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President's Message-Anton Smoot

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Liebe Mitglieder – Dear Members,

I hope this message finds all of our members well and safe. A warm welcome to all of our newest members that have joined our great society in the past couple of months.

This coming April, I will be stepping down as President of the German Society of Maryland. The past year has been an amazing journey and I could not have done my job without the help of many people. All of your ideas and suggestions provided a great tool in helping me not only do my job but also guide the society into the future. The extremely talented and knowledgeable members of the Board of Directors guided me in all the important decisions that had to be made. A heartfelt thank you to all of you for your input, knowledge and guidance during my tenure. It truly has been an honor to serve as your president!

Things were quite a bit different in the German Community when I joined in 1986. Even though we have lost some clubs, we are making progress on several other fronts. I am happy to report that our society is financially sound and that our membership is strong and growing. The German Society of Maryland is continuing its

goal to preserve and promote the German heritage, language, traditions and history through many programs. I encourage all of our members to visit our website to discover all the wonderful events that are happening now or in the near future.

www.germansociety-md.com

Additionally, a complete listing of all the scheduled events for all the German Organizations in Maryland can be found at www.md-germans.org. All these organizations are working very hard to provide not only traditional events but also encompass new ideas for the future. Visit the website and get out amongst your fellow Germans!

Our annual meeting will be held on April 12th at The Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore. I encourage all of you to attend and look forward to seeing you at this very important event.

The German Society of Maryland is always looking for new members that are energetic and willing to put their talents to work. I encourage all of you to spread the word of this noble and honorable organization to anyone that



would like to learn more about us.

As always, best wishes and speedy recovery to any of our sick or shut-in members and I hope to see many of you at an event.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Anton G. Smoot

President

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The purpose of the German Society of Maryland is to preserve and promote the German heritage 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

The Society wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to Anton Smoot for his years serving the Society as our President. He has served with honor and integrity. We look forward to his continued support of our great Society.

Unser Kalender

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| April 12 | German Society Annual Meeting | 6:00 PM |
| April 24 | German Society Board Meeting | 7:30 PM |
| May 5 | AATG Student Awards | 3:00 PM |

JHU Hosts New Traveling Exhibit

The exhibition title, ‘The Rosenberg-The Federal Ministry of Justice in the Shadow of the Nazi Past’ is a part of the Justice Ministry’s efforts to address its past.

The Rosenberg Project which commenced in 2012 on commission of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (BMJV), was undertaken by a team of researchers headed by historian Professor Manfred Görtemaker and legal scholar Professor Christoph Safferling. It examines how the Ministry in the 1950s and 60s dealt with the Nazi past of its staff, the continuity in terms of both personnel and

basic approach, the prosecution of crimes perpetrated in connection with the Holocaust, as well as amnesty and the statute of limitations.

The results of the concluding report, titled, ‘The Rosenberg Files,’ were presented for the first time in 2017 in a traveling exhibition.

It is divided into nine sections which feature display stands and multimedia context. They approach the respective topic by way of biographies or original quotes. The purpose of this exhibition is to present the findings of ‘The Rosenberg Files’ to a wide audience and raise aware-

Publication Dates:

January-March: Deadline 12/15

April-June: Deadline 3/15

July-September: Deadline 6/15

October-December: Deadline 9/15

Links:

German Society Website:

www.germansociety-md.com

Deutschamerikanischer Bürgerverein:

www.md-germans.org

German Marylanders:

www.germanmarylanders.org

German American Radio:

germanamericanradio.com

ness of the historical injustice that took place.

Exhibition venue and hours:

Milton S. Eisenhower Library, JHU
3400 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD. 21218
March 28th through May 1st, 2019
Time: 7:30 am to 3 pm



The German Society’s Annual Meeting Member\$ Only

Please plan to attend the Society’s Annual Meeting on April 12th. The meeting gives us the opportunity to tell you what we are doing and gives you a voice in our activities.

We will be voting on several issues including the ratification of the bylaws and the selection of **FIVE** new Board members.

Join us for a light meal followed by the meeting.

Place: Zion Church of the City of Baltimore
400 E. Lexington Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Time: 6:00 PM



McDaniel College Trustees Vote to Eliminate German Programs

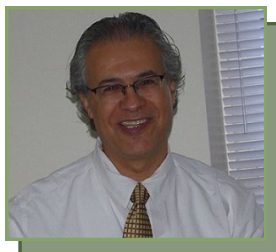
The German community, especially the German education community, were handed a ‘huge’ blow when the Board of Trustees of McDaniel College voted unanimously to end the German program at the school. The vote taken on Saturday February 24th eliminated the German Major and the German Minor program at the school.



German was not the only casualty of the decision. McDaniel will no longer offer Art History, Latin, French, Music and Religious Studies as majors, and both the German and Music minor will also be eliminated. Moving forward, which appears to be the focus of the trustees, McDaniel will restructure the liberal arts school’s academic programs and the languages that will be available are Arabic, American Sign Language, Chinese, French and Spanish. Of course, money did play a major part in this decision, which was announced by Roger Casey, President of McDaniel in a letter distributed via social media. The decision will have a far-reaching ripple effect on our community.

After the announcement of the elimination of the German program, social media sites, such as Facebook were flooded with comments and observations from angry students, parents and teachers. Postings exhibited the confusion, anger and true sadness over the decision.

In a posting from Professor Esa, he asked for calm and understanding stating that money is a key issue and programs, like the German program, just do not bring in enough money. Alumni donations are



one way to raise funds, but thought should be given to alternative fund-raising such as endowed chairs or scholarships. Many companies in the US are Ger-

man, Swiss and Austrian companies, making millions of dollars. Perhaps they would like to keep the German language and culture alive in the US. Teachers need to recruit more students to apply and make certain they indicate on their application that they plan to major in German. He agreed that colleges must sometimes change the structure of their majors to meet the needs of the future, but a great education matters and a great education should include the humanities, world languages and yes, German.

Professor Esa continued by giving the German Society of Maryland kudos stating, “The German Society of Maryland is one of the most generous and benevolent societies in the USA, that I know... why cannot others do similar things like the GSM does”?

The German Society of Maryland is a strong supporter of McDaniel’s annual ‘German Day’. This special event is to celebrate its’ 25th Anniversary this year. The first German American Day, which was and is the brainchild of Professor Dr. Mohamed

Esa, was held in 1994. This was just one short year after Professor Esa joined the faculty at McDaniel as a full time professor of German.

Esa is the German program at McDaniel. He is loved by his students, respected by his peers and considered a trusted advisor by all. His ‘German Day’ at McDan-

iel has brought many students, not just to the college, but to the German language and culture. We have been told that ‘German Day’ will go on as planned. The date of the event is October 15, 2019. See more at <http://www2.mcdaniel.edu/german/gad/> Please make sure you attend and if you know any students of German or German language programs throughout the state, please make certain that they too know the date and plan to attend.



McDaniel’s 23rd annual German-American Day. 91 year old Rubin Sztajer gives students the opportunity to hear the horrors of the holocaust.

Esa was referring to, not only the GSM’s involvement in the ‘German Day’ at McDaniel, but also the several scholarships provided each year by the GSM. Esa, a lifetime director of the German Society, brings many of his students to the Society’s annual dinner. He and his students have always been a welcomed addition to this event and he is a true asset to the German Society and the German community as a whole.

If you wish to express your concerns, etc., please contact: Roger Casey, President. You may write, call or email:

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Travel Changes on the Horizon

With so many of our members travelling to Germany and surrounding European countries, big changes are coming to the way we enter the EU.

Beginning in 2021, US Citizens traveling to the European Union will have to pass a security check that comes with the application for a VISA. Once the security check has been completed and you pass, you will have a VISA for three years. There will be a cost associated with the VISA (approximately \$8 US Dollars). Responsible for the security check and provisions is the European Travel Information Authorization System or ETIAS.

It has been suggested that this move is in direct relation to the United States' requirement of VISA's for five of the EU countries. Those countries, Poland, Croatia, Romania, Cyprus and Bulgaria still require VISAs to enter the US. The other twenty three (23) European Countries are VISA free for US travel. The theory here is that what is good for some is good for all and since US citizens may, at this time, enter any of the EU countries without a VISA, the same should hold true for the entire EU and its 28 countries. I am not certain that is the case because further investigation shows that the VISA will be required of Canadians, New Zealanders, Australians and travelers of 50+ other countries.

The VISA is for the entire area called the Schengen area, named after the Schengen Treaty signed in 1985 and supplemented in 1990, eliminating the border controls at the 28 included states. Those states

mentioned above are EU members but not part of that area, but obliged to join.

The US has addressed the



issue stating that the states where a VISA is required are those with insufficient border control and lack of security controls presenting security risks to the US. The US is, however, the only country requiring VISAs of these countries citizens.

This measure appears to be another proverbial 'nail' in the coffin of US travelers. Recently

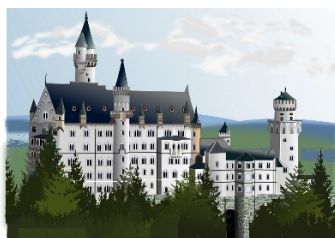
Brazil passed fingerprinting requirements for all US citizens...only US citizens.

It shouldn't be a huge hassle. The estimated cost is \$8 US dollars. Anyone with a valid passport, an email account and a debit or credit card will be able to apply. The application is an online application. They expect at least 95% of all US citizens will pass and obtain the visa within a minute of the routine check. Children under 18 years of age are exempt from the fee and one report that I read indicated that they would be allowed to enter with a passport only.

For additional questions or to review the process see <https://etias.com/>.

Trip to Southern Germany – October 2-18, 2019

I have organized my 5th trip to southern Germany and will be leading a group of 8 adults. I will be driving a 9-passenger van with overnight stops in Frankfurt, Freudenstadt, Freiburg (2x), Meersburg, Lindau Island, Garmisch, Munich (3x) Nördlingen, Rothenburg (2x), Würzburg, Heidelberg. All hotels, except in Frankfurt & Munich, are in the heart of the historic town centers. Available are: detailed itinerary, map of route, hotel list, costs, and links to online photo albums. Retired teacher of German: McDonogh School, 36 yrs., McDaniel College, 3 ½ yrs.



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Meet our Lifetime Director, Dr. James Schaub

James Donald Schaub, PhD has been a member of the German Society of Maryland since the mid-1990's. Jim's path to joining the German Society began with taking his wife and daughters to the German Festival in Carroll Park. Thus, Jim joined our Society. He is a twice past-president, current 1st vice president, and a lifetime director.

Jim's 2nd great grandfather, Henry Schaub, came to America around 1837 and soon settled in Catonsville. His wife was Dorothea Grim. Henry's precise origin is unclear but some evidence points to Hesse-Kassel. Four generations grew up in Catonsville including Jim and his two brothers and sister. Henry and three of his children were very involved with the Salem Lutheran Church in Catonsville. Henry is listed as one of the workman who helped build the Old Salem Lutheran Church on Ingleside Avenue. His fourth child, Jim's great grandfather, also named Henry Schaub, married an Irish Catholic immigrant, Mary A. Burns, and the Catholic line of Schaub's in Maryland began.

Jim married Abbie Eileen Fitzgerald in 1973 and they have two daughters Katie of Boulder Colorado mother of two-- Liam and Roxana, and Eileen of Ellicott City, therapist for

children autism and similar developmental challenges. Both daughters enjoy attending our banquets and other events. Jim lives in Howard County and spends time at the family condominium in Ocean City.

The German language had disappeared almost entirely from the family by the time Jim and his siblings were born to C. Herbert Schaub and his wife Margaret Gorman Schaub. Jim's "German" grandmother, Rose Dressler, still used a few words of German including "böser Bub" which Jim finally figured out meant bad or naughty boy. Jim's dad served in Belgium and France in WWII and spoke a bit of Army German but seemed to be better with French. The three boys all attended Mount St. Joe in Irvington and chose to study German over Spanish or French. Jim's older brothers had no choice about taking Latin, and although Latin was not required when Jim started high school, Jim and 12 other boys elected to take two years of Latin. At Loyola College, Jim was required to take a foreign language and somehow placed in intermediate German. Jim's language skills were sufficient for brief trips to Heidelberg, Köln, and Berlin.

Jim was elected to the German Society Board of Directors in 1999. Not long after

Jim joined Christel van der Berg as a delegate to the Burgerverein. Jim served as President of the Society from 2002 to 2005 and returned to serve from 2008 to 2010. During his

first term Jim brought the German Society

into the Association of German-American Societies of Greater Washington, DC (AGAS). Jim continues to represent the German Society at AGAS and serves as the AGAS secretary. He is also a member of Club Fidelitas and served on their board.

Jim's professional career has been in economics. Now retired, he had worked for 32 years at the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington covering issues ranging from food safety, to animal health and welfare, to commodity markets and trade. Jim served on several United Nations committees addressing economic dimensions of global environmental problems. After his retirement from USDA, Jim was an economic consultant for foreign and domestic food and flower producers and the turf industry. He has served on the faculty of Loyola University and North Carolina State University teaching economics and statistics.

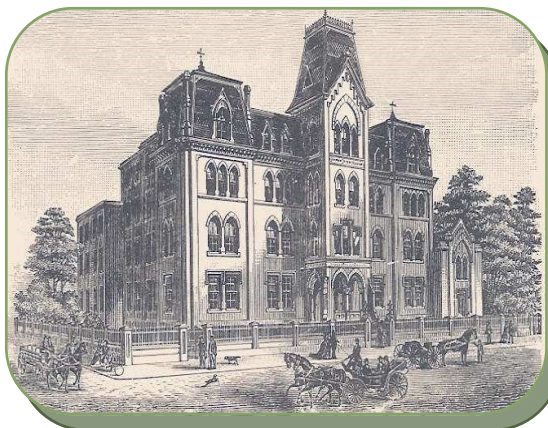
Jim is president of the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, president of the Charles Carroll of Carrollton Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and is vice president general of the Hereditary Order of the Signers of the Bush Declaration. Jim's maternal ancestry led him to join our sister societies of St. George's and St. Andrew's. Jim's hobbies are genealogy, and learning to draw.



The General German Orphan Home

By Shelley Arnold

First things first...why an orphanage? The truth is that there was little need for orphan asylums prior to the 1830s, however during the 1840s and 1850s the city and the country



were struck by the Cholera epidemics. These epidemics left many children without parents. Many children were left without fathers during and after the Civil War and the numbers were also bumped by immigration and many not being able to find jobs. Nearer the turn of the century, the country also saw a rapid increase in laws passed to protect the children. Laws such as the Compulsory Education Law (1901), the New Child Labor Laws (1902) which raised the age of legal employment to 14 and Development of a Juvenile Court System (1902), which led to stronger child protections and led to the increase in orphanages.

The population of children in orphanages in the US increased from only about 200 in 1790 to about 123,000 in 1910. Thirteen orphanages were opened from 1778 to 1856 in Baltimore...seven Protestant and six Catholic. By 1910 there were 28 children's homes in Baltimore.

The 'Home' is one of the first of its kind in Baltimore and still exists today. The project began in 1863 when Martin Kratt, pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran Trini-

ty Church appealed to the German population of Baltimore. On July 12, 1863, it was organized and founded as the German Protestant Orphan Association of the City

of Baltimore. The original site of the home was at 69 Pratt Street near Canal (Central Avenue), which opened on July 12, 1863. The name was changed in 1866 removing 'Protestant', feeling that the home would receive greater support if non-sectarian. This change invited the entire German population to embrace and befriend the home regardless of creed, which they did. The official new name was 'The General German Orphan Asylum of the City of Baltimore'. The home outgrew their Pratt Street facility and moved to 69 North Calvert Street. The move was made in July 1867.

The name change and the move within two years were major, however, many things remained steadfast including their constitution. The constitution made it clear that the home was for German orphans. Specifically it stated that the purpose of the orphanage was to admit needy and deserving orphans of both sexes, without regard to creed, of German ancestry (the grandparents from the father's or mother's side must have been born in Germany) and half-orphans (those who had a living

mother or father) would be admitted by decree of the board of directors.

The constitution also made it clear that the children would receive instructions in both English and German, but German would be the official language of the house.

Some of the other important provisions within the constitution of the home:

1. All children admitted will not be less than two years, nor more than ten years.
2. When the children become fourteen, they will leave the Home and the Board of Directors shall see that the boys are placed properly with tradesmen or businessmen, which will accept them as apprentices. Girls will be placed as domestics or choose an honorable career.
3. Boys stay under the supervision of the house until the age of 21; girls 18.
4. A board of 25 (which still exists)

The reports of the home were printed in



German until 1896 when the reports appeared both in English and German. Around 1921 the reports were done in English only.

The children received a good education. During the earlier years the children attended the Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church School. Later they would also attend the Scheib School and Knapp's. When the districts within Baltimore City opened the English-German schools, most students living in the home would attend the public schools. Later in the early 1920s, many of the children attended public high schools. The first boy graduated from Catonsville High School in 1926.

Of course there were problems. The home was struck with a scarlet fever outbreak around 1870. The children couldn't be separated so the healthy and the sick lived together. The results were nineteen children infected, two died. This certainly wasn't as bad as it could have been. The home was blessed with many exceptional physicians that made regular rounds checking on the children. Some of the earlier physicians were Dr. Friedrich Hess, Dr. Frank C.

Bressler (attended the home for more than forty years), Dr. Joseph I. Kessler, Dr. Wetherbee Fort, Dr. Fred Andrae, and Dr. Raymond E. Lenhard. The 1870 census shows that 54 children were living at the home at that time.



They outgrew their Calvert Street location and in 1872, bought a property belonging to the Carmelite Sisters on Aisquith Street, near Orleans. The building was not suited for a children's

home so a new building was erected on that site. The facility was designed and built by Architect George A. Frederick, a prominent German Architect that designed many of the buildings in the Baltimore area, including Baltimore City Hall. The building was ready for the children in 1874. See some of George Frederick's other works on the website <http://georgeafrederick.com>. See the photo opposite page (of The General German Orphans Home in 1905.

ORPHANAGES IN THE BALTIMORE AREA

- HEBREW CHILDREN SHELTERING AND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION. AKA. BETSY LEVY MEMORIAL HOME (1900-1921)
- HEBREW ORPHAN ASYLUM
- DAUGHTERS OF HANNA (JEWISH)
- GENERAL GERMAN ORPHANS ASYLUM
- MT. OLIVET ORPHANS HOME
- ST. ANDREW'S-CATHOLIC
- BALTIMORE ORPHAN ASYLUM, BAPTIST ORPHANAGE & CHRISTIAN HOME
- ST. JOHN'S ORPHANAGE, WAVERLY
- AUGSBURG LUTHERAN HOME & VILLAGE
- FRIENDLESS OF BALTIMORE CITY (HOF)
- BALTIMORE ORPHAN ASYLUM (BOA)
- ST. ANTHONY'S ORPHANAGE 1899
- ST. ELIZABETH'S FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN INFANTS
- GOOD SHEPHERD-CATHOLIC
- THE ST. VINCENT'S MALE ORPHAN ASYLUM
- ST. VINCENT'S INFANT ASYLUM
- ST. ANTHONY'S - CATHOLIC
- MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
- ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS
- ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE OF INDUSTRY
- SAMUEL READY ORPHAN HOME
- ST. LEO'S ITALIAN ORPHANAGE
- FEMALE CHRISTIAN HOME
- THE DOLAN HOUSE

Throughout all of their moves, keep in mind that the home created sizable debt. It is equally as important to keep in mind that the home was kept liquid by the contributions of the many German organizations in the area at that time.

All organizations which were members of the General German Orphan Asylum would remit 5 cents per quarter for each member they had on their books. If the contributions were not sufficient to maintain the home, the clubs could be assessed. Eventually collectors were established for specific districts and they would collect individual membership dues. This practice was discontinued when checks evolved and most members mailed their dues. The home's debt was also relieved by the works and actions of the Ladies' Sewing Society and the Ladies' Auxiliary. The two groups were located at the same address of the orphanage and they merged in 1925. Their multiple fundraisers helped to remove or at least lessen the mortgage burdens.

The home moved again and remains at *Continued on page -9-*

Join the German Society of Maryland

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Spouse (Optional): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Referred by: _____

"I hereby apply to be a member of the German Society of Maryland"

Annual dues \$25.00. Spouse included at no extra cost..

I wish my newsletter to be sent via email at the above email address:

I wish my newsletter to be sent through US postage at the above postal address:

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

Mail to:

The German Society of Maryland
P.O. Box 22585
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-4585



119th Annual German Festival

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July 13 and 14, 2019

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More info: <http://www.md-germans.org/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The GSM is looking for volunteers to work their Culture Booth at the German Festival on July 13th & 14th.

Can you spare a few hours?

Volunteers are needed for multiple shifts:

Saturday, July 13: 11:30am to 10:00 pm

Sunday, July 14: 11:30am to 6:00 pm

Call (443-850-7720) or email (bnsarnold7@gmail.com) Shelley

Help the German Society be more efficient and save paper. If you have an email address and would like to receive your 'Vereinsnachrichten' via email, send an email to Bärbel Otto at germansociety@verizon.net.

This action alone saves paper and postage costs.

You may then print the Vereinsnachrichten in full color.

Orphans Continued

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this new location. The estate 'Belmont', which was the estate of Talbot Albert was purchased. It was a 44 acre piece of ground. Walter Gieski was chosen and hired as the architect in 1920. Four years later they made the big move. Over the years there have been many changes, new cottages, one added by the generosity of Ferdinand Meyer, a German Society member, a swimming pool, and in the late 50s a recreational building was added. This building was donated by Henry Herzinger, also a German Society member, who had served as president of the home for many years.

Read more information on the German Orphan home, and review the census records from the German Orphan Home,. Check to see if any of your family members were orphans. Read and learn more about the other orphanages in the area. Go to www.germanmarylanders.org.

The Children's Home in Catonsville:

205 Bloomsbury Ave.
Catonsville, MD 21228
PH: 410-744-7310
FAX 410-455-0071

See their website at
<http://www.thechildrenshome.net/index.php>.



Johannes 'Hans' J. Schmitz

on March 12, 2019. He passed away at the age of 91. He was a well-respected figure in Catonsville and in the German Community of Baltimore, and will be greatly missed by family, friends and neighbors.

Hans was born in 1927, son of Mathias and Maria Schmitz, in Bonn, Germany, and was one of four children: Jakob, Heinrich, Johannes and Luzinda. He married the love of his life, the former Roswitha Langen, in 1956. They have three children, Dr. Sonja Schmitz, married to Dr. Gary Kaiser, John H Schmitz, engaged to Lynne Rowe and Christiane Beavis, married to David N Beavis; and four grandchildren, Joseph Schmitz, John D Schmitz, Joshua Stine and Cara Stine.

Hans immigrated in 1950 to Ohio. He became a citizen five years later and went back to Germany, where he met his wife, Roswitha. In July of 1957, he started working for the Westinghouse Corporation and retired in 1991. Up until a few years ago, Captain Schmitz was an active member in the Howard County Civil Air Patrol Squadron. As a devout Catholic, he was a mass server and an extraordinary minister for more than 30 years at The Shrine of St. Jude in Baltimore, Maryland. He was

Our Deepest Sympathy

proud of his German heritage and belonged to several German Organizations in the Baltimore area.

He will be remembered for his good nature, love of good food and coffee, and gathering with his friends singing German songs. He was a long time member of the German Society.

Gary A. Harthousen

12-29-1933 to 3-12-2019

Gary A. Harthousen passed away on March 12th. He is survived by his wife Ursula (nee Bening). Gary was the father of Gary Harthousen, Jr., Joyce Harthousen and the late Paul Harthousen and step father of Kirsten Lucas, Tanja Fleischmann, Stevie Sharp, Craig Sharp and Clay Sharp. He was blessed with grandchildren Gary Harthousen, III, Alicia West, Nick Fleischmann and Taylor Lucas and four great grandchildren.

A service was held on March 15th at the Lassahn Funeral Home in Kingsville, which is where Mr. Harthousen lived.

Mr. Harthousen was a Past President and Director of Club Fidelitas, Treasurer and member of both the Deutsche Geselligkeit and Germania Lodge 160, committee member and for many years the Biermeister of the German Festival and of course, a member of the German Society of Maryland.

Welcome New Members

Lothar Boczek

Alfred Scott Eisenhuth

Grace E. Eisenhuth



We want to get to know you! Send us your bio and photo for a future issue. Send to bensarnold7@gmail.com

Albert & Pat Vogt



Albert's parents came to America in 1920 and 1924 and met here, marrying at Zion Church of the City of Baltimore in 1930. Albert was their only child and was raised in Greek Town and

received all his religious education at the Zion Church.

Pat, who refers to herself as the Greek hillbilly, was raised Roman Catholic and converted to the Lutheran Faith in 1969 with the guidance of Pastor Friedemann Penner.

Albert and Pat recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Albert and Pat were married at Zion raised their children whom were baptized, confirmed and also married within the walls of Zion. Their 5 grandchildren (Angelo, Hannah, Diego, Charlotte, and their newest little one, Benjamin, were baptized; the older three confirmed and hopefully when the time comes, will take their marriage vows at Zion.

Both retired, Albert spent his entire career at Bethlehem Steel while Pat worked in management at three different companies. The Vogts' have visited Albert's relatives in Germany several times, as well as hosted their German family here in America. Pat said, 'the warmth of this family is fantastic and unlike anything I had expected. Our visits to Germany were drinking and eating and drinking and eating again'. While so much time was spent sightseeing in Germany, they became acutely aware of how spoiled Americans are with their vehicles. Pat and Albert's goal is to take their entire family to Europe so that their grandchildren will be able to experience and enjoy the homeland of the grandparents.

John & Christy, Pat and Albert's children, continue to carry on their father's heritage and their Lutheran faith at Zion. The children are also members of the German clubs.

The Vogts belong and are active in three German clubs including serving on the board of the Baltimore Kickers, the Edelweiss Club, and Zion's Church Council. The entire family contin-

ues to support the German community and spend countless volunteer hours assisting the clubs and the church. Pat said, 'We find working beside those in the German community both rewarding and challenging'. The family is devoted to their beloved church Zion, where Albert is the 'handy man', Pat the Treasurer and Christy the Administrative Assistant.

Theodore John "Ted" Lingelbach

I am a native of Baltimore and have resided in the Parkville area of Baltimore County for 30 years.

I have been retired for 17 years after a 39-year career with the U.S. Postal Service during which I worked as a distribution clerk, a window clerk at Roland Park Station 21210, a delivery service (carrier) supervisor at Raspeburg Station 21206 and Roland Park Station, and as an analyst and manager in the Baltimore Main Post Office unit that added the last four digits to your ZIP Code and prepared the data base that allow the USPS to sort your mail via automation without letter carrier sorting. (Before joining the USPS, I worked for 11 years in the 1960s and 1970s as a part-time news writer at WFBR 130 radio station in Baltimore, with many radio personalities including Charley Eckman, Joe Knight, Tom Marr and Ron Matz.)

My parents were the late Carl T. Lingelbach and the late Helen F. McGuire Lingelbach. That is why I hold dual membership in the German Society and the Emerald Isle Society. My paternal grandfather the late Theodore C. Lingelbach was a member of the old German Turnverein well over 100 years ago.

I have been a member of the German Society for from 5 to 10 years.

As far as hobbies and organizations are concerned: I have been a member of Notre Dame Council #2901 of the Knights of Columbus for 21 years and served as Recording Secretary for the Council for 18 years. I also belong to National Association of Postal Supervisors Retiree Group #1 in Baltimore where I am president, secretary, and newsletter editor. Since 2001 I have served as editor of the Baltimore City College

Alumni Association, Inc. Newsletter. We produce 20-page editions that are mailed to several thousand alumni twice annually. I am single and in my spare time I

enjoy dining locally and traveling via motor coach and river boat with my friend of 35 years, Ann M. Heether. Photo : Ted and Ann



Are you Coloring Easter Eggs?



Painting hard-boiled eggs is an old tradition. Some countries including a few of the ethnic groups of East Germany, the painting of Easter eggs has become an art form. The eggs are colored brightly reminding us of spring flowers and new beginnings that come with Spring. Some of the colors have special meanings:

- Red-the sacrifice of Christ
- Green-innocence
- Yellow-for the desire of wisdom
- White-purity

Today painting, hiding and hunting for eggs is a delight for all of us. What else do you do with your eggs?

Germans have many traditional Easter crafts that use our colored eggs:



Eggs on Twigs (Osterstrauch) — Put small holes on each side of a raw painted egg and carefully blow out the liquid content (this can make for some

very humorous Easter photos). You can then string ribbons and hang on the bare twigs of a bush or tree. This also makes a great centerpiece for the holiday



Egg Run — This is the race that we all look forward to at picnics. Participants balance a

raw egg on a spoon and run a specific distance. You can also make this a relay and do it in teams.



Egg Tapping (Osterei Titschen) — Take two painted hard-boiled eggs

and two players. First, the two narrow ends are tapped against each other until one breaks. Next the round ends. The player with the unbroken egg wins. Two helpful hints: watch your wrist action and my father would always rub a little oil on the tips of the eggs. We also called it ‘picking’.

Egg Roll (Osterei Schieben) — Take hard-boiled eggs and let them roll down a grassy, sloped hill. Children can push the egg with a stick when they are stuck. Whichever egg reaches the bottom of the hill first wins.

Egg Throw — Using a sling-shot made out of wool, hard-boiled eggs are thrown as far as possible across a meadow with tall grass. In Southern Austria, eggs are flung across a



house and buried on the other side which brings luck. It could also be a game between two teams, where each team tosses to a partner...when the egg breaks..that team is out.

Send us your Easter photos with your beautifully colored eggs...



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Dinner of the German Society of Maryland

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6PM to 10PM

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