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### **OFFICERS ELECTED**

At the April 24 Board of Directors meeting, Anton Smoot was elected president, Dr. James Schaub 1st vice president, Dr. Mary Upman, secretary and re-elected were 2nd VP Dr. Armin Mruck, treasurer Theodore J. Potthast, Jr. Thomas A. Werner was appointed vice-president - finance, by the new president. Schaub and Potthast are past presidents.

New members were elected to our Board of Directors: David W. Crosby, Kraig Dean, Dr. Michael J. Kurtz and Brig. Gen. M. Hall Worthington. Shelley D. Arnold, Dr. Mary Upman and Thomas A. Werner were elected as Lifetime Directors. William Hay Kommalan and Lauren Rizzo Bukszar retired from the Board. More details on Page 7.

### **THE GREAT GERMAN AMERICAN PICNIC**

...is set for Sunday, June 22 at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena. Mark your calendars. Details inside

### **STUDENT AWARDS MAY 18 IN ADLERSAAL**

Our Society has given over \$110,000 to Maryland scholars studying German since we started the awards program 23 years ago. Please show up and encourage the high school students. See article on page 2.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It is with great excitement that I have the honor of being elected president. My name is Anton Smoot and I am anxious to serve our members for the next year. My journey within the German Society began 20 years ago. It has been a wonderful learning experience. My roles in other organizations (Gemanian Lodge #160 and Deutsche Geselligkeit) have also presented me the opportunity to meet many of you and gain knowledge of the workings of the various Maryland German clubs. Our Society is part of a family of groups which work together to preserve the German heritage and culture. We are all ambassadors. I would love to hear from you on how we can work to inspire future generations to preserve and be proud of our heritage and culture.

I am in the process of "getting my feet wet" in regard to setting meeting dates, ongoing projects, banquets, awards, and the many details of our operations and the Society's mission. Please review our newsletter for upcoming events. Please attend as many as possible. When you see me at an event, step up and introduce yourself: I want to know all our members.

### **STRICKER MONUMENT**

We have committed \$40,000 for a monument to General John Stricker, one of our founders. He helped win the War of 1812. Read about our progress and challenges, inside.

**KALENDER**

- May 18 High School Awards: Adlersaal
- June 22 Picnic at Kurtz' Beach
- July 26-27 German Festival at Timonium
- Oct. 6 German American Day at Friendship Garden at the Mall in Washington
- Nov. 1 Annual Awards Banquet
- **Events to be announced**
- October German Heritage month activities
- Ecumenical Service
- General de Kalb commemoration-Annapolis
- Dedication of General Stricker monument
- Bus trip to Heritage Museum in Washington, DC
- Visit to gravesite of Stricker, Westminster Cemetery

Visit the German Society's website:  
[www.germansociety-md.com](http://www.germansociety-md.com)

Articles from many past newsletters are posted on our website. Dr. Maureen Helinski maintains the site. "Pioneers in Service", the history of our Society, can be found on our web site.

For more local German-American events, check the web site of the Deutschamerikanischer Bürgerverein von Maryland: [www.md-germans.org](http://www.md-germans.org). You are invited to add articles about your German ancestors to the website conducted by our vice president and director, Shelley Arnold; [germanmarylanders.org](http://germanmarylanders.org).

Listen to German music and announcements of local German American activities on internet radio at [germanamericanradio.com](http://germanamericanradio.com). You are invited to visit and participate in the interactive website "Der Wecker", founded by our member, Walt Mathers. Google search "these 3 words: German American Forum."

**ATTEND THE STUDENT AWARDS**

On Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m. our Society will hold its 23rd annual presentation of awards to students studying German who have achieved standards of excellence. Our Society has set aside \$5,000 for the students. Since we began this custom in the early 1990's, we have donated more than \$110,000 to encourage the study of German in Maryland public and private schools. Our Society is the only German organization in the USA with such a record of generosity. Our members are invited to attend the ceremonies and we encourage you to come. Parking is available in the church parking lot at Zion Church, City Hall Plaza in Baltimore. Refreshments are served after the ceremonies. The American Association of Teachers of German joins us in this event.

**TICKETS FOR THE PICNIC**

June 22 marks the 5th anniversary of The Great German American Picnic, which our Society originated and is now sponsored by the Buergerverein, the umbrella organization which includes most of the German clubs in Central Maryland. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$10 ages 7-21 and \$3 under 6. Send your check (payable to German Society) and ticket order to our treasurer, T. Potthast at 1819 Leadburn Road, Towson, MD 21204-1830. Please mail your checks to arrive by June 15, to meet the deadline set by the caterer. Directions will be mailed along with your tickets. This event is well attended. German food, music, beer and soda. A taste of Germany and its culture. Make it a family re-union. Bring your friends and relatives. Ample free parking.

**THE STRICKER MONUMENT**

The bust of General John Stricker is being cast and will soon be ready. Our Society had hopes to place the monument on Federal Hill alongside the monuments to the two other heroes of the Battle of Baltimore: General Sam Smith and Col. George Armistead. Our request for a spot on Federal Hill was rejected and we are searching for another site. Some alternatives are Patterson Park, The Battle Acre in Dundalk, the North Point State Park and the North Point Armory. The bust is imposing, showing General Stricker in uniform as he appeared at the time of the Battle of North Point. We plan a dedication and an impressive ceremony, but cannot finalize the plans until a site is selected. The Society has budgeted \$40,000 for the monument. It will be the only such monument honoring General Stricker, the Hero of the battle of North Point and an officer of our Society.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - 2013**

The report presented at the annual meeting showed the following assets of the Society as of Dec. 31, 2013:

<b>Checking account</b>	<b>\$ 5,984.52</b>
<b>Vanguard (general fund)</b>	<b>\$315,263.18</b>
<b>T. Rowe Price (education fund)</b>	<b>\$352,385.44</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$673,631.84</b>

The checking account is held at M&T Bank. The total assets of the Society through April 30, 2014 reflect an increase due to favorable market fluctuations.

## **GERMAN AMERICAN VEREIN, INC**

Our Society has become a stockholder in a newly formed corporation known as GAV, INC. Its purpose is to seek a home for the Maryland German American community.

The stock is divided as follows: 49 1/2% to Baltimore Kickers; 22% to the Buergerverein; 5 1/2% to Club Fidelitas and 22% to our Society.

Since the Kickers Club has sold its clubhouse on Broadway and must vacate in June, the quest for a common clubhouse has taken on a new aspect.

## **WILLING TO WORK?**

Our new president, Anton Smoot, is looking for the perfect combination: people with ideas for projects who are also willing to take charge of a project and make it happen. Is there something you think will promote one of the goals of the Society and you want to help make it happen? Write it down. Give details of what is needed to make it work. Can you do it by yourself or do you need others to help? President Smoot wants somebody with initiative. We don't need ideas for other people to work on: we want projects you feel strong enough about that you'll work on them yourself. Don't be shy. If President Smoot is convinced your project is a good one, you'll get the support and resources you need to make it work. Don't put it off. Do it now!

## **EDELWEISS HOUR IS BACK**

For many years the German American community had its touch of German tradition on Sunday morning radio with the Edelweiss Hour. Its announcer Lothar Boczek is back on the air with the program, this time on the internet radio station. Its internet address is [germanamericanradio.com](http://germanamericanradio.com). Tune in and listen to Lothar's melodic voice every Sunday morning and at various times throughout the week.

## **THE ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

Distributing this newsletter via email is showing promise. Although only a small percentage of our members have signed up to receive the newsletter via email, those recipients are very satisfied. They get it quicker, can forward all or parts of it to their friends.

It is a tool to recruit new members. With the high cost of postage and printing, the potential savings are substantial. With stamps now at 49 cents and printing costs at over 60 cents per copy, the Society can save substantially over the year. Sign up to get your copy over the internet by emailing our office manager, Bärbel Otto at [germansociety@verizon.net](mailto:germansociety@verizon.net).

## **OUR ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual membership meeting on April 11 was well attended. A bountiful German dinner was served in the dining hall of Zion Church at City Hall Plaza, catered by Old World Deli. Their German potato salad is excelled nowhere in the western hemisphere and their cucumber salad was exceptional. The German meats received high praise. Members provided the desserts, which were abundant and varied. President Tom Werner presented a report of the main activities during the past year and discussed the project of a bust of our former vice president, General John Stricker. The location where the bust will be installed is not yet determined. Our treasurer's report showed that the Society is solvent and thriving. Past president James Schaub displayed photos which he had taken of the bust of Stricker as it was about to be sent to the foundry. Bob Mathers conducted interviews of members which will air on the German American internet radio station, and he also addressed the assembly to explain the workings of the station. Members remained and socialized long after the meeting adjourned.

## **DIRECTORS TURN OUT**

17 of our directors turned out at the annual meeting: Brooke, Crosby, Dean, Fessenden, Helinski, Kelleher, Meinzer, S. Otto, P. Otto, Penner, Potthast, Schaub, Smoot, Upman, van der Berg, Werner and Worthington. It was a show of strong support.

## **WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING?**

What do you think our Society ought to be doing? We have a new president. Tell him what you think. But put it in writing: mere words can go in one ear and out the other. Something in writing can be circulated among our directors for their perusal and to expound on your thoughts. Our president needs to know what our members and directors are thinking. You've been around a while and see what needs to be done. Please drop the president a line.



## **THANKS TO TOM WERNER**

The president's job is not an easy one. It involves long hours of planning and writing, hundreds of telephone calls and meeting after meeting. Tom has put in two years of very hard work. Even the ceremonial attendances are time consuming and can bring stress. So we say: Tom, thank you. You have done a great service to our Society and your achievements will go down in our annuals. Tom's dedication to the Stricker Monument project will earn him a place in our books for centuries to come. The closure of the Mt. Vernon office was itself a monumental task: packing, loading, supervising, loading books and memorabilia into boxes for the moving company involved a lot of heavy lifting, not an easy task once you pass certain milestones in life. In the carrying out of his duties as president, Tom traveled throughout Maryland and D.C., attending meetings and functions as our representative.

ANNAPOLIS – testifying before the legislature for the German American Heritage Month, and later attending the signing of the bill by the governor.

WASHINGTON – the monthly meetings of AGAS, the Associated German American Societies, events at the German Embassy and at the Friendship Garden on the Mall.

BALTIMORE – the monthly meetings of the Buergerverein, attending ethnic festivals as our representative, banquets of other organizations. Caring for our office, arranging for the move.

ANNE ARUNDEL – helping at our annual picnic.

HOWARD COUNTY – meetings in Laurel to order our medals; functions in Blob's Park.

NORTH POINT – inspecting sites for the Stricker monument, evaluating sites for activities

TOWSON – quarterly Board meetings at Edenwald and committee meetings; hosting the executive committee at his own home.

TIMONIUM - preparing for the German Festival, manning our own booth, fetching and setting up displays, glad-handing the visitors and talking up our Society to all comers.

COMMITTEES - The president is ex-officio a member of every committee of the Society and is the driving force, getting workers to act and to receive their reports, analyze and digest them

INSPIRING MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS. The hours devoted to talking to directors and members, getting their ideas and sifting them out, countless.

FORMING GAV, INC. Tom worked feverishly to help establish the German American Verein, Inc., to acquire a clubhouse for the German American community.

Tom did it all. Heaven knows how many miles he put on his car attending to the business of our Society. The Society owes him a great debt of gratitude. Tom's devotion was rare and we were fortunate to have him as president for two years.

Let us promise to carry to completion all the projects which he worked so hard to get off the ground.

## **A GERMAN SOCIETY RADIO HOUR?**

Now that the Edelweiss Hour seems to be making a comeback on internet radio, perhaps our own Society ought to have a radio hour. After all, the idea of a German American internet radio station originated at a meeting of our own Board of Directors and the station [germanamericanradio.com](http://germanamericanradio.com) grew out of those discussions. A one-hour program would permit our Society to publicize our events, to spread the work of our mission, to tell the stories of our 221-year history and perhaps even help in the recruitment of new members. It would only take a host, or master of ceremonies, plus a half dozen volunteers to put on the program. We can digitally record portions of the show on-site at our events, conduct interviews, even have our musician-members perform and some members would like to sing a song or two.

## **LOSS OF COLLECTIVE MEMORY**

As our older members die off, we lose some of our German American heritage. Some of our older members remember how those of German lineage were treated during World War II. We had friends and relatives who had to change their names from Schmidt to Smith, from Mueller to Miller. Many have first hand knowledge of the stigma of being German in those days. We remember listening to WWII "patriotic" songs targeting the Germans. Although German was spoken in many homes, the elders would not speak it in front of the children, so a generation grew up without the benefit of learning to speak a second language.

Memories like these are hushed up. Even today many want to bury the past under the guise of political correctness, a great silencer. Yet these memories are a part of our German American heritage.

Our memories include the post WWII era during which we sent "Care" packages to our relatives in Germany. "Thank you" letters always followed. These memories are a part of our German-American heritage. We ought not let them be lost.

## **GEN. JOHN STRICKER: SWISS**

Stricker, the “Hero of the Battle of North Point” was an incorporator and a vice president of our Society. We will honor him in the commemoration of the War of 1812, which effectively ended when Stricker’s troops killed British General Ross at North Point. Stricker’s ancestry was not well known and for years we wondered about it. The question has been answered in an article by Dr. Nicholas Fessenden, the president of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland, soon to be published. Dr. Fessenden’s research confirms that both of Stricker’s grandparents were Swiss immigrants to Virginia, who later settled in Frederick, Maryland. Stricker fought as a junior officer under his father in the Revolutionary War, and rose to the rank of General of the Maryland Militia in the War of 1812. He signed the articles of incorporation of our Society in 1817. Our Society, founded in 1783, was previously an unincorporated association. In those days the German Society consisted of German-speaking persons, which included a large percentage of the population of Switzerland. We are hoping that further research may discover which canton of Switzerland was home to the Stricker family.

## **GERMAN SPEAKING CHURCHES**

Some interesting local history; the first five German speaking religious congregations founded in Maryland were Lutheran, Reformed, United Brethren, Catholic and Jewish. Respectively they were Zion - 1755; First - 1757; Otterbein - 1771; St. Johannes (John’s) - 1800; an Baltimore Hebrew - 1829. Zion, Otterbein and Baltimore Hebrew survive today. St. John’s at Park Ave. and Saratoga Streets, was razed and the “German Cathedral” of St. Alphonsus was built on that site, which also survives today. This history from an 1894 doctoral dissertation at the University of Maryland by Michael S. Fransch.

## **EINSTEINCHEN, HERITAGE PROJECT**

We have learned from the German American Heritage Foundation of a program to record your family’s German American history. It is an oral history project. and access is online. “Einsteinchen” is a transatlantic program sponsored by the European Recovery Fund. It will help the Heritage Museum in Washington in its unprecedented research project. To participate, contact the German American Heritage Museum at 202-467-5000. The museum is located at 719 Sixth

Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Our Society is a member of the museum.

A drawback: individuals cannot access the stories of other families; the stories are for the research programs.

Our own Society, pursuant to our mission of preserving the German American heritage, is looking for ways to record family histories and make them available to other members. We are seeking volunteers to work on this project. If you have ideas on how to proceed, or wish to become a committee member, contact our president or office manager.

## **15,000 AT BUERGERVEREIN PICNIC**

At the Buergerverein picnic in September, 1933 in Carlin’s Park, 15,000 attended. The highlight was the tribute paid to Captain Paul Koenig (who died earlier in the year) with the band playing the slow strains of “Ich hatt’ einen Kameraden” as the grizzly veterans of the Kriegerbund stood on the platform presenting arms while two of their members held the flags at half-mast. Koenig had many friends in Baltimore. (Note: At the 80th anniversary of Koenig’s death, commemorated on Sept. 15 this year, the strains of “Ich hatt’ einen Kameraden” were again heard, played by the Dockenspielers band of York, PA.) The days of assembling 15,000 for a picnic are long gone, but the commemorating of our heritage is still an active practice. In fact, plans are afoot to form a committee to commemorate Captain Koenig’s 1916 visit to Baltimore with the “Deutschland”, his submarine. Dr. David Denisch, the chairman, is accepting volunteers to serve on the committee.

## **THE POWER OF A NEWSLETTER**

A young teacher with a German-sounding name, Olivia Stebeck, has joined the Carmelite monastery on Dulaney Valley Road in Baltimore County to undertake to become a nun. She writes that she learned about the monastery by reading its newsletter. Perhaps our German Society newsletter may inform persons who are interested in our mission (heritage, culture and language) and inspire them to join our Society. For those members who have the ability to get copies of the newsletter on the internet, they can become our “missionaries” by forwarding the newsletter to their relatives and friends electronically. And it can be done effortlessly, by the click of a button. Newsletters have more power than we ever thought.

## THE MEMBERS PAGE

Let's make page 6 of our newsletter our "Members' Page", for articles, notes, letters to the editor, whatever thoughts our members want to express to our Society and other members. Surely, all of our members have something for the good of the Society which can be printed here from time to time. Don't be bashful. We are always looking for new ideas, constructive criticism, pieces of family history, bits of local German American heritage, your trip to a German-speaking country, or an ethnic area here in the USA, your childhood memories, your own heritage, your complaints, your activities, travels, family, "all the news that's fit to print", whatever might be of interest to our members. Tell us about it. We are all your friends and we want to know about you and what you are thinking. Mail a note to our editor, Ted Potthast, at 1819 Leadburn Road, Towson, MD 21203-1830 or send an email to [germansociety@verizon.net](mailto:germansociety@verizon.net) with the notation "For newsletter Page 6".

## SEND IN YOUR PARAGRAPH

President Smoot wants to see participation by our members. An easy way to participate is to write an article or simply a blurb for our newsletter. We'd like to have an entire page reserved just for our members, We'll print whatever space permits.

## ONLY 5 MONTHS UNTIL OCTOBER

by Shawn Dippel, Lifetime Member

Our Society and our then vice president Shelley Arnold worked tirelessly to persuade the Maryland legislature to declare October to be German American Heritage Month in Maryland. Now that we have it, what will you do about it? Make your personal plans to take some action to help preserve our heritage. Make it a personal project. Teach your children and grandchildren some German folk songs. Have your own heritage day: educate your family about your ancestors. Dig up your family recipes for German dishes. Make some Pfannenkuchen (German pancakes) or a German Apple Cake. Make your own sauerbraten. Make plans. If you don't plan now, or nothing will happen.

## WHY AM I A MEMBER?

by David Crosby, Director

PLEASE HELP US! We want to start a new column entitled "Why am I a member?" We believe everyone has a reason why he/she is a member of our Society.

Sharing your experience will interest and inspire fellow members. We ask you to take a little time and jot down your thoughts Why did you become a member? Put it on a scrap of paper, in pencil, or type it or email it. Think you're not a good writer? Don't worry. We can edit it if you wish and return it for your approval. You can sign it or remain anonymous. Don't wait; do it now. Let it be your contribution to help carry out the mission of the German Society. Mail to our editor, Ted Potthast at 1819 Leadburn Road or email to [germansociety@verizon.net](mailto:germansociety@verizon.net)

## ANCESTORS BACK 400 YEARS

by Dandridge Brooke, Lifetime Director

How many ancestors can you count if you go back 400 years? Assume a generation is 25 years, so that in 400 years you travel back 16 generations. You have 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 16 great grandparents and 32 great-great grandparents. At 16 generations, you could count 65,376 ancestors. Historically, generations were counted every 20 years, so that in 400 years you would have 20 generations of ancestors, giving you a total of 1,048,816. So if you had decided to research your ancestry completely, with a goal of going back 400 years, you would spend a lifetime in research and not even come close to finishing the job.

Your ancestor came over here on the Mayflower? Join the 4 million other people who can make the same claim. We wonder how many descendants are living today whose ancestors came with Pastorius and founded Germantown, PA.

## GERMAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION: FORMERLY CALLED UGAC-USA

In 1976 an organization was formed in Philadelphia to recognize the many contributions to America by persons of German origin - economic, scientific, political, social and cultural. It took the name United German American Committee of the USA, and was known as UGAC-USA. Our Society supported it by joining in its efforts. Its membership became national. When it founded the German Heritage Museum in Washington, D. C. a few years ago, it changed its name to The German-American Heritage Foundation. During 2013 our Society made gifts totaling \$700 to the museum and participated in several events there. We encourage all our members to visit the museum.



## **THE DIRECTORS' PAGE**

We want to give our Board of Directors a place to communicate their thoughts and hopes for the Society to our membership. The newsletter will in the future set aside this page #7 for articles any Director may wish to write. We look to our Board of Directors for guidance and leadership. The staff of our newsletter hopes to bring to our readers their ideas, their stories, their motivations and their exhortations to carry out the mission of our Society. We say to our Directors, please put your thoughts on paper so we can print them here.

## **RETIRING DIRECTORS**

Thanks to William Hay Kommalan and Lauren Rizzo Bukszar, who have retired from our Board, both due to the press of obligations stemming from their careers. Bill is a full-time realtor and the demands of the industry are rising sharply. Lauren, our youngest director, recently married and also has undertaken a teaching position. We thank them both for their devotion and service to our Society and hope we can call upon them from time to time to work on some of our projects.

## **NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED**

Biographical sketches of our new directors will appear in upcoming newsletters. All of them have been long-time members of the Society. Each of them brings special talents. David W. Crosby has helped with our newsletter and contributed an article to this issue. Kraig Dean comes to us from the publishing industry where he specializes in real estate publicity. He will work with our membership, having understudied his father-in-law, Dan Brooke, the 35-year chairman of our membership committee. Dr. Michael J. Kurtz is an archivist and historian who is expected to be most valuable in our missions of preserving the heritage and promoting the culture. Brig. Gen. M. Hall Worthington has retired from holding the rank held by our former vice-president and the Hero of the Battle of North Point, Brig. Gen. John Stricker. In addition to his military career, Gen. Worthington has owned and operated corporations in Maryland and brings his business acumen to our Board of Directors.

## **LIFETIME DIRECTORS ELECTED**

Shelley D. Arnold, Dr. Mary Upman and Thomas A. Werner were elected Lifetime Directors at the annual membership meeting. Tom has just completed two years of service as our President.

## **PICNICS IN DAYS OF YORE**

The first time I remember going to German Society picnics were when they were held in the 2-acre backyard of one of our members on Burke Avenue in Towson. My father took me. There were games for kids and the highlight was the pit beef sandwiches cut from chunks of beef roasting over an open fire, Paul Schaeffer, who had a butcher shop, supervised the cooking. It only lasted two years because we lost so much money. A dozen women who brought shopping-bag-sized pocketbooks filled them with roast beef sandwiches to take home, which horrified the officials who then decided to halt the picnics. Years later we had picnics run by our own members. I remember one in a park in Howard County when my 4 year old grandson was eating corn-on-the-cob and offered Mike Nieberding's pretty 4-year-old daughter a lick from his cob. At another picnic in a park in Baltimore County, Irma Tillman's sauerkraut cooked in Karo syrup drew hundreds of yellow-jackets which dived into the kraut to provide some protein; and one of the bees flew into my glass of beer and stung me on the lip. Another bee found its way under a member's skirt and stung her on a place which made it uncomfortable for her to sit down. We had a picnic in Lutherville at which the Society brought the beer and soda and members brought their own picnic baskets. A tragedy was averted at the picnic at North Point State Park on the Bay when the caterer forgot to show up: our ladies ran out to the supermarkets and saved the day (fortunately we had plenty of beer on hand to soothe the nerves while we waited on the food. For the past 3 years we've had perfect weather for sunny Sunday afternoons in June at Kurtz's beach. We look forward to another one come June 22. Get your tickets early! Ted Potthast

## **A POLL: WHO WAS OUR ENEMY?**

A recent poll reported that 40% of Americans do not know which countries opposed the USA in World War II. We asked some high schoolers: they said Germany and Russia. Nobody mentioned Japan or Italy.



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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*“The purpose of the German Society of Maryland is to preserve and promote the German heritage 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.”*

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

“I hereby apply to be a member of the German Society of Maryland”

Annual dues \$25 Spouse may be included at no extra cost.

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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](http://www.md-germans.org)

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