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255th Stiftungsfest Gala Dinner
Saturday, November 2, 2019
I am delighted to welcome you all this year to our 255th anniversary Stiftungsfest. I am gratified by what we accomplished in the year 2019 and glad that, in a time of much outside discord, we can come together to enjoy an evening of conversation, good food, dancing and camaraderie.

It seems that the last twelve months have been even busier than 2018. I believe we are a point in time where we can look back at the last 15 years and realize and appreciate the fact we have made significant improvements, not only to this building, but to the status of the organization as a whole.

We continue to approach our future in a proactive manner – developing our outreach to other organizations, the surrounding neighborhoods and to groups of people that may not have had prior, strong connections to German heritage. There is an encouraging diversity of citizens joining us in established and new events and expressing interest in German culture, language or technology. But all these activities, programs and projects translate into a higher workload for those who organize and carry them out. We need to improve our administrative structure. Our biggest challenge in the next 12 months is to find the right balance between work that can be provided by volunteers and tasks that need to be assigned to a broader staff structure or outsourced to other entities.

It was sad this past year to witness the dissolution of our core support organization, the Women’s Auxiliary. We will always remember the tremendous benefits that they have brought to the German Society for more than 100 years and are thankful that their final donation to the Library Endowment Fund makes it possible to fund the work that is necessary to preserve, use and develop our wonderful collection. I’m looking forward to the individual members’ continued involvement in our organization.

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 common fellowship and accomplishments. I am grateful for your strong commitment to the German Society of Pennsylvania and for your continued support. I hope to see you at many events to come.

Anton Michels
President

Champagne Reception
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

Procession of Colonial Societies
The National Anthems
Toast: Frank Klare
Ballroom Dance Presentations by
Carol Kadel, former competitor and gold medalist with the Imperial Society of Dance Teachers, London, and
Andreas Kadel, who trains for Ballroom and Latin-American dance competitions and showcases at Universal Dance Studios in New Jersey

Rumba
Viennese Waltz

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Dinner Menu
Mixed Baby Greens with Caramelized Walnuts, Poached Pears, Shredded Parmesan, Fig & Honey Vinaigrette
Filet of Beef with Bordelaise and Panko Encrusted Salmon with Balsamic Drizzle
Roasted Root Vegetable Medley
German Style Pan Fried Potatoes with Bacon
Homemade Apple Strudel with Vanilla Ice Cream
Coffee, Tea

Catering Services Provided by Diverse Catering

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


2. Basket of Cheers with assorted wines and liquors. Donation from the Stiftungsfest Committee.


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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?

Stiftungsfest Committee

Many volunteers and friends of the Society have worked very hard in the preparation of our 255th Stiftungsfest of the German Society. In recognition of their tremendous efforts, we express our appreciation to:

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