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President's Message-Dr. James Schaub

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Dear Members,

As always, I hope this this message finds all of our members safe and content. This season of shorter daylight hours and colder temperatures is also the season of holidays and family gatherings with much to enjoy.

The highlight of the Fall season was our anniversary banquet held in the Adlersaal at Zion Church. I thank all who attended and helped us recognize Professor Randy Donaldson of Loyola University for his service to the German-American Community. I also thank the Banquet Committee who did a great job on all fronts. We were honored and pleased to have Dr. Niels von Redecker, Director of the German Information Center (GIC), bring greetings from Emily Haber, the German Ambassador to the United States. We were also honored by the presence of the presidents of our sister societies, the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore and the Saint George's Society of Baltimore. Visit the German Society website <https://www.germansociety-md.com/> to see the full program and photographs from the event. Also, plan on attending our 2020 banquet marking our 237th anniversary.

Representing the German Society of Maryland

One of my duties as your president is to represent the German Society of Maryland. Representing the Society is an honor and I thank you for entrusting me to do so. I am your representative to the Association of German-American Societies of Greater Washington, DC., which means I represent you in meetings with the National Park Service and the German Embassy in planning and conducting the annual October ceremony at the German-American Friendship Garden. I also represented you at the annual anniversary banquet of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore founded in 1806 by Scot immigrants for the same benevolent purposes as our Society. To honor my early ancestors from Scotland and as a sign of respect for our Scottish friends, I wore my kilt to the banquet and accessorized with my German Society medal. The organizers of the Christmas Market at the harbor invited me to speak on behalf of the German-American community at the official opening ceremony on November 30. Most recently, I attended a reception sponsored by Dr. von Redecker and the GIC



team and held at the Heurich House Museum (the Brewmaster's Castle). The reception was an expression of thanks to the many people who have been helpful to the Embassy staff and was a wonderful opportunity to connect with others who share our Society's purpose.

German American Cultural Center and the Sexton's House at Zion

Thanks to the efforts of German Society director, Bernie Penner, the formation of The German-American Cultural Center (GACC) is now underway. After years of advocacy by Bernie and others a corporate entity is being formed, by-laws have been drafted, and plans are being developed to utilize the Sexton's House on the Zion campus as focal point to German Culture education. The German Society of Maryland will have a seat on the Board of
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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

Unser Kalender

January 22	GSM Board Meeting	Edenwald	7:30 pm
February 9	Baron De Kalb Presentation	Zion	2 pm-4 pm
February 27	GSM Executive Committee	GAV	6:30 pm
March 26	GSM Executive Committee	GAV	6:30 pm
April 17	GSM Annual Meeting	Zion	6:00 pm
April 22	GSM Board Meeting	Edenwald	7:30 pm

German-American Day

Friendship Garden, Washington D.C.

The German-American Friendship Garden in Washington, DC stands as a symbol of the positive and cooperative relations between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany. Every year we gather at the Garden on October 6th to celebrate. This year the event fell on a brisk Fall Sunday morning with festivities beginning at 10am. As in the past, the German Society of Maryland paid for a bus so that attendees could be taken to DC. This year the crowd was lighter than in the past, perhaps because of the Sunday or that a few other clubs had activities occurring on the same date. Those that attended heard from multiple German clubs including a welcome



message from GSM Director, Gerhard Meinzer. Gerhard is also the President of A.G.A.S., the Association of German-American Societies of Greater Washington, D.C.

Prayers were offered by Rev. Katja Albrecht of The United Church Washington D.C. The National Anthems were performed by the Washington Sängerbund.

Dr. Niels von Redecker, Director, German Information Center at the German Embassy conveys greetings from Ambassador Dr. Emily Haber, as did Michael Heinen, Board Member and representative of the German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA. Proclamations were read:

By Michael Heinen from the Presi-

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German American Radio:

germanamericanradio.com

dent of the United States, Donald Trump.

- By Hans Endrikat, President of the Washington Sängerbund, from the Governor of Virginia.
- By Dr. James D. Schaub, President of the German Society of Maryland, from the Governor of Maryland, Lawrence Hogan.
- By Charles Volkman, from the Washington Schuhplattler und Gebirgstrachten Verein, from the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

Teresa Durkin, Executive Vice President and Lead Landscape Architect of the German American Friendship Garden, Trust for the National Mall shared insight as to the meaning and great location of the Garden.

The program concluded with the Sängerbund's performance of 'Ruf nach Frieden' and closing meditation by Rev. Albrecht, which was followed by the church choir's presentation of 'Wir pflügen und wir streuen'.

The day's event was followed by a fellowship luncheon at Old Europe in Georgetown. Please mark your calendars for next year. This event always occurs on the same date, October 6. See President Trump's proclamation →

Presidential Proclamation on German-American Day 2019

Issued on: October 4, 2019

On German-American Day, we proudly celebrate the contributions German Americans have made to our Nation through their dedication and hard work. The seeds of German-American heritage sown over three centuries ago, when the 13 German families landed in Philadelphia in 1683, continue to flourish and prosper in our country.

From our earliest days, German Americans have helped to secure the rights we hold dear and to sustain the American experience. General Friedrich von Steuben joined the noble American cause for independence, lending critical expertise in military drills, tactics, and discipline to train the soldiers of the Continental Army. As we expanded westward, the German-born businessman Levi Strauss and his iconic namesake clothing brand became emblematic of the resilient and pioneering American spirit. Charles M. Schwab, a descendant of German immigrants, strengthened America's steel industry, and his legacy as a business tycoon continues to be synonymous with innovation and success. Today, when we enjoy music played on a Steinway piano, read a Steinbeck novel, or admire the artwork collected by painter and philanthropist Hilla Rebay and displayed in New York's stunning Guggenheim Museum, we are reminded of the countless ways German Americans have influenced our society, commerce, and culture.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, a triumph of freedom that embodies the dedication of the United States and Germany to the rule of law and human rights. The United States and our allies will continue to safeguard the torch of liberty and promote global stability by defending personal and economic freedom for generations to come.

This month, as we commemorate the contributions German Americans have made to our Nation, we also recognize the more than 43 million Americans who claim German heritage. Our shared values and historic and cultural ties strengthen the enduring bond between the United States and Germany. This partnership is the foundation of a bright and hopeful future for the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2019, as German-American Day. I call upon all Americans to celebrate the achievements and contributions of German Americans to our Nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.



DONALD J. TRUMP



A Successful, Sad Farewell

On October 15, 2019, 872 students, teachers, graduates and guests met to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the McDaniel College, 'German Day'. Students and teachers represented 22 schools.



Professor Esa welcomed the attendees, as did Vera Beutin from the German Embassy and Shelley Arnold from the German Society of Maryland.

of Marzipan; Multicultural Pop and Rock Music; Deutsch-vergnügen-Ja, logo, ja and Sing, Sing, Sing-Experimentieren und Spaß mit der Stimme.

Guests dined on traditional German fare including German potato pancakes, sausages and their rendition of sour beef.

Each year, the students are treated to a t-shirt designed by the students. This year's winners were Aaliyah Robinson from Howard High School (see photo), Daniel Ding from River Hill

High School and Beatrice Slevin-Trigo from Gettysburg Area High School.

The event ended with special concerts by the Eddie Huneke and Tobi Hebbelman. They traveled from Germany to be with the students and

share their music on this special day. The day was bitter sweet. Recently McDaniel College eliminated their German studies

program. This meant the end for German Day. It is hoped by all that another school may pick up and run with the program, but an ever-increasing number of schools are ending their German programs. We can always hope.

The German Society of Maryland has been an active supporter of the event for many years. The event was and has been organized by the GSM 2nd Vice President and Lifetime Director,

Professor Mohamed Esa. Several directors attended this year including Shirley Santora and her husband Vito, Lynette and Kraig Dean,

Steven Harper, Mary Upman, Linda Butt, Zack Butt and Shelley Arnold.

Other sponsors included the Goethe-Institut, the German Embassy, DADD German Academic Exchange Service, University Alliance Ruhr, University of Cologne, Antietam High School and Carroll County Community College.

This year's event combined not only the workshops for German Day, but workshops developed and sponsored by Career Booster Germany. These workshops included, Preparatory and Fast-Track Programs to Your Study in Germany; Applying for Jobs in Germany; Studying Engineering in Germany; Study Bridge-Direct Path to Studying in Germany; Studying in Germany; A Nation Re-United, 'What Belongs Together, Will Now Grow Together'; German Immigrants in Maryland; Would You Sell Your Soul to the Devil-The Faust Legend; German Fairy Tales from the Brother Grimm to Walt Disney; Let's Make the Berlin Wall out



German Society Honors Dr. Randall P. Donaldson

On November 2nd, the Society gathered at Zion Church of the City of Baltimore to honor, not only our history and the fact that this banquet has survived 236 years, but to honor the 2019 honoree, Dr. Randall P. Donaldson.

The Society was joined by honored guests from the German Embassy, Dr. Niels von Redecker and his wife, Karen and son, Carl, and Ines Teisseire, the President of the St. George's Society, Harry T. Aycock and his wife Elizabeth, and the President of the St. Andrew's Society, Stuart P. Blair and his wife Lady Bernadine.



Proclamation from Governor Lawrence Hogan presented to Dr. Donaldson from Dr. Jim

students and his willingness to always help where needed. Randy is a graduate of Pomono College in California. He received his graduate degree from Johns Hopkins University. The honoree was introduced by Dr. Nicholas Fessenden, President of the Society for the History of Germans in Maryland. This was very fitting as Randy has been deeply involved with this organization for almost 30 years, serving as Treasurer and eventually as the editor of the journal of the SHGM, 'The Report'. Randy has edited seven issues. He has written many articles on German-American topics. Randy also had a special relationship with Zion Church, making the location of this year's event special.

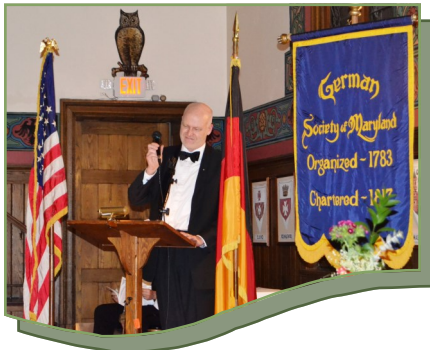
Students from McDaniel College played a major role in the event, with Eric Wright performing a cello piece

and students André Berry and Jessie Wyatt, both seniors, speaking on behalf of the students. About 18 students from McDaniel with their professor, Dr. Mohamed Esa, joined us. This year we also had two students from Towson University with their professor, Dr. Carrie Arnold join us. Hopefully, we can continue to increase our student attendance.

Guests were treated to a great buffet, catered by Gary Hein and Salerno's that included Rinderbraten, Hühnchenbrust mit Pilzrahmsauce, Spätzle, Rotkohl and desserts of Bienenstich and Apfelstrudel.

After the dinner and the program, guests danced to the music of 'Sounds Good', which they did, playing many styles of music and many of the crowd's favorites.

The German Society would like to thank the Advertisers, the Patrons and the attendees...you made this possible. Thanks also to the Banquet Committee for their tireless efforts to make this a special event.



Dr. Niels von Redecker, Germany Embassy

The program was opened by the singing of both the German and American National Anthems and with prayer offered by Pastor Siegfried Otto.

The 2019 honoree, Dr. Randall P. Donaldson was selected for his continued service to the German community, his dedicated loyalty to his



The German teachers and students attending the Anniversary Banquet

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President's Message*

Directors. There are many steps yet to be completed but the organizers including Pastor Siegfried Otto have enthusiasm, common sense, and commitment. Progress will be reported in our newsletters and at our annual membership meeting on April 17.

Finally, you will be receiving your dues notices very soon and I ask everyone to respond promptly and positively. It is also a chance to bring the German Society to the attention of your relatives and friends who may want to join us.

Best wishes and a Happy New Year to All

German Society of Maryland Receives 2019 Best of Baltimore Award

The German Society of Maryland has been selected for the 2019 Best of Baltimore Award in the Association or Organization category by the Baltimore Award Program.

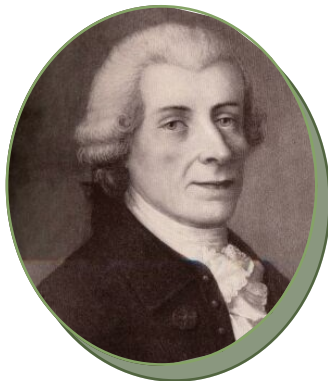
Each year, the Baltimore Award Program identifies companies/associations that we believe have achieved exceptional success in their local community and category.

These exceptional companies/associations help make the Baltimore area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2019 Baltimore Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Baltimore Award Program and data provided by third parties.

The GSM's First President

Who was the FIRST President of the German Society of Maryland?



That honor goes to Dr. Charles Frederick Wiesenthal (1726 to 1789).

Dr. Wiesenthal's father, Johann Mattheus Wiesenthal was a barber in the city of Pasewalk in Pomerania, Prussia. A new medical regulation passed in 1729 allowed him to be confirmed a surgeon, which was not uncommon at that time. His connections as such gave his sons, Johann Christoph and Karl (Charles) Frederick to attend the regimental school, which provided superior training than the ordinary schools of that time.

There isn't much known about further training. We do know he moved to Strasburg in 1747 and practiced there for several years. It is also known that he arrived in Baltimore in 1755, where he became naturalized in 1771. He was appointed Surgeon General of Maryland troops (salary 35shillings per day) in 1777. He with several other physicians formed a medical society (12-16-1788). He is known as the 'Father of Medicine' in Baltimore

and this was the first medical society. He founded the first medical school in Maryland at Fayette and Frederick Streets. This he did as a private undertaking in order to train physicians. The success of this endeavor led to the medical faculty of the University of Maryland in 1807, which then assumed the responsibilities of training medical professionals.

In the book, 'The Maryland Germans', by Dieter Cuntz, he is called the first truly significant German in Baltimore. He has been memorialized at Zion through one of their stained glass windows (middle lower panel of the south wall window in the narthex). As a member of Zion, it was here he was elected as a permanent elder in 1769.

After Dr. Wiesenthal's death, his son Andrew, continued to teach courses on Anatomy and Surgery until his death in 1798.

Dr. Wiesenthal was a founder and the first President of our Society. He was the first President of the medical society organized as a result of a convention held in Baltimore in 1788 to acknowledge and plan for the regulation and continued professionalism of the medical profession.

Source: *Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland; History of The German Society of Maryland, Zion Church of the City of Baltimore*

Randall P. Donaldson, Ph.D

The German Society of Maryland selected Randall P. Donaldson to be honored with our ‘Distinguished Service Award’ at our anniversary banquet in November. 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 ‘Randy’ 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 opportunities. 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 im-



portant role: Dr. Hanna Geldrich (later Geldrich-Leffman), Dr. Carrie May Kurrelmeyer 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.

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 foreign language pedagogy, “Changing Lan-

guage 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 an historical introduction to the reprint of Dieter Cunz’ “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.

Randall P. Donaldson is an outstanding professor and a dedicated contributor to the German-American community in Baltimore. We congratulate Randy and wish him and happy and healthy retirement.

(To read more on Randy, please see the Banquet program online at <https://www.germansociety-md.com/19awardspro.pdf> (Page 7)

Getting to Know You!

Ralph & Karen Boecker



This issue meet Ralph and Karen. They live in Parkville, Maryland. Ralph is a substitute

teacher for Baltimore County Public Schools. He is retired from the US Air Force and is the only member of the family to serve more than one year in a non-German military branch. Karen is a para-educator working with special needs young adults for Baltimore County Public Schools.

Ralph's father arrived in the US in 1950 and his mother in 1952. It was after their arrival that their last name was changed from Böcker to Boecker. The couple met at a dance in Dortmund post war. They were married in the US and settled near Cleveland Ohio. The only other family members to come to the US were my grandparents and my uncle, following my parents. The remainder of the family continue to live in Germany, predominantly in North Rhine Westphalia. Karen is also of German descent, but the family isn't exactly sure of the family arrival from Germany.

The Boecker's have been a member of the German Society for about 10 years. They enjoy the BSO, spending time with their grandchildren, reading and working with their community association. Ralph enjoys home improvement projects, while Karen designs and carries out artistic projects with the grandchildren.

Jason C. Fitch



Jason is one of our younger and newer members, joining about three to four years ago. He lives in Baltimore County and is a student at Calvert Hall

College. He is on the Varsity Swim Team. His father was born in Germany.

Jason enjoys fishing, boating, SCUBA diving and the German language.

This column will not be continued because we have no other entries. I thank everyone who sent their short bios and photos.

If you would like to see the column continue all you need to do is send me a few short paragraphs that cover:

- Name
- Where you live
- What you do
- Your 'German connection'. Tell us why you are a member...family connection, language, etc.
- How long a member of the GSM
- Hobbies

Sent the answer to the questions and a photo to bnsarnold7@gmail.com.



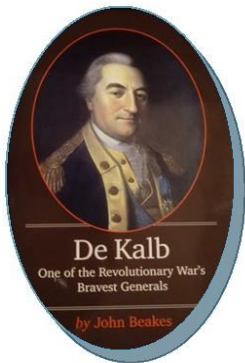
Schifferstadt's Annual Oktoberfest

Nick & Brigitte Fessenden 'man' the booth at the Schifferstadt. A nice turnout for a very nice event, held in Frederick every year. Visit their website at:

<https://www.fredericklandmarks.org/schifferst>



**BARON JOHANN DE KALB:
One of the Revolutionary War's
Bravest Generals'**



Date: February 9, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Cost: FREE

Location: Zion Church
400 E. Lexington Street
(Adjacent to City Hall)

Parking available next to church

To reserve a spot contact:

**German Society of Maryland
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Laurel, MD. 20723**

You may also call **301-776-9094** and leave a message that includes your name, number of persons attending and a call back number or email address.

About the Author

About the author: John Beakes is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and was an officer in nuclear submarines. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Next Century Corporation and CEO of Operational Performance Solutions (OPS.) He has served in executive leadership positions in technology services firms for over forty years.

This is Mr. Beakes fourth book, the others-

- "Cool Deliberate Courage" John Eager Howard
- "Light Horse Harry Lee in the War for Independence"
- Otho Holland Williams in the American Revolution

Mr. Beakes' book can be ordered from Heritagebooks.com (1-800-876-6103, ext 700), and he will have signed copies for sale at our event for \$20 (cash or check only).



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of the German Society of Maryland to determine if the program has been cancelled.

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Baltimore, Maryland 21203-4585



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Zach & Megan Cearfoss

Kevin & Shiela Lippold

Hans Scott and Takayo Pawlisch

Adam & Tara Sampson

Kevin Wise

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This action alone saves paper and postage costs.

You may then print the Vereinsnachrichten in full color.

A New Year's (Silvester) Tradition –German Style

One of the more unusual customs in Germany, one to celebrate New Year's Eve or 'Silvester', is the viewing of 'Dinner for One'. This was a British stage skit originating in 1963. It has become a tradition in Germany and is viewed on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. It is a short black & white comedy skit of a woman celebrating her 90th birthday. Unfortunately all of her friends have passed away and her butler James, takes the place of each of her four friends. He becomes somewhat intoxicated. There is a phrase used in the presentation 'the same procedure as every year' that has become a 'catch phrase' in Germany. The skit is now available through You Tube. I watched it for the first time about ten years ago and look forward to it every year. There is no better way to start the New Year than with laughter.

Dinner for One (English)-Original version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lzQxjGL9S0>

Dinner for One (auf Deutsch)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVd_VLO9xcc&t=31s

Dinner for One (German-Newer version: Kölsch und Farbe)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8rM7-jZeuE>

To all 'Frohes Neues Jahr'

A Note from our 2019 Meinzer Study Award

I'm so sorry for not contacting you after my trip!

Germany was amazing and I had an awesome time. I made so many new friends and my German got so much better! I would rank the experience as a 10/10 and I would recommend it to anyone. My host family was great and I'm still in contact with them and all the other people I was around as well.

Thank you so much again for choosing me for the scholarship and making those 3 weeks some of the best of my life!

Lee Sánchez



New German Coin becomes 'Collector's Piece'

German coin collectors are in a tizzy attempting to get hold of the new specially minted five euro coin. It is desired because of a new innovative design. Embedded between the inner circle of the metal and the outer rim is a green polymer plastic ring.

The minting process isn't exactly new with the first use occurring in 2016 when Germany issued a five euro coin with a blue polymer ring with the name 'Planet Erde' (Planet Earth).

The new coin named "Gemaessigte Zone" (Temperate

Zone) is the third of a five-part series titled "Climate Zones of the Earth" which is to be completed by 2021. The first of the new five-euro coin series was "Tropische Zone" (Tropical Zone) with a red polymer ring that was issued in April 2017. Last April came the second coin, "Subtropische Zone" (Subtropical Zone) with an orange polymer ring.

A total of 3.4 million of the new five-euro coins are to be issued, including 400,000 bearing a higher mirror-finish minting quality. The Bundesbank is issuing the simpler mint-condition coins in its 35

branches around the country - with a limit of one coin per person. The mirror-finish coin will be sold via the official German Sales Agency for Collector's Coins (VfS).

The new coin may be used for everyday purchases, but because of the rush, it appears more are being hoarded than used.



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