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February 2026 Newsletter

In Memorium

Hildure Wood

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General Meeting

February 9, 2026 – 7:30 p.m. in the Deutsche Halle

Ladies' Dinner Special – Stuffed Peppers

A Message from our President

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

Welcome to February and what could be considered by some one of the bleakest months of the year. First, with only 28 days (most years) it really seems to mess with our sense of scheduling. Second, even though days are getting longer, there is still so much darkness and cold that most of us remain in the midwinter doldrums. We are now very tired of the cold and looking forward to the warmer weather of spring including the new and fresh colors and smells that come along with it. Don't worry, the warm weather will be back before we know it.

If you're looking to change your midwinter routine, please consider coming to the club for a change of pace. Join in one or more of our weekly activities, groups or celebrations. Or just come to the Bauernstube and enjoy a nice evening of social conversation and a beverage of your choice.

Below, please find a few of our upcoming organizational events. The ones highlighted in bold are our more significant organizational events. Please come out and support OUR organization, YOUR club.

Tacos and Karaoke, FNF in the Bauernstube, Friday February 6th

Fasching (German Carnival, a Costume Ball), Saturday February 14th

173rd DSB Stiftungsfest (the DSB's Anniversary Celebration), Saturday March 14th

Founders' Day Frühschoppen (DSB Founders Day Breakfast), Tuesday March 17th

Starkbierfest (Strong Beer Fest), Saturday March 21st

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More detailed information on all our events can typically be found throughout the newsletter as well as on the website and Facebook. Also, if you've not done so, please contact Judy Ariganello to sign up and receive email blasts which gets you the most complete and up to date news and information regarding organizational events as they happen.

Servus,

Rudy Schock, President

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

DSB Chorus

The Singers have begun preparing for their Spring singing season. Our first event is the Annual Liederabend (Evening of Song) hosted by the United Singers of Philadelphia at the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein. This year's Liederabend will be held on March 1, 2026 with singing beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Singers will have a bus departing from the DSB at 2:00 p.m. with seats available for guests. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Keith Farmer at klfarmer1962@gmail.com or 302-354-9748. The bus is free but there is an admission fee of \$8.00 per person. Food and beverages will also be available for sale. We will return to the DSB no later than 8:00 p.m.

We are always looking for new members. Come out and join us every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Deutsche Halle.

Keith Farmer, Singers' Chairperson

Property Committee

MEETING – Monday, February 2, 2026 – DSB Library – 7:30 p.m. WORKDAY –
February 14, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Sunshine Committee

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! Retirements! Let me know!

Stephanie Roten. Call, Text or Email. (302) 402-3116 sroten2025@yahoo.com

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1st Vice President

Thank you to everyone that came out to support the Goulash Dinner on Friday, January 16th. The dinner prepared by the EVTG was excellent and there were people in the Bauernstube, VSR and even in the Halle throughout the evening. Thanks also to Ann and Steve for the live music and I hope that everyone enjoyed a good time.

On Friday, February 6th we will be having a "Tacos and Karaoke" night starting at 5 PM with dinner. Hopefully we get to see many of you come by to enjoy tacos and then stick around in the VSR for some fun entertainment provided by many of you singing some favorite songs.

We will be having a Super Bowl potluck in the Bauernstube and VSR on Sunday, February 8th. The pre-game activities will start at about 4 PM, so bring a favorite football food or snack to share and stick around to watch the game which starts at 6:30 PM.

The 4th annual Starkbierfest will be held on Saturday, March 21st from 3 to 6 PM. See the attached flyer for all the details. Tickets will be available for purchase very soon in the Bauernstube.

There are plans for a Friday night food on February 27th and also in March. Check your email and the Bauernstube Facebook page for updates on these events.

Jim Little, 1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Happy February!

Come out on February 14th for Fasching! The Flyer is included in this month's newsletter! Doors Open at 6pm and music provided by the AlpenLanders. Dress up in your best costume and maybe win a prize!! The Ladies will be providing food for the evening with what I am sure will be good! March 14th will be the DSB 173rd Stfitungsfest. Doors will open at 6pm. John and Maria will be providing us with music for your dancing pleasure. Come out and listen to the Singers provide us with some lovely songs they have been practicing and the EVTG will be performing dances for us also! The Ladies will be providing a menu of food for purchase also at Stfitungsfest. Bring the family and help the DSB celebrate their anniversary!!!!

Teresa Vikari, 2nd VP

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Musik in der Bauernstube

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

- Friday, February 13th
- Friday, February 27th
- Friday, March 6th
- Friday, March 20th

Photography Club

The Photography Club will meet on Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. in the Deutsche Halle. Any skill or equipment level is most welcome in the club! Feel free to bring cameras and any printed or digital photos you would like to share!

To be added to the mailing list, please email dsbphotoclub@gmail.com and feel free to join us!

Joe Wengloski

Friday Night Food

Join us on Friday February 6th starting at 5:00 p.m. for a very special FNF "Tacos and Karaoke". The meal for the evening will be tacos while the entertainment will be the people in attendance. We will have a karaoke machine setup for all those willing to participate. For those people who may need a little "liquid courage" there may be margaritas. See the attached flyer for more details.

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Membership

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2026 dues. If you have not yet submitted your dues, please do so by January 31 to avoid the possibility of losing your membership.

The next induction meeting is currently in the planning stages. The Membership Committee will be meeting soon to discuss dates and details, and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

Ann Marie Blaasch, Membership Secretary

Culture Committee

The History Wall committee is actively pursuing acquiring a video monitor for the wall to show videos of the club over the years.

Kindercamp will be held August 10-14. The program mixes fun activities with learning for children ages 6-12 years of age. Members are free. Non-members are \$100/child. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Our next Culture Committee meeting is on Thursday, February 5, at 7:00 pm in the Board Room. Interested DSB members, including new members, are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Thank you, Sandie Mather and Anne Sullivan, Culture Committee Co-Chairs

Genealogy Research Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Feb 15, 2026, at 1:30pm in the VSR. At this meeting, open to everyone, we will begin with a viewing of a short video: "The German Diaspora, Mapped" followed by several club members recalling family accounts of their diaspora experiences.

A diaspora refers to a group of people who live outside their original homeland but maintain cultural, social, or emotional ties to it. Diasporas often form because of migration caused by economic opportunity, war, political change, or religious persecution. The German diaspora developed over several centuries as Germans migrated to regions such as the United States, Eastern Europe, South America, and Russia. These communities often preserved German language, traditions, and customs while also adapting to the cultures of their new countries.

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All meetings will be on Sundays at 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. in the VSR on the following dates: 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? Email to Sheila Young (say2018@gmail.com) and Lloyd Maier patch10@maierassociates.com)

DSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SCHOLARSHIP – 2026

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 or required information, etc., will result in the application not being considered.

Craft Committee

It's a new year with new ideas. Come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We meet from 12:30-2:30 in the library. Come in by the back door. We are looking at new ways of displaying our items at the Christmas Festival, along with finding new items to make. All are welcome to join in.

Barb McMullin and Carol Bridges

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From the Ladies

We had a beautiful Inaugural Ball event with a delicious pork schnitzel dinner, desserts and our ever popular pumpkin mushroom soup. Many thanks to all the Ladies and Gentlemen who worked to make this event a success!

Thank you EVTG members for the wonderful goulash dinner to support the Kanes. It was very well attended. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the food and music by Ann and Steve.

A trip to Winterthur this spring is in the planning stages. A date will be announced when we can coordinate availability of the venue trams.

The next Ladies meetings are February 23rd and March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the VSR. Please come and join us!

The General meeting special menu item for February 9th is Stuffed Peppers.

Jean Amundsen, President
Ladies of the DSB
Jafancy97@icloud.com

Garden Committee

Spring still seems like a long way off, but annuals are on order for the balcony and barrels, seeds have been purchased for the Ladies' flower cutting garden and we are looking into native perennials for our spring plant sale.

The Garden Committee is hosting our UD Master Gardener friends again on Sunday, February 22nd at 2pm in the VSR with a program titled Preparing Your Landscape for Spring. Bring your questions and challenges and let's see if we can brainstorm some tips and solutions.

Look for the start of Weeding Wednesdays as the weather warms and the days lengthen. Until then, the next Garden Committee Organizational Meeting will be on Monday, February 16th at 7:30PM in the Bauernstube.

julia.dooley@gmail.com

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Reisegruppe (Travel Group)

Don't miss out on the Helen, Georgia Trip Thursday October 8, through Tuesday October 13, 2026

By the time you receive February's newsletter in the mail, the initial deadline for signup may have passed. You still have time to sign up. But hurry!

Don't miss this opportunity to leave the driving to the bus driver while you sit back, relax, and enjoy the fall scenery. 6- day trip includes roundtrip motorcoach, 8 meals, 5-day accommodations, admission to both Biltmore Estate Mansion and Monticello, 2 full days in Helen, Georgia.

Additional information & registration forms are available in the Bauernstube or by request via email.

Contact: Jeanne Dyson at jdyson1014@gmail.com

To hold your seats, contact Rudy Schock via email: rschock324@gmail.com

Here are more events currently planned for 2026

- Friday April 10, 2026 - Yuengling Brewery Tour Pottsville, PA- more information to come
- May 2026 - Naval Academy Tour, Annapolis MD- more information to come
- Sunday August 16- Thursday August 20, 2026 - Riedlbauer's Resort - 2nd Annual fun in the Catskills. See flyers available in the Bauernstube
- Friday December 4-Thursday December 10, 2026 – Christmas Markets of Montreal and Quebec City – Brochures are available with detailed information in the Bauernstube

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REMINDER: Our Reisegruppe meetings for 2026 are as follows:

All meetings start at 6:30 pm in the VSR. All club members are welcome to attend.

Monday February 2, 2026

Monday May 4, 2026

Monday August 4, 2026

Monday November 2, 2026

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

Cornhole

We continue to play Cornhole in the Deutsche Halle from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on Monday evenings except on General Meeting nights and unless otherwise noted. Come join us to see what it's all about and share in our "Gemütlichkeit".

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Friday Night Food

provided by Erika, Ann Marie and Anne with help from their husbands

“Tacos and Karaoke”

**Come by and enjoy some tacos ...
then stay and sing a song or two ... or just listen to others**



2 soft or hard shell tacos made with beef, chicken or vegetarian and all the fixings. Meals served with rice & beans and a street corn casserole.

Tres Lochos cake for dessert will be available for separate purchase.

Friday February 6, 2026

**Food being served from 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Followed by KARAOKE**

Reservations NOT Required but food will be limited

Cost \$12 per person

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FASCHING 2026

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

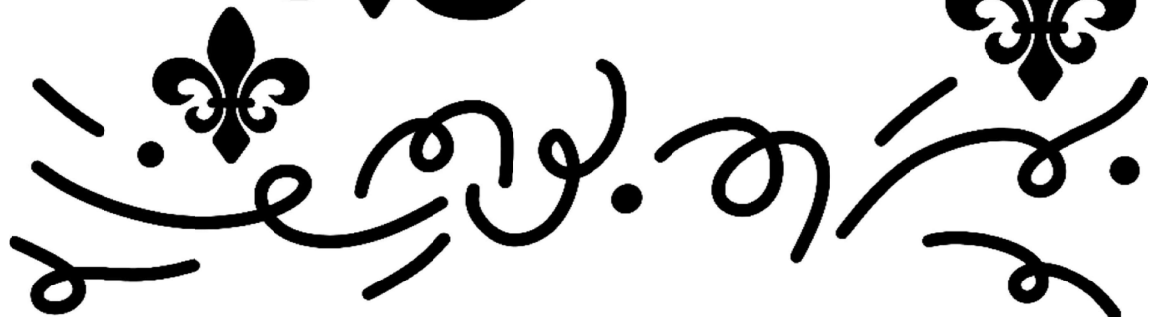
6:30PM - 10:30PM

DOORS OPEN: 6PM

MUSIC BY THE ALPENLANDERS

**FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM
THE LADIES OF THE DSB**

CASH BAR



The DSB presents

STARKBIERFEST
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3-21-2026

(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

Roast Beef with Gravy.

Both include - Red Cabbage, Spaetzle, Vegetable and Dessert.

(Dinner served from 3pm to 5pm)

Also available for purchase:

Soft Pretzels, Traditional German Beers on tap,

the Stark Biers, Wine, mixed drinks,

sodas and Schnapps.

With Entertainment provided by:

The DSB Singers, Dancers and our Band.

Limited tickets available to members and their guests.

Requesting Traditional German Tracht.

Otherwise, please dress respectfully for the event.

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Monthly Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb 2	MON	Reisegruppe Meeting	6:30 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Feb 2	MON	Property Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Feb 5	THUR	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Feb 6	FRI	Friday Night Food – Tacos and Karaoke	5:00 p.m.	Bauernstube/VSR
Feb 9	MON	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Feb 14	SAT	Fasching	6:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Feb 14	SAT	Property Clean up	8:30 a.m.	
Feb 15	SUN	Genealogy Research Group viewing short video, "The German Diaspora, Mapped"	1:30 p.m.	von Steuben Room
Feb 22	SUN	Photography Club	2:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
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
Mar 1	SUN	Singers – Liederabend – Canstatter	3:00 p.m.	Canstatter
Mar 2	MON	Property Meeting	7:30 p.m.	
Mar 5	THUR	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Mar 9	MON	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 14	SAT	173 rd DSB Stiftungsfest	6:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 14	SAT	Property Clean up	8:30 am	
Mar 17	Tue	Founders' Day Frühschoppen	10:00 a.m.	VSR
Mar 21	SAT	4 th Annual Starkbierfest	3:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 30	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	VSR

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Dues for 2026 are now PAST DUE!

Attention: DSB Membership Secretary

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() this is a new address or phone number.

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