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THE 254TH ANNUAL STIFTUNGSFEST GALA

254th Stiftungsfest Gala Dinner
I welcome you all to our 254th anniversary Stiftungsfest. The year 2018 is coming to an end; we have worked hard and accomplished much and it is time to enjoy an evening of delightful conversation, good food, dancing and fellowship.

It seems that the last twelve months of 2018 have been even busier than 2017, but also very important for the future of our organization. I believe that we have completed important steps in our strategic planning and are on the right path in structuring our operation for the needs of the future. Our plans have evolved from addressing short term needs (for example: overcoming many limitations of our building) to discussing ideas of how best to develop our organization to be prepared for coming challenges. Rather than reacting and adapting to given circumstances, we need to develop the tools necessary to approach our future in a proactive manner. Last year the German Society made one of its most significant decisions for the future of the physical building as well as for the future of this organization. The improvements to our property have made way for many more business opportunities such as rentals and other events. Establishing air conditioning for the entire building based on a sustainable energy source – a geothermal well field – has gone far beyond expectations. Business and outreach will benefit from every investment that we make and move us forward. There are yet more improvements planned, but we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We are in this for the long haul. Thoughtful long-term planning and a strong vision for the future on the part of our volunteers will continue to shape the Society, both physically and philosophically, as we move forward. Their talent, commitment and enthusiasm are the life’s blood of the organization.

We are continuing our efforts to operate the German Society on a balanced budget and, at this time, I want to express my thanks for your generous annual contributions as well as your participation in our endowment fund.

Our connection to the broader community is ever widening. We continue to cooperate with German heritage and non-German heritage related organizations.

As always, the 254th anniversary year was loaded with programs, concerts and events.

I want to thank all those who prepared this evening under the professional guidance of Frank Klare and the Stiftungsfest Committee. Let’s have a wonderful time this evening and celebrate our fellowship and accomplishments. I am grateful for your strong commitment to the German Society of Pennsylvania and hope to see you at many events to come.

Anton Michels
President

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The Linden Society recognizes all individuals and families who have made donations or notified the GSP of plans for gifts. This includes remembering the Society in their estate plans.

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Program

Champagne Reception
In the Joseph Horner Memorial Library
6:00pm - 7:00pm
Master of Ceremonies: Joseph DeMaria
Welcome Address: Mr. Anton Michels, 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
Ballroom Dance Presentations by Peter Kadel, Sr. Fellow, Imperial Society of Dance Teachers, London

Minuet: Eloise Haas - Peter Kadel, Greta Haas - Andreas Kadel
Hofländer: Eloise Haas, Peter Kadel
Viennese Waltz: Solos by Piroska Korom - Peter Kadel, and Carol Kadel - Andreas Kadel
Dancers: Eloise and Greta Haas; Peter, Carol, and Andreas Kadel;
Piroska Korom; Phillip Zoebisch

Dinner Menu

Spring Mix Salad with Fresh Strawberries, Walnuts, and Feta Cheese
Raspberry Walnut Dressing
Petite Filet Mignon with a Marsala Reduction Sauce and Mushrooms and Lemon Butter Flouder filled with Crab Meat
Green Beans and Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
Fresh Fruit Tart with a Touch of Whipped Cream
Coffee, Tea

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Music by the Kauriga Orchestra
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18. Two tickets to a show at World Café Live Philadelphia. Donation from World Café Live. Value: $50. Opening bid: $25.
29. Two Phillies tickets (Section 124, Row 17) to be used at mutually agreed upon time. Donation from Maria Sturm. Value: $130. Opening bid: $50.
Stiftungsfest Committee

Many volunteers and friends of the Society have worked very hard in the preparation of our 253rd Stiftungsfest of the German Society. In recognition of their tremendous efforts, we express our appreciation to:

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