club members are welcome to attend.

Tannenbaum Nacht

Saturday, December 13, 2025

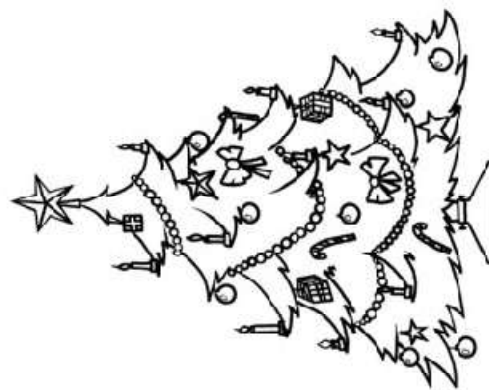
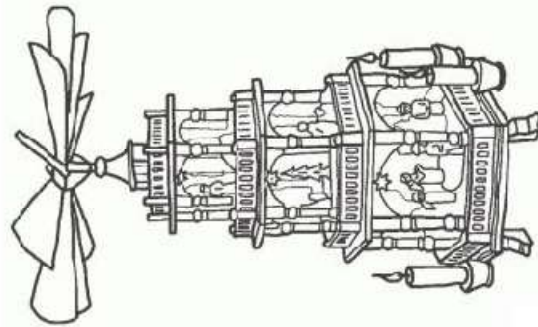
at 6:00 p.m.

Featuring:

The Enzian Muzikanten

The Chorus of the Delaware Saengerbund

The Enzian Volkstanzgruppe



Join us for our traditional celebration!

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN GERMANY

Celebration

DECEMBER

31

DOORS: 1:00PM

DINNER: 1:30 PM

MUSIC AND DANCING BY: | GERMANY LIVE STREAM
THE DAVE BETZ BAND | BEGINNING AT 5:30PM
2:30-6:30

**\$40 ADULTS 21+ | \$25 UNDER 21 | \$15 UNDER 12
BUFFET DINNER, DESSERT, BEVERAGES & SURPRISES!**

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

COMING WITH A GROUP? YES / NO

ADULTS 21+ \$40 X _____

UNDER 21 \$25 X _____

UNDER 12 \$15 X _____

TOTAL \$ _____

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

SEND C/O TERESA VIKARI

TERESA.VIKARI@GMAIL.COM

OR: 49 SALEM CHURCH RD NEWARK DE 19713

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Garden Committee

Thank you to the club members that turned out for the Property Committee workday and leant many hands to landscaping work. We were able to remove invasive burning bushes along the driveway, and the white pines had a good trimming. We were able to save many of the pine branches, which have been used for Christmas decorating.

We have some exciting talks coming up in the new year! The first, a talk given by club member Roseann Harkins – *Why Bees*, will take place in the von Steuben Room on Sunday, January 18th at 2pm. Roseann will discuss why bees are useful to society, what we get from our European Hhoneybee and how we can help the honeybee with plantings and they help us with pollination. The next will be our spring workshop with our UD Master Gardener friends, back again on Sunday, February 22nd at 2pm in the VSR.

The Garden Committee and the Wandervogel are planning a winter walk (and maybe hayride) through the DSB woods trails with hot chocolate around a campfire after. Dates will be announced as weather allows- stay tuned.

The Garden Committee will be working on some specific projects during the upcoming winter as weather permits. Our next Organizational Meeting will be on Monday, December 15th in the Bauernstube at 7:30pm. Feel free to join us!

julia.dooley@gmail.com

ADVENTSKONZERT

*with the Chorus of the
Delaware Saengerbund*

*Sunday, December 7, 2025
2:00 PM*

*Directed by
Dr. Nelson Fritts*

Open to the public and free admission

*Please join us for a concert of German and
American Christmas songs and carols*

*Following the concert:
Refreshments by the Culture Committee*

*All club facilities will be open after the concert
until 7:00 PM*



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Newark, DE 19713*



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Cornhole

Due to the upcoming holidays and the General Mtg. our Cornhole playing schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 1st ... Playing!

Monday, December 8th ... General Mtg ... NO CORNHOLE!

Monday, December 15th ... "Ugly Christmas Sweater Cornhole", bring a snack to share ... All are welcome!

Monday, December 22nd and 29th ... Off for the Holiday's ... NO CORNHOLE!

Monday, January 5th ... 1st Cornhole play of 2026!

Monthly Calendar of Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|------------|--|-------------|------------------|
| Dec 1 | MON | Property Committee Meeting | 7:30 p.m. | Library |
| Dec 5 | FRI | Music in der Bauernstube | 6:00 p.m. | Bauernstube |
| Dec 6 | SAT | Children's Christmas Party with Santa | 1:00 p.m. | von Steuben Room |
| Dec 7 | SUN | Advent Concert Followed by Refreshments in the von Steuben Room | 2:00 p.m. | Deutsche Halle |
| Dec 8 | MON | <u>General Meeting</u> Elections! | 7:30 p.m. | Deutsche Halle |
| Dec 11 | THU | Bird Watching | 8:00 a.m. | Parking Lot |
| Dec 13 | SAT | Tannenbaum Nacht | 6:00 p.m. | Deutsche Halle |
| Dec 14 | SUN | Deutsche Schule Weihnachtsfeier | 12:30 p.m. | Deutsche Halle |
| Dec 15 | MON | Ugly Christmas Sweater Cornhole | 6:00 p.m. | Deutsche Halle |
| Dec 15 | MON | Garden Committee Meeting | 7:30 p.m. | Bauernstube |
| Dec 19 | FRI | Music in der Bauernstube | 6:00 p.m. | Bauernstube |
| Dec 24 | WED | <i>Last Day to Sign-up for New Year's Eve Celebration</i> | ---- | DSB |
| Dec 25 | THU | Christmas Day – Club Closed | ---- | DSB |
| Dec 28 | SUN | President's Holiday Potluck Social | 1:00 p.m. | Bauernstube |
| Dec 31 | SAT | <i>Concordia Language Camp Applications Due!</i> | ---- | DSB |
| Dec 31 | WED | New Year's Eve with Germany! | 1:00 p.m. | Deutsche Halle |
| Jan 3 | SAT | <i>Deadline to Signup for Inaugural Ball Dinner</i> | ---- | DSB |
| Jan 10 | SAT | <u>General Meeting</u> – Inaugural Ball Dinner at 5:30 p.m. – Meeting at 7:00 p.m. | ---- | Deutsche Halle |
| Jan 18 | SUN | Garden Talk – Why Bees? | 2:00 p.m. | von Steuben Room |
| Jan 26 | MON | Ladies' Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | von Steuben Room |
| Feb 2 | MON | Reisegruppe Meeting | 6:30 p.m. | von Steuben Room |
| Feb 9 | MON | <u>General Meeting</u> | 7:30 p.m. | Deutsche Halle |
| Feb 15 | SUN | Genealogy Research Group | 1:30 p.m. | von Steuben Room |
| Feb 22 | SUN | Spring Garden Workshop with UD Master Gardener | 2:00 p.m. | von Steuben Room |
| Feb 23 | MON | Ladies' Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | von Steuben Room |

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Dues for 2026 are DUE!

Attention: DSB Membership Secretary

49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number (1) _____ (2) _____

() this is a new address or phone number.

Check Status: Active () or Supporting ()

_____ Single - \$35.00 _____ Single over 65 - \$15.00

_____ Family - \$50.00 _____ Family over 65 - \$20.00

Email address _____

2nd Email address _____

----- DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ONLY -----

DATE REC'D _____ AMOUNT _____ CHECK # _____ CASH _____ CC _____

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Genealogy Research Group

Meetings for 2026
(open to all current and prospective club members):

All meetings will be on Sundays at 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. in the VSR on the following dates:

Feb 15, 2026 - at this meeting we will present the video: “German Diaspora, Mapped” followed by a discussion of club members and their personal experiences.

May 3, 2026 (agenda, TBD)
Aug 23, 2026 (agenda, TBD)
Nov 8, 2026 (agenda, TBD)

Please also see the updated genealogy section of the DSB website for a tutorial on conducting your own genealogy research.

Questions? Please write to Sheila Young (say2018@gmail.com) and Lloyd Maier (patch10@maierassociates.com)



Delaware Saengerbund Reisegruppe

Oktoberfest in Helen Georgia
with a visit to Biltmore Estate and Monticello
Thursday October 8th - Tuesday October 13th 2026

Helen is a Bavarian styled Alpine Village set in the Appalachian Mountains of northern Georgia. Helen is known for its unique atmosphere and various activities, and its celebration of Oktoberfest activities from September through October.

DSB Reisegruppe 6 Day Trip to Helen Georgia INCLUDES

- Round trip transportation via private motorcoach equipped with a restroom
- Five (5) nights hotel accommodations: one (1) in Bristol, TN; three (3) in Helen GA; and one (1) in Charlottesville VA
- Eight (8) meals including five (5) Breakfasts and three (3) Dinners
- Admission and audio-tour at the Biltmore Estate Mansion
- Visit to the gardens and grounds at Biltmore including the Conservatory
- Visit to Antler Hill Village at Biltmore including a wine tasting at Biltmore Winery
- Two (2) full days in Helen to enjoy the Bavarian atmosphere as you wish with its many alpine themed shops, restaurants and activities
- While in Helen we are planning one afternoon at Habersham Winery, Nacoochee Antiques and Nora Mill Granary Grist Mill & Country Store, for those who wish
- Highlights tour of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
- All taxes and gratuities for the tour features including gratuities for our three (3) dinners and the motorcoach driver

Depart the DSB parking lot in Newark DE at 7:00am Thursday, October 8th
Approximate return to the DSB parking lot at 7:00pm, Tuesday, October 13th

Cost per person based on double occupancy*

\$1,100

***for single occupancy add \$400**

We will be travelling in a 56 passenger motorcoach and pricing is based on participation of 30 persons. If fewer than 30 sign-up before February 1, 2026, the trip will be cancelled and all deposits will be refunded. Please note that for every 10 additional people who participate, we will be able to reduce the fee for the trip by \$100 per person with adjustments made prior to final payments.

A \$250 deposit is required with registration and is fully refundable as long as we fill the spot or the cancellation is made prior to the initial registration deadline of February 1, 2026

Reservation form on the back. We can provide you with a copy if needed.

Delaware Saengerbund Reisegruppe
Helen Georgia Trip
Reservation Form

Return this form with, at minimum, a deposit 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
Please Print Clearly

Contact name(s): _____

Email address: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Preferred Room Type (mark one): 2 Beds: _____ 1 Bed: _____

(mark one): Smoking: _____ Non-Smoking: _____

All checks should be made payable to DSB with "Helen" in the memo line

A deposit of \$250 per person is required with this reservation form. The refund policy is noted in the trip information on the front of this flyer.

Deposit: _____

2nd payment of \$250 per person is due by no later than Sunday March 29, 2026

2nd Payment: _____

Balance due by Sunday May 31, 2026. You will be contacted prior to the balance due date informing you of your balance.

Balance due: _____

Payment made: _____

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Number of persons: _____

Payment received, date and total: _____

Payment received, date and total: _____

Payment received, date and total: _____

Delaware Saengerbund trip to Riedlbauer's Resort

It's official, we're going again, in August 2026 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 luscious flower beds 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 238 miles, just over 4 hours, from the Delaware Saengerbund. There are many wonderful activities to be enjoyed in Round Top, NY.

www.riedlbauersresort.com

We have again chosen to coordinate (2), 4 day/4 night trips which overlap by 3 days. You can either arrange for arrival on Sunday August 16th for dinner and depart Thursday August 20th after lunch ... or ... you can arrange for arrival on Monday August 17th for lunch and depart Friday August 21st after breakfast. Extra nights can be added, at a prorated cost, but this needs to be handled when making your reservation.

We have "block booked" numerous rooms (20 rooms in 2 buildings) which Riedlbauer's is willing to honor until the end of March 2026. Unfortunately the Alpen Haus is not available however we have booked rooms in the Förster Haus and the Jägermeister Haus. This being said, if you'd like to take part in this trip, please continue reading this announcement and make your reservation as quickly as possible to guarantee your stay.

Even though prices for the 2026 season have not yet been established, the resort owners have told us that prices will be similar to this past year. The approximate costs for the 2025 4 day/4 night trip was \$520 to \$540 per person which included ALL meals, taxes and gratuities. To make and hold a reservation you only need to make a deposit of \$50. It is fully refundable if the reservation is cancelled within 15 days prior to arrival. Also, final payment is not required until the day you arrive.

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