Greetings from your friends in Eastern Germany and its US contingent

The German Society of Pennsylvania
Founded in 1764
Celebrating its 245th Anniversary

Stiftungsfest Gala Dinner
Saturday, November 7, 2009

Hardy von Auenmueller, President
Dear Members and Friends of the German Society:

This year, the US economy—despite the various government stimulus packages—has been in its worst slump since the great depression of the 1930s. Although Wall Street and the other stock markets around the world have recovered some of their losses, unemployment numbers are still climbing month by month. Those with jobs are seriously worried about losing them.

That fear is recognizable in the reduced flow of contributions to the Society from its members during this year’s annual fund drive. Lower attendance at most of our regular programs, such as language, music and film have been experienced. Efforts, including advertising all events to a wider spectrum of people and personal calls, are being undertaken to reverse this trend.

We saw the first positive results from those efforts at our most recent Oktoberfest celebration a few weeks ago, and at our first concert of the 2009/10 season. Both brought in greater revenue and profits to the Society than in the prior year. When I look at the attendance of our 245th Stiftungsfest, I am encouraged that this important fundraiser has received such widespread support.

I wish to thank each and every one who has come here tonight. I hope you all will have a wonderful evening at our dinner dance. This year we can also enjoy our new elevator which, not long ago, was dedicated in honor of our beloved former president, Dr. George Beichl. The name "Beichl Tower" is now forever affixed to this structure.

Furthermore, as you can see, our auditorium now sparkles with its new windows, which were built and installed over the past three months by Cupola, a local millwork company. This building project was financed to a large extent by a grant from the William Penn Foundation and another most generous contribution from the Women’s Auxiliary, headed by Christel Tillmann.

And while on the subject of strong female leadership, I would call to your attention the fact that three German women have made news headlines late in October: 1) Angela Merkel was re-elected as Chancellor of Germany, 2) Margot Kaessmann became the first female leader of the German Protestant Church, and 3) Christina Lieberknecht was sworn in as the newly elected Governor of Thuringia.

This year has also given us an opportunity to observe a few important historic anniversaries. The oldest is the Varusschlacht, which took place in the swamps of Kalkriese 2000 years ago, when an alliance of German tribes led by Arminius (a.k.a. Hermann der Cherusker) ambushed and destroyed three Roman legions led by P. Q. Varus. 200 years ago, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy was born. To him—among many other things—we are indebted for reviving the wonderful music of Johann Sebastian Bach. And finally—20 years ago—the Berlin Wall came down, bringing about the reunification of Germany! A panel discussion on that subject will be held at the Society on November 9, so check your calendar.

And last, but not least, I wish to recognize and thank all those colleagues and members of the Society who have spent numerous hours in planning our anniversary celebration. Frank Klare, Chair of the Stiftungsfest Committee, and Hella and Lew Volgenau, our perennial silent auctioneers, especially deserve our deep appreciation once again.

Hardy von Auenmueller, Chairman of the Board
**Program**

**Champagne Reception**
In the Joseph Horner Memorial Library
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Welcome address by Dr. Ernest Weiler

Address by Christel Tillmann, President of Women’s Auxiliary

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies, Christiane Schmidt

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**Dinner, Silent Auction and Dancing**
In the Albert and Hete Barthelmes Auditorium
7:15pm - 11:00pm

Invocation, Bern E. Deichmann

The National Anthems

Toasts, Frank Klare

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**Dinner Menu**
Green Salad with Cranberries, Pecans, Goat Cheese and Honey Cider Vinaigrette

Carved Petit Filet of Beef with Horseradish Sauce, Maple Glazed Salmon with Sautéed Apples, Brussels Sprouts with Caraway and Carrots, Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Lemon Walnut Tart with Lemon Ginger Whipped Cream

Coffee and Tea

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

List of Donated Items and Services

1. Oriental Silk Rug (7ft x 12ft)
   Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller
2. One Week at Waterfront Home in Southwest Harbor, ME, Aug. 21-28, 2010
   Sonia and Morgan Churchman
3. One Week at Ocean Front Apartment in Ocean City, NJ, Sept. 4-10, 2010
   Desiree and Herta Toneatto
4. One Week at Apartment in Center City Barcelona, Spain
   Nury and Otto Reichert-Facilides
5. Three Days B&B Service in Country Home near Charlottesville, VA
   Nancy McAdams
6. One Night Stay at the Radisson Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
7. One Weekend Night Stay at the Sofitel Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
8. Dinner for Six at their Aliquippa Farm, Malvern, PA
   Sonia and Morgan Churchman
9. Dinner for Six in their Center City Home, Philadelphia, PA
   Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller
10. Gift Certificate: Spring House Tavern, Spring House, PA
12. Gift Certificate: Dinner for Two at Rouget, Newtown, PA
13. Gift Certificate: Boccelli Restaurant, Gwynedd Valley, PA
14. Four Tickets for a Philadelphia Phillies Game, 2010 Season
   Sonia and Morgan Churchman
15. Two Tickets for a Philadelphia Phillies Game, 2010 Season
   Sonia and Morgan Churchman
16. Eight-Concert Subscription to “Wister and More!” 2009/10 Season
17. Two Tickets to a 2009/10 Arden Theatre Performance
18. Two Tickets to a 2009/10 Annenberg Theater Performance
19. Four Tickets to Brandywine River Museum
20. Four Tickets for a Wilmington Blue Rocks Game, 2010 Season

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– Tim Cahill

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22. Two Tickets for a Philadelphia Kixx Game, 2010 Season
23. Two InterAct Theater Tickets to “The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity”
   Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller
24. Two InterAct Theater Tickets to “City of Numbers”
   Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller
25. Two InterAct Theater Tickets to “When We Go Upon the Sea”
   Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller
26. Two InterAct Theater Tickets to “Black Pearl Sings!”
   Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller
27. One Session (12-week course) of German Language Classes
28. art + science Salon and Spa: Hour Massage, Hour Facial, Shampoo, Style
29. Aveda Replenishing Package
30. Oil Painting of Covered Bridge
   Jutta and Ernest Weiler
31. Oil Painting Landscape
   Jutta and Ernest Weiler
32. German-American Fest Poster
   Ulrich Both
33. Oil Painting Landscape
   Jutta and Ernest Weiler
34. Potted Flowers Painting
   Stilla and Martin Knappe
35. Fireworks Painting
   Stilla and Martin Knappe
36. Framed Hand-Stamped Chinese Artwork
   Elizabeth and Frank Klare
38. Tropical Bird Wall Hanging
   Hella and Lew Volgenau
39. Lighthouse Wall Hangings
   Hella and Lew Volgenau
40. Bird Wall Hangings  
   *Hella and Lew Volgenau*
41. Rare Hand Blown Sandwich Cologne Bottle  
   *Mary Catherine Baur*
42. Shears and Scissors from Solingen, Germany  
   *Ida and Joseph Fatula*
43. Gift Basket with Wine, Wine Glasses, and Assorted Items  
   *Jutta and Ernest Weiler*
44. Basket of Four Select German Wines  
   *Hella and Lew Volgenau*
45. Decorative Santa Figure  
   *Christel Tillmann*
46. Commemorative Soccer Coins from 2006 FIFA World Cup  
   *Sue and Reinhard Kruse*
47. Commemorative Soccer Coin from Opening Game of 2006 World Cup  
   *Sue and Reinhard Kruse*
48. Eight Piece Community Plate Silverware Set  
   *Jutta and Ernest Weiler*
49. Hand-stitched Tablecloth, Lined (40” x 40”)  
   *Siri Süchting*
50. Hand-Stitched Pillowcase Pair in Modern Colors  
   *Kathryn Olson*
51. Hand-Stitched Pillowcase Pair, Kornblumen  
   *Kathryn Olson*
52. Three CD Set of German Music  
   *Hella and Lew Volgenau*
53. Lap Desk  
   *Denise Dahlhof*
54. Ladies Timex Runners’ Watch  
   *Denise Dahlhof*
55. Signed Photo of Philadelphia 76ers’ Royal Ivey
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Congratulations on your
245th anniversary and
Best Wishes for the future.

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zu 245 Jahren Dienst an den
deutsch-amerikanischen Bürgern
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The Wister Quartet greets you on the occasion of the German Society of Pennsylvania’s 245th 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.