In anticipation of the 250th Anniversary of the German Society we would like to extend our best wishes for continued success in your diverse cultural endeavors combined with our greetings from the old Hanseatic League City of Rostock to Philadelphia, the cradle of Western democracy, and its Navy Yard, where we help build and outfit the interior of chemical parcel tankers.

Hardy von Auenmueller, President
IMO International Marine Outfitters, LLC
321 South 17th Street
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Dear Members and Friends of the German Society,

This evening we are celebrating our 249th Stiftungsfest or Anniversary Ball. The Board of Directors and I would like to welcome all of you.

On December 29th, we start our 250th Anniversary year, and we invite all members and friends of the Society to participate as best as they can. We have events and various activities, which will take place throughout the year. The two big events are our Spring Fling, with food, music and dancing, a fun event for the whole family, at the Grange in Haverford on May 31st, and our expanded Stiftungsfest at the German Society on November 20th. We decided that we could comfortably seat 200 guests at the Society and concluded that for this special event we should stay in our wonderful facility.

During the year we have planned the usual social events, such as the Hamburger Abend, Wine Tasting, Bierfest and Oktoberfest - some of these will be expanded significantly. We will also hold a special historic lecture series in the Library.

All of you should have already received our music brochure for the current 2013/2014 season. We are especially proud to present on March 2nd a concert by the Bethlehem Bach Choir, which will feature a new opera written for our celebration. It is called ‘The Young Master Bach’, composed by Mr. Chuck Holdeman, a member of the Society.

There are several longer-term challenges which we are trying to address. We need a state-of-the-art and physically attractive building to house our various functions throughout the year. The enhancement of the past few years continue, and especially noteworthy is the ongoing ‘Big Dig’ project under the hands-on leadership of Tony Michaels to secure the building from further water damage. Several additional projects need be addressed on a priority basis, and these include water intrusions into the townhouse and the Library / Auditorium as well as a new sewer connection.

To help assure that the Society will remain financially secure for generations to come we established an Endowment Fund with The Philadelphia Foundation. The funds normally distributed will be used to augment our yearly operating budget and most importantly, to provide for a reserve for unexpected but necessary capital projects. We currently have a significant list of necessary projects. To date, we have received $379,000 in donations and $78,000 in pledges. These results are encouraging, but we are still far from our goal of $2 MM. The participants are listed towards the end of this pamphlet.

Our 250th Anniversary committee has worked very diligently to provide an overall program which offers something for every taste, so that we can truly include as many of our members as possible.

I also wish to recognize Frank Klare, Chair of the Stiftungfest Committee, and members of his team, who helped assure that this will be wonderful evening.

Ernest D. Weiler
President
GSP Endowment Fund / Linden Society

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

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The GSP is grateful to the following individuals who have included the Society in their estate plans.

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Program

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

Welcome Address: Dr. Ernest D. 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
Mixed Greens with slivered Pecans and Blue Cheese sherry Vinaigrette Dressing
Accompanied by Baked Salmon Fillet with a hearty Cream and Dill Sauce

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Classic German Sauerbraten -- Marinated sliced Beef
Served in a Ginger Snap Sauce
Bratkartofeln -- Pan Fried Yukon Gold Potatoes
Rotkohl --- Traditional German Red Cabbage

Assorted Rolls and Butter

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Original German Apple Strudel
With Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Coffee and Tea

Music by the Kauriga Orchestra
1. Week at Ocean City condo, from Desiree Toneatto. Value $1300, min. bid $850. Offered for September 6-13, 2014.

2. 2a) and 2b) Two stays at Apple Haven Farms, from Charles Borowski. Value $500, min. bid $300. Time must be mutually agreed upon.

3. Three consecutive nights with Bed and Breakfast service in private home near Charlottesville, VA from Nancy McAdam. Value $500, min. bid $300.

4. Sailing Lessons on Chesapeake Bay, from Ernie Weiler. Value $375, min. bid $150.

5. Two nights weekend Bed and Breakfast service in Center City, from Gudrun and Hardy von Auenmueller. Value $500, min. bid $300.

6. Jewelry, from Paul Welde.
   a) Sterling silver earrings. Value $135, min. bid $50.
   b) Pendant with pink sapphire and chain. Value $400, min. bid $100.

7. One night stay at Windsor Suites, Center City, with $50 food and beverage certificate. Value $200, min. bid $125.

8. Two nights stay at Radisson Blu Warwick Hotel, Center City. Value $300, min. bid $180.

9. One day’s use of backhoe with operator, from Tony Michels. Must be used in Philadelphia proper. Value $1,000, min. bid $500.

10. Translation Services, from Michael Miller. Value $400, min. bid $50.

11. Walking Tour of downtown Philadelphia for up to 10 people, from Nick Cvetkovic. Value $180, min. bid $100.

12. Two tickets for private dance lessons, from Peter Kadel. Value $130, min. bid $80.


15. Four Phillies tickets, from the Churchman family. Value $272, min. bid $120.

16. Two Phillies tickets, from the Churchman family. Value $136, min. bid $60.


18. Two Philadelphia Union tickets with team scarf, from Mark Kleckner. Value $200, min. bid $100.

19. Train set, from Bachmann Trains. Value $139, min. bid $70.

20. Gift basket from Rieker’s, from Maria Sturm. Value $100, min. bid $50.


22. 1971 Baron Pere & Fils, Cabernet Sauvignon from the Bordeaux region, with holder, from Hardy von Auenmueller. Value $75.00, min. bid $40.00.


   c) *Philadelphia Then and Now*. Value $20, min. bid $10.

26. Pottery (bowl and pitcher) from Renate & Frank Genieser. Value $120, min. bid $80.
27. Antique garnet jewelry (bracelet, pin, necklace), from Frank and Renate Genieser. Value $150, min. bid $95.


29. Old fashioned, black desk top telephone from the early 20th century, from Hardy von Auenmueller. Value $100, min. bid $40.

30. Russian hand-painted lacquer box, from Frank Klare. Value $475, min. bid $175.


32. Pair of Lederhosen, from Jim Rothschild. Value $200, min. bid $100.


34. Embroidered pillowcases, from Kathryn Olson. Value $30, min. bid $15.


37. Gift certificate for dinner for two at Hop Angel restaurant, from Maria Sturm. Value $50, min. bid $25.

38. Three-fold modesty screens, from Hardy von Auenmueller. Value $70, min. bid $30.


40. Exxon Mobil gift card, from German Society. Value $25, min. bid $10.

41. Advent Calendars. $20 each.

On the occasion of the 249th Anniversary (1764–2013) of The German Society of Pennsylvania we extend

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Wishing the German Society of Pennsylvania all the best for their 249th Anniversary!

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Many volunteers and friends of the Society have worked very hard in the preparation of our 248th Stiftungsfest of the German Society. In recognition of their tremendous efforts, we express our appreciation to:

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Congratulations on your 249th anniversary and best wishes for the future

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**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 Glänze 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.