

# THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF MARYLAND

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### ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 17

The German Society's annual membership meeting is set for the Friday after Easter in the dining room of Zion Church, City Hall Plaza.

All members are urged to attend. Doors will be opened at 6 pm. A German dinner will be served, beginning at 6:30 pm, along with beer, wine, sodas and coffee. The business meeting will follow.

Please call our office at 410-685-0450 to reserve a place at the dinner. When you call, please indicate the number in your party and also whether you can bring a dessert. The dinner is free.

The event will conclude not later than 8:59 pm. The agenda for the meeting includes reports of committees, election of directors and such other business as may be appropriate.

A box at the entrance will be provided for voluntary donations to help offset the dinner expenses.

Please mark your calendar to attend and please call in your reservation by Wednesday, April 15. The annual meeting is a good time to meet other members, our officers and Directors. Don't be shy; walk around, shake some hands, introduce yourself and get better acquainted with other members.

### DUES ARE DUE

As of April 1, 461 members had not yet paid their dues. Perhaps this reflects the downturn of the U.S. economy. The primary use of dues payments is to cover the Society's expenses: office rent, telephone, postage, printing, office manager, and the like. These expenses go on relentlessly, even if members fail to send their dues. Grants and educational spending comes from the principal and income of the Society's investments. Our officers and Directors work for free: their only perks are the sodas, chips and coffee at the Directors' meetings at a cost of \$35 total per meeting four times per year. The Society operates frugally.

If you are one of the 461 members who have not yet paid the 2009 dues, please try to send your check as soon as possible. Times are tough for everybody.

### GERMAN FESTIVAL JULY 25-26

We will soon be sending out the call for volunteers to staff our booth at the Timonium Fairgrounds in shifts of 2 hours each. When the call comes, please respond and volunteer. You are guaranteed to have a good time and meet lots of nice people.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ethnic societies are valuable to their members and our community. When I refer to ethnic societies I am thinking first of the German Society of Maryland and the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore, the St. George's Society of Baltimore, and the Hibernian Society of Baltimore. These four groups have a long history of mutual respect and support, community service, and dedication to preserving our respective heritages. There are certainly many other ethnic societies in Maryland and they too contribute to the community and their members. Just look at the long list of ethnic festivals held every year. Historically, our society and others were first responders assisting the needy. Government now has prime responsibility for most assistance; ethnic societies now emphasize education, heritage, and social events. Our support for education strengthens the community and helps individuals. Preserving our heritage in music, dance, literature, and science reminds the community of the richness of life and teaches our children what we treasure and what they are unlikely to learn elsewhere. When I represent the German Society at events held by other societies, I am struck by the friendship among their members and their pride in their heritage. I see this too in the German Society. The German Society will continue to serve our community and it is my hope that it remains a special place of friendship for our members.

JAMES D. SCHAUB, PhD. Pres.

***The purpose of the German Society of Maryland is 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 the State of Maryland.***

## KALENDER

April 17 Annual Membership Meeting  
 April 30 Board of Directors meeting  
 May 17 High School & College awards at Adlersaal  
 July 25-26 German Festival at Timonium Fairgrounds  
 September tba Annual German society Picnic  
 September tba Ecumenical Service  
 November tba Annual Awards Banquet

### Other German Organizations

May 2 Maifest at Zion: German Language School  
 May 21 Edelweiss Club picnic - Patapsco State Park  
 May 23 Northeastern Saengerfest in Washington,  
 June 1 Bus Club Fidelitas: trip to Lancaster  
 Liederkranz - festival  
 Sept 19 Steuben Parade in NYC; Oktoberfest after-  
 wards in Central Park

## ZION LANGUAGE SCHOOL FETES 80TH ANNIVERSARY WITH MAIFEST

On Saturday, May 2, the German Language School at Zion will host a May Fest, with the students dancing around the traditional May Pole and all of the accompanying festivities. The event celebrates the school's 80th anniversary. The German community is invited. On the same day, stop by the Baltimore annual Flower Mart around the Washington Monument on Charles Street (Friday & Saturday). German Society member Carol Purcell is the Mart's exec. director.

## SOCIETY ACADEMIC AWARDS SET FOR MAY 17 IN ZION ADLERSAAL

The Society will award \$5,000 to Maryland high school students with high grades in the national German exams, and \$750 each to 4 Maryland college German majors selected by our Education Committee based on scholastic achievement. They are: Sarah Brackbill, Andrew Kern, Emily Wahl and Alisa Williams. The \$5,000 grant is made to the MD Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German, which divides the grant among high school achievers.

German Society members are invited to attend the ceremonies, along with the teachers and families of the award recipients, which will be followed by refreshments. The students and teachers will provide entertainment, which will make for a pleasant Sunday afternoon. Officials of the German and Swiss embassies will also make presentations.

## SCHAUB: A VERY BUSY PRESIDENT

Our President, Dr. James Schaub, has a tight and busy schedule representing our society at numerous events and also supporting other German American activities. He does it all while working at his full time job at the Department of Agriculture headquarters in Washington, D.C. as its chief economist, traveling around the world, giving symposia and lectures. Among his activities for the Society and the German American community during the past 9 months, these are some of his tasks:

- Preparing the agenda for and attending the quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors
  - Arranging for and chairing the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee
  - Overseeing the office and instructing the Office Manager in her duties
  - In the fall, attending the ceremonies at the National German American Friendship Garden on the Mall
  - representing the society at monthly meetings of the Associated German American Society-D.C.
  - Our rep. at the annual Mencken memorial ceremonies
  - Our rep at the St. George Society annual banquet
  - Our Rep at the St. Andrew's Society annual banquet
  - Our rep at the Hibernian Society annual banquet
  - Our rep at the monthly meetings of the Buergerverein
  - Board member: Club Fidelitas; monthly meetings
  - Committee chairman - Club Fidelitas
  - member ex officio of all German Society committees
  - Our rep at the Kickers Club 55th anniversary festivities
  - maintain relations with college and high school teachers (AATG)
  - give out awards to high school and college students
  - prepare and give speeches at all of our events
  - writing for the newsletter
  - correspondence with members and directors
  - correspondence with other German organizations
  - respond to newspaper and media - reporters/newscasters
  - personal relations with Society's benefactors
  - supervise fund raising activities
  - follow the Society's investments
  - work on annual budget and watch over expenses
  - attend to complaints from members and others
  - defend the Society from unfair criticism
  - serve as spokesman to explain the Society's policies and actions
  - with the help of the board, formulate policies and plan programs
  - inspire and encourage our members to work.
- And all of this is voluntary** - no remuneration except for the eternal gratitude of our membership. The Prez's job is never done. **Thanks, Jim. (and wife, Abbey)**

## BLOB'S PARK REOPENS GETS NATIONAL ATTENTION

CNN featured Blob's Park on national TV, as an example of how the country's economic downturn has caused new ventures to arise. The family park was sold for a housing development, but the new owner put their plans on "hold" and leased 40 acres to Max Blob's great nephew, Max Eggerl who has renovated the place and reopened it.

Blob's Park, a meeting place for German Americans for over 75 years, has a deep-seated German heritage. For a schedule of events, call 410-799-7130 or visit its website at [info@blobspark.net](mailto:info@blobspark.net)

The late Katherine Eggerl, Max Blob's niece who ran the park for more than 50 years, was a member of our Society who was honored at our annual banquet shortly before her death. Our Society is looking into the possibility of holding our annual picnic at Blob's this year. We have had our picnic there several times in the past.

## BREMERHAVEN - BALTIMORE, SISTER CITIES PROPOSAL

Brigitte Fessenden, Director and past President of our Society, has been working diligently to persuade the Mayor and City Council to approve a sister-cities relationship with Bremerhaven, a chief port of emigration from Germany to America. She and her committee have been making steady progress. A lecture on German immigration was given in our offices in February by Dr. Nicholas Fessenden.

Ships from Bremerhaven docked at Baltimore's Locust Point where the B&O Railroad laid tracks directly to the pier, so that immigrants disembarked and got right on a train to travel to such western cities as Cincinnati and St. Louis. Many remained in Baltimore.

## BINKERT'S MEAT STORE REOPENS

After a fire closed Binkert's for several months, the store reopened and is going strong. Egon Binkert and his family have supplied German meats to our members for many years. They have served the German Embassy and the Naval Academy and their products are available at select local grocery stores. The store where the meats are made and sold is located on Philadelphia Road in Baltimore County, just east of Rossville Blvd. Closed all day Thurs and at 2 pm Sat.

## OUR SOCIETY CAN ONLY FUNCTION WHEN MEMBERS VOLUNTEER

Some "isms" are odious, such as Terrorism; but one "ism" is essential for the preservatin of our Society: volunteerism. Ours is a non-profit, voluntary organization and without volunteers we will fail and like so many other ethnic organizations, go out of existence. Each member of our Society should consider what he or she can do to help us achieve our goals, to promote the German american culture and preserve our heritage.

We must have volunteers to work at our events, to serve on committees, to provide leadership and inspiration. Our volunteers come from among our members. Even the busiest among us can find a few hours here and there to pitch in and help.

If you will let us know that you are willing, we'll put you on the list and when the need arises, you'll get a call. Just drop a note to our office or send an email to our President, Jim Schaub at

[jamesdschaub@msn.com](mailto:jamesdschaub@msn.com)

or to our office manager, Barbel Otto at

[barbelotto@verizon.net](mailto:barbelotto@verizon.net).

Specify your special area of interest, or if none, just say: "Put my name on the list to help when needed."

The spirit of volunteerism has made our Society survive for 226 years; only you can guarantee its survival into the future.

## WESTPHALIA KING - FOLLOW-UP

Our last newsletter mentioned that Napoleon's brother, Jerome Bonapart, married Baltimorean Betsy Patterson and lived for a while in Baltimore before becoming King of Westphalia. We received a follow up via e-mail from Walt Mathers with additional information. Betsy had a son, "Bo", who had two sons, Jerome and Charles Joseph. Jerome fought for France against Germany in the 1870 Siege of Paris. Charles Joseph attended Harvard Law School with Teddy Roosevelt who became president and made him the Secretary of the Navy and Attorney General. Charles founded the F.B.I. Both Jerome and Charles are buried in Baltimore. Thus, the grandsons of the King of Westphalia had an impact on Maryland and the USA.

**A THANK-YOU NOTE** Zachary Herr, a high school student from Parkville was named a Sports Ambassador to Germany, where he will compete with German boys in soccer matches. Our Society gave a \$200 donation to raise funds to support Zac. We received nice thank-you note and a full report.

## NEW ON THE INTERNET FOR MARYLAND GERMAN AMERICANS

Something new has come to town: a forum on the internet to help foster our German American heritage. The forum is for posting notices of current activities and events in the community. It allows folks to share ideas and information on all things of interest in the realm of German American heritage and culture and its goal is to spread knowledge of what's going on now as well as items of historical interest.

The forum is the brainchild of our member, Walter Mathers. Walt, a resident of Glen Burnie, MD, is an enthusiastic promoter of our German heritage. He joined the Society in 2007 and you may have met him when he was working at our booth at the German festival last summer. Come to our annual meeting on April 17 and you can shake his hand and ask him how the forum works.

The forum has a name: "Der Wecker", taken from a Baltimore German newspaper of the 1800's and means "The Alarm". It has been operating since January and is linked to the German Society's own website. It has already attracted nearly 2,000 visitors. Anyone can visit the internet site of the forum, but to post data to the site, you need to register your e-mail address (which will be kept confidential). The site is monitored to protect against inappropriate postings.

To see Der Wecker and find out how it works, go to [www.Wecker.civilwarsignals.org](http://www.Wecker.civilwarsignals.org). (The site presently uses the facilities of an historical society for the civil war signal corps .)

## GERMANY SETS UP CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER IN MARYLAND

The German Federal Agency for Administration has funded a German Resource Center at the Washington German School in Potomac, Maryland. It is a new medium for all German language teachers and students in North America. It offers state-of-the-art teaching resources and classroom materials, including newspapers, magazines, CD's, literature, software etc.

The center's main goal is to provide information about the newest German teaching techniques and to promote interest in and enthusiasm for modern German and German culture. The Center will open on April 27th. The opening ceremonies will be held by His Excellency Dr. Klaus Scharioth, Ambassador of The Federal Republic of Germany to the United States. Some officers of our Society have been invited to the opening reception.



## GERMAN AMERICAN DAY AT THE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN IN D.C.

Photo: Our President, Dr. James Schaub (right) reads a proclamation from MD Governor Martin O'Malley at the German American Day ceremonies at the German American Friendship Garden on the Mall in Washington, accompanied by Dr. Thomas Meindl of the German Embassy and Gerhard Mainzer, President of the Associated German American Society of Greater Washington.

## ARION SINGERS TO PERFORM IN SAENGERFEST IN WASHINGTON, DC

Baltimore's Arion Gesangerverein will sing in the Northeast Saengerfest at the National Building Museum at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2009. A chorus of more than 300 from the northeastern U.S. will perform German and German American songs. Admission: students \$15;; others \$25. The chorus will be accompanied by the National Gallery of Art Orchestra. The Arion group will participate with the host chorus, the Washington Saengerbund.

Arion's President is Robert Fritzsckke, who is also a Director of our Society. The historical Arion, singing group which existed before the Civil War, performed in Gettysburg when Abraham Lincoln gave his famous Gettysburg Address.

The National Building Museum is located at 401 F. St., N.W. in Washington, D.C. For tickets, go to [www.saengerfest2009.org/tickets.html](http://www.saengerfest2009.org/tickets.html)

Many of the members of the chorus will also perform on Sunday, May 24 at 11:00 to 11:30 am in a free concert in Memorial Day ceremonies at Market Square in Alexandria, Virginia.

Several members of our Society are singers in the Arion Gesangerverein.

## GET WELL, BETTY NIEMANN!!

Our very active Director, Betty Niemann, took a bad fall in her home, broke multiple bones, ended up, after a hospital stay, at the Brightwood rehabilitation center where she is recovering as we go to press. After another week at Brightwood, she has another 2 weeks of home-bound rehabilitation and probably won't make it to our annual meeting on April 17. Besides being a working Director of the German Society, Betty is President of the Baltimore Kickers Club and serves on Zion Church's property committee. She is Past President of The Edelweiss Club. Sitting idle is not Betty's style, so she is working strenuously at rehab exercises all morning long and receiving visitors and phone calls the rest of the day and evening. GET WELL SOON!

## GERMAN RADIO KLUB DISSOLVES

The German community has suffered the loss of yet another institution. The German Radio Klub, which had broadcast on radio and held many social and educational events for nearly 60 years, ceased operations as of December 31, 2008. Its death knoll began tolling when the radio station which broadcast its German radio hour opted out of ethnic programming and another station could not be found to sell time at reasonable rates. The same fate happened to the Edelweiss Hour, but the Edelweiss has been able to survive as a social organization. Some members of the Radio Klub have moved into other clubs which are members of Der Deutschamerikanischer Buergerverein. Thelma Kline, a pillar of the Radio Klub has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Club Fidelitas and been appointed chair of its social committee.

## COMMITTEE REVIEWS BYLAWS; SUGGESTS NEED FOR UPDATING

The Bylaws Committee has been reviewing the current set of bylaws (last revised in 1989) and recommends further study to update them to conform with current needs and practices. One example is to bring term limits for the president in line with the unwritten policy of limiting the job to two consecutive one-year terms. Other areas of change relate to the description of committees which are currently operating informally, and to designate the duties of officers and committees. The Bylaws Committee will be working during the course of the upcoming year so that amendments can be submitted at the 2010 annual meeting.

## CATHOLIC GERMANS IN MARYLAND (Notes from the editor)

Our last newsletter printed a song sung at the 1895 annual banquet of our Society. It was disrespectful of the Pope. Two of our members were offended and one even resigned.

The printing of the song was a history lesson. In 1895 our Society was small and membership was by invitation only. This continued until the 1960's. The founders of our Society were Protestants and it was natural that they extended membership to one another. The banquet was men-only. Singing was a big part of such events, and it is not surprising that things could become a bit boisterous. German Catholics were not numerous in Maryland in the early years and it is likely that in 1895, the Society had no Catholic members.

Times changed. 90 years later, in 1985, the Society had a Catholic as its president and since then, there have been two others. The printing of the song was meant to show how "inclusive" the Society has become in the past 113 years. Our Board of Directors contains members of many different religious affiliations. Today our membership is not restricted by ethnic origin, gender, descent or residence -- or religious affiliation.

The song was discovered in our archives and we felt it should not be hidden from our members. That's the way it was then; it's not like that now.

Finally, an inspiration for publishing the song came from a saying by our former member, H. L. Mencken: *"I believe it is better to tell the truth than to lie. I believe that it is better to be free than to be a slave. And I believe that it is better to know than to be ignorant."*

## MENCKEN HONORED AT GRAVESITE

The German Society, represented by our President Dr. James Schaub, joined with the Mencken Society at the grave of our former member, Henry L. Mencken to pay tribute to the "Sage of Baltimore". Each year around the date of Mencken's death in January, a group of Mencken scholars visit his grave in Loudon Park Cemetery for memorial ceremonies. They consist of the reading of excerpts from his works, On the flat marker above Mencken's grave, the group left a beer, a cigar and a single red rose (in lieu of a wreath) and then adjourned to a tavern to sing his praises. Next year Dr. Schaub hopes to be accompanied by some of our members - so, watch for the notice in this newsletter and plan to be in attendance.

## LOUIS PAUL HENNINGHAUSEN, OUR PRESIDENT 1887-1913 (Sun, obit.)

(The Sun) Baltimore, Maryland, February 2, 1918. Louis P. Henninghausen, noted lawyer, veteran of the Union Army, civil war, President of the German Society of Maryland, died today from injuries received from a fall from an electric car. He was 78 years old, an eloquent orator, litterateur and philanthropist. He at one time was prominent in the Republican Party in Maryland. For years he was a member of the Civil Service Reform League and a score of benevolent and educational and historical societies. In the civil war he was an officer in the 46th New York Volunteers.

## POLITICAL CHANGES 1907-2008

In the elections for mayor of Baltimore in 1907, the German community was called upon to block the Democratic Party from disenfranchising blacks. The Democratic candidate campaigned on a platform which would require all voters to pass a literacy test. Many black citizens were not literate in 1907 and thus would be denied the right to vote. The German American Lincoln Club, in defense of the citizens, called upon German Americans to support the Republican ticket and held three large rallies in the city. The Germans carried the election and elected Mayor Timanus, a Republican. (From an article in the Sun newspaper of April 15, 1907, researched by Walt Mathers.)

(We are hoping the current mayor and city council will return the favor by approving the Baltimore-Bremerhaven Sister City relationship, and approving the statue of German American Mayor Donald Schafer to stand in the Inner Harbor.)

## BALTIMOREAN GERMAN AMERICAN WAS LAST SOLDIER KILLED IN WWI

At 10:58 on Nov. 11, 1919, two minutes before the end of World War I, Henry Gunther left his battle-field trench, was shot and killed. General Pershing declared him to be the last soldier to die in the war. It is said that some of the Germans called to him from their trenches to go back, that the war was over. He was a Baltimorean of German ancestry. A tree was planted in his memory in Patterson Park, directly across from his home. He is buried in Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery, Belair Road and Frankford Avenue. A memorial was erected in his memory in France. Henry learned from his father to speak fluent German and had relatives in Germany.

## NUCLEAR SHIP SAVANNA CELEBRATES 50TH IN JULY

The N. S. Savanna, berthed in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, will have a gala celebration on July 18-19 and the public is invited. President Dwight Eisenhower pressed for its construction, to show a peaceful use of nuclear power, and his wife, Mamie, christened it. Our member, Walt Mathers, has a major role in arranging the festivities. The event will feature a choral group composed of the Arion Gesangerverein and the Washing Saengerbund. The ship has been proposed as a venue for one of our Society's events.

## JOHN F. OPPITZ R.I.P.

We recently learned of the death of our member, John F. Oppitz, who died in November, 2007. He resided on East Joppa Road in Nottingham, MD. He is survived by his nephew, George Rhoads who notified us of his death. The society sends condolences to John's family.

## MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE HONORS BALTIMORE PASTOR

Rev. Francis Xavier Seelos, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore in the late 1840's, was honored by Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA by the dedication of a state of the art theater named for him, and by the establishment of a full scholarship in his name for first generation immigrant students. Seelos was an immigrant from Bavaria who served as a priest in Maryland for 17 years. He was also pastor of St. Mary's church in Annapolis and Saints Peter and Paul Church in Cumberland. He died in New Orleans while attending plague victims. His memory is venerated in New Orleans with a shrine and by religious devotions. Several books have been written about his exploits. Because of his heroic virtue, he was declared "blessed" by Pope John Paul II, a step leading to his being declared a saint.

The current pastor of St. Alphonsus church is Rev. Monsignor Arthur Bastress, also a German American and a member of our Society.

## MENCKEN QUOTES:

- A newspaper is a device for making the ignorant more ignorant and the crazy crazier.
- Conscience is the inner voice that warns us that someone may be looking.

## GERMAN OPERA HOUSE ONCE STOOD ON EUTAW ST.-BALTIMORE

Charles Dickens once did a reading at Concordia Opera House on the west side of Eutaw St., just south of the old German St. (now Redwood St.) The building was erected in 1866 by the Concordia Society, a group of German opera lovers. The large and elaborately decorated hall was destroyed by fire in 1891. (Info courtesy of Walt Mathers.)

## GERMANS MARCHED AGAINST THE "KNOW-NOTHINGS" IN BALTIMORE

In 1858 Baltimore was a stronghold of the "Know-Nothing" party, a nativist political group opposed to foreigners. They elected a mayor. Zion Church's Pastor Scheib sought a way to counter the intimidation by that party and organized a day of festivities in the city, beginning with a mile-long procession which included many marching bands, going through the city from Broadway to "Rullman's Gardens" on the Frederick Road. The Germans were joined by many other loyal citizens. The event was one of festivities and also a tribute to the memory of Baron von Steuben, a son of the fatherland who helped George Washington form his army in the Revolutionary War. The "Know Nothings" soon lost power and its mayor was not reelected. (Research by Walt Mathers)

## GERMAN COOKIES IN MARYLAND

From an ad in a recent newspaper:  
"In 1835, two brothers, George and Henry Berger, traveled to Baltimore from Germany. Around the turn of the century, George and Henry combined three bakeries and formed "Bergers". The bakery prospered through the depression and two world wars. Today under the ownership of Charles DeBaufre, Jr., Bergers continues to produce one of Maryland's best known cookies.

## A JEWISH "FIRST" - BOOK BY GERMAN RABBI IN BALTIMORE

2008 marks the 150th anniversary of the publication in Baltimore of the first Jewish prayer book in the Reformed Tradition in the vernacular. In 1858 a German rabbi and leader of the Jewish reform movement in the United States published the book. He was Rabbi David Einhorn of the Har Sinai Verein

(today's Har Sinai synagogue in Owings Mills), born in Bavaria in 1809. The book has served as the model for later editions, still used today. The book was printed by the local firm of Schneidereith & Sons, still in business today. (The Schneidereith company was utilized for many years by our Society, and its founder was a member of our Society.) (Thanks to Paster Holger Roggelin for information about this event.)

## INCREDIBLE: MILITARY CHANNEL

The TV was tuned to the Military Channel at 8:45 am on October 15. and it aired a documentary on the end of World War I. It told how French Marshal Foch prolonged the signing of the armistice in order to carry out vengeance on the Germans. But the shocking aspect of the TV report was this: an American captain wrote home that he was sorry they could not cut off the hands of the German children and scalp them. The captain was named and his photo on TV showed him in uniform: Captain Harry S. Truman, later President Truman. That letter explains the hatred Truman felt toward the Germans when, after WWII ended, he ordered that the German civilians be rationed to 800 calories of food per day. Some Germans were starving to death. Realizing this ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> a form of genocide, a group of United States Senators marched into Truman's office and demanded that he rescind the order. They told him: "We did not fight this war in order to annihilate the German people."

## AN E-MAIL FROM SCHIFFERSTADT

Jillian Roberts, Director of the Schifferstadt Architectural Museum in Frederick, MD, is happy with the support the museum is receiving from our Society. She wrote that three Society members have been appointed to the Board of Directors of the museum: Dr. David Denisch, Walter Mathers and Valerie Mathers. Dr. Denisch is a descendant of the family which built Schifferstadt in the 1750's.

## MENCKEN QUOTES:

Every election is an advance auction sale of stolen goods.  
Lawyer-One who protects us from robbers by taking away the temptation.  
He marries best who puts it off until it is too late.  
Suicide is the belated acquiescence in the opinion of one's wife's relatives.  
Dachshund: a half dog high & a dog & a half long.