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SOCIETY RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FROM GERMAN TEACHERS

At the national convention of foreign language teachers, held for the first time in Baltimore, our Society received the prestigious "Friends of German" award from The American Association of Teachers of German. 6,500 teachers attended the convention. Over 500 of them were teachers of German. Our awards was the only one given to a party who was not a teacher or other academic. President Brigitte Fessenden accepted the award on behalf of our Society. Several of our directors were also present to assist her: Vice-Presidents Jeffrey Glock and Merl Arp; Secretary, Christel van der Berg; Prof. Mohammed Esa and past presidents: Dr. James D. Schaub, Michael Nieberding and Ted Potthast. Our Society was selected for the award because of our work in spreading German language and culture. The program for the event held at the Baltimore Convention Center on Nov. 19 contained this citation: "The German Society of Maryland is more than just a Friend of German; they are passionate advocates who go above and beyond to promote the study of German language and culture."

MIFFLIN GETS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

At the convention, our member, Deborah McGee Mifflin, also received a national award. The Goethe Institute of N.Y. and the AATG honored Dr. Mifflin for her many contributions to the cause, including the publication of her advanced intermediate German cultural reader, "Was ist Deutsch?" and her action in founding the project "Bridging the Gap", building partnerships between high schools and colleges.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RE-INSTITUTED BY OUR BOARD

The Board of Directors, at its January 25th quarterly meeting, voted to bring back the program of grants to college students which was discontinued about 8 years ago. The new program is limited to third year college students who are taking courses in German. To qualify, students must have a 3.0 grade point average, be attending a college in Maryland, be a Maryland resident and write an essay. The education committee will select the recipient. The directors voted to allocate \$2,000 for the current year.

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER HONORED FOR 50 YEARS SERVICE

Our Society's long-time loyal member, Don Schaefer, was honored on Feb.7 by Maryland's Senate and House of Delegates for completing 50 years service as an elected official. He served as a Baltimore City Councilman, President of the Council, Mayor of Baltimore, Governor of Maryland and for the past 7 years as the State's Comptroller. As he responded to the assembly, it was noted that he has held office longer than more than half of the legislatures have been alive. He announced to a cheering Senate that he will run again in November and that he would be around for the next 22 years. Don is now a young 84. One of the speakers called him the "Babe Ruth of Maryland politics."

"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

April 21 Annual meeting
June 25 Annual picnic- at Oregon Ridge
October 28 Annual Awards Banquet

Visit the German Society's website:
www.germansociety-md.com

Articles from some past newsletters are posted on our website. Dr. Maureen Helinski maintains the site.

"Pioneers in Service", the history of our Society, can now be found on our web site.

For more local German-American happenings, check the web site of the Deutschamerikanischer Bürgerverein von Maryland: www.md-germans.org

ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY APRIL 21

The Society's annual meeting, fixed on the Friday after Easter, comes late this year. Mark your calendar. It is always a gala event, preceded by a German dinner, free to our members and guests. Details will be publicized later.

\$5,000 VOTED TO AATG FOR HIGH SCHOOL GERMAN AWARDS

At its January meeting, our directors voted to continue the Society's program of encouraging excellence in the study of German in the high schools by contributing \$5,000 to the American Association of Teachers of German. This program has won the Society national attention. Awards to students will be made in the month of May at a convocation in the Adlersaal of Zion Church in Baltimore. The date and time will be announced.

ANNUAL PICNIC SET FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 25 AT OREGON RIDGE PARK

For the first time, the Society's picnic will be held in a Baltimore County Park, in a pavillion at Oregon Ridge. The capacity of the pavillion is only 200, so that tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. The picnic chairman is Tom Werner. The Society is seeking volunteers to help with the event. If you want to help, call our office, leave your name and Tom or another committee member will get back to you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:

to THOMAS WERNER, one of our directors, who was elected president of the Fidelitas Club.

to our past president, DR. JAMES D. SCHAUB, upon his election as a vice president of AGAS (Association of German American Societies of Greater Washington) and as a board member of Fidelitas Club; and upon the acceptance of his 3-month old grandson, William, as a member of the German Society of Maryland.

to our prominent member, GOVERNOR ROBERT EHRLICH, for his bravery in leading a host of 4000 souls into the icy waters of the Chesapeake Bay on January 28, in the event sponsored by the Maryland State Police as a fund-raiser for the Maryland Special Olympics.

to LOUIS GRASMICK for his selection of one of the Baltimoreans of the Year for his achievement in raising funds for the Maryland Museum of African American History. He served as co-chair with attorney George Russell in raising over \$40 million dollars over 10 years for the museum. He was enlisted for the project by our member, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, when he was serving as Governor of Maryland.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the German Society of Maryland will be held Friday, April 21, in the dining room of the Zion Church, City Hall Plaza. The meeting will begin immediately following the dinner which will start at 6:45 P.M. Committees will issue reports, directors will be elected and the assembly will hear such matters as may properly come before it. The nominating committee will submit a slate of directors. Any member wishing to submit a nomination for director must do so in writing 30 days prior to the meeting to T. J. Potthast, chairman of the nominating committee. The nominee shall be interviewed by the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor are not permitted.

GROUNDBREAKING SET FOR IMMIGRATION MEMORIAL

A groundbreaking ceremony for a memorial to commemorate the 2,000,000 immigrants who entered the United States through the port of Baltimore, is set for 11:15 a.m., March 15, at Tide Point, 1040 Hull Street, Baltimore. The event is hosted by the Memorial Board and by Streuver Bros., Eccles & Rouse. The president of our Society, Brigitte Fessenden, is vice president of the Immigration Memorial Board and our member, Ron Zimmerman is a member of that organization.

DR. CAROL A. TRAXLER HONORED BY GERMAN SOCIETY AT BANQUET

Carol Traxler was named the Society's honoree at the annual banquet in November. Because she and her husband Herbert work so closely in promoting Germanic culture, comments at the banquet proposed that it was appropriate to name him as a co-honoree.

Carol Anne Bloomquist was born on February 22, 1945 in Ashland, Wisconsin to Arthur Emanuel Bloomquist and Anne Bloomquist, nee Langhammer. Her father was an artist. Her parents owned and operated a bookstore; they also danced the smoothest fox trot. The paternal Swedish side of her family instilled in Carol an appreciation for the fine arts and travel (as well as for salmon and Swedish meatballs). Carol's maternal grandparents, Anna (nee Heisler) and Johann Langhammer, instilled in Carol a lifelong love for music and the German language. Having left Austria in 1905 for Wisconsin, her grandparents never returned to their birthplaces (Tschenkowitz and Rothwasser, Mähren), but Carol has been fortunate to have been able to get to know and visit Heisler relatives resettled after WW11 in Altenburg, Augsburg, Stuttgart, and Karlsruhe, Germany, and Langhammer relatives in Vienna, Austria.

After completing her doctorate at UCLA in 1984, Carol took a position as research scientist (tests and measurement) at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, where she worked until her retirement in 2005. She joined the Washington Sängerbund in 1985 where she met Herbert Traxler, a federal health economist, in 1987. They married in 1988, with many Sängerbund friends singing and dancing at their wedding. This began their ongoing cultural collaboration.

They each served as music chair of the Washington Sängerbund, and collaborated on composer biographies for the newsletter and web site.

In 2002 Carol became the first female president of the esteemed choir; since its founding in 1851, the Washington Sängerbund president had always been male. Facing many challenges after the loss of the German Orphan Home, its regular concert, Octoberfest, and Christkindlemarket venue, under Carol's leadership the Washington Sängerbund has since performed concerts at the National Building Museum, the Austrian Embassy, the Heurich House Museum, the National Gallery of Art, and Meridian House, and has joined other Oktoberfests to lend an authentic German flavor with homemade German Food.

In 1991 Herbert and Carol founded the Alpine Dancers and began many seasons of performing and teaching Austrian, German and Swiss folk dances throughout the mid-Atlantic area. In 1995 they founded the Alpine Singers and have performed their Austrian and German folk music repertoire at the Smithsonian, the Austrian Embassy, and the Heurich House Museum.

In 1997 Herbert and Carol began teaching Viennese waltz lessons at the Austrian Embassy and the White House. They prepared the cotillion for the 1997 and 1998 Viennese Opera Ball in Washington and assisted the Viennese choreographer when she arrived to finalize the performances for these balls. They continued teaching Viennese waltz lessons at the Smithsonian and now have been holding popular classes at Meridian House for the last few years, where they are currently training another cotillion and teaching Viennese waltz as well as a lesson series of polka, schottische and mazurka.

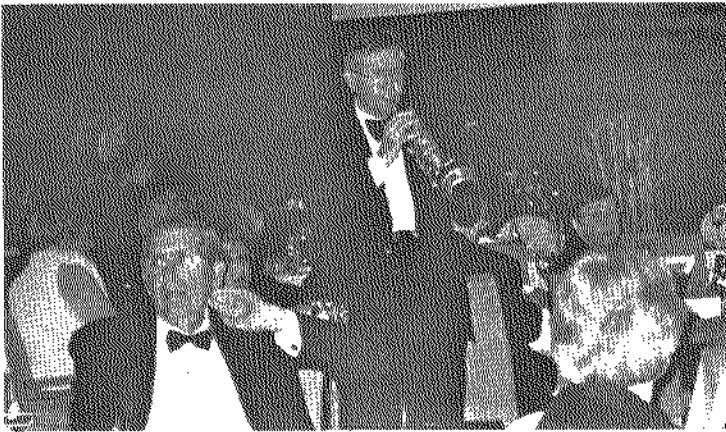
An avid proponent of the Internet, Carol developed web pages for the Gallaudet Research Institute, the National Task Force on Equity in Testing Deaf Persons, and the American Educational Research Association's SIG on deaf research as well as for many organizations, including the Alpine Dancers & Singers, the American-Austrian Society, the Washington Sängerbund, the Association of German-American Societies, the Arminius Social Club, and the German World Alliance (a human rights organization). She established and moderates many email groups for communicating with the members of many of these organizations and for other interest groups such as Austrian, German and Swiss cultural events and Viennese waltzing.

In December 1998, Herbert and Carol were each awarded the Decoration of Merit in Gold (Goldenes Verdienstzeichen) from the Republic of Austria, in recognition of their cultural efforts. In October 2005, Carol was awarded the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award. And, Carol is the 2005 honoree of the German Society of Maryland.

MUSIC GROUP PERFORMS IN U.S.-GERMAN. Veterans Concert with Deutsche "Orchestra Docs"

By L. Brent Mathews

After retiring from a career with AT&T, I turned to the first love of my life, musical performance, playing the trumpet and singing in a number of different venues. In the year 2000 a friend in the Columbia Concert Band introduced me to a national musical organization, the Veterans Administration - National Medical Musical Group (VA-NMMG).



On November 7, 2005, the VA-NMMG orchestra and chorus produced a two hour Veterans Day program at the Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, after which some of us traveled to Germany and gave several concerts in conjunction with musicians there.

On Thursday, November 10, the day after our arrival in Kaiserslautern, we performed jointly at the Haus des Bürgers with the U.S. Air Force Jazz Band, "Check Six", which is stationed at the Ramstein Air Force Base nearby.

Moving on to Frankfurt am Main, we next rehearsed for and gave a joint Deutsch-amerikanisches Ärzteorchester-Freundschaftskonzert on Saturday, November 12 at the Alta Aula Jügelhaus Campus Bockenheimer, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, with excellent German musicians associated with Verein DoctorsHobbies.com e.V. Our group provided help with the German orchestra (cello, bassoon, string bass) in the first half of the program and their orchestra helped fill in our string sections, including the concertmistress chair.

Wolfgang Ellenberger, president of Verein DoctorsHobbies.com e.V., conducted the German orchestra and played Haydn's D Major piano concerto under his own baton. As host for the evening, he introduced Dr. Vincent Costigliola, president of the European Medical Association and Dr. Victor S. Wahby, founder and conductor of the VA-NMMG Orchestra and Chorus, both of whom

expressed their enthusiasm for this opportunity to build German-American friendship through music and to enhance communication among the participants.

Our "German Odyssey" ended in Berlin, where on Wednesday, November 16, in the Philharmonic Kammermusiksaal, the Frankfurt concert was repeated with the addition of some Berliner musicians. The Germans also added a stunning rendition of Franz Schubert's "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen" (Shepherd on the Rock), featuring soprano Emiko Okuyama and clarinetist Dr. Isa Bittel.

Professor Dr. Martin Paul, Dean of Charity Hospital of the Berlin University of Medicine, welcomed the enthusiastic audience and introduced William Robert Timken, American Ambassador to Germany, Professor Dr. of Philosophy Dieter Lenzen, President of the Free University of Berlin and Professor Dr. Hans Jürgen Prömel, Acting President of the Humboldt University of Berlin.

While one might not expect from these volunteer, somewhat under-rehearsed musicians, the perfection we witnessed the night before from Daniel Barenboim conducting the Staatskapelle in Schoenberg and Mahler, still, our musical selections were varied and entertaining and when they were especially exciting, the volume of the applause gave me chills.

We returned to our Hotel Jolly Vivaldi, to be personally greeted by Ambassador Timkin, who, in his remarks at our post-concert banquet, quipped that it felt good to him to be immersed in a little American culture after not having been home since he began his German tour of duty in August. We partied half the night and boarded our bus to the airport for a 7:10 a.m. takeoff after only one hour of sleep. Later, my wife reminded me that we had slept through the takeoff!

TRADITION BOTH BROKEN AND MAINTAINED BY ST. ANDREW'S

The two hundredth anniversary dinner of the St. Andrew Society took place on December 1, 2005, an event, which has taken place for the last 200 years in Baltimore on or near November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew. For the same period of time, the presidents of the St. George's Society (English) and the German Society of Maryland have attended as invited guests. Tradition was broken this year when our first female president, Brigitte Völkel Fessenden, represented the German Society at the event. But the tradition of inviting the presidents of the local ethnic societies remained intact. (Membership in St. Andrew's is limited to males.)

MICHAEL WILLIAM NIEBERDING
(11/24/38 - 6/13/05)



Michael W. Nieberding, an active member of our Society, passed away June 13, 2005, at his home in Flemington, New Jersey. He was the father of our Treasurer and past President, Michael J. Nieberding, and brother of our former Director Arthur I. Nieberding. Four of his brothers and their wives are also members of our Society: Joseph & Janice, Arthur & Elaine, Stephen & Sharon and Nicholas & Gloria. The fifth brother, William, lives in Farmers Branch, Texas, with his wife Kathy. Mike was a fixture at our annual awards banquet and our annual picnics, at which he organized the games and athletic events.

Mike was a Baltimore native who grew up in the Cedarcroft section of the city. He attended St. Mary of Govans Parish School and received an academic scholarship to Calvert Hall College. He went on to receive an ROTC scholarship to Loyola College and graduated in 1961 with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. Mike received his military commission on the day following his graduation and reported for duty as a Second Lieutenant. Following a rigorous series of training courses, Mike received the distinction as an Airborne Ranger and was subsequently stationed in Butzbach, Germany. In 1966-67, Mike served two tours of duty in Vietnam, receiving the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star for Bravery, and the Purple Heart. During his career, Mike received 16 military commendations and retired after 16 years as a Lieutenant Colonel.

While stationed at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, following his tours in Vietnam, Mike worked in the Missile Command & Army Ordinance group which included the areas headed up by Werner von Braun and other German rocket scientists involved in the U.S. space program. Mike earned a Masters Degree in Business

Administration from the University of Alabama in 1970.

Mike and his two sons, Michael and Tom, moved from Huntsville to Ellicott City, MD, in 1972 and he retired from active duty at that time. Eventually, Mike utilized the experience and leadership that he had gained in the military, as well as computer science expertise, to become the Director of the Judicial Information Systems for the State of Maryland. In 1974, he married Barbara Redmond, a very popular Howard County educator, and remained in Ellicott City until 1982.

Mike and Barbara moved to Flemington, New Jersey, when his career progressed to a senior position at, then, Deloitte Haskins & Sells, as a Director of Management Accounting Systems. His career progressed to a senior position at Empire Blue Cross in New York, then to work with several large insurance companies. Mike retired from IBM in 2003 as a senior executive handling key insurance company accounts.

Mike was an avid sailor who loved exploring the Chesapeake Bay aboard the Perseverance with his wife, Barbara, his children, Michael and Tom, his daughter-in-law, Linda, and his five grandchildren: Conrad, Jillian, Erich, Matthew and Hannah. He loved history, classical music and sharing cultures and foods from around the world with his family.

QUADRICENTENNIAL PLANS

The year 2008 marks the quadricentennial of the arrival of the first Germans to America, to Jamestown, VA. That fact, long unknown, but now backed by findings of an excavation team in Jamestown, represents a very significant date in German-American relations. With that in mind, the German Embassy has invited representatives of German American organizations to exchange ideas on how to commemorate this very important event. The German-American Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C. has spearheaded efforts to illuminate the German presence at the Jamestown colony. One of our Society's members, Gary Grassl, played an important role in publicizing the discovery. Merl Arp, the National Vice President of the German American National Congress (D.A.N.K.) will represent that group in the planning. Merl, as a director and second vice president of our own Society, has requested ideas and participation from us.

LIFETIME DIRECTOR, CHARLES FRANCIS STEIN, III, DIES AT 72

A member of our Society for nearly 50 years, Charlie Stein served on our Board of Directors for over 30 years and was elected a Lifetime Director. Membership in our Society was a family tradition. His father, Charles, Jr., was president of our Society for several years in the early 1960's. His grandfather, also a member, was a Baltimore City Circuit Court judge. Charles and his father were also lawyers. Charles was a graduate of the Gilman School, Princeton University and the University of Virginia Law School. He contracted polio while in law school which left him handicapped but did not prevent him from becoming a champion sailor and a respected skipper in the Chesapeake and along the Atlantic seaboard. He won the Newport, R.I. to Bermuda race several times, once beating our Ted Turner. By 1990 Charlie had to use a wheelchair to get around, but he continued his law practice for another 10 years. He died on February 8 at his home on Gibson Island.

HARRY GRUEL, DIRECTOR, RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE A "GIANT" IN THE SOCIETY'S ANNALS

Health issues caused Harry Gruel to submit his resignation as an active participant on the Society's board of directors, after serving as a true work-horse for 3 decades. A former banker, Harry's wisdom and experience while serving as a bright light on our finance committee, contributed greatly to the Society's solvency. Harry has a 20 year record on our executive committee and on our nominating committee. He could also be counted on to work at our events, helping in the preparations for our annual meeting, the annual picnic, the ecumenical service and special seasonal events. The time constraints imposed by his battle against cancer has restricted his activities, requiring him to slow down. Harry was elected by the membership as a "lifetime director", which means that he is still on our Board of Directors but is not required to attend meetings. However, when he does attend, he retains full voting rights as director. Harry will still be available as an advisor and can be called upon from time to time for his wisdom and experience.

Betty Gruel, Harry's wife, has supported both him and our Society by attending and helping at the Society's events. When the meetings of the nominating committee were held at their home, Betty assured 100% attendance by promising and delivering her culinary specialty: sour beef and dumplings.

HERITAGE "MUSEUM" PROJECT ADVANCED BY BERNIE PENNER

Our Director, Bernard Penner, Esq., has been working to develop and preserve Maryland's German American heritage. The result will not be a museum, yet will serve as a place to preserve artifacts, records and historical data at a central location. The potential headquarters for the project is the sexton's house at Zion Church, City Hall Plaza, Baltimore. The purpose of the proposed "German American Heritage Center" is to collect, preserve and display significant artifacts and documents reflecting the cultural, political, religious and mercantile contributions of Germans and Americans of German descent to the life and history of Baltimore and its environs. The center's mission will be to encourage the next generation of German Americans to identify with their cultural legacy. Bernie is looking for a group of persons to serve as the initial board of directors of the non-profit organization. If you are interested in serving, please call Bernard Penner at 410-258-4010 .

HANSA HAUS COATS OF ARMS DISPLAYED IN ZION'S ADLERSAAL

Until a few years ago the coats of arms of the 37 cities of the medieval Hanseatic League were displayed on the exterior of Baltimore's Hansa Haus, at Charles and Redwood Streets. They were removed and "lost" until Bernie Penner, one of our directors played detective, found that they were owned by a group of realtors. He persuaded them to loan them to Zion Church which has now displayed them as part of the Church's 250th anniversary celebrations. Bernie has prepared a 4-page history of the exhibit. Call our office to request a copy. Five of the emblems are missing, including those of Bremen and Hamburg. Hansa Haus was built in 1912 in the style of medieval German timbered architecture for offices of the North German Lloyd steamship line.

PRIDE OF BALTIMORE SUFFERS DAMAGE IN BAY OF BISCAY

After representing Maryland at the opening of the Emigration Center in Bremerhaven, the "Pride" lost its masts during a storm off the coast of France. Our Society donated \$1,000 to send the ship to Germany. The City of Bremerhaven donated 25,000 Euros (about \$33,000) for the voyage. Our archives now contain several photos of the ship in the harbor at Bremerhaven, one of which shows our Society's president, Brigitte Fessenden, standing beside the ship.

GERMAN AMERICANS IN THE NEWS

LOCAL GIRL IN THE OLYMPICS

Kimmie Meissner, a 16-year old student from Fallston High School in Harford County is representing the United States in the figure skating competition in the winter Olympics in Italy. All Marylanders will be rooting for her, especially the members of our Society. (The name Meissner derives from the German city of Meissen.)

HASSELBECK VS. ROETHLISBERGER

More than a hundred million Americans watched the Superbowl on Feb. 5th as two German American quarterbacks lead their teams in America's most popular sporting event of the year. Matt Hasselbeck called the plays for the Seattle Seahawks while Mike Roethlisberger guided the Pittsburgh Steelers. And precious few Americans had the slightest inkling that the "field general" of each team boasts German ancestry. Pittsburgh won.

GERMAN AMERICAN NUN IS ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD

Mother Marianne Cope was born Jan. 23, 1838 in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany to Peter and Barbara Koob, who emigrated to America two years later and took the "American" name Cope. She received her education in Syracuse, New York and began working in a factory. In 1862 she joined the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse. She pursued a hospital career and served on three occasions as administrator of St. Joseph Hospital in Syracuse. She served as Provincial of her order from 1877 to 1883. In that year the government of Hawaii sought her to run a receiving station for lepers at Kakao outside Honolulu on the island of Maui. She and six other nuns volunteered and left immediately. In 1888 Mother Marianne and two sisters went to Molokai to open a home for women and girls afflicted with leprosy. Upon the death of Fr. Damuean (the famous "Damien the Leper") she took charge of the home he established for men and boys.

She was honored by the Hawaiian government and celebrated in a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson.

She died August 9, 1918. Sisters of her order still work on Molokai. Mother Marianne was declared "Blessed" in Rome on January 23, 2006; this is the second step toward being declared a saint by the Catholic Church.

GERMAN MARYLANDERS OF 1812: 1912 DOCUMENT RE-DISCOVERED

One of our former officers, Rev. Julius Hofmann, wrote a monograph about German Marylanders who fought in the defense of Baltimore in the War of 1812. The pamphlet was printed both in English and German. It begins with the following introduction:

"In the War of 1812-1814 the Germans stood in the front ranks. and it is but historical justice that we should record their names and deeds on the following pages.

The booklet was published for the Star Spangled Banner Centennial in September, 1914 and was presented to the Centennial Commission by Dr. Hofmann. It was printed by the Schneidereith Company, members of which belonged to the German Society for many years and printed our early publications.

A copy of the pamphlet was on file in our archives for many years, and in the 1990's it was donated for historical preservation to the Langsdale Library of the University of Baltimore. Dan Brooke, one of our directors, borrowed it from the library and had several copies reprinted. We are planning to scan it into our website both in English and German so it will soon be accessible to our members and the public

LOYOLA COLLEGE SCANS GERMAN JOURNAL FOR FUTURE WEBSITE

The Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland worked with Loyola College and has now scanned all of its journals from 1883 to the present, consisting of 44 books with nearly 3,000 pages for publication on the internet. They will be available to libraries throughout the world for a modest fee. Every member of the historical society will be given a code so that the members will all have access to 122 years of historical data to persons interested in German American history. Dues-paying members of the historical society also receive a copy of the journal, entitled "The Report" which is published bi-annually. Several members of our Society are on the board of directors of the historical society, including its president, Judge Gerard Wittstadt and its treasurer and editor, Professor Doctor Randall P. Donaldson. To join the historical society, write to Judge Gerard Wittstadt, President, at P.O. Box 22585 Baltimore, Md 21203-4585

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