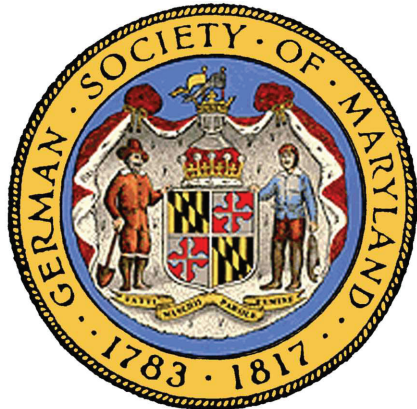


# The German Society of Maryland



238<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Banquet

Honoring  
Maureen McCarthy Helinski, Ph.D.

November 6, 2021

Maryland Club  
Baltimore, Maryland





*The German Society of Maryland*

## *Greetings from the President*

Dear Members and Guests:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and Awards Ceremony of the German Society of Maryland. We gather this evening at the prestigious Maryland Club to celebrate our Society and to honor someone who like our organization, has over the years made significant contributions promoting and preserving the German language, heritage, culture, and history in Maryland.

As I'm sure you know, the Society was founded in 1783 and received a corporate charter from the Maryland legislature in 1818. The original function of the Society was to help and support new German immigrants in need, to match new arrivals with jobs, and to improve their lives. Among the incorporators were General John Stricker, the hero of the Battle of North Point, and Jacob Small, the mayor of Baltimore. When the Society was founded, it included persons of German-speaking ancestry from many areas of Europe.

This year we are honoring Maureen Helinski, PhD. She has been on the German Society Board since 2000 to present day. Not only is she a lifetime Director, but Dr. Helinski has served as our Webmaster, been on the Education Committee and was the Recording Secretary for several years. Every organization needs members like our Maureen. We are certainly lucky to have her as an active member. Always be mindful of the purpose of the German Society of Maryland: 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 where we are a non-profit, charitable corporation under the provisions of §501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are always welcomed and are fully tax deductible.

It has been a challenge during these covid times to put together an Anniversary and Awards Banquet. This year has been quite the adventure. Much thanks go to the first-time chairman William Kommalan and his committee. I'm sure everyone will enjoy this truly lovely location, wonderful food, the music and of course the company of family, friends, and other Society members while supporting Dr. Maureen Helinski's achievements.

*Kraig A. Dean*

President





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# *Head Table and Honored Guests*

**German Society Of Maryland**  
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and Lady Grace Sharp

**St. George's Society Of Baltimore**  
Daniel Fisher, President



**Distinguished 2021 Honoree**  
**Maureen McCarthy Helinski, Ph.D**



# *Program*

***5 p.m. - The Eager Street Lounge Reception***

***6 p.m. - Dinner in Café***

***Wilkommen***

Wm. Hay Kommalan, Chair

***Introduction of Head Table Guests***

***Greetings***

Kraig A. Dean, President

***National Anthems***

Baebel Otto

***Invocation***

Rev. H. J. Siegfried Otto

***Dinner Served***

***7:30 p.m. - Program***

***Presentation of Citations and Comments***

Bernard Penner, Esq

***Presentation of Honoree***

Maureen McCarthy Helinski Ph.D.

***Closing Remarks***

Kraig A. Dean

***Dancing until 10 p.m.***

“Sounds Good”

Gute Nacht u. Kommen Sie Gut Nach Hause





# 238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speisekarte

## **5 p.m. - Reception**

Eager Street Lounge

## **Open Refreshment Bar**

Deutsches Bier vom Fass

## **Artisanal Cheese Display**

Domestic & International Cheeses

Garnished Seasonal Fruits

Bread

## **6 p.m. Dinner in Café**

Green Leaf Salad of  
Red Cabbage, Carrots,  
Smoked Cheddar, Pretzel Croutons,  
German Mustard Vinaigrette

## **Kasseler**

Brined and Smoked Bone-in Pork Loin

Asparagus

German Potato Salad

Apple Cider Pork Jus

## **Dessert**

Cassis Mousse Cake

Light Lady Finger Cake

Filled With Black Currant and

White Chocolate Mousse

Hot Coffee or Tea



# 2021 Honoree

## Maureen McCarthy Helinski, Ph. D.



Maureen McCarthy was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 24, 1939. Her maternal grandparents and her father's mother were of German origin; however, her fraternal grandfather was from Ireland. Maureen had three brothers, two are now deceased. Growing up, the family routinely visited a fishing camp on Bayou Dupre, with no modern amenities. It was a fun time to grow up seeing the wild country of the Bayou, especially alligators.

Maureen attended Dominican High School in New Orleans, where she studied Spanish, and she graduated in 1957. She enrolled in Newcomb College of Tulane University and began to study as a science major and was told she should also take German to assist her studies, as many scientific documents were published in German. It was a German teacher who brought the language alive for Maureen.

During the summer of 1958, Maureen had the opportunity to spend six weeks with an aunt and uncle who worked for Creole Petroleum in Venezuela, and a new and bigger world was presented to her. Because of her German studies, Maureen was able to join the Newcomb Junior Year Abroad Program, going to Mainz, Germany. During her time in Mainz, Maureen became interested in German literature and eventually changed her major to German Studies. During this time, she became acquainted with students from Middlebury College, in Vermont, who were also in Mainz. Maureen decided to attend Middlebury in the summer of 1961. Then the world changed, as the Berlin Wall was erected, and the "Cold War" was solidified. Several professors from Mainz, visiting Middlebury along with students, were horrified by the closing of the east-west border and Berlin being cut in half.

Maureen graduated from Newcomb College at Tulane University in 1961 and received a Woodrow Wilson grant to continue her studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. She received her

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master's degree in 1962 and in 1963, upon continuing her studies, she received a DAAD scholarship to study in München, Germany. Upon her return in 1964, Maureen continued her studies for a Ph.D., writing her dissertation "The Image of America in German Drama 1890-1930".

In 1964, Maureen met Bernard Helinski at a dance in Baltimore. They were married in New Orleans on August 28, 1965. Bernard rose to be a General Services Administration Building Manager. Daughter Celeste was born in 1966, daughter Laura in 1967, son David in 1969, and daughter Jennifer in 1973. Even with a growing family, Maureen finished her dissertation and obtained her Ph.D. in 1970. All their children are married, and Bernard and Maureen have 10 grandchildren.

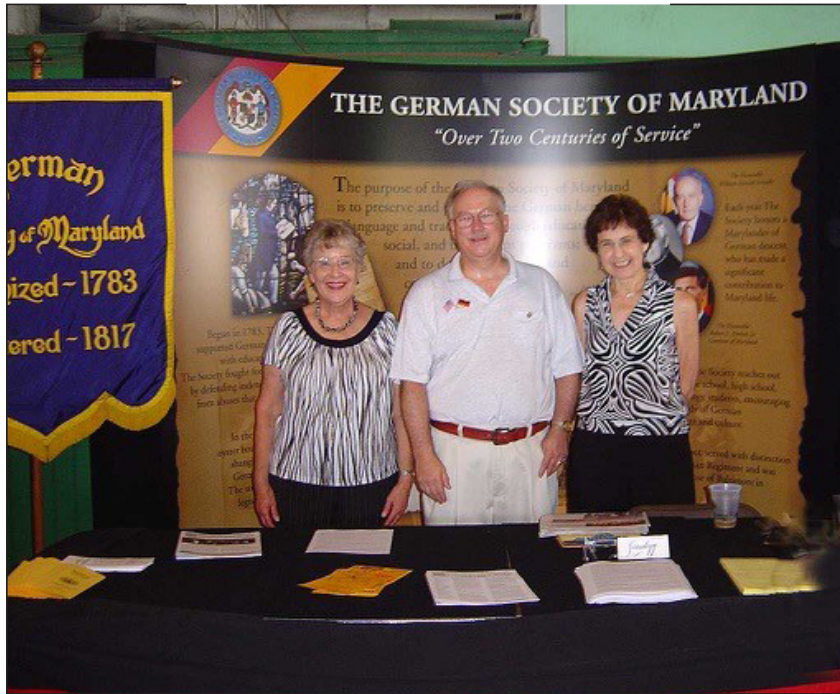


While teaching at Archbishop Keogh High School, Maureen used her exchange student experience to promote the Baltimore-Solingen Exchange Program. This program included other Baltimore area schools: Bryn Mawr, McDonogh, Boy's Latin, St. Paul's Schools, Mount Saint Joseph, and Baltimore Lutheran. This program exchanged students from Germany and students from Baltimore, who attended the Realschule in Solingen. In 1984, Maureen began traveling with this program and her four children participated as well.

In 1990, while teaching at North County High School in Anne Arundel County, Maureen formed a new exchange program with the Rotteck Gymnasium in Freiburg, Germany. She also traveled with the students. Upon her retirement in 2001, the programs were discontinued. Maureen says this was a lot of work but was also an exciting experience for the students on both sides of the Atlantic." Travel is one of the greatest learning experiences a student can have. They see themselves from a different point of view." In 2001, she began teaching German courses at Anne Arundel Community College, which continues today.









## *Maureen Helinski Joins our Distinguished Past Honorees*

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Thomas A. Werner	The Honorable Gerard Wittstadt
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Bill & Shelley Arnold	Deborah Mifflin
Jeffrey & Margaret Arrington	Mark Ignatius Potthast
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Margaret Connelly	Amy Rill
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Dr. David Denisch	Roslyn M. Sarshar
Robert Disque	James & Abbie Schaub
Dr. Mohamed Esa	Kay Schneck
Alec Eskenazi	In Honor of Dr. Herbert Traxler By Dr. Carol Traxler
Ian Eskenazi	Amy Unverzagt
Laura & Jon Eskenazi	Dr. Mary Upman
Owen Eskenazi	Dr. Mary Upton
Dr. Nicholas & Brigitte Fessenden	The Family of Thomas Werner
Bro. Charles Filbert, F.S.C.	Barbara Wise
Maureen & Bernard Helinski	Raymond Wise
David & Elena Helinski	
Jennifer Helinski Glyphis	



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***Chapter 100***

***February 3, 1818***

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## *National Anthems*

### *Bundesrepublik Deutschland*

Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit  
für das deutsche Vaterland!  
Danach lasst uns alle streben  
Brüderlich mit Herz und Hand!  
Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit  
Sind des Glückes Unterpfand;  
Blüh' im Glanze dieses Glückes,  
Blühe, deutsches Vaterland.

Unity and law and freedom  
For the German Fatherland  
Let us all strive for that  
In brotherhood with heart and hand!  
Unity and law and freedom  
Are the foundation for happiness  
Bloom in the glow of happiness  
Bloom German Fatherland



### *The United States of America The Star Spangled Banner*

Oh, say can you see,  
by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed  
at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose bright stripes and bright stars,  
through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched  
were so gallantly streaming.  
And the rockets' red glare,  
the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night  
That our flag was still there.  
Oh, say, does that  
Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
o'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave.

*\*Note: "The Anthem of a foreign country is usually given first, followed by 'The Star Spangled Banner'. It would be correct for the audience to stand during the singing of both anthems."  
From letter Ref. No. P2711.06/8-954 dated August 30, 1954,*



