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"HIGHEST MILITARY HONORS" AT SERVICE FOR EDWARD M. BANKA

The funeral ceremony for our member, Tech-Sgt. Edward Michael Banka at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, Jan. 24 awarded him Highest Military Honors: services by an Air Force Chaplain, 6 airmen placing the flag on his grave, supervised by an officer, a 21-gun salute by 7 airmen and another who played Taps. Condolences were extended on behalf of Air Force Chief of Staff, General John P. Jumper, by Mrs. Diane Palmer, widow of an airman. The powerfully moving ceremony was attended by our President, Dr. James Schaub, Director Ted Potthast and member, Cappy Potthast. The 5'x9' flag from Sgt. Banka's grave was ceremoniously folded by the detail of airmen and presented to Ted Potthast, for the German Society of Maryland. In the future, it will serve as our official flag. Sgt. Banka had no living relatives and considered our German Society as his family. The Society is the sole beneficiary of his Last Will and Testament. The following sentiments were presented to us by the Air Force commanding general:

*On behalf of the Men and Women
of the United States Air Force
The Chief of Staff, General John P. Jumper
and Mrs. Jumper
express deepest sympathy and
appreciation for faithful service to the
United States Air Force and our Nation*

JUDGE WITTSTADT AWARDED THE BUNDESVERDIENSTKREUZ

President Johannes Rau of the Federal Republic of Germany awarded the *Bundesverdienstkreuz* (Cross of the Order of Merit) to Judge Gerard William Wittstadt, Sr. The presentation was made Dec. 12, 2002 by Eberhard Koelsch, German Minister to the USA at his home in Washington, D.C. The award acknowledges the importance to the Federal Republic of the recording of the accomplishments of German immigrants to the growth of the United States. Judge Wittstadt has been the president of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland since 1987. Begun in 1886, that Society is the oldest association devoted to recording the accomplishments of German Americans.

Judge Wittstadt is a lifetime director of our Society and, with his wife, Dr. Rosemary Wittstadt, was co-honoree of the Society's 2001 award for the outstanding German-Marylanders.

Born in Baltimore, Judge Wittstadt received his B.A. degree in 1954 from the University of Maryland and his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1957. He served as Assistant Attorney General of MD and as a judge in Baltimore County from 1976 to 1992. He has played a leading role in our Society for 30 years, and presently serves as Counsel. In 1989 he initiated, with Don Tillman and Pastor Siegfried Otto, an ecumenical service celebrating the fall of the Berlin wall.

Judge Wittstadt is proud of his ancestor, Major General Baron Johannes deKalb, a hero of the Revolutionary War, who commanded the Maryland and Delaware Line and was killed leading his troops in the battle of Camden, South Carolina.

"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

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 Baltmore
May 3 - 50th anniversary banquet, Kickers Club
May 4 - AGAS 34th Annual German Festival = Blob's
May 9 - **High School German Language Awards** at Zion
June 1 -(unday) **Annual Picnic at Blob's Park**
Aug. 15-16-17 Annual German Festival-Carroll Park
Nov.8 - (Saturday) **Annual Awards Banquet** Towson Un
Nov.9 - AGAS 4th Annual German Heritage Fest-Blob's

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 and the **website of AGAS:** www.geocities.com/agas_dc/

UPCOMING SOCIETY EVENTS

Mark your calendars to attend the activities of our Society. The annual meeting on April 25 is a great chance to meet fellow members. Bring family and friends. A free dinner and entertaining meeting. On May 9 the Society interacts with the top German language students of Maryland & D.C. high schools when we present them with cash awards, followed by refreshments and elbow-rubbing. The annual picnic on June 1 is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon of Gemütlichkeit, eating good German food and beer, hearing and dancing to the foot-stomping music of Das Meister Duet, joining in or just watching and cheering on contestabts and getting lots of fresh air at a nominal cost. And, of course, the highlight of the year is our Annual Awards Banquet, which this year occurs on Saturday evening, Nov. 8 in the Potomac Lounge at Towson University. Last year's banquet was our best ever, and we plan to make this one even more memorable. Music by The Continentals, Catered by Chartwell's. 7 to 11 pm.

You can be a member of The German Society and you never have to attend any functions; but it's a lot more fun if you show up to our events once in a while.

Our members are invited to stop in on the Sprachfest at Towson University on March 24, put on by the MD chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German. Watch the high school students work at folk dancing, and dozens of other activities.

VIENNA, PRAGUE, MUNICH TRIP

Maureen Helinski, one of our directors, is organizing a trip to Viena, Salzburg, Prague, Budapest and Munich from July17-28, Maureen is now teaching German at Anne Arundel Community College. For information on the trip, contact Maureen via email at: helins19@comcast.com

KICKERS' CLUB CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH BANQUET

The Baltimore Kickers Club will hold its 50th anniversary banquet at Columbus Gardens on Saruday, May 3 from 7 pm to 1 am. Tickets are \$40. Call the Kickers' 24-hour information hotline at 310-276-4949.

KARNEVAL BALL - ZION FORUM OF GERMAN CULTURE ON MARCH 1

The elegant tradition of a Karneval Ball is set at the Adlersaal at Zion Church on Saturday, March 1, 8:00 to midnight. Music by *Gypsy Strings*. Delicious food catered by Old World Delicatessen. Guests in formal dress or costume. Entertainment. Cash bar. Free parking on church lot. Reservations with payment of \$35. Dancing, twinkling candles and sparkling champagne. For information call 410-727-3939.

THANKS to **GARY GRASSL** for recommending Judge Wittstadt for the Bundesverdienstkreuz and for providing the information for the page 1 article. Gary has also pointed out that two other members of our Society have previously been awarded the Cross of Merit: **ARMIN MRUCK**, a current director of the Society and **KLAUS WUST**, the author of *Pioneers in Service*, the short history of our Society.

GERMAN STUDIES CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE APRIL 25-27

The Society for German American Studies, a national scholarly organization, will hold its convention this year at the Timonium campus of Loyola College. The convention is held in American and German cities and this is its first time in Baltimore. Last year it was held in Bremerhaven, Germany. A series of lectures will be presented on the topic "Arrival Ports and Gates to America and the Midwest for German Immigrants". Our own members may register for the entire program or for individual days. A fee schedule will be published next month. Our Society will participate in the event.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2003 annual meeting of The German Society will be held on Friday, April 25 in the dining room of Zion Church, City Hall Plaza, Baltimore MD, at 8 p.m. for the election of directors, receiving reports and conducting of such business as may properly be brought before the membership. Anyone wishing to nominate a member as a director must do so in writing by submitting the name of the nominee to the nominating committee by March 26, 2003. Mail the nomination to Theodore Potthast, Chairman, at 1819 Leadburn Road, Towson, MD 21204-1830.

All members are urged to attend the meeting. A dinner will be served at 7 p.m., at no charge. Please bring family and prospective members to the meeting.

BUS TOUR OF GERMAN-AMERICAN SITES SET FOR APRIL 26TH

With the assistance of Zippy Larsen, noted researcher and tour guide to local ethnic historic sites, the Society will help promote a bus tour of points of interest of German-American history of early Baltimore. Baltimore was once a city in which the majority consisted of German immigrants and their descendants with a rich cultural tradition. Mark your calendars and plan to join the tour. A modest fee, not yet determined, will apply to help cover the cost of the bus and expenses. The itinerary is currently being planned and will be distributed. Since the Society for German American Studies is holding its convention in Baltimore on that weekend, we will be joined by some members of that group for the event.

EXHIBIT OF THE SOCIETY'S HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The Board of Directors has ordered the preparation of an exhibit to display the Society's history, purposes and activities, to debut at the International Convention of the Society for German American Studies, which opens in Timonium on April 24th. A committee lead by President Jim Schaub met with Cindy Covington of Prodisplays, Ltd and selected the format for the display which will be manufactured in time for the event. The exhibit will graphically display aspects of the Society to educate the public about us, and to encourage new membership. The committee wants ideas for items to be featured in the exhibit. Submit your suggestions or ideas either in writing or by calling one of the committee members: Jim Schaub, Brigitte Fessenden, Richard Ackler, Ed Wenck, Ted Potthast or Mike Nieberding.

SOCIETY ACCEPTED INTO AGAS

Eva Nanni, president of The Association of German-American Societies of Washington, D. C. announced that the German Society of Maryland has officially been accepted to membership in that organization. This will be beneficial to all our members, but especially those who live in the Washington suburbs. About 17 German-American entities in Virginia, D.C. and Maryland are members of AGAS. The description of the members and their activities are shown on the AGAS website: www.geocities.com/agas_dc/

Agas will sponsor two major upcoming events: Sunday, May 4 at Blob's Park, the 34th Annual German-American Festival; and Sunday, November 9 at Blob's Park, The 4th Annual Heritage Fest. Details of these events will appear in future newsletters.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS TO REVIEW INVESTMENT POLICIES

The finance committee met on January 8th and reviewed the investment and spending policies of the Society. Troy Bryant, our investment counselor, reported that the Society's investments decreased in value by 14.3% during calendar year 2002. He oversees the Society's four investment management firms. Our performance, while negative, beat the overall market and was superior to the vast majority of other similar organizations. The committee set a target return on investments of CPI (consumer price index) plus 5%, which is intended to preserve the principal and comply with the Internal Revenue law requirement for disbursements. The Society has a carry-forward, so that no funds will have to be disbursed in the next three years in order to meet the requirements of the tax laws. The finance committee concluded that no new gift or grant projects should be instituted until such time as the Society can generate income to fund them.

The value of the Society investments as of December 31, 2002 stood at \$465,410.

The meeting was held at the home of our past President and current Treasurer, Mike Nieberding, who, as chef, prepared a remarkable German dinner for the committee: gulasch Suppe, roast pork, sauerkraut, gurken salat (cucumber salad) and spatzle. The other committee members (President James Schaub, Harry Gruel, Bob Gay and Ted Potthast) extend their thanks to chef Mike for his hospitality.

PLEASE RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER, to help promote our heritage & pride of ancestry.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Mrs. Maria Heyssel has moved to Wellesley Inn on the Square at Wellesley, Mass. Maria is the widow of Dr. Robert Heyssl, a German Society honoree who was the president of Johns Hopkins Hospital and Medical School.

GOVERNOR ROBERT EHRlich, in January, joined 2,000 brave bathers to rush into the Chesapeake Bay in freezing 32.9° water at Sandy Point State Park, to support the Olympics for the handicapped, despite himself fighting a bad case of the flu.

New member **DIANE GEPPI-AIKENS** was selected from over 4,000 college athletic coaches for a rare "Inspiration" award given to honor the coach who most inspires the team to high standards of excellence. Diane is the assistant athletic director and women's lacrosse coach at Loyola College.

JOE BATZ was elected to the Board of Directors of the Rockville Sister City Corporation. Rockville is paired with the German city of Pinneberg and citizens of both towns annually play host to each other. Rockville promotes a student exchange program. High school students from Germany spend a semester at Richard Montgomery High School there. Rockville celebrates the successes of its exchange students. It recently noted the the customs surrounding the asard of a medical degree of one of its former German students.

ILSE and EICKE VON VELTHEIM are now settled in their new home in Burgwedel, Germany. Ilse served as office manager of the Society for the past 6 years. Eicke still has business operations in the USA which require him to return frequently.

IRMA TILLMAN and her daughter, Lynn, opened their Canine Fitness Center in Crownsville, MD in January with opening celebrations attended by several of our members. Irma's keen interest in dogs arose when she and her husband, Don, Society past-present (now deceased) raised Staffordshire bull terriers. One of them, Jim, won best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club's annual event in New York. Jim served as the mascot of our board of directors for many years.

CONGRATULATIONS to JUDGE JOHN F. FADER, II and wife, KATHY on the birth of their first grandson, Benjamin Fader. Grandfather John is the chief judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.

MONSIGNOR MARTIN SCHWALENBERG has taken up retirement in Pembroke Pines, FL, near Ft. Lauderdale. **CONGRATULATIONS**

CONGRATULATIONS to **BOB SHEPARD** on his re-election as president of the Bärgerverein; and to **BRIGITTE FESSENDEN** and **TED POTTHAST** upon their election as directors of The Friends of The Mencken House, inc., an organization dedicated to the preservation and utilization of the home of H. L. Mencken, the Bard of Baltimore and Maryland's most illustrious German-American.

The name of our deceased member and an awards banquet honoree, **FATHER JOSEPH SELLINGER, S.J.** made news this month in the MD budget-cutting process. The formula for state aid to private colleges was formulated by Fr. Sellinger when he was the longest serving American college president, at Loyola College, Baltimore.

MEMBERS HOLD PURSE-STRINGS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

The Maryland Board of Estimates, which must approve all expenditures by the State, consists of the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer. Two of the three, Gov. Ehrlich and Comptroller Schaefer, are long-standing members of our Society. Both have been honorees at our annual awards banquet. William Donald Schaefer has previously served as Governor of Maryland and as Mayor of Baltimore. In 1984 the Society began its program of honoring at our annual banquet, a Marylander of Germanic descent for his/her significant contributions to the state and nation. Don Schaeffer was the first honoree.

A SOCIETY FAMILY TRADITION

The 1943 annual report of the German Society of Maryland records the election to the Board of Directors of Theodore J. Potthast. This occurred in the midst of World War II when many Americans of German descent were hiding their German ancestry. Ted Potthast, Sr. was elected in the first group chosen as lifetime directors, and he was active on the board almost until his death in 1998. His 55 year tenure as a board member was the longest in the history of the Society. His grandson, Mark, served as a director for 9 years. His son, Ted, Jr. has served on the board since 1985.

ANTI-GERMAN FEELINGS FLAMED OVER NATIONAL AIR-WAVES

Many Americans are reacting against Germany because of Chancellor Schroeder's opposition to action in Iraq and blocking NATO from protecting Turkey, a NATO member and US supporter. The attitude is reminiscent of the anti-German rhetoric last seen during WWII. Hostility toward Germany is fanned by American talk-radio hosts. They portray Germany ungrateful to the USA for its past aid and protection.

Europe, which has often seen the devastation of its cities, has a different mind-set from Americans. People in post-9/11 USA for the first time live in fear of being attacked with chemical, biological and nuclear weapons by rogue states.

President Bush indicates he will reward those who support his views and punish those who will not. We can only hope that the 50 years of friendship between the USA and Germany will not be destroyed by the current crisis.

A GERMAN GEM IN CARROLL PARK

The mansion on the hill overlooking the August German Festival at Carroll Park is the Mount Clare Mansion, built in 1760. Originally the home of Charles Carroll, Barrister, it became from 1870 to 1888 the home of the Schützen Society, a German club. It is open to the public February through December, 11:30-3:30 weekdays and 1 - 3:30 Sat. and Sundays. Mount Clare is seeking docents to give adult and childrens' tours. If you would enjoy doing so, call April Inloes Smith (a German Society member) at 410-823-4646.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE

Maureen Helinshi, a director of our Society, has begun a website for the Society. Maureen refers to it as a "primitive" website which contains some basic information about the Society and which she plans to add to as she gets time.

The website name, which is temporary, is: <http://members.tripod.com/maureen21206/index/htm>

THE BLIZZARD OF 2003

Nearly 3 feet of snow and snowdrifts of 6 feet kept out newsletter from getting to the printer for several days. It was "the storm of a lifetime" which will go down in memory as "The Blizzard of '03" when we brag to our descendants of "the old days".

TECH-SGT. EDWARD MICHAEL BANKA, Born.4-23-24, D. 12-31-02

A 17-year-old German soldier who fought in Rommel's Afrikan Korps was working on a California farm owned by a Swedish-American as a prisoner of war in 1943 when the Americans approached him with an offer: join the U.S. Army and we'll make you an American citizen. **Dieter Langsdorf** agreed. He was such a good soldier that he rose to the rank of sergeant. But the American soldiers did not want to take orders in a German accent, so Dieter was sent to a school in Wisconsin and emerged a year later speaking perfect "American." The army showed him a list of names and told him to pick one. Dieter saw a name he liked: Edward Michael Banka. The army gave him a new identity and a new birth certificate showing him to have been born in Connecticut. Edward went on to fight the Japanese, participating in the invasion of Tarawa and several other Japanese-controlled islands. He became a member of the Army Air Corps. When World War II ended, he chose to make the army his career. He later served in Korea and Vietnam. When the United States Air Force came into being, he became an airman. After a long career, he retired to the "Soldiers and Airmens' Home" in Washington, D.C. and joined the German Society of Maryland. He worked at the Society's stands in the summer German festivals in Baltimore. He regularly drove to Blob's Park in Odenton, MD on the weekends, to socialize with other German-Americans, dance, drink beer and have fun. He was a gentle person and was well liked by our members.

While working at our stand at a Baltimore German festival, he wore his Afrikan Korps hat. An American veteran became angry at him until Ed explained his "conversion" and role with the USA.

Mr. Banka was born April 23, 1924 in Heswe, Germany. After WWII, he returned to Germany to find that his entire family had died in the war and his village no longer existed. It was bombed away. In 1991 he made a Will leaving his entire estate to The German Society of MD. As he had no family, he named Ted Potthast as his "next of kin" in his records at the Soldiers' and Airmens' Home.

On the date of his memorial service, James Schaub, Ted Potthast and Cappy Potthast met at the Old Soldiers home and were taken by limousine to Arlington Cemetery. They received accommodations of family members, as Mr. Banka had named Ted as his "next of kin". In recent years in several hospitalizations, Ted was called upon to sign medical papers for Mr. Banka.

EDELTRAUD MARIA FRIEDA MILLS

Belated condolences to the family of Edeltraud Mills, a member of our Society who died Aug. 7, 2001. She was born Edeltraub Göpferich Nov. 19, 1928 in Esslingen am/Neckar, Germany. She married an American soldier, John Mills and came to the USA as a war bride. She had a full and productive life, working as a teacher in Charles County, MD and active in many organizations: the Moose, Elks, Lions, American Legion, German War Brides Association, Prince George's Genealogical Society and the German Society of MD. She is survived by two daughters, Maryemina and Mirian, and her son, John P. Mills, Jr., who is a member of our Society.

GERMAN-SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR HARFORD COUNTY PROGRAM

High school students in Harford County will engage in an immersion weekend of speaking German on April 26 and 27. Rick Jones, past president of the MD Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German, a teacher at Fallston High School, is chairing the program. He is looking for German speakers to volunteer their time and talents for an hour or two on that weekend. The event will be held at Harford Glen in Harford County. If you are interested and would like to learn more about it, call Rick at Fallston High School at 410-638-1120 or email him at Rickjbj@aol.com

SEARCH FOR GERMAN ROOTS OF MOTHER LANGE UNSUCCESSFUL

The name "Lange" came into local prominence when an order of nuns based in Baltimore began the attempt to declare sainthood for its foundress, Mother Mary Lange. Lange is prominent German name. Our office manager, Bärbel Otto, began a search into the background of Mother Lange, but quickly hit a dead end. The archivist of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, reported that Mother Lange was born in 1780 of a creole mother and a wealthy father in Haiti. Her native language was French. She came to Baltimore in 1813. She was well educated and financially independent from an inheritance from her father. She founded, with her own money, the St. Francis Academy, a school for girls which today is flourishing in east Baltimore. In 1829 she founded the only order of black nuns in America. The name "Lange", in German, means "long", and "lange Strasse" in a German town is equivalent to the American "Main Street."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET APRIL 24

The Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland will hold its annual meeting and banquet on April 24 at the Preston Room in Baltimore. The historical society, a sister-society to our German Society of Md, was founded in 1884 and is the oldest extant ethnic society in the USA. Its publication, The Report, is highly acclaimed as a scholarly contribution to German-American studies. Tickets to the banquet are \$40 and may be obtained by sending your check, payable to SHGM, to Dr. Randall Donaldson, Loyola College Dept. of Modern Languages, 4501 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210.

SCHNITZELBANK

The guest speaker at the SHGM banquet will be Dr. William D. Keel of the University of Kansas whose topic is "*Was ist eine Schnitzelbank?*" It promises to be an entertaining and lively meeting which (we hope) will include a group singing of the Schnitzelbank led by the professor.

A Schnitzelbank chart was commonplace in pre-WWII German American homes, and was a standard in beer halls and bars. Most of the Baltimore breweries printed and distributed their own version. A leader sings the question: *Ist das nicht eine Schnitzelbank?...* and the chorus answers: *Ja, das is eine Schnitzelbank.* And so on through a long series of objects, each one rhyming with its predecessor. Our Society, in conjunction with The Edelweis prepared a chart with our own version of the Schnitzelbank which we handed out and sang at our annual picnic.

The Schnitzelbank song is strictly American and is completely unknown in Germany.

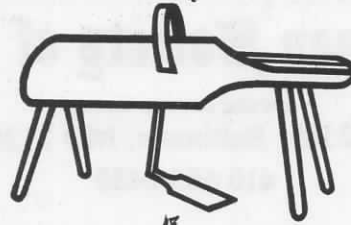
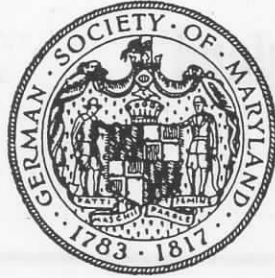
On page 7 we have printed our German Society's version of the "lyrics".

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HAVE LARGE ROLE IN MD. ECONOMY

Education is the 5th largest "export" of the USA, with international students bringing 11 billion dollars p/a to the economy. \$255,000,000 comes to Maryland. Our Society has formed a close relationship with Towson University, which ranks 34th nationally in number of foreign students, with 1.162 last year. Towson's exchange program with Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg, German brings a number of students here on a regular basis, while Towson students also study in Oldenburg. Dr. Armin Mruck, a member of our Society's board of directors, is in charge of the Towson Un. German exchange program, Another member, Ellen Lichtfuss, supervises Towson's overall foreign exchange student program.

SCHNITZEL BANK

IST DAS NICHT EIN SCHNITZEL BANK?



(JA DAS IST EIN SCHNITZEL BANK!)

KURZ UND LANG	HIN UND HER	WAGEN RAD	KRUMM UND GRAD
ALTE SCHRAUBE	DAMENHAUBE	DICKE FRAU	FETTE SAU
HAUFEN MIST	SCHNICKEL FRITZ	GROSSER FISCH	KLEINER TISCH
GROSSER DURST	GUTE WURST	LANGER MANN	TANNENBAUM



IST DAS NICHT EIN SCHNITZEL BANK? (JA DAS IST EIN SCHNITZEL BANK!)



(CHORUS) EI DU SCHONE, EI DU SCHONE, EI DU SCHONE, SCHNITZEL BANK

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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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