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ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 20

The German Society's annual meeting for the election of directors is set for the dining room of Zion Church on March 20. Doors open at 6:15. Dinner beginning at 6:30. The meeting, which starts at 8 P.M. is expected to finish by 9. Parking is available on the Zion lot and the surrounding streets.

There is no charge for the food and drink. All members are invited and may bring prospective members with them. Since we expect a large crowd and we want to be sure to have enough for all, please call the office answering machine (410-695-6685) and give your name and the number in your party so we can prepare enough food, beer, wine and sodas. There will be a variety of German meats, as well as tuna and egg salad for members who abstain from meat on lenten Fridays.

If you can bring a home-made dessert, please leave word on the office answering machine.

The committees will present brief reports of the past year's activities and the president will outline plans for the upcoming year.

The meeting has been moved to late March to avoid the risk of snow and ice. However, if the weather is questionable, you can call the office phone for a message on possible postponement.

Try to attend the event and meet your fellow members. New members are especially urged to come, enjoy the Society's *gemütlichkeit* and hear about the planned activities.

PICNIC SET FOR MAY 9TH

The Society's annual picnic will be held Saturday, May 9th. Mark your calendar. It will be held in Centennial Park in the same pavilion as the 1997 picnic. The picnic is a long tradition of the Society which stopped in 1965 and resurrected in 1995. The directors have switched it to early in the season to avoid conflicts with the many German activities occurring in August - October. Due to limited pavilion space, the number of participants will be restricted. So be sure to sign up early to guarantee you a place. (See article on the 1997 picnic elsewhere in this issue.)

MEMBERSHIP REACHES 852

1997 brought the Society's membership to an all-time high of 852. The Society set a target of reaching 1,000 members by Jan. 1, 2000 and is on target in reaching that goal. Please continue to tell your friends about the Society and invite them to join. An application form is always included in the newsletter. Call the office and our office manager will mail you applications and fliers describing the Society.

GERMAN-AMERICAN EXHIBIT

The Society is working with Dennis Bixler, director of Agart, a unit of the Dept. of Agriculture, to show an exhibit of German-American contributions to the USA, with emphasis on agricultural products. The exhibit will promote local and national German heritage, and will be publicized widely through TV, radio and the press.

"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."

KLAUS WUST TO SPEAK AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland is set for April 28 at the Preston Room, corner of Preston St and Maryland Ave in Baltimore. The speaker is Klaus Wust, a former editor of the Washington Journal and for 30 years the editor of the Historical Society's scholarly journal, "The Report". Tickets to the dinner meeting are \$30 and can be obtained by calling Judge Gerard Wittstadt at 410-828-0496

MELANCHTHON'S 500TH BIRTHDAY NOTED BY LUTHERANS

Philip Melanchthon, born Feb. 16, 1497, has a street named after him in Maryland. Melanchthon Avenue runs through historic Lutherville in Baltimore County. He was a theologian, university professor and Reformation intellectual, a close associate of Martin Luther. He is buried next to Luther in the Schlosskirche in Wittenberg, Germany. Other streets in Lutherville are also named after prominent Lutheran figures: Francke, Kurtz, Morris (Moritz). The main street of the historic district, Seminary Avenue, reflects the former presence of the old Lutheran seminary, an imposing white building on a hilltop, now used as a nursing home. Lutherville was founded by John Morris (Moritz), a clergyman whose name appears on the membership list of our Society.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSED

The Society's charter, granted by the Maryland legislature in 1817, has never been changed. The directors noted that it contains a limit of \$5,000 on funds in our treasury. At the annual meeting the members will vote on a charter amendment to lift this restriction and bring the Society into compliance with the current status. The resolution to be presented to the members is: **RESOLVED** that the charter of the corporation be amended by deleting the phrase contained in §2, as follows:

"provided always, that the clear annual value or income from the property of the said corporation shall not exceed the sum of \$5000 exclusive of the monies arising from annual or other stated subscriptions or payments."

FINANCE REPORT

The Society's cash and securities are valued at \$622,834, which consists of the Education Fund with assets of \$245,908 and the general fund with assets of \$416,926. The Society tries to preserve the principal and used the income for its educational benevolent and historical activities.

BANDLEADER COLLECTS GERMAN SPIKED HELMETS

George Barndorf, bandleader of The Impacts (which played at our Awards Banquet) collects German Imperial "Rick Hops" -- the spiked helmets used by the German armies between 1870 and 1916. Troops from each section of Germany had their distinct helmets which identified them as being from their geographic place of origin. Many helmets were brought back by the doughboys after WWI, but few remain. They were made of leather. If stored in basements, the mould would ruin them, and if stored in attics, the dry heat turned them to powder. Since Prussia had the largest army contingents, Prussian helmets are the most common. The area of Lippe-Detmold are the rarest.

Officers' helmets were more highly decorated and are more valuable than those of the enlisted men. The most common enlisted men's helmets are now bring \$250 - \$500, while officers' helmets start around \$800.

JAPANESE STUDY GERMAN

68% of all Japanese students study German, a language which is rarely taught in the American public school systems.

1998 DUES DUE

If you received your bill for dues and have not yet paid, please do so now. Your dues pay for the newsletter, current events and programs, rent and repairs and equipment.

BEER STUBE RAZED

The Peabody Bookstore and Beer Stube at 913 N. Charles Street is yet another Baltimore German landmark torn down. The Baltimore Sun wrote: "A Baltimore institution as revered as steamed crabs is being deconstructed by demolition and for those who knew it, nostalgia rises with the dust..." Siegfried Weisberger immigrated from Austria and began the bookstore in 1933. He built a Viennese Brauhaus at the rear of his shop, making it perhaps the first bookstore in America with its own tap room, its own Bierstube. Here H. L. Mencken played ragtime piano in the European cafe where people could drink a beer after browsing among the books. Weisberger was a Mencken pallbearer. The space will be a parking lot as another piece of Baltimore's past is lost.

GERMAN FIRM RE-LOCATES IN MD.

Ulla Popken has taken over the former Grumman aircraft warehouse and 35-acre site in Glen Arm, MD. Popken is a retailer of large-size women's clothing and operates 230 retail stores in Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Belgium. Popken has 22 employees in Maryland, including 5 at its only U.S. outlet in Towson Town Center. Popken's U.S. president is 30-year old Thomas Schneider. The firm is named after his mother-in-law.

SCHOOL CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

The Institute of Notre Dame, a Catholic girls high school located on Aisquith Street in Baltimore City, is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its establishment. The school was founded by a German nun, Karolina Gerhardinger, during a visit to America, in 1847, with the help of Father John Neumann. Karolina received a certification as a "royal teacher" in the Kings's School in Stadtamhof in 1812 and taught until 1833 when she became a nun and founded the School Sisters of Notre Dame (Der Kongregation der armen Schulschwestern von unserer lieben Frau". She became known as Mother Theresa Gerhardinger. Her reputation for holiness resulted in the Roman Catholic Church initiating the process of her canonization and she has been designated as "Blessed." Helping her to set up the school was Father John N. Neumann, a missionary priest to German-speaking America. He was a pastor of St. Alphonsus Church at Saratoga St. and Park Avenue in Baltimore, later became bishop of Philadelphia and was declared to be a saint by Pope Paul VI.

MD PUBLISHER OF "GERMAN LIFE"

Cumberland MD's Lisa Fitzpatrick founded "German Life" magazine three years ago and had made a success from the niche she chose in the publishing field. While working for Cowles magazines after graduating from

the University of MD, Baltimore County, Fitzpatrick looked for a publication which would speak to the German side of her heritage and found none. Since Germans are the largest ethnic group in the USA and a million Americans travel to Germany each year, she launched a 64 page magazine directed to this group. She now has a 45,000 circulation base. Fitzpatrick has German and Irish roots. Her mother's parents emigrated from Germany and settled in Garrett County. She studied statistics and mathematics at UMBC.

GERALD KAINZ HONORED

The United German American Congress (UGAC/USA) named Gerald Kainz as it's German American man of the year at a Nov. 1st "Council of 1,000" Banquet in the Banquet Hall of the Medical Research Center, Bethesda, MD. Mr. Kainz is the publisher of the Washington Journal, a German language news weekly, having a wide national distribution and a broad following in Maryland. Mr. Kainz regularly attends the German Society's annual awards banquet and is a close friend of the Society and of many MD German organizations.

PUBLICATION FUNDS

The Society of The History of the Germans in MD has collected more than \$20,000.00 in its drive to establish a trust fund to ensure future publication of its 103-year-old "Report."

ECUMENICAL SERVICE MOST WELL ATTENDED

The Thanksgiving Eve ecumenical service, established in 1989 to commemorate the fall of the Berlin wall, co-sponsored by the Society, the Zion Church and the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland, was a great success. Nearly 300 people attended, and most also came to the social gathering afterwards in the Adlersaal.

Edwin O. Wenck was the homilist and his sermon inspired all who heard it. Rev. Wenck is a Lutheran minister, an artist and a retired prosecutor from the office of the State's Attorney. He is an instructor in the University of Baltimore Law School and is on the adjunct faculty of the University of MD Medical School, Dept. of Psychiatry.

Robert Gay served as chairman of the event and coordinated the participants, including the Zion Children's Choir, the Maryland Boys' Choir and the clubs and clergy. It was the most well attended service since its founding.

OTTERBEIN FAMILY REUNION

The OTTERBEIN family will hold its annual reunion in June, 1998 in a park in Baltimore County. They trace their heritage to 17th century Bad Salzschlirff, Germany. The "Baltimore" Otterbeins are descended from Adam Otterbein who emigrated to the U.S. in the 1870's. They are joined by a large Otterbein contingent from Williamsport PA. Dr. Leo Otterbein has asked the Society for advice for hosting a family reunion. Call him at 410-337-0553.

GERMAN LAWS FOR SPELLING; e.g. SCHIFFFAHRT

Germany has recently passed laws regulating the spelling of German words. The sharfes (sharp) "s" (ß) has been abolished, so that words such as "daß" are now "dass". Words with repetitious consonants formerly dropped one of them. E.g., words like Schiffahrt (Schiff = ship + Fahrt = journey) is now to be spelled "Schiffahrt". A majority of the Germans oppose the changes, but lawsuits to block the changes have been rejected by the high court.

STUDENT DUES

In order to encourage young people to join the Society, the Board of Directors voted to offer discounted dues to students attending high school and college. The dues for students will be \$5 per year. Students will be entitled to participate in all Society activities, except for elections. The discount applies only while retaining student status.

40,000 STUDENTS MARCH ON BONN

Protesting against the German university system, students from all over the country took their grievances to Bonn. They

complained of crowded lecture halls, libraries without books, scarcity of computers and especially the suggestion that the schools charge tuition. Germany's 240 universities charge no tuition. The system was built to handle 950,000 students, but the number has risen to 1.8 million, many of them spending much longer than is usual in the United States to complete their studies. Some stay until their late 20's and early 30's.

SCHNITZELBANK

Singing the song of "Schnitzelbank" (cobbler's bench) is a fond memory which many of us carry, some from childhood family parties and others from the local taverns in German ethnic neighborhoods. The leader of the band (or in family gatherings, der Grossvater or a jovial Onkel) stood before the Schnitzelbank chart with his pointer and sang in German: Ist das nicht ein Schnitzelbank? In a happy reply to Grandfather or to Uncle, the group sang back: Ja, das ist ein Schnitzelbank! And so on, (through hin-und-her, Kreuz und Quer, Dicke Frau, fette Sau) as Grandpop pointed to each new item on the chart. And at the end, a refrain by the chorus extolling the beauty of the cobbler's bench.

The song was so popular in bygone days that even the local brewers published their own Schnitzelbank charts and passed them out in the taverns with their advertising printed on them.

The German Society and The Edelweiss Club are joining to design and print our own version of a Schnitzelbank chart, which will be available for our members and for sale to the public. Dutch Niemann, a retired professional illustrator and artist, has volunteered to design the chart. (Dutch is married to Betty Niemann, past president of Edelweiss and a current director of our Society.)

Since there are many varieties of such charts, we are looking for ideas. If you have a Schnitzelbank chart, please call our office (410-685-0450) so we can arrange to take a look at your version.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for German Society scholarships for the 1998-99 school year. Deadline for filing is April 15, 1998. Copies of application forms and eligibility requirements may be obtained by writing to the Society at P.O. Box 22585, Baltimore, MD 21203-4585.

Scholarship aid is available to Maryland residents of German heritage having completed at least one year of a 4-year colleges program in MD and demonstrating financial need. Special consideration is given to those studying the German language or the culture of German speaking countries.

The Society has supported higher education in MD and hundreds of students have received financial aid since the program began in 1958. The Society solicits tax deductible gifts to its education fund.

HANSA HAUS TO RE-OPEN

Hansa Haus, at Charles and Redwood Streets in Baltimore, is a piece of German American heritage. It has been closed for 3 years, and is expected to reopen as a branch of the Bank of Maryland.

Built in 1912 in distinctive Bavarian architecture, it served as the office of the North German Lloyd Steamship Co. and also housed the consulates of Germany and Sweden. The building's exterior features the coats of arms of all of the north German cities which were members of the commercial Hanseatic League.

The North German Lloyd ties to Maryland

North German Lloyd owned the world's only commercial cargo U-boat, the Deutschland. In 1916, Germany was at war with Britain, which lay in waiting for German ships attempting to get to the USA. The Deutschland ran the British blockage and entered the Baltimore Harbor with a cargo of dye-stuffs. The citizenry of Baltimore was in sympathy with Germany and the mayor and governor attended a grand banquet honoring Capt. Paul Koenig, the Deutschland's commander. Captain Koenig urged the Marylanders to donate gold to finance the war against Britain and issued souvenir iron crosses to the donors. Two members of the German Society met the Deutschland: Theodore Potthast, Sr. carried gold to the ship docked in the Baltimore Harbor. The late Paul Ludtke met the ship on the docks in Bremerhaven upon its return home after eluding the British men-of-war waiting for it at the

mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Potthast is now a lifetime director of our Society and Mr. Ludtke served as a director for many years before his death.

JOHN AMELUNG, COLONIAL GLASSMAKER IN MARYLAND

President Clinton has budgeted \$2,000,000 for archeological research in MD and the state archaeologists are considering spending \$100,000 of those funds to excavate the glass factory of John Amelungen, a German immigrant. The Baltimore Sun reported on March 1, 1998: "Amelung Glass ruins: Historians contend much can be learned about the lives of early American immigrants from a survey and excavation of John Amelung's glass factory which burned in the 1790's." Amelung is a German name which Hans Bahlow, in his classic "History of German Names" has traced back to middle high German heroic poetry. Its meaning is "vigor, energy". The name "Amelung" is also listed by Dr. George Jones (ret. professor of German at Univ. of Maryland) in his 1990 book "German-American Names."

NUN JUBILARIANS

The Archdiocese of Baltimore recently honored its nuns who were celebrating their 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th anniversaries of their entrance into the convent. Notably among them were a host of German names: Grottendick, Burger, Kerchner, Schneider, Krumm, Mueller, Engel, Ellinghaus, Oberst, Auth, Kentz, Potthast, Hiehle, Bleil, Schmelz, Gies, Derr, Duerr, Geiger and Amann. Sister Anne Potthast who celebrated her 50th anniversary, is a member of our Society. The Society extends its congratulations to the nuns for their years of service to the community.

HISTORY OF GERMAN-AMERICANS IN THE WORLD WARS PUBLISHED

Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, a scholar at the University of Cincinnati, has edited a documentary history of the German-Americans in the World Wars. In both wars, German-Americans became objects of anti-German hysteria. In WWI, the German language was banned in 26 states; Germans were lynched, dismissed from their jobs and persecuted in all imaginable ways, including internment by the thousands.

AFRICAN - AMERICANS COMMENDED TEACHING THE GERMAN LANGUAGE

In 1830 the nascent African-American middle class commenced a series of national conferences to address the pressing needs of the day: education, employment, civil rights, etc. In its 1852 meeting in Cincinnati the group passed a series of resolutions, two of which read as follows:

"RESOLVE: That we should unite ourselves in business transactions with masses of whites, so that the distinction of Irishmen, German, and African may be lost in the general appellation of American citizens:"

"RESOLVE: That we recommend the teaching of the German Language in our schools, believing that it will prove a great auxiliary to our cause." (From a paper by Prof. Leroy T. Hopkins, Millersville Univ., PA, in the 1996 yearbook of German-American Studies, 1996.)

GERMAN SOLDIERS WERE WASHINGTON'S BODYGUARD

After a report of a plot to seize General George Washington, his private secretary and adjutant, Reed, who was of German descent, advised that a troop be formed consisting entirely of Germans, to serve as his private bodyguard. It was called the Independent Troop of Horse, and was placed under the command of Major Batholoman von Heer, a Prussian who served as a cavalry lieutenant under Frederick the Great. In a letter dated June 30, 1776, Washington wrote to the congress: "The battalion of Germans which congress has ordered to be raised will be a corps of much service, and I am hopeful that such persons will be appointed officers as will complete their enlistment with all possible expedition." Washington's bodyguard consisted of 14 officers and 53 men, exclusively German. (Reported in the German American Journal, March 1997).

WIESENTHAL, FIRST PRESIDENT OF OUR SOCIETY

A full page portrait of Dr. Wiesenthal appears in the Society's book entitled "Pioneers in Service" which is provided to each new member, Dr. Wiesenthal was the prime mover behind the founding of the Society.

The historical sketch refers to Dr. Charles Frederick Wiesenthal (1726 - 1789) as "the undisputed leader of the German population in Baltimore...He had come to Baltimore from Brandenburg during the early 1750's to practice medicine in the newly founded town. As a physician he won for himself the title of 'Father of the Medical Profession in Baltimore.' As a citizen he held innumerable offices in war and peace...Many a time he helped destitute and sick immigrants before an organized Society existed. It was natural therefore that he should take the initiative in rallying Germans of all walks of life to form the German Society of Maryland."

ARCHBISHOP OF BALTIMORE SPOKE OUT AGAINST NAZIS

Baltimore Sun columnist Dan Rodericks recently wrote: While too many leaders of the Western world (including those in the Vatican) failed to speak against the Nov. 9, 1938 night of attacks on and burnings of synagogues, Jewish businesses and homes (known as Crystal Night), Baltimore Archbishop Michael J. Curley was calling Hitler a madman. "Assails Nazi Persecution of Jews, Prelate Dares Der Fuhrer to Complain" was the headline that appeared with a two-column portrait of Curley on the front page of The Sun on Monday, Nov. 14, 1938. The Archbishop's remarks, presented at Holy Comforter Church in Washington, is still clear, and in the context of its time, remarkable:

"I believe it is the duty of all of us in this civilized country of ours to come to the aid of a people who are homeless and helpless, the Jewish people of Germany, who are the victims of what is perhaps the greatest savagery of all history. In the name of all the priests and the 300,000 members of the laity in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, I denounce the madness that has taken possession of the Nazis of Germany in these days of persecution of helpless, innocent Jews whose only offense is that they are members of the race which Jesus, the Founder of the Church and the Savior of the World, was a member...The mobs in Germany are headed and dominated by a madman, Hitler, who was a baptized Catholic, but who has proven false to all the teachings of that church... He no longer not only rejects God but would make himself divine; such is his madness."

REMINDER:

Come to the annual meeting next Friday, March 20th. Bring a prospective new member. No charge.

GERMANS BUILT OLDEST HOUSE IN WASHINGTON

The German Heritage Society of Washington held its October meeting at the Old Stone House at 3051 M Street in Georgetown. The house was built by German Immigrants in 1766, is the oldest standing house in Washington, DC and is managed by the National Park Service.

On June 11, 1764 Christopher and Rachel Laymen (also Leyman and Lehmann), immigrants, started building this house on ground they bought for one English Pound and ten shillings.

Toward the end of the 18th century, many German families came to Georgetown (which was then part of Frederick County) from Pennsylvania, Delaware and other parts of Maryland.

Gary Grassl, a member of our Society and the vice president of the German Heritage Society of Washington, wrote a paper on the Old Stone House and presented a report at a recent meeting of the Heritage Society.

ROCKVILLE & PINNEBERG, SISTER CITIES

Rockville, Maryland and Pinneberg in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany have been sister cities since 1957. President Eisenhower started the People-to-People Program, which has grown to link 900 US cities and towns with 1500 communities in 100 nations of the world.

Rockville's program is an active one which brings 15 students per year to Rockville from three high schools in Pinneberg (located 12 miles north of Hamburg). The program also sponsors cultural arts projects, sports exchanges and small, informal visits by Sister City members throughout the year. The Rockville Sister City Corporation publishes a newsletter periodically detailing ongoing exchange activities and quarterly social events for members.

For information: Rockville Sister City Corporation, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850-2364.

SOCIETY WELCOMES 58 NEW MEMBERS

The following new member have joined the Society since October, 1997. We welcome them and invite them to participate actively in all of our events and programs.

Wilson King Barnes, Jr.
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 Kalle Teel
 Alice Teel

COPIES OF AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM AVAILABLE

The Society has a supply of programs from its annual awards banquet held on Nov. 7, 1997. The programs lists all the members of the Society and sets forth the activities and events of the banquet. Thanks to Ilse von Weltheim and Ted Potthast for their efforts in making it a success. For a copy, call our office and leave your name and address.

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GERMAN SOCIETY GOALS

Helping youth appreciate German culture and language is the target of this year's programs. The college scholarship program gives special consideration to students of German language, history or culture. Awards will be given to high school students who achieve excellence in their German courses. Grade school students are encouraged to present stories from the Grimm Brothers' Märchen (fairytale). We hope to involve the youth in programs of genealogy research via use of computer programs. Finally, we encourage the schools to provide interaction with German exchange students at the high school and university levels. And to be sure, introducing the youth to German cuisine.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zipcode: _____

Spouse (Optional): _____ Phone: _____

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

Annual dues \$15. Spouse may be included at no extra cost. Make check payable to "The German Society of MD" P. O. Box 22585, Baltimore, MD 21203-4585

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