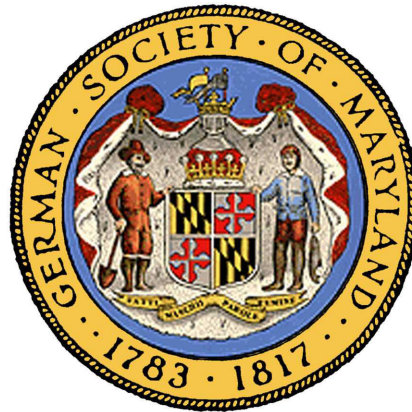


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Anniversary Banquet

Honoring
Randall P. Donaldson, Ph.D.

November 2, 2019
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Greetings from the President of the German Society of Maryland James Schaub, Ph.D.

Dear Members and Guests:

I extend my most enthusiastic welcome to the 236th Anniversary Banquet of the German Society of Maryland. It is certainly proper to celebrate our anniversary, recalling our founding in 1783 as a benevolent organization and rededicating ourselves to our mission to preserve and promote the German heritage, language and traditions through educational, social and benevolent programs; and to develop the unity and continuity of the German American community in Maryland. It is fitting that we meet tonight at Zion Church, whose long presence in Baltimore exceeds our own and whose value to the German American community is enormous.

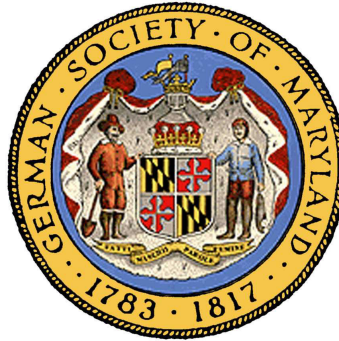
The durability of the German Society of Maryland reflects both the historical dedication of German-Americans in Maryland and of our current and recent members. Our membership numbers are solid, members are involved in our programs, and we are financially able to continue our programs to support students and achieve our missions. I am confident that we will have many more anniversaries.

As we contemplate the future of the German Society of Maryland and the German-American community at large, we take note of Randall P. Donaldson, Ph.D. We honor him tonight for his service to the German Society of Maryland, the Society for History of the Germans in Maryland, Loyola University, academic societies, and the German-American community at large. Randy is an educator bringing the German language and literature to students. Randy is an author of scholarly publications examining many dimensions of the language, culture, and heritage. He served for 32 years as the editor of *The Report*, the journal of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland.

Tonight we celebrate our anniversary and thank Randy for doing those things that align so well with the German Society of Maryland's mission.

James D. Schaub, Ph.D.





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Our 2019 Honoree Randall P. Donaldson, Ph.D.



The German Society of Maryland has selected Randall P. Donaldson to be honored at the 2019 Anniversary Banquet. His dedicated loyalty to his students and his willingness to be involved in challenging efforts such as the Zion Christmas Market, the Zion Forum for German Culture, and the hosting of the national meeting of the Society for German American Studies here in Baltimore have earned him high accolades. He has also received many other praises

Randall Donaldson was born in Ohio. He grew up in Southern California and attended Pomona College there. He moved to Baltimore in 1967 to attend graduate school at the Johns Hopkins University. Fifty-two years later he is still in Baltimore. On the personal side, Randy met and married a fellow graduate student in German. They spent the first year of married life in Cologne, working on their studies and enjoying the many cultural opportu-

nities. Their return to Baltimore in the fall of 1971 was difficult, primarily because the number of tenure-track openings in German was dwindling at a staggering rate. However, Randy was lucky. After taking the civil service exam and resigning himself to a career outside of academe, he received two job offers. The first was from Loyola College, and he accepted it gladly.

At this point in Randy's career a number of people, many well known to members of the German Society, began to play an important role: Dr. Hanna Geldrich (later Geldrich-Leffman), Dr. Carrie May Currelmeyer Zintl, Professors Harold Jantz and Adolf Zucker, Pastor Friedemann H. B. Penner and independent scholar Klaus Wust. Hanna Geldrich was the chair of Modern Languages at Loyola and active in both the German Society and the Society for the History of Germans in Maryland. Dr. Zintl was teaching Classics at Loyola and actively honoring her father by preserving his significant contributions to German literature and philology.

Back in 1969 Randy took a seminar on German-American literature with Harold Jantz, then Chair of the German Department at Hopkins. As a result of that, Randy ultimately chose Robert Reitzel as his dissertation topic. Reitzel was a German-born liberal activist who published a radical journal with a considerable literary bent during the final third of the nineteenth century. Adolf

Zucker, who had written the only dissertation on Reitzel to date, was then at College Park. He and his wife treated the young scholar to tea at their home one afternoon and Zucker took the occasion to hand over his notes on Reitzel. A sizeable number of Reitzel's works were in the library at Zion Church, a room that, at the time, Pastor Penner used as his study. Thus began a long relationship with Zion Church.

In order to consult Reitzel's library works, Randy needed Pastor Penner's permission. A meeting was planned and Professor Jantz was anxious to attend the meeting as well. He certainly provided academic credibility to the work Randy proposed to undertake, but he also wanted to see the library. The meeting that took place between the rapacious bibliophile Jantz, the young Germanist Donaldson and the skeptical Pastor Penner was truly a scene worthy of Saturday Night Live. Pastor Penner did, however, allow the use of his office for research with sufficient notice.



Randy and wife Meredith 'Merry' in front of Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna.

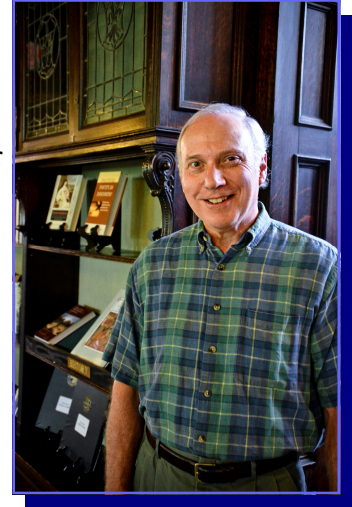


Eric Gritsch and Randall Donaldson at Zion's Lutherfest.



The dissertation was completed in the fall 1976 and was published as a book in a revised version in 2002 under the title: “The Literary Legacy of a ‘Poor Devil’: The Life and Work of Robert Reitzel (1849-1898)”.

In the early 1980s Dr. Zintl asked Randy to join the Board of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland. When Elizabeth Litzinger later stepped down as Treasurer, Randy succeeded her. Shortly thereafter he was asked to take on the editorship of the journal of the SHGM, “The Report”, when Klaus Wust retired. Since that time Randy has served as both Treasurer of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland and the editor of its journal. He has edited seven issues of “The Report”. The final volume under his editorship will appear in the spring 2020. In addition, he has co-edited a volume on foreign language pedagogy, “Changing Language Education through CALL (Computer-Assisted Language Learning)” with Loyola colleague Margaret Haggstrom. He has also published more than a dozen articles on German-American topics, including an extensive essay entitled: “William A. Potthast” about Potthast Bros. Furniture for the on-line “Immigrant Entrepreneurship Project” sponsored by the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C.



Through the decades Randy has remained at Loyola, now Loyola University of Maryland, teaching German language and graduate courses in Liberal Studies. He has provided a historical introduction to the reprint of Dieter Cunz’s “The Maryland Germans.” He has also served as president of the Maryland Chapter of the Goethe Society and national president of the Society for German-American Studies. He has been a board member and officer of a number of other scholarly organizations, most notably Phi Sigma Iota, the national honor society for foreign languages.



The presidents of the Society for German-American Studies. L to r. Randall Donaldson, William Roba, and William Keel.

Randy has kept his relationship with Zion Church as well. He was a member of the board of the Zion Forum for German Culture from 1996 to 2012. He worked at the Christmas Market for many years, setting up the Christmas tree right before Thanksgiving. However, the ultimate encounter with Zion came almost serendipitously in 2003. That year Randy organized a national meeting of the Society for German-American Studies in Baltimore. Many in Baltimore’s German-American community contributed their talents. The Cultural Attaché at the German Embassy in Washington contributed financial support as well as superb wines from the Embassy’s cellars. Jerry Wittstadt opened his home for a reception and the Adlersaal at Zion provided a perfect setting for the final banquet and celebration. Randall P. Donaldson is an outstanding professor and a dedicated contributor to the German-American community in

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The members and officers of the SHGM wish you
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Although Connie's heritage was 100% Italian, she had a fondness for the German culture and visited Germany at least fifteen times. (She also took Ted along with her on her visits to her relatives in Rome and Cefalu on the island of Sicily.)

She suffered from C.O.P.D. and difficulty breathing prevented her from attending the Society's functions in the past three years. Her husband, children and grandchildren commend her memory to the annals of the German Society of Maryland.

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Through the German Language and Heritage Fund of the German Society of Maryland and the generous contribution of Gerhard Meinzer, the Society will again be able to award a summer scholarship to a Maryland High School German student so that they may study in Germany.

For more information and scholarship applications and deadlines, see www.germansociety-md.com/education.htm.

Congratulations to those receiving awards at the May 20th, AATG (American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) Awards Ceremony.



College Recipients:

Alexander Berardo, Ryan O'Connor, Ryan Sutton
(all University of Maryland College Park)
and **Nassem Ahmadi** (University of Maryland,
Baltimore County)

The Gerhard Meinzer Summer Study Award:
Anthony Lee Sanchez from DeMatha Catholic
High School

Further awards included recognition of those students achieving 85% or higher in the National German Exam. 78 high school students from Aberdeen High School, Baltimore City College High School, Centennial High School, DeMatha Catholic High School, Georgetown Preparatory School, the German International School Washington (Saturday-morning program), Howard High School, North County High School, Wilde Lake High School, and one home-schooled student, Catherine Harper, daughter of GSM Director Stephen Harper.



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Our Band– Sounds Good



Sounds Good = Duane Martz on piano and Bob Jacobson on sax and clarinet. Both musicians have decades of experience playing in several genres of music. Tonight they will play mostly swing, with touches of other styles -- ballads, Latin, pop, early R&B, even a country tune or two. Sounds Good has played concerts, art shows, brunches, weddings and other private parties. They will add drums during the last hour.



Our Patrons

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236th Anniversary Banquet Menu

*Fruit, Vegetables, and Cheese Display
German Beer, Wine, Soda and Bottled Water*

DINNER BUFFET

*Garden Green Salad
Cauliflower, Carrots, Peas Medley
Braised Red Cabbage
Butter Spaetzle
Rinderbraten (Beef Shoulder Roast)
Huenchenbrust mit Pilzrahmsauce
(Chicken Breast with Mushroom Cream Sauce)*

DESSERT

*Apple Strudel
Bienenstich
Coffee, Tea*



National Anthems

Bundesrepublik Deutschland

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.

Unity and law and freedom
For the German Fatherland
Let us all strive for that
In brotherhood with heart and hand!
Unity and law and freedom
Are the foundation for happiness
Bloom in the glow of happiness
Bloom German Fatherland



The United States of America The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see,
by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose bright stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets' 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.

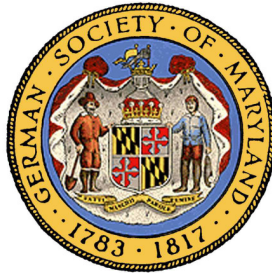
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