**Deutschlandlied (3rd Stanza)**

Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit
Für das deutsche Vaterland!
Danach laßt uns alle streben
Brüderlich mit Herz und Hand!
Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit
Sind des Glückes Unterpfand.
|: Blüh’ im Glanze dieses Glückes,
   Blühe, deutsches Vaterland. :|

**The Star Spangled Banner (1st Stanza)**

Oh, say can you see
by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-spangled
Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave?

By international Protocol, the hymn of a foreign country is sung before the National Hymn of the home country.

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**The German Society of Pennsylvania**

*Founded in 1764*

*Celebrating its 247th Anniversary*

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**Stiftungsfest Gala Dinner**

*Saturday, November 12, 2011*
Dear Members and Friends of the German Society,

This evening we are celebrating our 247th Stiftungsfest with our Founders’ Ball. When the Society was formed on December 26, 1764 I am sure that the brave and generous men did not envision that there might be a migration of 8 million German speaking people to America. Nor could they have anticipated that even today there is still an important need and role for an ethnic based organization to celebrate the contribution of the immigrants, German-Americans, who helped shape the development of this great country. Over these nearly 250 years our missions have changed slightly reflecting and adjusting to the interests of the current memberships. Keeping our joint heritage alive through social events, cultural program offerings, lectures or seminars and other activities remains a core mission for us.

We continue with our capital program to up-date our facilities and I am sure all of you will notice our new restrooms in the basement, with a new handicap facility. A significant donation for this project came from the late Mr. John C. Haas, a major philanthropic in Philadelphia. Several additional improvements are planned. For examples Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Christel Tillmann will generously donate funds to replace the front door by the end of this year.

To help assure that the Society will remain financially secure for generations to come we started an Endowment Fund with The Philadelphia Foundation. At last year’s Stiftungsfest, Mr. Ulrich Both gave us a very generous check to start this endeavor. I am happy to report that at this point fourteen (14) individuals or families have donated or have pledged contributions. We also have commitments from eight (8) families or individuals that we are included in their estate plans or wills.

Our wonderful library is the recipient of a major grant by the Max Kade Foundation for a project to archive and catalog books and manuscript for the period of 1919 to 1960. I believe this is a recognition by the Foundation that we have a very unique collection which needs to be preserved and which should be made accessible to wider audiences.

A fine event such as this could not take place without the hands-on support of many volunteers, especially members of the Stiftungsfest Committee. They were once again led by Frank Klare as the Chair of the Committee. I would like to recognize and thank all our volunteers who spent many hours to plan this anniversary celebration.

Ernest D. Weiler, President

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**GSP Endowment Fund / Linden Society**

The Linden Society recognizes all individuals and families who have made either donations, or plans for donations to the German Society of Pennsylvania. These individuals have made donations or have included the Society in their estate plans (includes bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, life insurance, retirement plans, real estate or other assets).

**Donations received or pending**

**Chairman’s Circle** (at least $100,000)

- Ulrich A. Both

**President’s Circle** (at least $50,000)

- Frank and Renate Genieser
  - Donation in memory of Elsa Schweikert
  - Ernest and Jutta Weiler

**Council** (at least $25,000)

- Hans Mueller

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- Hardy von Auenmueller
  - The Haas Family in memory of John C. Haas
  - Doris Simon in memory of Martin and Elise Simon

**Associate** (at least $5,000)

- Charles Birnstiel
  - Bill Hardam
  - Doris MacPherson in memory of Jim MacPherson
  - Hans Mueller

**Assistant** (at least $2,000)

- Charles Becker
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Program

Champagne Reception
In the Joseph Horner Memorial Library 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Master of Ceremonies: Joseph DeMaria
Welcome Address: Dr. Ernest Weiler, President

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

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Procession of Colonial Societies

The National Anthems
Toast: Frank Klare

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Dinner Menu

Arugula and Radicchio Greens
With Orange Segments, Toasted Pine Nuts and Feta Cheese
Citrus Herb Vinaigrette

Sliced Grilled Hanger Steak with Mushroom au Jus
Pan Seared Maryland Jumbo Lump Crab Cake With Lemon and Thyme Sauce
Roasted Red Bliss Rosemary Potatoes and Fresh Green Beans

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Chocolate and Vanilla Scented Cheese Cake With Bittersweet Chocolate Glaze

Coffee and Tea

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

1. Week at vacation apartment in Ocean City, May 19-26, 2012 or similar date. Value $850. Opening bid $700.
   Desiree and Herta Tonneatto.

   Stilla and Martin Knappe.

3. Two nights with Bed and Breakfast service for two, Charlottesville, VA. Value $300. Opening bid $200.
   Nancy McAdam.

4. Barcelona Apartment in Center City Barcelona, near Sagrada Familia, one week stay between May/December, 2012, time to be agreed. Value $1,000. Opening bid $500.
   Nury & Otto Reichert-Facilides.


   Cecylia and Charles Borowsky.

7. Two nights at Radisson/Plaza Warwick Hotel in Center City, Philadelphia. Value: $250. Opening bid $100.

   Hardy and Gudrun von Auenmueller.


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   Ernest and Jutta Weiler.

   Beata Szpura.

15. Oil painting and one-day (3-4 hour) workshop on oil painting. Value $200. Opening bid $50.  
   Beata Szpura.

   Edwin Winter.

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18. Two Phillies tickets, Hall of Fame section, July or August. Value $116. Opening bid $60.  
   Sonia Churchman.

19. Four Phillies tickets, Hall of Fame section, July or August. Value $232. Opening bid $120.  
   Sonia Churchman.

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   Georg Simon.


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   German Society of Pennsylvania.

   Kathryn Olson.

   Hella and Lew Volgenau.

30. Gift basket of food items from Rieker’s Prime Meats. Value $100.
    Opening bid $60.
    Maria Sturm.

    Ernest and Jutta Weiler.

32. Various German Advent calendars. Value $25. Sell at $20 each.
    German Society of Pennsylvania.

33. Gartenzwerg “Glückauf”. Value $300. Opening bid $120.
    William L. Clovis.

34. Old fashioned wooden baby cradle made in Germany. Value $150.
    Opening bid $75.
    Hans and Cherry Bombeck.

    (b) pitcher and bowl. Value $30. Opening bid $15.
    Maria Sturm.

36. Luncheon for two at Tavolo Restaurant, BYOB, Huntingdon Valley.

    Cindy Silvestro

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Hardy von Auenmueller, President

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Many volunteers and friends of the Society have worked very hard in the preparation of our 247th Stiftungsfest of the German Society, as well as during our Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 17. In recognition of their tremendous efforts, we express our appreciation to:

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