Deutschlandlied (3rd Stanza)

Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit
Für das deutsche Vaterland!
Danach läßt 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 annual Stiftungsfest is the social highlight of the GSP year and I welcome you all “recht herzlich.” Our 250th Anniversary year was packed full with valuable and exciting programs, concerts and events. We called upon our volunteers more than ever to accomplish this level of programming and all rose to the occasion. I would like to offer my personal thanks and that of the Board of Directors for your contributions to this exceptional year. A special shout-out goes to the 250th Anniversary Planning Committee under the leadership of Ernie Weiler for their outstanding efforts.

We have seen what we can accomplish when we come together for a common goal and this realization motivates us to provide an ever better and diverse schedule. However, we often find ourselves at the limits of our man (and woman) power capability; the question of how to sustain this level of involvement in programming, committee work, maintenance, etc. is one that we must contemplate as we move forward.

One way that we are trying to address this need is through increased cooperation with other groups in a way that that enriches us as an organization – for example integrating Philly Kinder and the Philadelphia Society for Creative Anachronism into the German Heritage Festival and working with individuals such as Marnie Old, the Temple University German Society and the Philly Roller Girls during the annual GSP Bierfest. These partnerships bring a new audience into the German Society and help spread our mission and reputation throughout the community.

During the past year, we continued to invest significantly in the preservation, upkeep and modernization of our aging building. Some of these improvements, such as the Leidy Terrace or the waterproofing project are nearing completion, but many other plans are in the works, including a new HVAC system for the entire building. These enhancements will make The German Society a more comfortable, sustainable home for us as well as a more attractive and competitive destination for visitors.

To accomplish these goals we must continue and expand our efforts to secure solid financial footing. The Endowment Fund is a crucial component of that effort and, although we have made significant progress, we are still a good way from our 2 million dollar goal. Thank you for your many generous donations and I hope we can continue to rely on your support.

We are an organization with a rich past and long list of accomplishments. We had the opportunity to share both our history and some of our plans for the future with German President, Joachim Gauck, and his delegation during their recent visit. My opportunity to share both our history and some of our plans for the future with German President, Joachim Gauck, and his delegation during their recent visit. My gratitude goes out to all involved in making this event an extraordinary one. Yes, the GSP has a strong heritage and, with your efforts, we will continue to grow and evolve as the world around us changes.

But for now, I wish to thank all those who prepared this evening under the professional guidance of Frank Klare and the Stiftungsfest Committee. I hope that you have a wonderful time this evening and that you will be inspired to attend this, as well as other events in the future.

Anton Michels, President

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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In the Joseph Horner Memorial Library
6:00pm - 7:00pm
Master of Ceremonies: Joseph DeMaria
Welcome Address: Mr. Anton Michels, President
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Dinner, 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
* * *
Dinner Menu
Baby Arugula Salad
with Grilled Fall Vegetables and Goat Cheese
Red Wine Basil Vinaigrette
Sliced Herb-Crusted Leg of Lamb
Rosemarie Pan Gravy
and
Two Jumbo Shrimp
Stuffed with Crabmeat
Mashed Potatoes with Scallions
Broccoli with Red Peppers
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Black Forest Cake
Coffee, Tea
* * *
Catering Services Provided by Chef’s Table
Music by the Kauriga Orchestra
Silent Auction (7:15 - 10:00)

1. One-week stay at seaside condo in Ocean City, New Jersey. Donation from Herta von der Gruen and Desiree Toneatto.

2. 2a.) and 2b.) Weekend stay at Apple Haven Farm, York Springs, PA. Includes two breakfasts and one dinner. Donation from Charles Borowsky. Value: $300 each. Opening bid: $200 each.


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Frank Klare
Caroline Martin-Tunasz
Tony Michels
Paul Welde

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Hardy von Auenmueller
Herta von der Grün-Toneatto

On the occasion of the German Society's 251st 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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