Many thanks to the organizations below for their support of the German Society of Pennsylvania during our 250th Anniversary Year:

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250th Stiftungsfest Gala Dinner
Saturday, November 22, 2014
Dear Members and Friends of the German Society,

Our 250th Anniversary is a gigantic milestone in the illustrious life of the German Society. From a humble beginning, on the 26th of December 1764, ten years before the American Revolutionary War was in full swing, the Society has served German immigrants, German-Americans and others of various ethnicities with vigor and dedication.

Certainly during the 250 years there have been very many ups and downs, but loyal members and friends have generously supported the Society and its causes with donations and their own very special talents as volunteers.

As second and third generations of German-Americans wonder about their roots, we offer social, cultural and educational programs that in small ways connect the Old World with the new one.

Allow me to express a personal thank-you to our members, friends, donors and our Board of Directors for making it possible for us to grow and to prosper, while we live out our mission. Donations fall into many categories including contributions to the annual fund drive, gifts and commitments to the newly established endowment fund, supporting special projects at the Society or gifts-in-kind.

Our 250th Anniversary Committee worked very diligently to provide during 2014 an extensive program which offered something for every taste and price range, allowing many of our members and friends to be included in these special celebrations.

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

Ernest D. Weiler

President

On the occasion of the German Society's 250th Anniversary Gala, 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.

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NATIONAL ANTHEMS

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.

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

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

Procession of Colonial Societies
The National Anthems
Toast: Frank Klare

Dinner Menu
Herring Bonne Femme with Sour Cream
Apple, onion, garni

Escalope of Veal
Asparagus, mushrooms, sauce Béarnaise
Roasted Yukon Potatoes
Braised Red Cabbage
French Baguette and Butter

City Tavern’s Linzer Tart
Himbeer Chantilly Cream

Coffee and Tea

Music by the Kauriga Orchestra
Live Auction (8:50 - 9:00)

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1. Two tickets for Lufthansa flights to any European destination, valid for the next 12 months except for the Christmas/New Year holiday season. Donation from Lufthansa. Value: $3,000. Opening bid: $2,000.


The Women’s Auxiliary of The German Society of Pennsylvania takes great pleasure in offering wholehearted congratulations to The German Society of Pennsylvania on the attainment of its 250th Anniversary

The Society has served the greater Philadelphia community with distinction since before the founding of the nation. Our sincere wishes for success in all future endeavors.

Wir gratulieren zum 250. Stiftungsfest und wünschen weiterhin Erfolg in allen Bemühungen, das deutsche Erbgut hier im Lande zu pflegen.

The Women’s Auxiliary of The German Society of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
Christel Tillmann, President
(215) 355-4228


27. German Advent Calendars with following motifs:
   a.) Frauenkirche in Dresden (2)
   b.) Schloss Neuschwanstein (2)
   c.) Rothenburg ob der Tauber
   d.) Weihnachtsstall (2)
   Value: $20 each
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O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America, America! God shed his grace on thee
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

With these lyrics in mind, we send greetings from California
to the German Society on its 250th Anniversary

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zu 250 Jahren Dienst an den
deutsch-amerikanischen Bürgern in Pennsylvanien

PROCLAMATION

THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The German Society and the City of Philadelphia have had a close relationship for the last 250 years. This relationship started early, when the first official name of the German Society was the German Society of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania, a province being part of the British Empire at that time. Both the City and the Society have undergone many changes since their founding, including years of difficult times, to emerge today as strong and vibrant, looking forward to a vigorous future.

When Philadelphia was founded in 1682, there were already German immigrants here. By 1764, when the German Society was created, the German community was thriving. And when the Declaration of Independence was ratified here in 1776, the document’s first printing was in German from the press of Henry Miller on July 5, 1776.

Five years later, the newly formed state of Pennsylvania granted a charter of incorporation to the German Society, giving it the title it has today—the German Society of Pennsylvania.

But as we know, even with the name change, the German Society has always been in the City of Philadelphia. Starting at Fourth Street near Cherry Street in 1764, moving to Seventh and Market streets in 1877, and then to its current location here on Spring Garden Street in 1888, some 76 years ago.

The close relationship between these two entities continued to remain strong with many individuals active in both. One fine example is Rudolf Blasenbürg, president of the German Society from 1891 to 1931, who later became mayor of Philadelphia from 1912 to 1916. His portrait hangs today in Philadelphia City Hall.

The official seal of the German Society translates into English as: "By religion, industry and courage will German descendants thrive."

I, therefore, proclaim tonight, Friday, November 20, the formal 250th Anniversary celebration of the German Society of Pennsylvania.

Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this fourth day of October, two thousand and thirteen.
GREETINGS:

It is my pleasure to join with the German Society of Pennsylvania to welcome everyone gathered here in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for its 250th Stiftungsfest (Founders’ Ball).

Pennsylvania thrives on its vibrant cultural heritage and German Americans represent a vital component to our Commonwealth’s diverse ethnic and social community. Since its inception in 1764, the German Society of Pennsylvania has been committed to enriching our lives by sharing the rich history and heritage of German culture and fulfilling its charitable mission. I commend the members of this organization for their contributions to the Commonwealth. It is my hope that the Society will continue to maintain a positive presence in Pennsylvania for years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am pleased to welcome all those gathered for the Stiftungsfest. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and successful event.

TOM CORBETT
Governor
November 22, 2014
CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA
ON CELEBRATING YOUR
250TH ANNIVERSARY

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend warmest regards and congratulation as the German Society of Pennsylvania celebrates its 250th Anniversary.

This anniversary is a remarkable milestone and is a true testament to the historical significance of the German Society of Pennsylvania throughout these many years. German immigrants and German-Americans have played a unique and important role in the cultural and economic history of Pennsylvania and our Nation, and I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

I look forward to your continued success.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

Ernest D. Weiler
President
The German Society of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19123
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).

Donations Received or Pending (a)

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In memory of Elsa Schweikert
Ernest and Jutta Weiler

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We gratefully acknowledge the many contributions and hard work of the Society’s Board of Directors:

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Stiftungsfest Committee

Many volunteers and friends of the Society have worked very hard in the preparation of our 250th Stiftungsfest of the German Society. In recognition of their tremendous efforts, we express our appreciation to:

Jeanette Brugger
Frank Klare
Mark Kleckner
Tony Michels

Andrew Payne
Paul Welde
Lew & Hella Volgenau
Hardy von Auenmueller

250th Anniversary Committee

We gratefully acknowledge further contributions received from the following members and friends of the Society:

Charles Borowsky
Andrew Payne
Lew & Hella Volgenau

Frank Klare
Christiane Schmidt
Hardy von Auenmueller

Tony Michels
Maria Sturm
Ernie Weiler

September 26, 2014

Dear Friends:

It is with pleasure that I am able to extend much deserved congratulations and best wishes to the officers and members of the German Society of Pennsylvania as you celebrate your 250th anniversary.

The German Society of Pennsylvania can be proud of its remarkable longevity and, most importantly, to the continued services it provides to the greater Philadelphia area and surrounding states by offering cultural, social and educational programs, all open to the public, that celebrate the rich history of the German-American contribution to the development of this great country.

On behalf of the constituents of the First Congressional District, I applaud your good works and I will continue to support you as you lovingly support our community.

Again, congratulations and continued success.

Sincerely,

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Wishing the German Society of Pennsylvania all the best for their 250th Anniversary!

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German Society Of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden
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Greetings!

As Mayor of Philadelphia, I am writing to express my sincere congratulations to you and the 250th celebration of The German Society of Pennsylvania. Your tremendous organization has worked tirelessly over the years, and I commend you for your invaluable contributions to our great city and the German community.

Since its inception, the German Society, a nonprofit organization devoted to furthering the understanding of German and German-American contributions to the growth of American history and culture from the past to the present, and into the future.

I am honored to be Mayor of Philadelphia; a unique City with extraordinary people who take great pride in serving their communities. Again, congratulations to the German Society and 250 successful years of operating and wish you well in the future.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Nutter
Mayor
November 22, 2014

Mr. Ernest D. Weiler
President
German Society of Philadelphia
611 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123-3505

250th Anniversary Celebration

Dear Mr. Weiler:

Greetings!

It is with great pleasure that I offer my congratulations to The German Society of Pennsylvania on its 250th Anniversary Celebration bringing together supporters and friends to celebrate the Society’s many accomplishments.

For over two centuries, the Society played a significant role in helping German immigrants establish roots in the City of Philadelphia. From the original and early members to its present leadership, the Society has remained devoted to the promotion of the German language, history, and culture through lectures, concerts, films, literature, and other programming.

Alles Gute zum Jubiläum! I wish the Society another 250 years of success in the greater Philadelphia community.

Sincerely,

Darrell L. Clarke
City Council President

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October 10, 2014

Ernest D. Weiler, President
The German Society of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Dear Ernest,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate The German Society of Pennsylvania on its milestone 250th Anniversary. Over the past 250 years The German Society has contributed to the culture, education and rich history of The City of Philadelphia.

The German Society began by helping German-speaking immigrants and providing important charitable services. But today The German Society has become one of Philadelphia’s premiere educational, cultural and social organizations. The impact that The German Society has made on The City of Philadelphia is invaluable. I congratulate you on your extraordinary achievements and particularly on this momentous anniversary.

I am proud to have The German Society in Pennsylvania’s 1st Senatorial District since 1888, when it made its home in the historical building at 611 Spring Garden Street. Keep up the amazing work, and again, I offer my most heartfelt congratulations on your historic milestone.

Best,

Senator Larry Farnese
State Senator, First District
November 22, 2014

Dear Friends,

I would like to offer my congratulations to the German Society of Pennsylvania in honor of their 250th anniversary. Today, they celebrate their illustrious history in Philadelphia, as not only their physical building serves as a historic landmark, but their members carry on a great legacy of supporting charitable services throughout the Philadelphia region.

Founded in 1764, the organization was formed to assist German-speaking immigrants establish themselves in Philadelphia and provide a cultural home. The members developed a strong sense of community service and philanthropy, and today the focus of the society is charitable services, making great contributions to education and many social and cultural activities.

Noteworthy members include brothers Frederick A. and Peter Muhlenberg who both distinguished themselves in the Revolutionary War. In the early 20th century, Rudolph Blankenburg served as mayor of Philadelphia.

Today, the society remains a great presence and its members are our friends and neighbors throughout the Philadelphia area who are among the finest citizens who care deeply and work hard for the future of the region. Bound by their common German ancestry, they serve the dual purpose of preserving German culture, history, and passing it along to future generations.

We are grateful and proud to have the German Society of Pennsylvania continue their great legacy of service, and I look forward to many more anniversary celebrations for this wonderful organization.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch und alles Gute! (Congratulations and all the best!)

Sincerely,

Stewart J. Greenleaf

November 22, 2014

Mr. Ernest D. Weiler, President
The German Society of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Dear Mr. Weiler,

It is with pleasure that I send congratulations and best wishes to the officers and all members of the German Society of Pennsylvania on your 250th Anniversary.

The Society can be proud of its remarkable longevity, and most importantly, to the continued services to the greater Philadelphia area and surrounding states by offering cultural, social and educational programs, all open to the public, that celebrate the rich history of German-American contributions to the development of this great country.

May the Society’s path for the next hundred years be most successful.

With best regards,

Anthony H. Williams
State Senator – 8th District