

The German Society of Maryland

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Hello Everyone,

Here we are about to enter our Summer months with the year just about have over. Many things are happening behind the scenes to plan events and the like for our members. One of the most urgent needs is a Newsletter Editor. Perhaps one of our newly retired members, a student or an educator would consider taking this on. It would be 4 to 6 times a year, doing 4 pages per newsletter. You would work with the President and Membership Chairman on getting the Newsletter out.

Our year is moving ahead, however, it seems that every time it appears that we are gaining ground on the pandemic the medical community in conjunction with the agencies responsible for public health announces another surge in positive test results. Rather than take a chance we are going to hold off on planning a picnic for this year. We are planning the annual Banquet to be held either at the end of October or the beginning of November. As more details are available, we will get information to the general members either via email the Website, or Facebook.

Next up, would be looking for volunteers for the German Festival: You can help in several ways and get free admission to the event! An email was sent out about the festival if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Steven Harper (stevenharper@mac.com) or me (kraigdean@yahoo.com) via email.

Save the Dates:

German Festival - July 9 & 10

Stricker Monument Unveiling – September 18, 2022, 2 PM – 4 PM Zion Church

Annual Banquet: TBD

Annual Meeting 2023: April 14, 2023 location

Just as a reminder (Taken in part from our website)

The German Society of Maryland, FOUNDED: 1783

PURPOSE:

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.

The GERMAN SOCIETY is one of the oldest institutions in America. It was organized in 1793 to protect and assist German-speaking immigrants. It received its charter from the Maryland legislature in 1818. In the 1800's it was the social service agency of the State of Maryland, which provided aid to German immigrants. In the early 1900's it persuaded Congress to enact national laws for the protection of immigrants.

Events the Society holds are as follows:

Annual Meeting: This traditionally lasts only an hour followed by a casual meal in April.

Scholarships: To encourage the study of German in Maryland high schools, the Society has been presenting cash awards to students who excel in the national German language proficiency examinations, in cooperation with the Maryland Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German. An awards ceremony is held in May. The Society also presents three Merit Awards of \$1,000.00 each to college students from Maryland majoring in German and three of \$500 from Maryland or D.C. minoring in German.

The Annual Picnic: Family reunions, games, music, and dancing are part of the annual summer picnic at which food and drink are provided at a nominal charge.

The Annual Banquet: Every year the Society holds a dinner dance in November, honoring a Marylander who has promoted the goals of the Society.

Other Activities Include: Participation in events of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, providing native speakers to the annual Sprachfest for German students, and community service activities.

Newsletter: Our newsletter informs members of upcoming events of the Society.

Persons interested in learning about the Society may obtain information by writing our office at 2300 York Rd., Suite 209, Timonium, MD 21093, calling (410) 685-0450, or emailing at GermanSocietyofMD@gmail.com

The Society is a member of the national organizations, Deutsche Amerikanischer National Kongress (DANK) and the United German-American Committee of the USA, Inc. (UGAC-USA). The Society attempts to work in close cooperation with other local and national German ethnic organizations.

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