

*German Society of Maryland, Inc.*  
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Hello Everyone,

I'm hoping all is well and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the Spring and Summer weather heading our way. As I am sure some of you have heard, our Newsletter editor decided to resign from this position to explore other endeavors. The Executive Committee has been meeting to discuss the future of our Newsletter. So far it has been determined, that for the time being we will go with a by-monthly digital 1-to-2-page format, in most issues. We will continue to make every effort to replace our previous editor but those are hard shoes to fill! I am reaching out to our membership for a Newsletter Chairman. If you have a few hours a month to volunteer and you are familiar with Newsletters, please contact me.

We are moving ahead into the new year and look forward to getting back to some assemblance of order (pre COVID conditions). Because of the delays allowing gatherings in Baltimore City, we are going to do a virtual General meeting on April 22, 2022. We will be sending out an email to everyone we have an email address for. This email will have the link to the ZOOM meeting. We are limited to 100 log ins, so we recommend members get together with other friends that are members and have a little party - log in from the comfort of your home.

The Nominating Committee met and has developed a slate of officers for the upcoming year. The Committee report is included at the end of this article.

This year we are developing several different committees to get things done. One way you can help is to help where you have an interest. Committee Chairs and members of those Committees are needed. Those are: German Festival, GSM Picnic, Annual Banquet, Annual Meeting and Misc. Functions/Gatherings.

The Society is looking forward to more in person events this year. We will be participating in the German Festival at the Maryland State Fair Grounds on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have our booth setup at the festival and need volunteers to work the booth. This is an excellent way to support the Society. By working the booth one or both days you will be granted free admission to the Festival on those days. This is our biggest annual membership drive and always so much fun.

*Kraig A. Dean,*  
*President*

## *Happy Spring / Happy Easter*

**Member Info:** Thank you to all of the membership who have renewed so far. Please contact us at the office 410-685-0450 or email directly: GermanSocietyofMd@gmail.com of your intentions. If you are not going to renew would be helpful to know. We do not wish to send notifications to those who have no interest. There are plenty of Volunteer opportunities available for you! Do you have an interest in doing a newsletter? Working with students and scholarships? In July at the German Festival, we have a booth set up and need people to work it. This is an excellent way to support the Society and by working at the booth you are granted free admission! We are also looking for committee members to help with a fall picnic and our November Annual Banquet. Feel free to contact me at the office 410-685-0450. so, we can discuss your interests. When leaving a message at the office number, please speak slow and repeat your phone number along with how late a call can be returned, We look forward to speaking with you all.

Richard Drechsler (a member since 1998) passed last year, Condolences to his wife Barbara and family.

*Thank you from the Membership Committee*

## ***Upcoming Events For our Members....***

### ***April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Zoom General Membership Meeting!***

***May 1st, 2022*** Zion's Lutheran Church of Baltimore: MaiFest: Zion celebrates May Day, or Maifest, on the first of May this year! This is traditionally the closing of our German Language School season so songs around the Maipole are a central part of the festivities. Of course, games and good food and drink are part of the fun for this spring festival.

This year it is May 1st, 12:30-3:30pm at 400 E. Lexington St. Across from City Hall. Off street parking available. Plenty of FREE parking on the church parking lot directly next to the church

Come enjoy lunch in the Garden! Brats & Curry wursts, Potato Salad, Beer & Maibowle & Lemonade available for purchase. There will be entertainment & crafts like Face Painting, Singing around the Mai Pole, Children's Crafts, Flowers, Plants, and herbs for sale.

For more Info Contact Zion's Church 410-727-3939 / [baltimorezion@gmail.com](mailto:baltimorezion@gmail.com) / [www.zionbaltimore.org](http://www.zionbaltimore.org)

Keep on the look out for upcoming Bier and Brats Friday nights in the Courtyard. Always a good time. Come for a step back in time and feel like you are in a bier Garden in Germany!

### ***May 14, 2022***

Our Membership has been invited to attend the prestigious GERMANIA LODGE's 150TH ANNIVERSARY From 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM on Saturday, *May 14, 2022* at 304 International Circle Cockeysville, Md 21030 Tickets can be bought online: The cost is \$75.00+\$4.67fee

The link is: [GERMANIA LODGE 150TH ANNIVERSARY | Buy Tickets in Cockeysville | Ticketbud](#)

Ticket includes: 2 Drink tickets, Appetizers, Dinner and Dessert

Entrée: Chicken Chesapeake with Duchess Potatoes and Yellow Squash Ring filled with Green Beans

\*\* Please let us know if you have a shellfish allergy. A substitution Entrée is available. Dessert: Assorted

Pastries Drinks: Iced Tea, Coffee, German Beer, German Wine, Schnapps

Formal - Black Tie Preferred Live Music by: The Continentals

For Tickets Contact: Bob Hunt 443-536-1279 Or Brian Bendyna 443-600-4333

Please come and support this once in a lifetime opportunity with *Germania Lodge #160!*

***Save the Date: July 9 & 10, 2022.*** [MD German Festival](https://www.md-germans.org/maryland-german-festival) - <https://www.md-germans.org/maryland-german-festival>

This year the 121st Annual Maryland German Festival is July 9 & 10, 2022. Baltimore's best kept secret is its German heritage, and it awaits you at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, this July where there is ample free parking, and close to [Light Rail](#). We will be dancing to music provided by German bands. Enjoy traditional folk dancing and choral singing. Lift your bier pitcher and join in the singing of "Ein Prosit" as you toast der Gemütlichkeit! There are imported and local crafts and collectibles, as well as pony rides, rock climbing walls, and puppet shows.

Enjoy authentic German cooking, imported, craft or domestic beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, or schnapps, and of course sweets from the Bakery.

Tickets may be purchased at the gate or online - Come and join in the fun! Come dressed in full tracht, and you will be admitted free! Work the German Society Booth and get in for free!

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