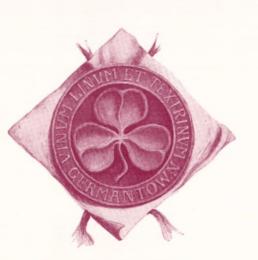
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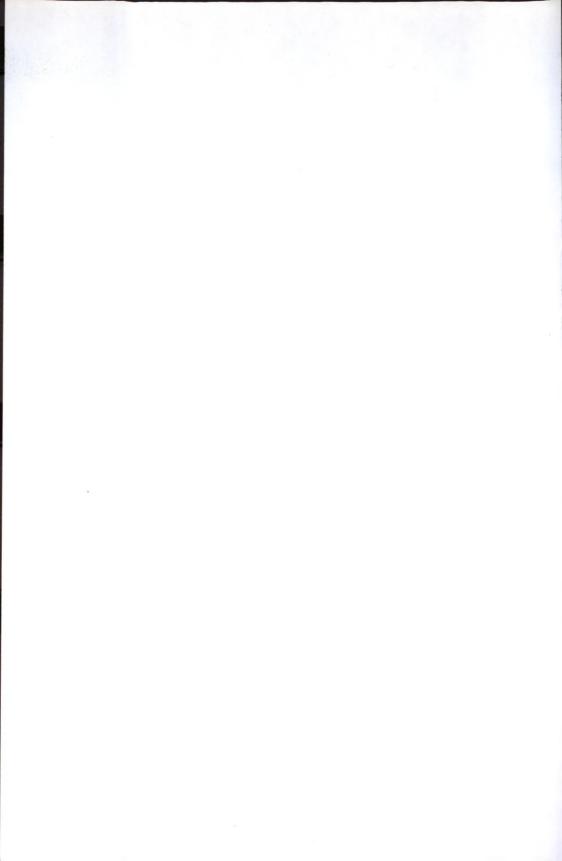
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## From the Editor

The Society for German-American Studies, founded under the leadership of Robert Ward in 1968, celebrates its thirty-fifth year of existence in 2003. Our marking of that anniversary will continue throughout the year. One aspect of that celebration was the publication this spring of the first Supplemental Issue of the *Yearbook of German-American Studies*. Our colleague, Christoph Schweitzer, professor emeritus of German at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, desired to publish his edition and translation of the 1783 pamphlet *Wahrheit und Guter Rath an die Einwohner Deutschlands, besonders in Hessen* oringinally published anonymously in Philadelphia. With generous support from the University of North Carolina Research Administration, the Executive Committee of the Society agreed to publish and distribute this volume to our membership. We have already received much favorable reaction to this new publication.

We continued the celebration with our annual Symposium held at Loyola College in Baltimore in April 2003. The scholarly presentations, the historical tours and social events, as well as our attendance at the German-language worship service at historic Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore—all organized by Randall Donaldson—were certainly fitting tributes to the mission of SGAS. On the occasion of the Symposium, the Society was honored with a proclamation signed by Robert Ehrlich, governor of the state of Maryland, commemorating the Society's thirty-fifth anniversary. The proclamation was presented to SGAS President Don Heinrich Tolzmann by the Honorable Judge Gerard Wittstadt, president of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland. A copy of that proclamation follows on page ix.

The 2003 volume of the Yearbook will also be a special edition. As in 1983 for the tricenntenial of the founding of Germantown, Pennsylvania, we will solicit contributions from distinguished scholars in our field. We hope that this edition of the Yearbook will be a suitable tribute to thirty-five years of scholarship in German-American history, culture, language and literature.

The current issue includes articles spanning several centuries from the Hessians in the British Army during the American Revolution to a twentieth-century German-Canadian poet. Featured in this issue are two essays. The first by Guy Stern is entitled "Carl Schurz in Michigan," a publication version of the talk he presented in response to his being honored with the SGAS Outstanding Achievement Award at the 2002 Symposium in the Amana Colonies in Iowa. The second essay is the 2002 Symposium plenary presentation on the history of the Amana Colonies by historian Peter Hoehnle. Other contributions in this volume focus on the experience of women immigrants in the nineteenth-century Midwest, a comparison of town organization in Germany and Colonial New England, Schützenvereine in Illinois, Milwaukee Socialist Heinrich Bartel, and German emigration to North America following the Napoleonic Wars.

We would like to extend a special welcome and word of thanks to Elfe Vallaster-Dona, of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, who assumes responsibility for the review of recent publications in German-American literature with this volume. In her inaugural essay, she has incorporated cover illustrations of the five books being reviewed, adding a new dimension to that section of the Yearbook. Our former literary review editor, Jerry Glenn, assisted in making the transition as smooth as possible. Again, we thank Jerry Glenn for his many contributions to the success of the Yearbook.

As always, we want to especially acknowledge the contributions of the other members of the Yearbook "team." Our sincere appreciation for their efforts goes to Timothy Holian, editor of book reviews, the SGAS Bibliographic Committee headed Dolores and Giles Hoyt, and last, but most certainly not least, the members of the SGAS Editorial Board, whose evaluations and suggestions maintain the high standards of this publication.

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