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On November 5, three German Society members were elected to high office in Maryland. Bob Ehrlich, the Society's honoree at our 1997 awards banquet, became the third member of our Society to be governor of Maryland. Bob has expressed his pride in his Germanic heritage. He has been a frequent guest at our Society's functions. Support for him among our members at our recent annual banquet was apparent, including ads in the program paid for by some of our members. The other two members who have served as governor of Maryland are Theodore R. McKeldin, Jr. and William Donald Schaefer. Don Schaefer was re-elected as State Comptroller by a landslide. He will be a key factor in Annapolis in turning around budget deficits left from the prior administration. Dutch Ruppertsberger, former Baltimore County executive, was elected in the 2nd congressional district by a safe margin. Ruppertsberger has already received the honor of representing the freshman Congressional class to make committee appointments.

When the Society, in 1986, first began the tradition of honoring a German American who has given outstanding service to our state and nation, Don Schaefer, Mayor of Baltimore who had just been elected Governor, was our first honoree. Our Society is justly proud of its members who are serving our state and nation as elected officials. We believe that we are unique among German-American ethnic organizations in the country in having the governor of our state among our membership.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Best wishes to all our members for a pleasant Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to 2003 with plans for many activities and great progress in pursuing the goals of our Society. 2002 has been most successful. I think the highlight of our year occurred in the course of our Annual Awards Banquet when Lauren Rizzo addressed the assembly in English and German to thank the Society for its programs aiding high school and college students in the study of German language and culture. When Lauren was a high school student at The McDonough School, she was a recipient of the Society's award for students who achieved the 90th or higher percentile in the national examination for proficiency in German. She is now studying German at McDaniel College, taught by one of the Society's directors, Dr. Mohammed Esa, who tells us she is one of his top students. Lauren expressed her own thanks and that of the many students who have been encouraged by our Society's activities. She and the other enthusiastic college students who attended our banquet, with their high, contagious spirit, helped make the event one of our finest. Our members could see the successful results of our program personified in a knowledgeable, eloquent student. It brought us joy to hear how much our programs are appreciated by the students and to hear the gratitude in their voices and see the effervescence in her face and in the faces of the many college students at the event. This is a true source of inspiration for us to keep up our efforts and try to improve and expand such programs in the future.

JAMES D. SCHAUB, Ph.D., President

"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

Nov. 30-Dec 1 - Christkindlmarkt at Zion
Dec. 29 - Strauss concert at Meyerhoff
Jan. 23 = Board Meeting
March 1 Karneval Ball at Zion
March 24 - Sprachfest at Towson University
April 23 - Annual banquet Historical Society
April 25 - Annual Meeting German Society
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

CHRISTKINDLMARKT AT ZION

The Baltimore Kickers and Zion Church will hold its annual Christmas Market in the German tradition at the Zion church across from the Baltimore City Hall on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 10 am and on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 1 pm. This presents a great opportunity to buy Christmas wreaths and decorations, German cookies and candies, cards and a vast variety of Christmas presents. It is reminiscent of the Christmas markets which all German cities sponsor during the holidays. The event has become a "must" for those who cherish the old German Christmas traditions. Mark your calendar to attend. Bratwurst, hot mulled wine and other German foodstuffs are also available for lunch and snacks.

STRAUSS CONCERT AT MEYERHOFF

A SALUTE TO VIENNA, billed as "The World's Greatest New Year's Eve Concert" is set for Sunday, December 29 at 3 pm at Baltimore's Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. A cast of 75 musicians, singers and dancers showcase the best of Johann Strauss from "The Blue Danube Waltz" to "Die Fledermaus." Tickets \$39-\$69. Phone 410-783-8000

SÄNGERBUND CONCERT DEC. 15

The Washington Sängerbund will hold its annual Christmas concert on Dec. 15 at 3:00 pm at the United Church, 20th and G Streets NW, Washington, DC (Offering taken to benefit the needy). Post-concert refreshments served. INFO: 202-310-4691. This is one of the most outstanding singing organizations in the country and its Christmas concert is always inspiring.

WILLIAM E. FERGUSON, PAST PRESIDENT, DIES IN OCTOBER

Bill Ferguson, president of our Society in the 1987-88 term, died in early October. He had agreed to serve for only one year. His most important accomplishment for the Society was selecting his successor, Donald E. Tillman, under whose 5-year presidency the Society grew dramatically. Bill was a banker who had managerial and organizational skills. At the conclusion of his term, he surprised and shocked the Society by resigning. He gave as his reason that the Society had too many lawyer-members and he couldn't stand lawyers. He severed all relations with the Society and was not seen at any of our activities thereafter. Bill persisted in German-oriented charitable works and later served as a director of Edenwald, The German Aged Peoples' Home, where he performed unparalleled service in the early years of Edenwald, using his banking expertise. Although Ferguson is not a German name, Don Tillman often told Bill that Ferguson was an error; and that when his ancestor entered America, the immigration officer asked his name, he misunderstood and replied "ich vergessen" (I forget), and the officer wrote down: "Nick Ferguson". Bill's memory was commemorated at the Nov. 2nd banquet.

SOCIETY ACCEPTED AS MEMBER OF GREATER WASHINGTON GROUP

The associated German American Societies of Greater Washington, DC formally accepted our Society as the 17th organization elected as a member at its meeting on November 11. Our Society has many members in the Maryland suburbs of Washington and our directors felt it appropriate to apply for membership in AGAS. It is similar to the Deutschamerikanischer Bürgerverein which serves the metropolitan Baltimore area. This membership will allow our own members to participate in the many activities sponsored by AGAS, mostly in DC and northern Virginia, but often in Prince George County, and its annual German American Fest held at Blob's Park in Howard County (which is set for Sunday, May 4, 2003). Information on AGAS can be found at its excellent website: www.geocities.com/agas.dc/

TREASURY BALANCE INCREASE

The balance of cash and investments as of October 10 was \$493,078. With the stock market increase in the past month, our treasury is now over the \$500,000 mark.

NIEBERDING, FESSENDEN & GRUEL AWARDED MEDAL OF THE SOCIETY

The medal of The German Society of Maryland is awarded to those members who have made important contributions to the Society's work. The medal was awarded to Michael Nieberding, Brigitte Fessenden and Harry Gruel. All are members of the board of directors. Nieberding has served as president for a total of four years and currently is the treasurer. Fessenden, a native of Germany, came to the Society in the 1970's at a time when we had no office force. As a volunteer she undertook to run the office until we were able to hire staff. Thereafter she remained a dedicated worker, devoting serious time to our projects and hosting many of our events. She now serves as vice president. Harry Gruel has been a work-horse for 25 years. With his background in banking, he has been valuable as chairman of our finance committee, is a member of the nominating committee and presently also serves as controller. He and his wife, Betty, have hosted committee meetings at their home, where Betty has provided her famous sauerbraten dinners. The Society's medal is a colorful blend of blue, red, white and black featuring the Society's seal, which incorporates the Great Seal of the State of Maryland. Medal recipients are encouraged to wear it, on a ribbon of the German colors of red, black and gold, to the functions of our Society and of other ethnic groups.

ED BANKA HOSPITALIZED

Edward Banka, a long time member of the Society, is suffering from the weaknesses of age and has been hospitalized at the Veterans Hospital in DC. Ed was a German soldier in Rommel's Afrikan Corps who was captured by the Americans at age 18 and brought as a POW to America. Young prisoners who were not Nazi's were encouraged to join the US Army, with a promise of citizenship after the war. Ed accepted. He rose quickly to the rank of sergeant. Since American soldiers did not take easily to taking orders in a German accent, he was sent to a special school set up by the army in Wisconsin to learn to speak English without an accent. He then went to the Pacific and served with distinction in the fight against the Japanese. His entire family in Germany had been wiped out in the war. He decided to become a career soldier and finally retired in the Old Soldiers Home in Washington. One year at the Baltimore German Festival, Ed worked at a German Society booth wearing his Afrikan Corps German army hat. An American veteran accosted him, and was greatly angered, until he heard the whole story.

BANQUET WAS OUTSTANDING

The 2002 Awards Banquet of our Society was, by many accounts, the best in modern memory. It was held at Towson University and attended by nearly 200 members and guests. The cocktail hour, the dinner, the music, the dancing and the program all flowed harmoniously for a pleasant gathering. The presence of students from McDaniel College, Loyola College, Salisbury University, Towson University and four exchange students from Germany's Oldenburg Univ. lent a flavor of youth to the event. Lauren Rizzo, a former recipient of our Society's high school German language awards and now a student at McDaniel College addressed the assembly in German and English to express the gratitude of all the students for the encouragement given to their Language studies by our Society. Rev. Siegfried Otto, one of our directors, gave the invocation and benediction, in German and English. Robert Fritzsche, another director, led in the singing of the German and American national anthems. President Jim Schaub was master of ceremonies. Vice president Brigitte Fessenden, introduced our honoree, Dr. Hanna Geldrich-Leffman. Director Ted Potthast presented the medal of the German Society to Mike Nieberding, Harry Gruel and Brigitte Fessenden. In accordance with a tradition of more than a century, presidents of the St. George's, St. Andrew's and Hibernian Society were our honored guests. Our Honoree, Dr. Geldrich-Leffman responded with thanks for her long and happy relationship with the Society. She mentioned two deceased members of fond memory, Dr. Carrie Mae Zintl and Clement Erhart, with whom she worked so closely on Society programs over many years. Lovely floral centerpieces were designed and produced by a dedicated member, Gisela Schwartz. The officers of the Maryland/DC Chapter of the American Association of Teacher of German attended, led by its president, Janette Patterson. The Edelweiss Club, represented by its president, Frank Hobbs, hosted a table. The program, which listed all 1150 members of our Society, was produced by MBG Precision Imaging, which donated the printing and publishing of the booklet. Its manager, Gary Michael Berg, is a member. It also contained numerous ads, patrons, sponsors who took space for their business cards to help subsidize the presence of the college students, and notices from our members commemorating their German ancestors and family members. The event concluded at midnight and most stayed until the very end. The young people danced until the band, The Continentals, went home.

THANKS ...

To our vice-president, **Brigitte Fessenden** and husband, **Nicholas** for the use of her home and hosting a farewell luncheon for our office manager, Ilse von Veltheim on October 28. Ilse is moving back to Germany.

To **Arthur Nieberding** for his Herculean efforts in making our Nov. 2 annual awards banquet a success. Art displayed classic German-American efficiency and organization, true marks of the engineer that he is.

To **Dr. Armin Mruck** for his role in obtaining the student union of Towson University for our annual awards banquet and arranging a substantial discount for us.

To those members whose diligence and efforts have resulted in bringing new members into our Society: **Dan Brooke, Lou Kohlman, Ted Potthast, Dr. Rosemary Wittstadt, Linda Butts, Maureen Helinski.** We urge all members to spread the word of our Society and invite into membership their friends and relatives.

To **President Jim and Abbie Schaub** for inviting the directors to their home for a meeting and social gathering and for bringing the leaders together for exchange of ideas.

31 NEW STUDENT MEMBERS FROM LOYOLA, BLAKEFIELD

Many thanks to our director, Linda Butt, a teacher of German at Loyola, Blakefield who recently enrolled 31 of her students as members of our Society. Student members pay reduced dues of \$5 and have all the rights and privileges of membership except voting rights. The new members are:

Josh Alford	Ian Arthur
Kris Bauer	Nathan Brady
Louis Bresci	Eric Bronhill
Bryan Chasney	Patrick Cotherman
Matthew Donhauser	Tim Eberhardt
Albert Gaspari	Jack Geary
Andrew Hahn	Brian Johns
Patrick Jones	Trip Kramer
Christoopher Laird	Gregory Lange
Brian Martin	Ross Meadows
Stehen Moore	Paul Paelow
James Plinto	Adam Shaw
Brendan Smith	Daniel Smith
Tim Thomas	Tim Tillman
Jeff Timmons	Robert Toth
Colin Wilkinson	

JUERGENSEN, FOUNDER, READY TO CELEBRATE KICKERS' 50TH YEAR

Werner Juergensen, his wife, Irene and their 2-year old daughter, Birgit, came to Baltimore in 1952 from the their native Sylt, an island off the northwest coast of Germany. A soccer enthusiast, Werner found no German soccer team here, and so, with a friend, Ed Thau, formed the Baltimore Kickers on September 23, 1953. Werner and Irene are still active in the club. In 1958 Werner went to work for the National Brewing Company and was quickly promoted to brewer. He brewed until his retirement in 1991. The years have been good to the Kickers, which gradually became a social organization, holding uniquely German events such as its Schlagfest, trips to Germany and Austria and free German language classes. The Juergensens see the Kickers as an organization for the preservation of German culture and language, and for activities supporting their German heritage.

DIRECTORS PREPARE TO VISIT GERMANY'S CHRISTMAS FAIRS

Three of our directors, who are also members of the Baltimore Kickers, will leave for a one-week tour of the Christmas markets in Germany on a Kickers club tour. Irma Tillman, Betty Nieman (and husband Dutch) and Ted Potthast (und Frau Connie) leave on December 9. Irma is taking the eastern tour (to Leipzig, Dresden etc) and the others the Bavarian tour (Nürnberg, Bamberg, Wurzburg, Dinkelsbuhl & Rothenberg ob der Tauber). They will see the medieval walled cities with the old traditions and architecture,

PRESIDENT BUSH PRAISES GERMAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS

In declaring October 6 as "German American Day", President George W. Bush named many individuals who had made contributions to our nation: Carl Schurz, Thomas Nast, Joseph Pulitzer, Leon Strauss, Walter Perry Chrysler, etc. His Proclamation concluded with the following:

I, GEORGE W. BUSH...do hereby proclaim October 6, 2002, as German-American Day. I encourage all Americans to recognize the contributions of our citizens of German descent to the liberty and prosperity of the United States, and all to celebrate our close ties to the people of Germany...."

19-YEAR OLD "GREEN" ELECTED TO GERMAN PARLIAMENT

A 19-year old woman, Anna Lührmann, who had been an exchange student at Syracuse, NY for a year was elected by the Green party to the German parliament on September 22. The post is equivalent to being a member of the U. S. House of Representatives and carries a salary of 124,000 euros (almost \$125,000), plus a guaranteed pension, a tax free expense account and the privileged lifestyle which parliamentarians enjoy. Although she quit school to take the job, she has the right to return to a German university. She plans to live in an apartment with others her age and share in the household chores.

ARION GESANGVEREIN, LAST OF THE GERMAN SINGING SOCIETIES

Robert Fritzsche is a director of our Society and is also the President of the Arion Gesangverein, the sole survivor of a multitude of Maryland German singing groups. The Arion, which today has only about a dozen singers, is in dire need of new members, or it may also go the way of the others. When Germans formed the largest ethnic group in Baltimore, they formed many types of clubs, and one of the most popular were their singing groups. History records the *Canton Liederkrantz*, the *Arbeiter Liedertafel*, Locust Point's *Mannerchor*, *Schwabischer Sangerbund*, *Eintracht Gesangverein*, *Mozart Mannerchor*, *Metzger Gesangverein*, and so weiter. The 152-year-old Arion practices in the Sunday School room at Zion Church. The Arion has a distinguished history, having sung at Gettysburg in 1863 when Abraham Lincoln gave his address at the dedication of the national cemetery. Today it sings at patriotic events, such as naturalization ceremonies. A sister organization, the Washington Sangerbund, has a large contingent of singers and presents an annual production at one of D.C.'s large symphony halls or auditoriums.

A recent study in Germany concluded that singing has a positive effect on the body and intellect of older people. It enables people to remain active in society. The concentration needed in singing promotes mental health. Singing's intensive breathing exercises the diaphragm which in turn helps with speech. It also helps distribute oxygen throughout the body and thus promotes circulation. That, in turn, takes pressure off the heart and allows it to stabilize.

MORE ON POPULATION TRENDS

One group with its finger on population trends is the United Jewish Communities, an umbrella group of federations. In an Oct. 18 Baltimore Sun article, it was reported that the American Jewish population had declined by 5% in the past decade. This reflects a downward trend noticed in most European countries, including Germany. and in the white population of the USA. For a population to maintain itself, each female must give birth to 2.1 children. The Jewish population in Baltimore City and County, however, recorded an increase from 87,000 Jews in 1985 to 91,400 in 1999. The growth is attributed to the high percentage of Orthodox Jews who traditionally have large families. The Baltimore area has the largest percentage of Orthodox Jews of any major American city.

AMERICANS UNCONCERNED WITH LEARNING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

David Flores, a Baltimore college Spanish teacher, wrote to a national newspaper that the lack of concern for learning foreign languages has created a stereotype of American arrogance which is resented by other peoples. In many countries, children learn a third and fourth language (English being the second) in grade school. Some in the US think that learning a foreign language is only for intelligence personnel and spies. Once a prerequisite for a college degree, language studies are no longer required, even at such prestigious universities as Baltimore's Johns Hopkins (which was founded on the German university model). Our own Society devotes much of its efforts and resources to encouraging young people to take up and excel in the study of the German language and culture.

"WE THE IMMIGRANTS", POEM BY MEMBER, READ FOR GERMAN DAY

A poem by Ingrid Carsten-Miller, a member of our Society, was read on October 6, 2002 at the National German Day celebration at the Friendship Garden on the Mall in Washington, DC. It was read by Christa Garcia, president of D.A.N.K., the German American National Congress. Mrs. Carsten-Miller writes in German and English and is well known for her poetic publications. We plan to print the poem in the next issue of our newsletter.

MIDSHIPMAN WINS PRIZE FOR ESSAY IN GERMAN LANGUAGE

The Steuben Society of America annually presents an award at the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD for the best essay in German. The prize is a ceremonial sword, presented at the Academy's Awards Ceremony for Humanities and Social Studies. This year's recipient was Midshipman Second Class Sean J. Wolfe. The Steuben Society also presents an award for excellence in German to a cadet at the West Point military academy.

FREDERICK P. KLAUS, 80

"Freddie" Klaus, a one-time member of our Society and an eminent real estate appraiser in Baltimore County, died in October, survived by his wife, Sue Ann Nordhoff. Born in Queens, N.Y., he was raised in New York and Austria. During World War II he served in Italy and Germany and attained the rank of major. He often traveled on business to Germany and Austria where he served as a director of a corporation in the Austrian city of Kitzbühl. He was made an honorary citizen of the region of Tyrol and given the keys to the city of Kitzbühl, a skiing center in the Alps. An expert skier, he led numerous ski expeditions from Towson to Austria. As a real estate expert, he testified in hundreds of court trials, and his name was frequently mentioned in opinions of the MD Court of Appeals.

SCOTT DEUTSCHMAN, 31

A notice in the Baltimore Sun tells of the death of Scott Deutschman on October 27 at age 31. No name can be more German than this, except to put an extra "n" on the end. Mr. Deutschman lived in Federal Hill. He was a 1989 graduate of the Gilman School where he was editor of the student newspaper and founder of its ski club. He obtained a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and an MBA from Johns Hopkins. While in college he was an anchorman for National Public Radio's Univ. of Missouri affiliate. He returned to Baltimore as a sports producer at WBFF, worked in Washington and NYC. He came back to Baltimore because he missed his family and friends, and founded Deutschman Television Productions which developed programs for cable TV.

He suffered a fatal heart attack while viewing World Trade Center memorials near the scene of the terrorist attacks while visiting New York with his wife to celebrate their first wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife, the former Heather Harland.

BISMARCK, ADVICE TO BUSH

Otto von Bismark, the "Iron Chancellor" was the man who in 1870 created Germany from a multitude of kingdoms, principalities, duchies and lesser political entities. If he were alive today and were an advisor to President George W. Bush in his dealings with the United Nations, we wonder if he might say the same thing he uttered 130 years ago: "The great questions of the day will not be decided by speeches and resolutions, but through blood and iron."

OKTOBERFEST HELPS PRESERVE AN ANCIENT BAVARIAN CUSTOM

On October 12 and 13, the 33rd Oktoberfest was held in the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore, celebrating a 200 year old Bavarian tradition of food, beer and music, the main ingredients to produce *Gemütlichkeit*. The event is sponsored by three local German organizations, the largest of which is the Baltimore Kickers. The event brings together German-Americans from the entire region, as well as others who appreciate this fun-aspect of German life. German dancers and bands performed, carrying on traditions brought to this country by our German-speaking ancestors. Our community owes a debt of thanks to the Kickers and the others who worked hard on this memorable event.

LOCUST POINT GERMAN CHURCH PRESERVES CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church in South Baltimore, founded by German immigrants, recalls its heritage each Christmas by singing *Silent Night* in German. The church also holds a Christmas bazaar at which it serves hot soup - 200 gallons of it: split pea, chicken noodle, bean potato, beef barley and vegetable, all made by the parishioners. Locust Point's three churches (Christ Evangelical, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel all support the activities of one another. "We were ecumenical before we knew what the word meant" said one parishioner.

WELCOME to **Sabine Evans**, the new secretary of Zion Church. Since our Society participates in many events in the church facilities, we hope to have a long and pleasant relationship with her.

PAID YOUR DUES YET? IF NOT, PLEASE DO.

MELTING POT EXCEPTION

It's almost a rarity to read the Sunday wedding columns and find marriages within the same ethnicity. We noted in a local paper a recent match between two German-Americans, Jodie Krum (derivation: curly, crooked) and Jason Vogtman (nominated, appointed). And better still, the wedding took place at the Heidelberg United Church of Christ. Of course, Jason's mother might be Irish and Jodie's mother Spanish!

MENCKEN HOUSE IMPORTANT TO GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

Henry L. Mencken grew up, did his writing and died at the house at 1524 Hollins Street. Although many German Americans were leaders in politics, engineering, medicine, business and the sciences, no one more than Baltimore's Mencken led the field in literature, journalism and literary criticism. He is most likely the best known in the nation and the world of all of Maryland's German-Americans. His home stands in need of conversion to public use. We therefore print portions of a recent article by Robert Thieblot, of *The Friends of the Mencken House, Inc.*

"Mencken was born in Baltimore in 1880 and died there in 1956. Though dead now for 50 years, he is anything but forgotten....the internet search engine Google has 277,000 references to him. None of this should be a surprise. Baltimore's sage questioned authority, distrusted government, championed liberty...He thought the appropriate punishment for hypocrisy, cant, arrogance and self-righteousness was scornful laughter...The price of liberty, he well understood, was to suffer scoundrels...

"What Mencken had to say in the last century is relevant today. That is why he remains important. As does his house at 1524 Hollins Street on Union Square in West Baltimore, because Mencken and his house had a relationship unique in America for a man of letters. The house was where he was taken as a small child, where he wrote, what he wrote about, and it was where he died. He said it was as much a part of him as his two hands. Yet it now stands vacant and badly in need of repairs.

"Last year the Friends of the Mencken House incorporated to restore the house and reopen it to the public as a museum. Gifts are tax-deductible. Membership is \$40 per year. Benefits include bulletins, a voice in the Friends' affairs and a bumper sticker- which would have bemused the acerbic skeptic." The Friends' address is 733 Martin Drive, Catonsville, MD 21229-1116. Website: www.menckenhous.org

HELP RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR SOCIETY. CALL THE OFFICE FOR APPLICATION FORMS.

COLIN POWELL SPEAKS TO USA-GERMAN FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

Secretary of State Colin Powell, speaking at a State Department reception on Oct. 17, celebrated 50 years of Fulbright exchanges with Germany. More than 30,000 Americans and Germans have participated in the program since 1952. Powell referred to his "love of Germany" dating back to his service there as a young lieutenant and as a corps commander in the U.S. Army. The State Dept. event was attended by Germany's ambassador, Wolfgang Ischinger and by Dan Coats, U.S. Ambassador to Germany.

BALTIMORE GERMANS IN 1860

Newspaper records of the Pratt Street rioting when soldiers from the North were attacked by citizens of Baltimore, disclose the abundance of German merchants in the city. An article in the current issue of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* describes the rioting. Rioters broke into shops seeking weapons to use against the soldiers. "The establishment of J.C.L. Meyer at 14 W. Pratt St. was broken into by an excited unarmed crowd, who armed themselves, assuring the proprietor that his guns would be returned." Men set upon Duer, Norris & Co. on Hanover Street and King and Hoffman on Baltimore Street where a dozen muskets were hurled from upper story windows. Another crowd burst into Edward Urlaub's establishment on German Street. Cannon balls were stolen from Mohler and Graff's Wharf near the lower end of Ann Street. "Cannon balls destined for the beleaguered federal force at Fort McHenry were taken from the foundry of Anton Weiskettel on Alice Anna Street." "Those believed to foster Union sentiments became particular targets. The German Armory in Turner Hall was looted, thanks to rumors the German 'Turner Rifles' were volunteering men and arms for the Union cause....On Saturday night the office of the *Wecker*, an anti-slavery German paper, was attacked. ...Leopold Blumenberg, a German born manufacturer who answered Lincoln's call for volunteers by retiring from business and starting to recruit a Maryland regiment, was mobbed by Southern sympathizers, and saved from hanging only by the presence of a strong police guard at his house. The offices of *Sinai*, a monthly abolitionist magazine was attacked on April 20 prompting its editor, Rabbi David Einhorn of the Har Sinai Congregation to leave Baltimore, never to return.

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plus 31 new student
members from
Loyola Blakefield
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PLEASE RECRUIT ONE NEW MEMBER

People join the German Society when they learn about it from our own members. When you find someone who has an interest in German culture and heritage, tell them about our Society's purpose and programs. With just a little encouragement, many will take the plunge and file an application.

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. Box 22585, Baltimore MD 21203-4585

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