



## **Hermann Wellenreuther 1941-2021**

The German Society of Pennsylvania and its Library Committee mourn the passing of Professor Hermann Wellenreuther. As the foremost German scholar of early Pennsylvania-German history, Hermann Wellenreuther took a special interest in the German Society, its history and library. He became an important contributor of the Tricentennial Conference of German-American History, Politics and Culture in 1983 that helped place the German Society in the emerging German-American scholarship. With his friend Hartmut Lehmann, the founding director of the German Historical Institute, who helped our extended fundraising for the Library Project in the 1990s, Wellenreuther engaged in the planning for a project of transatlantic scholarship in early American history that would have included the German Society but did not materialize. With his wife Claudia Schnurmann he remained fully connected with the Society and its growing scholarly importance. Read a full obituary on the website of the German Historical Institute here: <https://www.ghi-dc.org/news-show/hermann-wellenreuther-1941-2021>.