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April 18, 2019

My fellow German – Americans and Friends:

The United States of America is a great nation comprised of settlers from around the world and their descendants. One of largest immigrant groups to have assimilated their traditions and culture are the many Americans of German heritage.

German – Americans have been part of this great nation from the very beginning. An example is General Washington's chief of staff, General von Steuben, a Revolutionary War hero who transformed the Revolutionary Army into a fighting force that led to our nation's freedom. On Sunday September 29th, to commemorate the contributions of German - Americans down through the generations who have worked to help build our great country, we will once again march down Huntingdon Pike. Dressed in our ethnic costumes and club vests with crests, we will celebrate with pride and joy the collective contributions of our common heritage in this year's 49th German – American Steuben Day Parade!

Our Association owns and maintains a unique piece of history. Shipped to Philadelphia to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of Germantown (now part of the City of Philadelphia), the Tercentennial Tricycle from the City of Krefeld requires some maintenance so that it can represent our German – American community into the future.

Our Cornflower Court represents our German – American community near and far. In return for their year of service to our Association, the Court members receive scholarships to assist with their education.

We need your help! Please consider making a tax-deductible donation in support of our Association.

Please join the celebration!

- Saturday, June 22, 2019 – **Sommerfest**
Hosted this year by the Vereinigung Erzgebirge; Warminster, PA
- Saturday, September 28, 2019 – **2019 Steuben Parade Gala Banquet**
- Sunday, September 29, 2019 – **Parade Ecumenical Service** and **49th Annual German-American Steuben Parade**

Please visit our website (see below) and/or social media pages for additional information as these events approach.

Sincerely,

Werner Fricker, Jr.

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President and General Chairman

Please make your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE contribution payable to: **SDOA of Philadelphia** and return it in the enclosed envelope, or donate online at: <https://www.steubeparade.com>

Note: We are obligated to send an acknowledgement letter to anyone *who* donates \$250.00 or more.