

**German-American Day 2008:  
Making Philadelphia a German Town**



The Keystone State Boychoir performed a special German-American Day Concert on September 28.

Photos courtesy of Robin Odland



The Philadelphia Museum of Art and the German-American Day Celebration Committee sponsored the October 3 *Art After Five* program featuring the German cabaret scene of the early 1920s in the Museum's Great Stair Hall.

Photos courtesy of S. Moyn







The Masonic Library and Museum offered a Temple Tour and Presentation on the role of German-Speaking Lodges on October 4.

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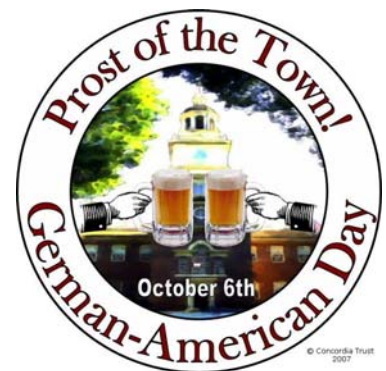


The Liberty Bell Wanderers sponsored a 5K and 10K walk through the historic sites of Old City on October 4. The proceeds benefited the German-American Heritage Center in Washington, D.C.



Historic RittenhouseTown provided demonstrations on colonial German cooking and papermaking on October 4.

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The German Department of the University of Pennsylvania and the Concordia Trust presented a German-American Fest for high school students of German at the German Society of Pennsylvania on October 1. Workshops on a variety of German topics were presented by Penn faculty and graduate students. The event concluded with the premier performance of *Ben and Germans*, written by Steve Seyfried especially for this celebration. Photos courtesy of M. Stocks.



The German Society of Pennsylvania hosted many other events during the celebration week.



The twelve-day celebration culminated on October 6, German-American Day, with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Pastorius Monument in Vernon Park, Germantown, followed by a festive luncheon at the Union League. The German ancestry and philanthropy of the Haas family, as well as the German roots of the Rohm and Haas Company, were recognized and acknowledged. The luncheon was sponsored by the German-American Day Celebration Committee and the German-American Chamber of Commerce – Philadelphia. Photos courtesy R. Stocks.



Keynote speaker, Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, with Bonnie Schepers, a direct descendant of Franz Daniel Pastorius. The wreath was dedicated by the Steuben Society of America – Pastorius Unit No. 38.



John C. Haas accepting a gift, on behalf of the Haas family, from Marlene Fricker and Marlene Stocks, Co-Chairs of the German-American Day Celebration Committee.



John McKeogh, Vice President of Rohm and Haas Company receiving a plaque from German-American Chamber President, Barbara Afanassiev. The plaque and a cash award will be presented to an outstanding Immanuel German School student in May. The School's principal, Dr. Christina Frei, applauds.



Mr. Bernd Scheelen, the Mayor of Krefeld, and a member of the German Parliament, extending words of greetings.