Beichl Tower Annex

The German Society of Pennsylvania
Founded in 1764
Celebrating its 244th Anniversary

Stiftungsfest Gala Dinner
Saturday, November 8, 2008

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Dear Friends and Members of the German Society:

2008 was a year of many celebrations for the German American community in the States!

These began late in January, with the visit of Dr. J. Ruettgers, Ministerpräsident of North Rhine Westphalia. In the preceding year, he signed a state-to-state partnership agreement with Governor Ed Rendell. In his address at a reception in the Union League, he spoke of the longstanding German transatlantic connections of Pennsylvania with the city of Krefeld, the home of the original German-town settlers. Furthermore, he let it be known that Germany, which in recent years, had also become a country of immigrants, may well be advised to draw on the American experience of how to integrate people with different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

In April, a memorial was dedicated in Jamestown, Virginia (site of the first European settlement in America). It commemorates the 1608 arrival of Dr. Johannes Fleischer, the very first German who came to this country in search of medicinal substances, but he succumbed to typhoid within a few months. Others soon followed, including two Hessian glass makers/blowers, and several carpenters/sawyers from the Black Forest. Eventually, eight million Germans would make their way to these shores seeking religious or political freedom, as well as opportunities for a better life.

In early October, it was our turn to pull out all stops for a six-day German American Anniversary Celebration. We conducted fifteen different events, such as an historic play on "Ben and the Germans", several student workshops, showings of the four-part PBS documentary "Germans in America", an historical symposium, a modern dance performance, a concert featuring medieval music, two performances by the Landesjugendorchester Rheinland-Pfalz, and—last but not least—an Oktoberfest in our Biergarten. While overall attendance did not meet our expectations—perhaps because so many other venues offered parallel activities—all those who did partake had a great time.

We also dedicated our German Immigration Mural with City Director Dr. Camille Barnett and her chief-of-staff, Steve Kennebeck, as well as Jane Golden, Executive Director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, in attendance. An historical marker had just been placed in front of our main building by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Its chairman, Wayne Spilove, attended the dedication ceremony thereof, as did Bernd Scheelen, Bundestag member and Deputy Mayor of Krefeld, who presented an oak tree as a gift from his city. That tree will be planted in the Pastorius Park of Germantown.

Apart from all the above, the most important project we tackled this year has been the construction of an elevator annex to our main building, which will make our premises handicapped accessible. While we had hoped to have it completed by now, circumstances beyond our control intervened. Since the structure, itself, is substantially complete, we thought that our 244th Stiftungsfest would be the appropriate occasion to dedicate it to George Beichl, our beloved former president, whom the major two donors, Ulrich Both and the late Hans Trustorff, as well as all of us wished to honor for his lifelong contributions to the German American community of Philadelphia.

Naming this structure for Dr. Beichl made our fundraising efforts much easier! Nonetheless, I wish to thank each and everyone who supported this worthy cause. A plaque — listing the names of all donors who gave $600 or more — will be mounted on the vestibule wall of the "Beichl Tower". I am sure, quite a few members and visitors will soon be enjoying the use of this elevator — instead of climbing the many steps up and down our stairways.

Last but not least, I would like to express my appreciation to those colleagues and members of the Society who spent untold hours in planning this annual anniversary event—particularly Frank Klare, chair of the Stiftungsfest Committee. I also wish to recognize Hella and Lew Volgenau who—as in years past—did a marvelous job setting up our Silent Auction. Thank you, dear Friends, from the bottom of my heart!

Hardy von Auenmueller, President

The Wister Quartet greets you on the occasion of the German Society of Pennsylvania’s 244th Anniversary Stiftungsfest and wish that we could be present with you to join in the festivities. As always, we invite you to enjoy our concerts and the entire chamber music series in the coming season.

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Congratulations on your 244th anniversary and Best Wishes for the future.

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Program

Champagne Reception
In the Joseph Horner Memorial Library
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Welcome address by Hardy von Auenmueller
Address by Christel Tillmann, President of Women’s Auxiliary
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies, Frank Klare

Dinner, Silent Auction and Dancing
In the Albert and Hete Barthelmes Auditorium
7:15 pm - 11:00 pm
Invocation, Bern E. Deichmann
The National Anthems
Toasts, Sonia and Morgan Churchman

Dinner Menu
Mediterranean Salad with Toasted Pine Nuts, Kalamata Olives, Roma Tomatoes, Feta Cheese and a Light Balsamic Vinaigrette
Carved Tenderloin of Beef with a Mushroom, Red Wine Demi Glace Filet of Sole Stuffed with Crabmeat Lobster Sauce Rosemary Roasted Potatoes and Medley of Vegetables Basket of Le Bus Artisan Rolls and Focaccia Butter Classic Crème Brulee Coffee and Tea

Music by the Paul Kauriga Orchestra
Silent Auction (7:15 - 10:00)

List of Donated Items and Services

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11. One Week of House and/or Pet Sitting Services  
    Lou Oschmann

12. Lenox Limited Edition Plate in Mint Condition  
    Dottie and John Engelbrecht

Congratulations on the 244th anniversary of the German Society

Wishing you all the best for the future,

Edwin Winter  
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On the occasion of the 244th Anniversary of the German Society of Pennsylvania, we extend our congratulations.

We are proud to support your organization and your continued commitment to the education, history, and culture of Germans and German Americans.

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13. One Day of House Plumbing and/or other Professional Work
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14. Dinner for Six (6) at their Alliquippa Farm, Malvern, PA
   Sonia and Morgan Churchman

15. Two Tickets for a Philadelphia Phillies Game, 2009/10 Season
   Sonia and Morgan Churchman

16. Eight-Concert Subscription to “Wister and More!” 08/09 Season

17. One Session (12-week course) of German Language Classes
   Winter or Spring 2009 Semester for an Adult or Child

18. Customizable Holiday Cookie Tray(s) for 50 People with Delivery
   Mary Catherine Baur

19. Deluxe “Thomas the Tank Engine” Train Set, Bachmann Trains
   Edwin Winter, Jr.

20. “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” Train Set, Bachmann Trains
   Edwin Winter, Jr.

21. Dinner for Six (6) in Center City Home, Philadelphia, PA
   Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller

22. Four Sets of Two InterAct Theater Tickets (exchanges possible)
   A. The War Party
   B. The Rant
   C. Jihad Jones and the Kalashnikov Babes
   D. Little Lamb
   Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller

23. Two Tickets to “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang”, Sunday, April 12, 2009, 6:30pm
   Sharan and Bill Knoell
24. Three (3) German Beer Steins  
   *Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller*

25. Hand Thrown Pottery - Tea Set for Two (2), by Artist  
   *Alix von Auenmueller, Great Barrington, MA*

26. Stowe, Vermont: Condo for One Week in June 2009  
   *Drs. Renate and Wolfgang Boer, Naples, FL*

27. Three Days B&B Service in Country Home near Charlottesville, VA  
   *Nancy McAdams, Keswick, VA*

28. Center City Barcelona, Spain: Apartment for One Week  
   *Nury and Otto Reichert-Facilides*

29. Voucher for Two Tickets to American Composers Orchestra at the  
   Annenberg Center on Sunday, November 16, 2008 at 7:00pm

30. Bottle of “Tri-Centennial” Cabernet Sauvignon from Franciscan Winery  
   *Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller*

   *Mohan Parmar*

32. Gift Certificate: Lucky’s Mexican Spot, Philadelphia, PA  
   *Mohan Parmar*

33. Christmas Trees to be Picked-up at Christmas Tree Farm, Mertztown, PA  
   A. 5-6 Foot Tree  
   B. 8-10 Foot Tree  
   *Ann and Karl Spaeth*

34. Eight (8) Hand Painted Green Rhein Wine Glasses with German Sayings

35. Four (4) Tickets to any 2009 Wilmington Blue Rocks Game

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36. Advent Calendar Imported from Germany
   A. Rothenburg ob der Tauber
   B. National Gallery of Art
   C. St. Petersburg
   D. Frauenkirche Dresden
   E. Westminster Abbey
   F. Medieval Half-Timbered House
   G. Hundertwasser’s Waldspirale
   H. Hundertwasserhaus Wien
   I. Schloss Neuschwanstein
   J. Christkindlmarkt Wien
   K. Weihnachtsstall
   L. St. Martini Orgel

37. Tea Set for Eight (8) from Scherzer Porcelain, Bavaria

38. Philadelphia Theater Company Tickets
   A. Resurrection: Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 8:00pm
   B. At Home At The Zoo, Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 8:00pm
   C. Grey Gardens, Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 8:00pm

39. Two Tickets to Any 2008/09 Arden Theatre Performance

40. Gift Certificate: Austrian Village

41. Two Philadelphia Flyers Tickets for December 2, 2008 7:00pm Game
   Georg and Janet Simon

42. Ocean View Cabin in Southwest Harbor, ME: One Week Stay in Off-Season
   Sonia and Morgan Churchman

43. Tyrolean Ceramic Hand Painted Tea Service for Six - Wechsler, Austria
   German-American Chamber of Commerce

44. 1940 Flexible Flyer Snow Sled
   Dottie and John Engelbrecht

45. One Bobby Car Classic Red for Children
   German-American Chamber of Commerce
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