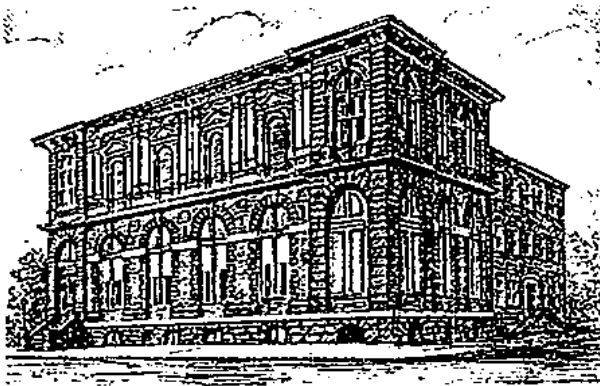


The German Society of Pennsylvania

Founded in 1764

Celebrating its 243rd Anniversary



Stiftungsfest Gala Dinner

October 13, 2007

Dear Members and Friends of the German Society,

Two years have passed since Germany elected its current parliament. While five parties gained seats in the Bundestag, neither the conservative alliance of Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU) and Liberals (FDP), nor the Social Democrats (SPD) with their Green coalition partner of the prior seven years gained a majority. Hence, a Grosse Koalition was formed between the two largest parties, CDU/CSU and SPD, despite their many political differences.

*This 'grand coalition' government is led by **Angela Merkel**, a physicist hailing from Eastern Germany. She joined her party as a Seiteneinsteiger right after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Her government has made remarkable progress in those two short years. With far-reaching changes in the constitution, tax structures and social services, Germany has regained its position as the economic engine of Europe—with annual growth rates of over 3.0 %—well ahead of the US. And most impressively, despite the ever increasing value of the Euro, Germany's exports have been booming to new highs year after year. Oh yes, the women's soccer team also successfully defended its Weltmeister title in China two weeks ago!*

*As you know, our Society has likewise undergone a major transformation during the past two years. While the loss situation of prior years was arrested, and a turn-around accomplished in fiscal 2005/06, a further growth in revenue --30%-- was recorded in the past fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2007. That produced a sizable surplus which has strengthened our financial position to such an extent that we are now proceeding with our most urgent capital improvement project: a sprinkler system to be installed throughout the basement area, auditorium and hallways as well as the adjacent townhouse. Major funding support for it was secured from the Wm. Penn Foundation, thanks to the valiant efforts of **Ernie Weiler**.*

*A few weeks ago, we celebrated our Oktoberfest in the Ratskeller—a new venue for this event. The space had been decorated in a Bavarian Bierzelt fashion, and the smell of sauerkraut wafted throughout the area. It thus attracted a record crowd who dined on a slow roasted pig, potato salad and various kinds of wursts. Beer was also flowed in record quantities. The great success of these wonderful gatherings in our Ratskeller is attributable to the relentless effort of many volunteers, especially those from the **Women's Auxiliary**, who again did all the cooking, serving and clean-up, as they have done so graciously on many occasions throughout the year.*

*And last week, we succeeded in "Making Philadelphia a German Town". In fact, during our three-day celebration we attracted more than 1,000 people to our premises who feasted on various types of bratwurst, pretzels and sauerkraut—all expertly prepared by **Thomas Bauer**, an enterprising young fellow imported from Nuremberg, Germany. Enormous amounts of water, sodas and a variety of German beers, some of which were donated by the **Paulaner Brewery**, were consumed.*

*The ten events hosted by us—some as joint ventures with other local organizations—were indeed a tall order for our Society. However, here again, our most reliable volunteer force, the Women's Auxiliary, lead by **Christel Tillmann**—with continuous support by husband and son—came to our rescue! What would we ever do, without them, or, for that matter, **Sharan Knoell**, who enlisted Mom and Dad when the going was getting tough.*

*For this year's gala dinner, our 243rd Annual Stiftungsfest, I wish to recognize and thank all those colleagues and members of the Society who have spent untold hours in the planning of this event, especially **Sonia Churchman**, Chair of the Stiftungsfest Committee, ably assisted by **Lorena Meunier** in the preparation of our Festbroschuere, and **Frank Klare** for the selection of our catered dinner, including wines and champagne. And last, but not least, **Hella and Lew Volgenau**, our perennial silent auctioneers, deserve again our deep appreciation. I wonder what they have in store for us this year.*

Hardy von Auenmüller, Vice President - Programs

Program

Champagne Reception

In the Joseph Horner Memorial Library

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Welcome address by Hardy von Auenmüller

*Presentation of Contribution from the Women's Auxiliary of the
German Society by Christel Tillmann, President*

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies, Topper Brick

Greetings from Governor Edward G. Rendell

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Dinner, Silent Auction and Dancing

In the Albert and Hete Barthelmes Auditorium

7:15 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Invocation, Rev. Soenke Schmidt-Lange

The National Anthems

Toasts – Morgan and Sonia Churchman

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Dinner Menu

*Romaine and Mesculan Salad garnished with Cucumbers, Tomatoes,
Goat Cheese, Spiced Pecans, Julienne Dried Apricots and Cranberries*

Carved Tenderloin of Beef with a Mushroom, Red Wine Demi Glace

Maryland Crab Cakes with a Red Pepper Aioli

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes and Medley of Vegetables

Basket of Le Bus Artisan Rolls and Focaccia with Butter

Cheesecake with Fresh Berries, Coffee and Tea

Dinner Prepared and Served by Canapé Caterers

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Music by the Paul Kauriga Orchestra

Silent Auction (7:15 – 10:30)

List of Donated Items and Services

1. Picture of German Society Building, 3 x 5 feet, framed
(enlarged digital photo of the original 1888 structure)
Sonia and Morgan Churchman
2. Hand Embroidered Table Runner, 30" x 30"
Hella and Lewis Volgenau
3. Relaxation Table Fountain
Jutta and Ernest Weiler
4. Martini Glass Set with Tray
Jutta and Ernest Weiler
5. Tapestry Bellpull, 42" x 8"
Hella and Lewis Volgenau
6. Four Sets of Two InterAct Theatre Tickets (exchanges possible)
 - a. "Last of the Boys" by Steven Dietz – October 30, 2007
 - b. "Black Gold" by Seth Rozin – February 5, 2008
 - c. "Frozen" by Bryony Lavery – April 15, 2008
 - d. "House Divided" by Larry Loebell – June 3, 2008*Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmüller*
7. Voucher for Two Theatre Tickets for any 2007/08 Production,
InterAct Theatre Company, Philadelphia
8. Cookbook: *City Tavern 200 Years of Classic Recipes*
Walter Staib, Proprietor, Concepts by Staib
9. Cookbook: *City Tavern Baking and Desserts*
Walter Staib, Proprietor, Concepts by Staib
10. Hand-Thrown Pottery Bowl, Raku Glazing, by Artist,
Alix von Auenmüller, Erwinna, PA
11. White Vase, "Rose Garden" Alboth and Kaiser, Bavaria
Jutta and Ernest Weiler

12. Gift Certificate: Spring House Tavern, Spring House, PA
13. Gift Certificate: Guard House Inn, Gladwynne, PA
14. Gift Certificate: Austrian Village Restaurant, Fox Chase, PA
15. Dinner for Six (6) in Private Center City Home
Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmüller
16. Gift Certificate: Rieker's Prime Meats, Fox Chase, PA
17. Spa Treatment and Bag of Beauty Products
Sonia and Morgan Churchman
18. Dinner for Six (6) at their Alliquippa Farm, Malvern, PA
Sonia and Morgan Churchman
19. Mediterranean Landscape, 24" x 27", Framed
Jutta and Ernest Weiler
20. Center City Barcelona, Spain, Apartment for One Week
Nury and Otto Reichert-Facilides
21. Two tickets to "The Happiness Lecture" at the
Philadelphia Theatre Company, Saturday, June 12, 2008
Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmüller
22. Beachfront Jersey Shore Condo for One Week, Ocean City, NJ
Desiree Toneatto
23. Ocean View Cabin in Southwest Harbor, Maine
Week of May 24, 2008
Sonia and Morgan Churchman
24. Ocean View Cabin in Southwest Harbor, Maine
Week of May 31, 2008
Sonia and Morgan Churchman

25. Color photo, signed by Willie Green of the Philadelphia 76ers
26. B & W photo, signed by Jon Runyan of The Philadelphia Eagles
27. Two tickets for a Philadelphia Phillies game in the Hall of Fame Club Section, Summer 2008
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Sonia and Morgan Churchman
29. Tapestry Wall Hanging, "Flowers," 56" x 37"
Hella and Lewis Volgenau
30. Four Bottles of German wine
Hella and Lewis Volgenau
31. Watercolor of New Jersey Shore, by Artist,
Nancy Smythe, Stuart, FL
32. Three Days B&B Service in a Virginia Country House near Charlottesville, VA
Nancy McAdams, Keswick, VA
33. One Hundred Year Old Brass Microscope with Wooden Case
Barbara Wolf, Rochester, NY
34. Nine-Concert Subscription to "Wister and More!" Series for 2007/08 Season
35. One Session (12-week Course) of German Language Classes Winter or Spring 2008 Semester
36. Two tickets to Tiger Okoshi Band on November 17, 2007, in the Perelman Theater, Kimmel Center
37. Two tickets to Jose Limon Dance Company, December 8, 2007, at the Annenberg Center

38. Two tickets Any Performance in the 2007/08 Season
Arden Theatre
39. Riding Lesson Guided by Experienced Horsewoman through
Countryside
Sandra v.d. K. Snider, West Chester, PA
40. “Hamburger Leben” – Three Prints from Oil Paintings
(1937-1955)
Drs. Renate and Wolfgang Boer, Avondale, PA
41. Village Street Car Set, Bachmann Trains
Edwin Winter, Jr.
42. Tweetsie Railroad, Bachmann Trains
Edwin Winter, Jr.
43. Two Hand Embroidered Pillowcases
Kathryn Olson
44. “Seeteufel” Book, Signed by Author, Graf Felix Luckner, 1926
Anne and Karl Spaeth
45. “Meine Kriegserinnerungen” Book, by Erich Ludendorff, 1920
Anne and Karl Spaeth
46. Oil Painting, “Lüneburger Heide”, 2 x 4 ft, Framed
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Many thanks to our donors for their continued generosity!

We also gratefully acknowledge the financial contributions received from the following members and friends of the Society who regret not being able to attend this gala event.

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Many volunteers and friends of the Society have worked very, very hard in the preparation of our 243rd Stiftungsfest of the German Society of Pennsylvania as well as during our Oktoberfest that was held on September 15. In recognition of their tremendous efforts, we express our appreciation to:

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