

# German Club Kicks Off International Week

John Matthews, staff writer

The German Club has been around for about six years. The club meets every Monday at noon for an hour. The students choose the platform on what they want the club to do. From learning German history, to speaking German, to playing German-based games like Scrabble the German club engages in a variety of entertaining and educational activities.

At the Feb. 26 meeting, they watched clips of the German-made film from 1943 *Munchausen*. The club members discussed what was occurring in the film. Patricia Jassmann, adjunct assistant professor of German at PVCC, led the discussion.

Nathan Duncan, the



**International Week Events**

Round Table Discussion with International Students  
(hosted by the German Club)  
Monday, April 9th, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
North Mall Meeting Room

International Foods Festival  
Wednesday, April 11th, 11:30-1:00  
North Mall Meeting Room

The Refugee Experience...how much do you know?  
Panel discussion with the Office of Human Rights,  
the International Rescue Committee, and  
International Neighbors.  
Monday, April 16th, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
Main Building Auditorium (M229)

club's president, said he joined the German club because he is planning on visiting the country. His joy for their music and sports also influenced his decision.

Duncan described the club's upcoming event that they have scheduled for Monday, April 9.

The Round Table Discussion with International Students will take place from 12-1 p.m. in the North Mall Meeting Room, kicking off PVCC's International week. The panel will focus on how they felt about moving to the United States.

For more information on the German Club or their events, contact Nathan Duncan at [nld2027@email.vccs.edu](mailto:nld2027@email.vccs.edu).

## Disability Services, Here to Help

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Disability Services counselor Susan Hannifan can be found in room M125 in PVCC's main building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every weekday.

She also offers services through email any day of the week. Those seeking aid will have to provide documentation of either psychological, educational, or medical evaluations to be eligible.

Disability services focuses on providing help depending on the student's situation. One service is assistive technology, in which laptops are given with certain programs to assist the student. One of the programs is Jaws, a screen reader for those with vision difficulty or loss. Another form of help is sign language interpreters for the hearing impaired.

Accommodations are a major part of this service as well, to make sure every student has peace of mind and the tools to succeed. Hannifan also meets with students to improve time management strategies, study skills, or who just

want to talk.

"I love being able to see these wonderful people overcome their barriers and achieve their goals and more when you know them personally," she said.

She encourages students to seek help in advance so arrangements can be made properly. Reading, learning, writing, walking, seeing, hearing or speaking difficulties are all handled with the best aid that can be provided. Hannifan became a counselor because "you spend most of your days working, so if you're not happy working, why do it?"

In her Sociology class during her junior year of college in Rhode Island, she found herself surrounded by personal stories of orphans while volunteering for community service at a local foster home. This moment changed her perspective on what she loved most and that was to help people.

Disability Services is one of the many support features at PVCC.