

German American Club of C.C. Newsletter

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President's Corner

Ihr Lieben,

Our February 15th Valentine's dinner dance by all accounts was a resounding success. The Cape Cod Bavarian Band entertained and excited us with their lively music. The audience responded in kind, singing and dancing the night away. The Centerville Historical museum proved, once again, to be a nice cozy and scintillating setting. The hall was beautifully decorated thanks in no small part to Susan Lewsen. Her efforts, together with our volunteers, added so much to the energy enjoyed by all.

The food, as usual, was delicious. Many thanks to all those who cooked, including Peg Gren who, even though she could not attend, made the Sauerbraten; Wolfgang Fattler, who created the red cabbage; the Lewsens, who brought the cupcakes; and Susan Lewsen, Pat Roller, Martha Barratries, Connie Hackbarth, and others

who contributed their culinary offerings.

A special thanks to Penny Holeman and Susan Lewsen for help with the Tombola.

Also, appreciation and thanks to all those who helped with set up and cleanup. Your participation contributed greatly to the evening's success.

We now move on to our Cultural Afternoon to be held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday March 8, 2020 from 2:00-5:00 P.M. We have two exciting presentations planned. The first is by scholar and lecturer Dr. Norman B. Reiss who will present: "Wagner the Magician". Learn as you listen and appreciate the sublime music of Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde". The second will be a "Wine Tasting" with Anna from Blanchard Liquors. We promise a good time to be had by all. Further details are in the attached flyer.

Our April event will

include the yearly election of officers. After over 12 years at the helm as your President, I will be stepping down to make way for a new generation. It has been my honor and privilege to serve these many years, and I plan to still remain active. We are so grateful that Penny Holeman has agreed to assume the presidential helm. A complete list of nominees will be published in our April newsletter. As always, nominations for all positions will also be entertained from the floor at that time.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Your participation is essential for a continued thriving German American Club on Cape Cod.

Viele Grüße,

Leonard Klein,
President

CAPE COD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GERMAN SIG

The Cape Cod Genealogical Society's German SIG helps each other learn more about our German ancestors, traditions, and customs, and research is currently being done both here and in Germany.

Currently, the club is working on creating two maps to show the flow of German refugees from their native German towns to their settlement in the USA.

For more information, visit their Facebook page. They meet the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in the Auditorium of the Brewster Ladies' Library, Route 6A, Brewster, MA from 10:00 A.M. - Noon.

You may also contact Ann Croston acroston125@comcast.net with any questions.

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If anyone has news of illness or bereavement, please contact Beverly Firnhaber at 508-430-0054, so she can send a card with a message on behalf of the club.



QUOTES

*"...read to a
child."*

—Dr. Seuss

*Books wash away
from the soul*

*The dust of every-
day life.*

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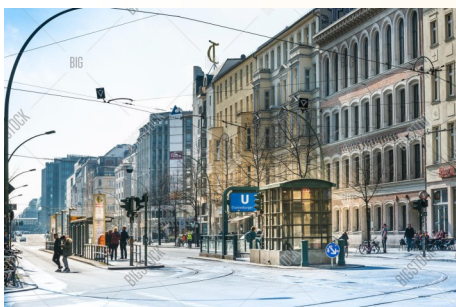
*You're never too
old, too wacky, too*

*wild to pick up a
book and read to a
child.*

~ Dr. Seuss

March in Germany

Are you visiting Germany in March? It is the slow season so your travel dollar can go farther, and as this is the heart of the winter season you can enjoy the best of Germany's ski slopes or ice rinks.



This means it is a chilly

time so be sure to pack for the cold. There are also several cultural events that lift the gloom of end of winter.

Following are the best events for Germany in March.

KURT WEILL MUSIC FESTIVAL AND BERLINALE

Kurt Weill Music Festival:

Enjoy the vibe of the Golden Twenties in Dessau, the birthplace of German composer Kurt Weill. Famed for his "Three Penny Opera", the festival celebrates with a week-long music festival. Dessau's Bauhaus buildings act as the ideal stage for Weill's compositions.

Berlinale:

Berlin's Berlinale is one of the most well-respected film festivals in the world. For 10 days, the red carpet is rolled out at the cinema at Potsdamer Platz and neighboring theatres. World-famous stars step

and repeat before entering the theatres for international premieres. Over 500,000 attendees are also welcome to buy tickets and be some of the first in the world to see the movies everyone is going to be talking about for the next year.

This is also a chance to peek behind the curtain with director and cast often available for Q&As after the screening. And even after the credits roll there is more to do. The

biggest screenings are followed by the hottest parties in the nightlife capital of Germany.



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LIT. COLOGNE AND LEIPZIGER BUCHMESSE

Lit. Cologne

The city of Cologne hosts a large literature festival with internationally renowned authors from around the world. They cover every genre from non-fiction to crime to Nobel laureates.

The Cologne Literature Festival is famous for its unusual locations and events; you can listen to crime

stories at the Cologne police headquarters, or enjoy poems on a ship.



Leipziger Buchmesse

Leipzig is known as the city of music, but that is

not its only arts scene. One of the first book fairs, the Leipziger Buchmesse, is among the largest in the world.

This was an important meet-up during the DDR era with readers and sellers from the East and West. The event has continued to grow since reunification and includes nearly 3,000 events at 350 different venues for over a quarter of a million people.

MORE FUN THINGS IN MARCH



Starkbierzeit

Germans love their brew and there is a reason for celebration almost any time of the year. Oktoberfest is far from the only large-scale bierfest in Germany, or even in Munich.

Described as the “insider's Oktoberfest” and the fifth season, Starkbierzeit (strong beer time) is when locals shake off winter hibernation with beers of Herculean strength. Popular brewers Löwenbräu, Augustiner, and Hacker- Pschorr brew just enough to satisfy the season. Opening festivities go down at Paulaner's Festsaal (festival hall) where it first took place in 1870. Beers are traditionally served in a 1-litre stein, called a Keferloher.



St. Patrick's Day

Just because you are in the land of Reinheitsgebot (beer purity law) doesn't mean you can't enjoy a Guinness.

The St Patrick's Day parade in Munich is the biggest celebration in Germany with thousands of people taking to the street to enjoy a foreign beer, Gaelic bagpipers, and beer-themed party gear. Berlin also hosts a St. Patrick's Festival at Urban Spree with Irish drinks and food, live music, and Irish dancing.

On St. Patrick's Day, Irish pubs across the country will open their doors with live music and kegs full of beer.



International Travel Trade Show (ITB)

Internationale Tourismus Börse (or the much easier ITB Berlin) is the world's largest travel trade fair.

Begun in 1966, it now brings in 10,000 exhibitors from more than 180 countries as a B2B (business to business) platform. Tourism departments, tour operators, airlines, and hotels arrive ready to impress.



Sommergewinn Eisenach

This traditional spring festival arrives early and welcomes the upcoming warmer days. It consists of several days of celebration with dancing and shows, and includes a large parade that dates back to 1879 with colorful floats and more than 1,000 participants.

To see the full article visit

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American community
depends on the active
involvement and
support of all.*

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