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March 2026 Newsletter

In Memorium

Erna Mulrine
Otto Hofle

General Meeting

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

Ladies' Dinner Special – Spaghetti and Meatballs

A Message from our President

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

Hopefully this newsletter finds you all well, warm and comfortable. It's March and as the groundhog predicted in February, 6 more weeks of winter. When will it ever end. I believe this may be the coldest and snowiest winter we've had in quite some time ... brrr. Let's all keep our fingers crossed and hope that it comes to an end soon.

March is an important month regarding the history of our organization. On Saturday, March 14th we will be celebrating our 173rd Stiftungsfest (Anniversary or Founders' Festival). We will also once again be having a "Founders' Day Fruhschoppen," a traditional German brunch (drinking before noon), on Tuesday, March 17th, the actual day of our organization's founding.

Herzlichen Gluckwunsch zum Jubilaum! (Happy Anniversary)

I hope to see you at one if not both of these events as well as many of the other events the club and some of its many groups are hosting. More information regarding organizational events can be found throughout the newsletter, on the website as well as on the "The Bauernstube" and "Delaware Sangerbund & Library Association" Facebook pages. Also, pay attention to all the email blasts because they keep us current!

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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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

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday, March 2, 2026 - DSB Library - 7:30pm
PROPERTY COMMITTEE WORKDAY - Saturday, March 14, 2026 - 8:30am

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

1st Vice President

We will ring in spring with the 4th annual Starkbierfest on Saturday, March 21st from 3 to 6 PM. See the attached flyer for the details. Tickets are available for purchase in the Bauernstube from any bartender. The cost is \$35 for anyone who is tasting the Stark Biers and \$20 for those that just want to come for the dinner and entertainment. Hope to see many of you there for this annual event.

On Tuesday March 17th, we will start the day with the Founders' Day Fruhschoppen starting at 10 AM in the VSR and then continue the festivities with the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in the afternoon in the Bauernstube and VSR.

Another Friday Night Food event will be held on Friday, March 27th featuring a choice of Seafood Lasagna or Paprika Chicken. Come on out for some great food, drink and good company at the club.

Jim Little, 1st Vice President

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2nd Vice President

Happy March! Spring is just around the corner!

I would like to thank everyone who came out for our Faschings Ball on February 14th! Hopefully you were able to celebrate with your Valentine and enjoy the festive costumes, music and food!

Our next event is the Delaware Saengerbund 173rd Stiftungsfest on Saturday March 14th with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and the programs starting at 6:00 p.m. Music will be provided by John and Maria for your dancing pleasure. And as always the Ladies will be providing food for sale.

Come out and celebrate your club's anniversary!

DRESS CODE IS BUSINESS: MEN IN SHIRTS, TIES, BLAZERS AND DRESS PANTS; OR BAYERISCHEN GWAND; LADIES IN DRESSES, PANT SUITS; DIRNDLS, SKIRTS, BLOUSES.

ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS, BASEBALL CAPS, FLANNEL SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, SWEATPANTS OR SNEAKERS FOR EITHER MEN OR WOMEN. You will be asked to leave if you enter the event not dressed appropriately.

Saturday, June 6th will be the Club's Annual Picnic down in the Pavilion. There will be fun and games for all ages again. Ladies will be providing a menu for Lunch that day and beverages will be sold for all ages and there will be music provided in the Pavilion for your listening and dancing pleasure. Remember to bring a chair and a tablecloth if you want for your table **BUT NO OUTSIDE COOLERS.**

Now onto my Oktoberfest Hat!

If I need to update anyone for the Chair List please let me know when you can as we will be having a meeting coming up soon.

Remember we need volunteers the week of the event, during the event AND the week AFTER the event. Please contact me if you have any questions on what it is we need for volunteers.

We have also hired a new band from Germany for the weekend to play! BROTZEITMUSI is from Schwangau, down in the area of Fussen and Neuschwanstein Castle. Find them on Instagram or Facebook and check them out!

See you around the club!!

mit Herzlichen Grussen, Teresa Vikari, 2nd Vice President

Musik in der Bauernstube

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

- Friday, March 6th
 - Friday, March 20th
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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

Membership

The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome our newest members inducted on February 17th:

- **Michael and Susan Vannelli** – Supporting Family
- **Skyler Novack and Michael Currey** – Active Family

A friendly reminder: to maintain active membership, you must attend at least **four** General Meetings during the calendar year. We look forward to seeing you often!

We also have an updated Membership Application. It now includes a cover letter detailing our Club objectives, types of membership, and the updated application process. Printed copies are available in the Bauernstube and Club office, and it is also posted on the Club website.

Wishing all our members a warm rest of the winter and plenty of Gemutlichkeit!

Ann Marie Blasch, Membership Secretary

Culture Committee

History Wall: The history wall is progressing and will soon be finished. Thanks go to Don and Lorraine Sturmfels and their committee. They are still searching for the AV equipment they need for the interactive section of the display.

Casablanca auf Deutsch: Due to weather, the Sunday afternoon showing of the classic film *Casablanca* in German was postponed. A new date will be announced soon. The Committee hopes to schedule viewings of more films in the coming months as well.

History Book Updates: Rod Meehan and others are finishing their work on updating the recent history of the club. Just a few more sections need to be completed.

The Culture Committee meets the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 5th at 7 pm in the Boardroom. The Committee is always looking for new worker bees to join the group.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandie Mather and Anne Sullivan, Co-Chairs

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DSB Featured Book

Wer Wohnt im Wald?

The highlighted book from the library for this month is *Wer Wohnt Im Wald*, a gift from Julia Dooley and the Garden Committee. It is "an illustrated German-English bilingual story for kids." One by one, the animals living in the woods are introduced in German with English subtitles: der Bar, der Igel, der Specht, der Biber, die Schlange. die Eule, der Fuchs, und noch viele. Two pages with large print and lovely illustrations tell about each animal:

Hallo! Ich bin das Eichhornchen! Ich fresse gern Eicheln. Ich wohne in einer Baumhohle. Ich habe einen buschigen Schwanz. Ich bin sehr flink. Die letzte Seite fragt: Kannst du alle benennen?

Das Buch kommt aus Middletown, Delaware. (The book comes from Middletown, Delaware.)

(Book review submitted by Sandie Mather.)

Genealogy Research Group

The next Genealogy Research Group event and meeting will take place on May 3 at 1:30pm in the VSR. The first hour will highlight Trudy Gilgenast. After a brief intermission, the second hour will focus on research tips followed by Q&As from our group members. All are welcome at our events and meetings.

For those interested in learning more about the German Diaspora, here is a link to the video that we showed at the Genealogy meeting on February 15th:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICAmA2MQpHQ&list=PPSV&t=1s>

Special thanks to Ruder Shill, Don Thoreau, Rudy/Anne/Willie Shock, and Brian Gantzhorn, for sharing their personal experiences with us. There was a full room at the event on February 15th and we all thoroughly enjoyed your talks!

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

Cornhole

We continue to play Cornhole in the Deutsche Halle from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 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 "Gemutlichkeit".

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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

Come and join in if you are crafty, or just have ideas for things we can make and sell at the annual Christmas Festival. We meet in the club's library the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 12:30-2:30. Come in the back door.

Barb McMullin and Carol Bridges

Spitzbuben

Join us every Friday in the Bauernstube or Library starting at 7:30 pm to play and learn Skat! You can also join us on Sunday the 22nd of February from 1-4 pm in the Bauernstube/Weinstube.

Brian Gantzhorn

Ladies of the DSB

The Ladies and Desiree Mulford will be sponsoring a Soap Making Class. It will be held on Sunday, March 1st from 2:30-4:30 in the VSR. Participants will receive a basic recipe, resource sheet and a half pound of soap. The fee is \$30 to be pre-paid. You can pay by cash, check or go to the website listed on the sign-up form to pay directly. Forms are available in the Bauernstube and posted on the bulletin board. The cutoff date for payment/registration is Sunday, February 22nd. You can contact Desiree with questions at DMulford1@comcast.net or 302-379-2087. Please remember Marti and Dennis Kane and their family in your prayers as they continue the process of rebuilding their home and lives.

The next Ladies' meetings are March 30th and April 27th at 7 p.m. in the VSR. Please come and join us!

The General Meeting special menu item for March 9th is Spaghetti and Meatballs.

Jean Amundsen, President, Ladies of the DSB, jafancy97@icloud.com

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Garden Committee

Hopefully the Garden Committee will be able to start on our end-of-winter cleanup soon! In the meantime, come get some good advice on growing food at our next workshop, **A Comprehensive Look at Vegetable Gardening in 90min**, with UD Master Gardener Rick Judd on **Sunday, March 15th from 2:00-3:30pm in the VRS**. See the flyer for details.

We are always hopeful to have some new volunteers join our team. You don't need to be an expert, just have the interest and a bit of time. We usually work a couple of hours on Wednesday early evenings and a Saturday morning once a month. Our organizational meetings on the third Monday of every month starting at 7:30 are a great opportunity to come and meet us and learn about what we do. The date for our next meeting is Monday, March 16th in the Bauernstube. If the weather cooperates, our next Saturday work day will be on March 14th starting at 8:30am.

Email julia.dooley@gmail.com with questions or to join our email/contact list.

Reisegruppe (Travel Group)

- Friday April 10, 2026 – Yuengling Brewery Tour – \$45 member, \$55 non-member- email : jdyson1014@gmail.com if you want me to hold your seat. This tour is already beginning to fill. Flyer available on the on-line newsletter and at the Bauernstube
- May TBD , 2026 - Annapolis Naval Academy Tour – Information to come
- Sunday August 16 – August 20 ,2026 – Riedlbauer's Resort 4 day-. We currently have 17 people signed up. If you are interested in going but do not want to drive, please email : jdyson1014@gmail.com . We will help with carpooling, See flyer for more information. It's only a \$50 deposit to hold your room. Full payment due upon arrival. You can receive a full refund if you cancel 2 weeks prior. After March there may not be rooms available. So sign up now.
- December 4-10, 2026 – Christmas Markets of Montreal and Quebec City - brochures available in the Bauernstube – There are still a few seats available. Must sign up no later than May 27, 2026.

The group is already planning several trips for 2027. Currently looking into a trip to Iceland in the summer and Williamsburg in the Fall. We will also plan several day trips.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD

Provided by Judy and Ann Marie (and husbands)

March 27, 2026
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

SEAFOOD LASAGNA

(Lasagna with white sauce, crabmeat & shrimp)

Served with garlic bread and salad

Brownie w/ice cream

\$13.00



OR

PAPRIKA CHICKEN

Served with garlic bread and salad

Brownie w/ice cream

\$13.00

Reservations NOT Required but food will be limited.

The DSB presents

STARKBIERFEST 4

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.

St. Patrick's Day Party

When: March 17th
Party will open at noon.

Come and have a few pints with your family and friends.
The Quiet Man will be playing along with Irish Music.

Enjoy some Irish cuisine.

Potato Soup, Ham and Cabbage and Irish Bread will be provided. Let's keep the tradition of bringing an Irish dish to share with your DSB friends.

Quench your thirst with a special St. Patrick's Day drink.

Irish Toasts to my DSB Friends

May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and a smooth road all the way to your door.

There are good ships, and there are wood ships, there are ships that sail the sea. But the best ships, are friendships, and may they always be.

DSB Founders Day Frischoppen 2026

Tuesday March 17th ... help Celebrate the day OUR Club was Founded in 1853

TWO WEISS WURST WITH MUSTARD, A PRETZEL & A DRAFT BEER FOR \$12

SHOW YOUR GERMAN PRIDE, WEAR GERMAN TRACHT

The Bauernstube will be open beginning at 10am for ticket holders ONLY

Food will be served from 10am - Noon

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for information, reservations or tickets,
call or text Rudy Schock at (814) 574-8243
or email rschock324@gmail.com

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Yuengling Brewery Tour

The Reisegruppe invites you to tour the oldest American brewery

Friday April 10, 2026

56 seat Coach Bus to Yuengling Brewery, Pottsville Pennsylvania

- Depart the DSB parking lot at 8:30 am
- Arrive at Brewery at 11:30 am
- Explore, shop and eat 11:30 to 1:15 pm
- 1:30 pm tour brewery
- 2:30 pm shop at brewery gift shop
- Bus departs for home at 3:00 pm
- Arrive at DSB parking lot 5:30 pm

Cost per person \$45 for members and \$55 for gues

Price includes roundtrip bus transportation and brewery tour;
Food, drinks and other associated costs are on your own

RSVP with full payment by Monday March 30, 2026

Return this form with payment to Jeanne Dyson or leave in Culture Committee mailbox

If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Dyson via email: jdyson1014@gmail.com

Contact name _____

Email address _____

Cell phone number _____

Number of persons: Members _____ @ \$45 subtotal \$ _____

Guest _____ @\$55 subtotal \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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



Delaware Saengerbund Garten Komitee presents

Spring Gardening Workshop-

A Comprehensive Look at Vegetable Gardening in 90min

with

Delaware Master Gardener

Rick Judd

Sunday, March 15th

2:00-3:30 pm in the Von Steuben Room

This is a free event open to the DSB community

This is a vegetable gardening presentation- topics to include:

- Critical Gardening Elements- Sun, Soil and Water
- Timing/Seasonality of Vegetables
 - o Cool/Cold Season Vegetables
 - o Warm Season Vegetables
 - o Four Season vs Two Season Garden Strategy
- Good Practices- crop rotation, and planting practices
- Garden Maintenance- composting, garden prep, and mulching

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MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 1	SUN	Singers – Liederabend – Canstatter	3:00 p.m.	Canstatter
Mar 1	SUN	Soap Making Class	2:00 p.m.	VSR
Mar 2	MON	Property Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Mar 5	THUR	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Mar 6	FRI	Musik in der Bauernstube (Ann & Steve)	6:00 p.m.	Bauernstube
Mar 9	MON	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 10	TUES	Oktoberfest Core Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	VSR
Mar 14	SAT	173 rd DSB Stiftungsfest	6:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 14	SAT	Property Clean up	8:30 am	
Mar 15	SUN	UD Master Gardners' Talk	2:00 p.m.	VSR
Mar 16	MON	Garden Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Bauernstube
Mar 17	TUES	Founders' Day Fruhschoppen	10:00 a.m.	VSR
Mar 20	FRI	Musik in der Bauernstube (Ann & Steve)	6:00 p.m.	Bauernstube
Mar 21	SAT	4 th Annual Starkbierfest	3:00 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Mar 22	SUN	Spitzbuben	1:00 p.m.	Library
Mar 27	FRI	Friday Night Food – Seafood Lasagna/Paprika Chicken	5:00 p.m.	Bauernstube
Mar 30	MON	Ladies' Meeting	7:00 p.m.	VSR
Apr 2	THUR	Culture Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Apr 6	MON	Property Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Library
Apr 10	FRI	Yuengling Brewery Tour	8:30 a.m.	
Apr 13	MON	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Deutsche Halle
Apr 18	SAT	Property Clean up	8:30 a.m.	
Apr 27	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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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 _____

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