

German-American Social Club of Peekskill NY

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Putnam Valley, NY 10579

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Newsletter - Information Flyer

April - May - June 2026

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT 1936 - 2026



90th Anniversary Celebration

<<< May 3rd, 2026 >>>

See Enclosed Information Flyer



Ladies Afternoon Tea

May 16, 2026

See Enclosed Flyer



German Fest - 2026
Saturday, May 30th, 2026
Sunday, May 31st, 2026



OKTOBERFEST 2026
Saturday, September 12th, 2026
Sunday, September 13th, 2026

See Enclosed Flyers

Annual Pig Roast
June 20th, 2026 3:00 PM
Information Enclosed



Annual Wurst Night

Not TO BE MISSED

Friday, March 27th, 2026



2026 Veterans Benefit Dinner
Saturday, April 11th, 2026
Details enclosed



2026 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President: A. Gerald Schramek
1st Vice President & Secretary:
Anna Schramek
2nd Vice President: Peter Dreessen
Treasurer: Herbert Seeff
Financial Secretary: Don Leisengang

DIRECTORS: (7)

Renate Rao – Chairlady
Marilyn A. Buck
Tom Farrell
Michelle Mendola
Fred Miehl
William Pfister
Bryan Traynor

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS:

Renee Leisengang & Patrick Regan

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

90th Anniversary Celebration
Anna & Gerry Schramek
ABC Officer: Fred Miehl
Bartender Committee: A. Gerald Schramek
Building: (3) Peter Dreessen,
Bryan Traynor & William Pfister
Christmas Party: Michelle Mendola
Entertainment: (2)
Herbert Seeff & Herman A. Buck
Facebook: Anna Schramek
Grounds Manager: Peter Dreessen
German Fest: (2) Renate Rao &
Herbert Seeff
Halloween Party: Michelle Mendola
Inventory: (3)
1. Herbert Seeff – Bar Supplies
2. Herman A. Buck
Plastic & Paper Goods
3. Marilyn A. Buck -
Kitchen Supplies
Kitchen Committee (2)
Marilyn A. Buck &
Michelle Mendola
Ladies Tea: Renee Leisengang
Monthly Meeting Dinners (2)
Marilyn A. Buck &
Michelle Mendola:
Newsletters & Event Flyers: (2)
Herman A. Buck &
Renee Leisengang
Marilyn A. Buck
Oktoberfest: (2) Herbert Seeff &
Renate Rao
New Year's Eve Get Together
Michelle Mendola
PR Director: Renate Rao
Rentals: Herbert Seeff
Superbowl: Michelle Mendola
Tag Sale: Renata Rao
Veterans Benefit Dinner: Anna Schramek
Website: Jennifer Scheuermann
Wurst Night: Donald Leisengang

A BRIEF HISTORY – AGAIN: In 1936 a group of Americans of German descent gathered to form a club with the purpose and goal to preserve the traditions and cultural heritage of their German homeland. The club's present facility and property was purchased in 1979. We, the current members are reaping the benefits given to us by these early members. It is our continued responsibility to preserve the traditions and culture of their German homeland, and our continued service to our local community. We honor those founding members and those members current and past that have brought us to this milestone.

On May 3rd, 2026, we will be celebrating this major milestone. Our club will be 90 years old. A committee has been formed to plan this major event. Chairing this committee is **Gerry and Anna Schramek**. The event will be held at the **Centennial Golf Course**, in Carmel NY, with entertainment provided by the **Spitzbuam**. In line with this special accomplishment, a commemorative **90th Anniversary Journal** will be put together. **Herbert Seeff, Donald Leisengang and Herman Buck** will be putting the Journal together.

The founders of this organization would be Proud of our accomplishments over these past 90 years.

We are committed to continue our fine works.

OKTOBERFEST 2026 UPDATE: Previously we reported that the Schlauberger would be performing at our 2026 Oktoberfest. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Schlauberger will not be performing at the Oktoberfest this year. Replacing the Schlauberger on Saturday (9/12/2026) will be the **Spitzbuam** and on Sunday (9/13/2026) will be the **Alpine Squeeze**. The **Red White and Brews** band will be performing on both days of the Oktoberfest



**All Gave Some
Some Gave All
9/11/2001
We Shall Never Forget**



**Always Remember December 7th, 1941
A Day Of Infamy**



MEMBERSHIP

The Life blood of any organization is its members. New members are always needed and welcome. Sponsor a new member into your club. New members bring new ideas and new volunteers to assist us with our many programs and events.

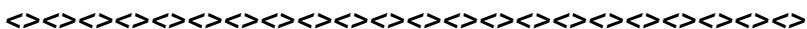
Germanfest & Oktoberfest - 2026

Each year we host the Germanfest and the Oktoberfest. These are the club's major sources of income. The net amount earned from these 2 events, helps keep the doors open.

The success of these events depends on a few factors. Good Weather, Good Attendance by the paying public, and the volunteer services of our members and friends of this organization. As always, we are asking the membership to make yourself available to assist at the Germanfest and the Oktoberfest. When the volunteer sign-up sheets are available, we ask that you put your name in the area that you can, and will help make these 2 events great successes. Remember, the continued life of this club depends on the membership.

Remember, we need help on the 2 days of these events, but just as important are the days preceding the events when the property must be prepared. (tables, chairs, decorations, food & drink areas, etc).

This usually takes a few days. Food and drink is always provided for our workers.



The German-American Social Club of Peekskill, NY Proudly Presents Germanfest 2026
Saturday, May 30th, 2026 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Sunday, May 31st, 2026 - Noon - 7:00 PM
Celebrating 90 Years of Patriotic Service and Community Involvement (1936 - 2026)
Performing in the giant party tent on Saturday and Sunday featuring entertainment by
Die Spitzbuam and the Red White and Brews Band



A great variety of German and American food is available.

Domestic and Imported beer in bottles and on tap.

Mixed drinks are available at the club house bar. Viennese Café inside the club house.

Soda & Water is available. Must be 21 years of age to drink alcoholic beverages.

There is activities for the children.

No animals allowed except Service Animals. No Outside Coolers allowed

Beer Stein Holding Contest - Saturday, May 30th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Entrance Fee - \$10.00 Children under 14 are free



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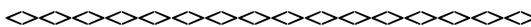
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ANOTHER REMINDER:

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

for all meeting dinners. Contact Marilyn Buck @ 845-227-5159 if you are planning to attend, and the number of persons coming with you. Non-Members are always welcome.

Notification of any changes to the Meeting Schedule will be made via E-Mail & telephone
Reservations are always required for the club's inside events

German-American Social Club
11 Kramers Pond Rd. Putnam Valley, NY 12345

Proudly announces

2026 Veterans Benefit Dinner

Saturday, April 11th, 2026 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
\$55.00 Per Person This is a Pre-Paid event -No Refunds

Bavarian Schnitzel Dinner — Cash Bar
Music by DJ Johnny



**Always
Honor A
Soldier**

**Always
Honor A
Veteran**

RSVP: Text or call Anna Schramek by April 1st, 2026 845-224-5855

Make checks payable to: German-American Social Club and mail to
Anna Schramek, 61 Pleasant Drive, Brewster, NY 10509

All net proceeds will be donated to "MY BROTHER VINNY"
(www.mybrothervinny.com)

MBV is a small but mighty organization serving veterans throughout New York State.

This is a wonderful all Volunteer Organization Honoring our Veterans
Working tirelessly to help Veterans start over.



Please support this worthy organizations goal - to provide needed assistance to our USA Veterans.

Veteran's Day, November 11th, 2026 "FLY OUR" USA Flag with Pride

Membership Meetings - Kitchen Duty List - 2026

April:	Nancy DiMaggio & Elfrieda Frankenberry
May:	NO MEETING – GERMANFEST
June:	Robert Leisengang & Pat Lennon
July:	Brian & Valerie Mansfield
August:	Michelle Mendola & Marilyn Buck
September:	NO MEETING – OKTOBERFEST
October:	Mark Schott & Rosemary Slany
November:	Marilyn Buck & Patrick Regan
December:	NO MEETING – CHRISTMAS PARTY



UNABLE TO WORK YOUR KITCHEN DUTY ASSIGNMENT --- CALL MARILYN @ 845-227-5159

CLUB HOUSE RENTALS: Call Herbert Seeff @ 845-621-1872



ANNUAL PIG ROAST

June 20th, 2026 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

This is a Pre-Paid Event \$50.00 PER

Includes Dinner, Tap Beer, Bar Wine, Soda & Water
Featuring Entertainment by Red White & Brews Band

For reservations and additional information - call Herb Seeff @ 845-621-1872



<< Support the 90th Anniversary Commemorative Journal >>



The German-American Social Club 90th Anniversary Celebration

1936 - 2026

Sunday Afternoon, May 3rd 2026

at the Centennial Golf Course

185 John Simpson Rd., Carmel NY. 10512

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

\$125.00 per Person

Cocktail Hour: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Dinner @ 3:00 PM

Entertainment by the Spitzbuam



July 4th, 2026: the USA celebrates its 250th Birthday
Honor "OUR" USA -- Fly "OUR" Flag



Don't Forget!

Dues for 2026 Are Now Over Due: Annual dues for 2026 are now being accepted by our Financial Secretary. Please remit your payment of \$85.00 per person to **Donald Leisengang**, or drop it off at our clubhouse. For those active members having at least 10 years of membership and are on Social Security, your annual dues are now \$50.00 per person.

Don's address: 186 Fairway Drive, Carmel, New York 10512

*From Each Member, to Every Member
Best wishes to all Members & Friends
For a Happy & Safe Easter*



Annual Spring Clean-up Saturday, April 18th, 2026 9:00 AM

Needed: Rakes, Leaf Blowers, Shovels, Brooms, etc.

Grounds & Club House to be cleaned Refreshments provided



Best wishes for a
Very Happy Father's Day.
June 21st, 2026

Best wishes for a
Very Happy Mother's Day
May 10th, 2026

TRUDY REYNOLDS by Renee Leisengang



Trudy Reynolds is one amazing woman! She is a past president of our club, having served admirably from 1998 to 2000.

Trudy was born in New York and lived there until she was 4, when her mother decided to take her to Germany to visit her grandparents in 1939 while her dad stayed home. Just when her mother wanted to bring her back to the United States so she could attend kindergarten, unfortunately, World War II broke out while she was there and they could not return to the United States. Because of the war, it was 10 long years when she was 14, that she

and her mother were able to return home to the United States and reunite with her father in Flushing, Queens. Some years later Trudy met and married Rudolph, and they made their home in the Bronx. Upon this union they had 2 children, Ursula and Arnold. They eventually moved to South Salem where they built their home and raised their children. She lived in South Salem for 60 years.

Unexpectedly Trudy became a young widow with 2 young children and didn't have a job. She eventually got a job in Mt. Kisco with the Manhattan Savings Bank. Through hard work and determination she became a manager. In 1986 Trudy became a member of the German American Social Club and has very fond memories of her 40 year membership of the GASC. She remembers the wonderful Oktoberfests with bands coming from Germany. There were times when she housed some of the band members, which was the norm for members to step up and house band members from Germany. She recalled the many times they came over where they loved coming to the club and drinking Jaegermeister. She reminisced about the good times with a dinner dance on Saturday evenings once a month, the Christmas parties that were held at Cortland Colonial which was a black tie affair, with men in tuxedos and women in elegant gowns, and also the wonderful New Year's Eve parties at the club. She recalls it being an amazing time at the club.

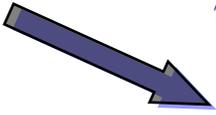
Trudy was not only president of the club she also served as a secretary. As a secretary she took notes by hand, go to a printer to print the notes and mail them out. At that time there was no email.

While serving as president at the club (1998-2000) she formed a congenial relationship with Kolping, Edelweiss and Germania which she felt was important. She loved mingling with members be it a Friday night, a meeting or an event. As president it was very important for her to know the members and converse with them in a pleasant manor. As we celebrate our 90th anniversary Trudy wishes the club all the best and continued success in the years to come.

***Thank you Trudy for all you have done to make this club what it is today.
Your work in this club over the years is very much appreciated!***

NOT TO BE MISSED

The German-American Social Club



Annual Wurst  Night!

A Gourmet Delight

Friday, March 27th, 2026 - 7:30 pm.

Come and sample different German Wursts and Salads while enjoying a fun filled social evening with friends

Donations (\$\$\$) Greatly Appreciated

Don Leisengang - Chairman



A Few Comments from Renee:

Good Luck and Best Wishes to Tom Farrell who will be having Knee Replacement surgery in Aril

Among the many events we had in 2025, our last event of the year, the **Christmas Party** was a huge success! Bud and Linda who provided the music had people on the dance floor partying the night away. Christine Beyer of Christine's Cuisine catered the party. The food was sensational! It was a wonderful evening, and an amazing way to end the year!



The NEW YEAR'S EVE GET TOGETHER was put together by Michelle Mendola. A great success with members and friends welcoming in 2026.



2026 started off with the **Super Bowl Party** at the club. Thank You Michelle Mendola for organizing this event

BIRTHDAY LISTS: Starting with this newsletter, we will be listing upcoming birthdays of members



APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

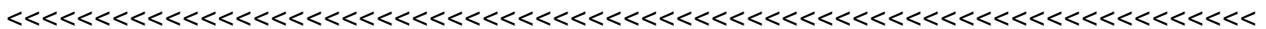
Linda Ahrens, Gerald Beyrer, Sieglinde Braun, Linda Doerr, Johan Jung, Fritz Kaleja, Renee Leisengang, Trudy Link, George (Bud) Schaible, George Spath, Kristine Clark, Louise Brescia,

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Pam Acevedo, George Katsch, Steven Kaufman, Patrick Regan, Ingeborg Stauder, Monika Straessle, James Purcell, Eric Purcell

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

Eric Krawetz, Billy Pfister, Ivo Straessle



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Somebody (?) said: If two people agree on everything all of the time, one of them is not needed