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MD GERMAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM ?

Maryland's Irish-American museum was dedicated on June 17 with ceremonies well attended and with the ribbon cutting and speech by Baltimore's half-German, half-Irish mayor, Martin O'Malley. Irish bagpipers played *Danny Boy*. The museum is in the 900 block of Vincent Street, about 3 blocks north of the Camden Yards and bounded by Pratt, Green, Paca and Lombard Streets near the Inner Harbor. It was funded in part by an \$80,000 grant from the Maryland Historic Trust. The driving force behind the museum was retired Judge Thomas Ward whose Irish ancestors were railroad workers in Baltimore. It occupies two houses once the homes of Irish immigrants in the 1850's. It is also a block east of the B&O Railroad Museum, where the Irish occupants once worked. It will be called "The Irish Shrine and Railroad Workers' Museum" and is affiliated with the B&O Railroad Museum. Until the civil war, Baltimore railroad workers were composed of three ethnic groups: Irish, German and free blacks. The African American History Museum of Maryland is planned for the Inner Harbor on land donated by the government and funded by a \$38,000,000 appropriation from the legislature. On June 17 the Lewis Foundation (whose founder is a black business man with roots in Baltimore) agreed to make a \$5,000,000 grant to the museum.

Where is the museum commemorating the achievements of the local German Americans who once were Baltimore's largest ethnic group? Such a museum may materialize if the efforts of German Society member, Ron Zimmerman come to fruition. Ron has been working on an immigration museum in which Germans will be prominently featured.

SOCIETY PROJECTS STALLED FOR LACK OF FUNDS -- GIFTS NEEDED

Paltry returns on investments due to low interest rates as well as stock market declines and a falling off of gifts to our educational fund has put many of our projects on hold. One of the most important undertakings approved by our directors is the assembling and publication of the achievements of Maryland's German Americans. While other ethnic groups have succeeded in widely disseminating information on the accomplishments of their ancestors, our own German community has not. Millions of dollars are now flowing into African American projects in Maryland from the government and private foundations (see *museums, opposite column*). Public and private money flows into Irish, Italian, Polish and Jewish exhibits. Local political correctness has prevented similar outpourings for promoting the German American heritage. Anti-German sentiments resulting from two world wars and the holocaust is still prevalent, obscuring the good works done by our German American ancestors in our own state of Maryland.

Our Society needs money to go forward with heritage projects and the only source of funding is our own members. We ask that you seriously think about putting the Society on your list for your tax deductible charitable donations. Our directors are looking into fund-raising ideas and seek input on this topic from the membership. Bringing in new members results in dues payments which are the essential source of paying our bills and we urge you to recommend membership in the Society to your friends and relatives. Bear in mind that without your financial help, the works of the Society will languish and not be carried out effectively.

"The purpose of the German Society of Maryland is to preserve and promote the German heritage, language and traditions through educational, social and benevolent programs; and to develop the unity and continuity of the German American community in the State of Maryland."

KALENDER

July 26-28 - Milwaukee German Festival
Aug. 16-18 - Baltimore German Festival
Sept. 8 - AGAS celebration at Blob's Park
Sept. 8 - New Jersey German Heritage Festival
Sept. 12 - Edelweiss Crab Feast
Sept. 21 - Steuben Day Parade - New York City
Sept. 29 - Ecumenical Service - St. Michael's Day
October 12-13 - Maryland Oktoberfest
October 19-20 - Schifferstadt Oktoberfest, Frederick,
MD Call 301-663-3885
Nov. 2 - German Society Awards Banquet
Nov. 30-Dec 1 - Christkindlmarkt at Zion
March 24 - Sprachfest at Towson University
April 24-27, 2003 SGAS convention in Baltimore

Tune in to the Sunday German Radio hours
Edelweiss: Radio 730 AM Sunday 9 am
Radio Klub: Radio 730 AM Sat. 3 pm; Sun. 2 and 8 pm

For more local German-American happenings, check the **web site of the Deutschamerikanischer Bürgerverein von Maryland:** www.md-germans.org

RIPKEN BALL PARK IN ABERDEEN BEGINS ITS FIRST SEASON

Another accomplishment by German-American Cal Ripken is the completion of his \$18,000,000 minor league ballpark in his home town, Aberdeen, MD, which opened its season on June 18th. The name of the Aberdeen team is the *Iron Birds*, from Cal's association with Baltimore's team "the birds" (the Baltimore Orioles) and his personal nickname "The Iron Man", earned for his perfect attendance at 2231 consecutive ball games. Our Society's directors are thinking about sponsoring a "German Society Night" at the Aberdeen park by summer's end, and we'd like to know how many fans are interested in participating. If we have enough interest, we can get a bus to go from the Baltimore area to the game. If you want "in", call the office and leave your name and number on our answering machine, so we can get an idea of how many want to go. Date to be announced later. Tickets may be hard to come by, since 90% of the tickets for the remaining home games are already sold.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET NOV 2

Mark your calendar to attend the German Society annual awards banquet on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Towson University. Details will be forthcoming.

MARYLAND GERMAN FESTIVAL AUG. 16-18 IN CARROLL PARK

The oldest continuous German festival in the United States will be held in Carroll Park, Baltimore, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 16-18. We urge all our members to attend and enjoy the atmosphere, exhibits, German food and drink. Although our Society will not have a stand at the festival this year, we look forward to the time when we can do so. Most of the other members of the Bürgerverein of Maryland will participate by operating food, beer or soda stands and cultural exhibits, and we want to support them. After a period of decline, the festival has made many improvements and it is truly becoming a fine ethnic event. Entertainment features German bands and dancers. The "opening" ceremonies begin at noon on Saturday, at which the presidents of all of the German organizations are introduced as well as honored guests and diplomatic representatives. The event goes on, rain or shine. Picnic tables under a giant tent welcome the visitors. Parking at the festival is abundant on the roads of Carroll Park. It is easily accessible on Washington Blvd. at Monroe Street. The festival runs from noon to 9 pm.

CRAB FEAST SEPTEMBER 12

The Edelweiss Club invites our members to its annual crab feast to be held at the Fisherman's Inn Crab Deck on Kent Island on Thursday, September 12. from noon to 3 pm. Exit 42 off US 50. \$25 for all you can eat. Includes crabs, MD crab soup, chicken tenders, corn on the cob, hush puppies, draft beer, etc. Your check payable to Edelweiss Club, Inc must be received by Sat., Sept. 7. Mail to Joe Walterhoefer, 8621 Old Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043-1919. Include your phone number.

NEW JERSEY GERMAN FESTIVAL

The Edelweiss Club is also sponsoring a bus trip to the New Jersey German Festival on Sunday, September 8. The cost is \$52. For information and reservations, call Bill Groves at 410-744-7820,

BEST WISHES to **Irma Tillman** for the start of her new business, a facility for physical therapy for dogs in Crofton, Anne Arundel County. Irma and her daughter Lynn, supervised the construction of the special purpose building. Irma's love for dogs grew out of a series of Staffordshire terriers which she and her deceased husband, Don, raised to become national champions. Don was a president of our Society and Irma is currently one of our directors.

AATG THANKS US FOR SUPPORT

The Maryland/DC Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German has thanked our Society for the contribution of \$5,000 made in May, which allowed the AATG to present awards to the German high school students who achieved the 85 percentile or higher in the standardized national German language test. Our local AATG chapter is the envy of German teachers throughout the country, as it is the only chapter able to encourage students to excel in German through such an awards presentation. A close relationship between our Society and the AATG began ten years ago, when then AATG president Prof. Mohamed Esa of Western Maryland College (now McDaniels College) began working with our former presidents, Don Tillman, Ted Potthast and Mike Nieberding. Since then many German teachers have become members of the Society. AATG is now seeking funding from additional sources as more and more Maryland students are excelling in the study of the German language. The Maryland/DC AATG awards ceremony is also supported by the German and the Swiss Embassies and by Zion Church which provides the venue for the event.

LEARN AND TEACH HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY TO THE YOUNG

The chairman of the board of a local community college was overheard at a graduation ceremony saying the graduates not only knew no history, they could not even find Maryland on a map. They thought the Battle of the Bulge was fought in the US Civil War. It is also rumored that some local school systems teach no history prior to the "War of Emancipation" (1860-1864) since most of the early US presidents (Washington, Jefferson, Monroe etc) were white slave-owners and thus unworthy of study. The signers of the Declaration of Independence put their lives on the line, since they were destined for the gallows if the colonies lost the war with England. This is overlooked by many of today's educators.

It appears that since the schools are not teaching young people history and geography, it is up to the families to do so. Please do your duty.

One of the purposes of the German Society is to foster the heritage of the German-speaking peoples who migrated to America. We are looking for ways to accomplish this. Your suggestions will be appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS to members:

to **Dr. David Denisch** upon his selection by Baltimore Magazine in its June issue as one of the top 4 general dentists in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. Dr. Denisch is the newest member of the board of directors of our Society, elected by our membership in April. He brings his German work ethic to his profession, as manifested by a sign which hangs in his office: "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle."

to **Judge Gerard W. Wittstadt and Dr. Rosemary Wittstadt** on the celebration June 15 of their 40th wedding anniversary. They both were the Society's 2001 honorees at our awards banquet.

to **Frank and Amelia Hobbs** who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Frank is also president of the Edelweiss Club.

APOLOGIES

to **Congressman Bob Ehrlich**. We left out the first "h" in his name in the last newsletter. Our error proved to be a *felix culpa*, since it caused us to consult the classic "Dictionary of German Names" by Hans Bahlow for the meaning of Ehrlich. The entry for "Ehrlich" reads as follows: "Carries the older meaning of the MHG (middle high German) *erlich*, 'to have honor, be respected'. Our error was thus a subconscious fall-back to the way it was spelled in the old MHG days.

THANKS

to **Art Nieberding** for all his hard work in putting together our annual picnic at Blob's Park on June 9. Art's organization skills once again made the event a rousing success. Art was backed up by his spouse, Louise, who followed up and took care of the many details which go into the happy occasion.

to those members who have helped recruit some of the new members listed on page 8: **Isolde and Dan Brooke; Louis Kohlman; Art Nieberding and Ted Potthast**. Names of members referring new members will be published in future issues of our newsletter.

BEST WISHES

to our members who are running for elective offices in Maryland: **Bob Ehrlich**, Republican candidate for governor of Maryland and **Dutch Ruppertsberger** for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 2nd district.

GERMAN AMERICAN JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The Joint Action Committee is a national German American organization consisting of three national German American organizations: DANK (Deutsch Amerikanischer National Kongress), UGAC/USA (United German American Committee) and the Steuben Society of America. Our Society is a member of DANK and UGAC. Acting on a motion introduced by Merle Arp, who is a director of our Society and is also a vice president of DANK, GAJAC adopted at its meeting on May 15 the following mission statement:

"Joining Americans of German descent in recognition of our common heritage and contributions to America."

Dr. Volker Schmeissner, a member of our Society, also attended the May 15 meeting as a representative of UGAC. of which he is vice president. GAJAC also resolved to expand its outreach to Swiss-American and Austrian-American groups. To create a presence in Washington, GAJAC set up a phone line, mailing address and e-mail address to operate out of UGAC's Washington, DC office on Sunderland Place.

MARYLAND JEWISH MUSEUM ON LLOYD ST. DESERVES A VISIT

Most of the Baltimore Jews in the early 19th century were German, and some were prominent members and officers of our Society. The Jewish Museum of Maryland, on Lloyd Street between Lombard and Baltimore Streets (1000 block) is the largest museum in the country concerned with the preservation of regional American Jewish history and culture. The museum contains two exhibit galleries and a bookstore, the Lloyd Street Synagogue built in 1845 and the B'Nai Israel Synagogue, built in 1876. It contains more than a million photographs, papers and objects, and a family history center. Museum hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 12 noon to 4:00 P.M. It has an operating budget of about \$800,000 per year and a recent expansion resulted from a \$2,000,000 gift. It serves as an excellent model for ethnic groups attempting to establish museums.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I am pleased to report that at last count membership in the Society was 1,077. This is up significantly from just a few years ago. Thanks to all who have maintained their membership and to those who have brought in new members. A special thanks to Lifetime Director Dan Brooke, membership chairman, for his exceptional efforts. Although membership is strong in our Society and in several others in the Bürgerbverein von Maryland, other groups are experiencing declining memberships.

The Society must strive to keep our numbers up, since dues and gifts from our members are needed for our cultural and educational projects. I urge every member to ask one or more of their relatives or friends who share an interest in German heritage, language and traditions to join the Society. Why not add membership in the German Society to the ties that link your relatives and friends? Applying for membership is easy. See the form on the last page of this newsletter or call the Society's office (leave a message on the machine) and request copies of our gold application form which tells prospective members about the purpose, history and activities of the Society.

James D. Schaub, Ph.D., President

UGAC/USA OFFERS \$6 MILLION FOR HEURICH MANSION IN WASH. DC

The United German American Committee/USA, of which our Society is a member, has submitted an offer of \$6,000,000 to purchase the Heurich Mansion, with a \$200,000 deposit. UGAC is currently leasing space in the mansion for its national office. The office address is 1921 Sunderland Place, near DuPont Circle. The Historical Society of Washington must decide whether UGAC will be the next owner of the mansion. If it is acquired, it will become a German cultural center and museum, as well as the permanent headquarters for UGAC. UGAC's headquarters was previously located in Philadelphia.

MAKE SOME PLANS NOW TO ATTEND AN OKTOBERFEST

The season when it is politically correct to celebrate your German heritage is rapidly approaching. Even non-Germans join in the celebration, even if for them it is only their love of German beer that makes them celebrate. Here are some dates and places within an easy drive where you can join an Oktoberfest: Sept. 20-21 Germantown, MD; Sept. 20-21 Newark, Delaware; Sept. 21 - Steuben Day Parade - New York City; Sept 28 Steuben Parade Philadelphia; Oct 12-13 Baltimore, MD; Oct 19-20 - Schifferstadt Oktoberfest, Frederick, MD;

DIVERSIFICATION OF INTERESTS AMONG OUR MEMBERSHIP

When we look at ourselves, we find a broad spectrum of interests among our members. In an attempt to classify those interests, we come up with the following "categories":

1. Immigrants from German-speaking countries.
2. Descendants of immigrants.
3. Academicians.
4. German language teachers.
5. History buffs
6. Amateur genealogists
7. Clergy

The vast majority of our members are the descendants of immigrants. Their interests lie in learning about and preserving our Germanic "heritage." They enjoy attending functions which have a German flavor, feature German food and music and spread the good feeling of *Gemütlichkeit*. Most are aware of some background of their ancestors, such as the region, town or city from whence they came, but some do not. Some can speak German well, some a little and most not at all. However, they all have an interest in their past and became a member of the Society because it gives them a tie to their past.

The immigrants are more interested in modern-day relations between America and Germany, in promoting social events among fellow Germans and engaging in cultural events as they did in their days in Germany. Immigrant members today are almost exclusively from Germany. In years gone by, the Society's membership was pan-Germanic (Deutschland, Luxemburg, Austria, Switzerland and German-speaking parts of Italy, Bohemia and other countries). Today the Austrians and Swiss have established their own societies.

The academicians are mostly college professors who are interested in promoting German language studies at the college and graduate levels and in funding college scholarship assistance.

Since the Society has formed an alliance with the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG), our membership has enrolled a very large number of high school and lower school teachers, as well as college instructors and professors.

Many of our members are life-time students of the history of German-speaking Europe, its influence in America and the accomplishments of German-Americans. One of their goals is to pass on this heritage among their own families and to young

SOCIETY BECOMES MEMBER OF "FRIENDS OF MENCKEN HOUSE"

The German Society of Maryland has joined the new non-profit organization formed in September, 2001, to preserve the home of H. L. Mencken at 1524 Hollins Street across from Union Square in Baltimore City, by paying the annual dues of \$40. H. L. Mencken, *The Sage of Baltimore* is probably the most nationally well-known Maryland German American. Walter Lipman called him "the most powerful personal influence on a whole generation of educated people." He treasured his German heritage. Mencken's home was part of the Baltimore City Museum system until the city ran out of money and closed the museums about four years ago. The house has a leaky roof and is termite infested. The Baltimore *Sun* has pledged funds for the termite repairs. The *Friends* have been given access to the house to keep watch over the property and perform simple maintenance. The City has said it will lease the property to a non-profit organization which will operate it as a museum with a programmatic component. The *Friends* and the *Sun* are working together in concert toward that goal. Those wishing to become members should contact: The Friends of the Mencken House, Inc., 733 Martin Drive, Catonsville, MD 21229-1116, 410-947-7351 or check its website:

www.menckenhause.org

Americans of German ancestry.

Some of our members are serious as well as amateur genealogists who derive a sense of accomplishment in tracing their own roots. This is important for the preservation of the German-American heritage and for the continuance of ethnic organizations such as our Society.

Finally, our Society from its foundation admitted German clergymen as members without requiring dues from them. In the late 1900's the Society expanded the definition of clergy to include men and women religious as well as pastors, ministers and priests of Germanic ancestry. We did so because clergy represent an element of leadership in the community and those who wish to associate with us will also have the inclination to spread German culture and foster our mission.

Our Society therefore reflects a broad spectrum of interests. There is a place in the Society for everyone who has an interest in our mission, which is to promote the German heritage, language and traditions.

LOCAL GROUPS SEEK WAYS TO USE GERMAN SATELLITE TV

Area organizations are discussing how to use the new German satellite TV channel for educational purposes. The German channel is now available by subscription, for an installation fee plus a monthly charge of about \$15. Some have suggested installing the satellite dish at the clubhouse or offices of local German organizations. Other ideas are to contribute to area schools to support the installation and monthly fees for German clubs at high schools and colleges; for the use of classes at such locations as Zion Church, the Baltimore Kickers language program; for the taping of children's shows to loan to club members to give the little ones an exposure to the language and to help the learning process, etc. If you have some good ideas, let us know. Drop a note or leave a message at the office.

MILWAUKEE GERMAN FESTIVAL LARGEST IN USA-JULY 26-28

Thirty eight German clubs and 3,000 volunteers put together America's largest fest at Milwaukee's Henry W. Maier Festival Park on Lake Michigan. With seven bandstands, the event features two bands from Germany, one from Austria, nineteen German-American bands, 14 ethnic dance groups, 8 German singing groups, marching bands from Chicago and Milwaukee, 8 specialty acts, Glockenspiel, Trachtenschau, Children' Parade, games and rides and a 3-day soccer tournament. The Fest is a gastronomic delight of ethnic German food: Spanferkel, Westphalia ham, Rollbraten, Sauerbraten, Bratwurst, Schnitzel, Goulash, Herring, Dumplings, Potato Pancakes, chick on the spit and many vegetarian items. (Spanferkel - from a whole pig, spit-roasted over open flames). Visit the entirely new Cultural/Heritage Village which includes a Handwerker's Demonstration Tent, a display on the Immigrant Experience, a wine-tasting tent with "Cooking with Wine" demonstrations, and an interactive genealogy section, which includes internet access for festgoers to trace their ancestral roots. A Children's Arts and Crafts Area features a "make and take" program along with a German language center. Plan a getaway to Milwaukee and see how mid-west German-Americans celebrate their heritage.

ELDERHOSTEL FOR GERMAN TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS

Many of our members over 55 attend Elderhostel programs to broaden their knowledge. This year, from Sept. 20 to 25 a program entitled "German-American Customs, Beliefs and Traditions" will be offered in Ferdinand, Indiana. through the Max Kade German-American Center of the Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ. Indianapolis. The program will be presented by Dr. Eberhard Reichman and Dr. Ruth Reichman. For information call them at: 317-464-9004 (office) 812-988-2866 (home); or 317-630-6035 (fax). Drs. Eberhard and Ruth are husband and wife. They spoke in Baltimore a few years ago at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland. They are an interesting and exciting team.

GERMAN POPULATION FALLING

Last year the German population fell, with deaths (730,000) exceeding births (639,000) by 91,000. With an aging population and fewer births, Germany will be unable to pay social security benefits to the elderly. Germany needs massive immigration to survive, but it is a hot political issue. In 50 years, Germany may not even have a German-speaking majority. A UNO study predicts that Germany will need 450,000 immigrants per year to keep its population stable. Similar problems abound in most other European countries. A majority of immigrants now are from Islamic countries and (for computer expertise) from India. Religious statistics see the center of Christian civilization shifting from Europe to the Americas. So, visit Germany now, since it may not be "German" much longer.

JONATHAN HAGER HOUSE AUG 3-4

Jonathan Hager, founder of Hagerstown, was an early German-American, a leader and a member of the Maryland legislature. His home is now a museum. Frontier Craft Days will be held at the Hager House August 3 & 4, featuring crafts, music and food. 11 am to 5 pm. For info call 301-739-8393. While driving to or from Hagerstown, stop by another German landmark, Schifferstadt, just off I-70 at Md. route 15.

SOME BITS AND PIECES OF OUR MARYLAND GERMAN HERITAGE

THE WYE OAK'S TIES TO SOME OF OUR SOCIETY'S MEMBERS

Maryland's State Tree, the 460 year old oak at Wye, MD died on June 5, 2002, the victim of a violent storm. The 100 foot tall tree with a 36 foot circumference was one of the country's most famous. Another storm knocked off a huge limb when our former member, Theodore R. McKeldin was Maryland's governor (1951-1959). He had the presence of mind to seize the limb lest it become firewood and sent it to the furniture factory of Potthast Bros., Inc. in Baltimore. William Potthast designed a desk and Ted Potthast, Sr. (a director of our Society for nearly 50 years) oversaw the manufacture of it. The oaken desk served the governor for the balance of his term, and when he returned to Baltimore to become its mayor again, it is believed that he took the desk to the mayor's office. Its present whereabouts is unknown.

AMERICANS ARE LOSING THE ORIGINAL HERITAGE - PERCENT OF GERMANS SHOWS DECLINE

Although the question on ancestry was dropped from the general US Census for the first time in the year 2000, the question was included in a sampling of 20 million census forms. Using statistics to arrive at the big numbers, the Census Bureau found that many persons, when asked about their ancestry, simply answered "American". A census official stated that the longer a family has been in the US, the more likely it drops its association with ethnic roots. Although the US population increased 13% in the 1990's, the number giving ethnic responses declined. "Irish" declined from 36 million (16%) to 30 million (11%), according to an Associated Press article cited in the internet. Overall statistics for Germans were not cited, but Manfred Schnetzer of the German League of Cincinnati said that the report showed Germans in Ohio to be down from 38% in 1990 to 25% in 2000. Although the percentage changes resulted in part from Latin and Asiatic immigration in the 90's, much of the decline appears to be that the European descendants are losing their interest in their heritages. In the 1990 census, Germans were shown as the largest ethnic group in Maryland, at 24%. This percentage is expected to decline when the numbers are in on the Latin American invasion to the MD suburbs of D,C,

CITY HALL DESIGNED BY GERMAN AMERICAN TEENAGER IN 1876

The City of Baltimore held a competition in 1876 for the design of a new city hall, to commemorate the centennial of the United States. The competition was won by an 18-year old German American, James Frederick and it was built on his design. Mr. Frederick went on to become an outstanding Baltimore architect, although his masterpiece remained the city hall. Robert Fritschke, a member of our board of directors and himself an architect, is preparing an article on Maryland's German architecture and will provide us with further details on the life of Mr. Frederick.

EARLY GERMAN BREWERS IN MD.

Baltimore's large German population of the late 1800's supported 33 breweries. Some major German brewers were Bauernschmidt, Gunther, Dukehart, Helldorfer, National, Vonderhorst and Weissner. The Maryland Historical Society holds numerous beer mugs from such Baltimore breweries in its collection.

SEE SOCIETY'S PLACQUE ONLINE

In 1983 the Society wanted to commemorate its 200th birthday by placing a plaque in a prominent place in the City of Baltimore. The City rejected our request for a spot near the Inner Harbor. Zion Church then offered us a place on the side of the church building in its garden, where it can now be seen. You can also see it on the internet on the web page of Zion Church: www.zionbaltimore.org.

HOW ABOUT A WALKING TOUR TO THE LOCAL GERMAN LANDMARKS?

Zippy Larsen, who for years has conducted walking tours of Baltimore City, may be willing to conduct a tour for our Society to the many landmarks in a city which was once heavily German. (At one time, all city ordinances were published in both English and German.) Our director, Harry Gruel, spoke to Zippy and found her to be enthusiastic about conducting such a tour. We need to know how many people would be interested in such a tour. If you think you would like to participate, please call our office and leave your name and number on our answering machine.

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FUNDS NEEDED !

Our investments are not able to fund the many good works of the Society. We have been hurt by low interest rates and a decline of the value of our securities. We now must appeal to our members. The new rise in postage and increased paper costs makes our news-letter more expensive. Our aid to students of German is imperiled. If you have not yet paid your dues, please.....

MAIL TO:

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zipcode: _____

Spouse (Optional): _____ Phone: _____

Referred by: _____

"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.
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