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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message in the heart of Oktoberfest season. When we think October, we think Oktoberfests and fun. We should also think with similar joy of German-American Day, designated by Presidential Proclamation as October 6. In November we recall with joy the fall of the Berlin Wall 20 years ago and the reunification of Germany. This transformation of the heart of Europe is marked in Germany and around the world as affirmation of democratic ideals and freedom. I and several other members of the Society attended the celebration of reunification, freedom and friendship between Germany and the United States at the German embassy and celebrations at the German-American Friendship Garden in Washington. Such events should remind us that despite economic problems, influenza and military conflicts, we should be optimistic and make this century better than the last.

JAMES D. SCHAUB, PhD.  
President

### BROCHURES AVAILABLE

Fliers explaining the Society's purpose and programs will be mailed to you on request. Call our office: 410-685-0450. Use them to recruit new members.

### ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET HONORS NANCY GRASMICK

Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools, will be German Society's honoree at our awards banquet on November 14. Dr. Grasmick is the nation's longest serving state school superintendent, having held the office 17 years under four governors. Her record of leadership has brought Maryland's public school systems to prominence in the country.

As our newsletter goes to press, there are still a few seats remaining for the event. If you wish to attend, please call our President, Jim Schaub at 301-814-9860 to inquire about availability. Tickets are \$55 a piece.

The event will feature a fine German dinner catered by Old World Caterers. A 3-piece ensemble will perform music during the event.

The printed program will feature commemorative pages sponsored by members and friends honoring ancestors and relatives and will include names of our benefactors who have taken ads as patrons and sponsors.

The event is not a "fund-raiser" but is an opportunity for our Society to show public admiration for a person of German-American heritage who has made a significant contribution to our state and nation. We are proud and delighted that Dr. Grasmick has accepted this award.

