

# FSCA *Kurier*



## The Frederick Sister Cities Association Newsletter

*Promoting partnership and heritage in Frederick, MD and our sister communities in Germany: **Mörzheim** and **Schifferstadt**.*

<https://fredericksistercitiesassociation.weebly.com/>

We're also on Facebook – search for “Frederick Sister Cities Association”

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During this challenging period of uncertainty about the state of our national and local economies and the health and welfare of each and every single one of us, it is difficult to think about writing a cheery, upbeat message describing the many ways the FSCA is supporting and promoting Frederick's German heritage and the city's strong historical ties to its two Sister Cities.

At the same time, as social distancing and staying at home have been dictating so much of our recent way of life, and these practices have become indelibly engrained in our individual psyches and collective lore, it can be heartening to ponder how strong ties can be despite the distance of separation. As our website notes, “For nearly three decades, FSCA has been active in engaging Frederick with Mörzheim and Schifferstadt.” And those decades of recent engagement only hint at the fact that Frederick's ties to these two distant communities extend all the way back to our city's very founding in the mid-1700s, when, as our website observes, “tens of thousands of Germans fled their ravaged native land to seek a better life in America.” Many of them were drawn to the nascent Frederick Town and its surrounding region in part by how the landscape reminded them of the German countryside they had left behind; ties to one's homeland that could not be broken even as ties with a new home were being forged.

But back to the present. It is going to take a while to fully return to the way we are used to interacting with one another “up close and personal.” And it will take even longer to rebuild our economy. However, as we embark on this journey from our “ravaged . . . land,” let's do so in the spirit of those who, those many years ago, so bravely set out into what was, for them, the unknown. We, at least, can be strengthened by the fact that we know our destination and the strong ties we already have to it.

Everyone please continue to practice whatever separations are still in effect; they cannot impair the ties that count. And do keep checking our website for the upcoming events that will assuredly return to populate it.

***Rick***

Rick Peters  
Acting President

P.S. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and we solicit your comments and suggestions. You can contact us at:  
[fscal150@gmail.com](mailto:fscal150@gmail.com)

**2020: Frederick's 275th Anniversary** - Our sister cities, Schifferstadt and Mörzheim, have both played key roles in Frederick's early start and cultural development. Please check the city's 275th Anniversary website (link below) for the status of any activities planned in celebration of this year's anniversary. Currently, the FSCA has no activities planned in connection with this celebration.



<https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/1363/Citys-275th-Anniversary>

## GERMAN "STUFF"

Word of The Week: *Partnerstadt*

<https://germanyinusa.com/2019/11/20/word-of-the-week-zwillingstadt/>

Working, Studying, Living in Germany

<https://germanyinusa.com/2019/11/20/word-of-the-week-zwillingstadt/>

Germany's 16 states: Rhineland-Palatinate

<https://www.dw.com/en/germanys-16-states-rhineland-palatinate/a-45259814>

Word of the Week: *Habseligkeiten*

<http://germanyinusa.com/2020/02/13/word-of-the-week-habseligkeiten/>

## **OOOPS! Forgot this! German-American Day**

### Presidential Proclamation on German-American Day, 2019

Issued on: October 4, 2019

On German-American Day, we proudly celebrate the contributions German Americans have made to our Nation through their dedication and hard work. The seeds of German-American heritage sown over three centuries ago, when the 13 German families landed in Philadelphia in 1683, continue to flourish and prosper in our country.

From our earliest days, German Americans have helped to secure the rights we hold dear and to sustain the American experience. General Friedrich von Steuben joined the noble American cause for independence, lending critical expertise in military drills, tactics, and discipline to train the soldiers of the Continental Army. As we expanded westward, the German-born businessman Levi Strauss and his iconic namesake clothing brand became emblematic of the resilient and pioneering American spirit. Charles M. Schwab, a descendant of German immigrants, strengthened America's steel industry, and his legacy as a business tycoon continues to be synonymous with innovation and success. Today, when we enjoy music played on a Steinway piano, read a Steinbeck novel, or admire the artwork collected by painter and philanthropist Hilla Rebay and displayed in New York's stunning Guggenheim Museum, we are reminded of the countless ways German Americans have influenced our society, commerce, and culture.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, a triumph of freedom that embodies the dedication of the United States and Germany to the rule of law and human rights. The United States and our allies will continue to safeguard the torch of liberty and promote global stability by defending personal and economic freedom for generations to come.

This month, as we commemorate the contributions German Americans have made to our Nation, we also recognize the more than 43 million Americans who claim German heritage. Our shared values and historic and cultural ties strengthen the enduring bond between the United States and Germany. This partnership is the foundation of a bright and hopeful future for the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2019, as German-American Day. I call upon all Americans to celebrate the achievements and contributions of German Americans to our Nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.

DONALD J. TRUMP



## Activities

**OCTOBER 2019 to MAY 2020**

**November 28 – Thanksgiving** - FSCA received nice Thanksgiving wishes from **Ulrika & Franz Sattel** in Schifferstadt. *Wir bedanken uns herzlich!*



Dear Friends,

wishing You a Happy Thanksgiving day. Enjoy a delicious meal with Your Family and friends. We often think and talk about You. So far away You live, so Close You are in our mind and thoughts.

Heartly greetings from Schifferstadt

Ulrike and Franz

**Saturday, Dec 14, 2019** – [Museums by Candlelight](#) at the [Schifferstadt Architectural Museum](#). FSCA also had an information table at the [C. Burr Artz Public Library](#). A new venue for this event this

year, the library table was an unstaffed spot where we could publicize the FSCA via printed materials, which interested passersby could take with them.



Schifferstadt Architectural Museum

Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us. Rain and cold dominated the day, which led to reduced attendance and a drop in anticipated trinket, food and drink sales. Nevertheless, the atmosphere at the museum was festive and did not interrupt the holiday spirit, especially caroling by various groups of individuals, led most often by our President “Fritz”.



Joyous Songsters



The Sales Pitch



Even the Hessians showed up !

**Sunday, December 15, 2019 – Board & Members Luncheon.** It was a much nicer day when we gathered at the [Manalù Italian Restaurant](#) to celebrate our many successful FSCA activities during 2019, as we look forward to an exciting 2020.



(from left) Rosemary Orthmann, George Albrecht, Regina Schwab, Brian Guenther, Rick Peters, FSCA President Steven “Fritz” Buckingham, Ruth Heflin, Ronnie Osterman, Ken Poisson, and Sybille Faucette.

## 2020



## Winterfest

Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

12-5PM

at Grace UCC

25 E. 2nd Street, Frederick, MD

Hosted by Grace UCC

and Frederick Sister City Association

Beer ~ Brats ~ Glühwein

**Saturday, Feb 1st, 2020 - Winterfest** (themed like *Fasching* or *Mardi Gras*). The event was held in conjunction with [Grace United Church of Christ](#). FSCA was on hand to provide our famous *Glühwein* and Warsteiner *Bier*. Grace United provided Brats,

Rotkohl and donuts! *Frederick Stimmung* performed a series of German songs for the benefit of all attendees. An enjoyable afternoon!



**Frederick Stimmung**  
Shawn McDermott, "Fritz" Buckingham, Reiner Prochaska, Pastor Rob Appgar-Taylor



Regine Schwab says: Glühwein makes the day better!"



Rotkohl and donuts - a German favorite !

**Saturday, February 23, 2020 – Hagerstown –Best of the Wurst** - Three FSCA members (Ruth, Brian and George) joined in the fun at our “sister” Sister City (Hagerstown) for its annual “Best of the Wurst” activity. Samplings of five different German sausages and five “matched” German beers were presented, with the audience ranking them from “Best” to “Wurst”. Included in the tasting were *Sauerkraut, Kartoffelsalat, Brot,* and *Strudel* for dessert. *Zum Wohl und....*



**Saturday, March 7, 2020 - “A Coffee in Berlin”** - Originally released in Germany in 2012 under the title “Oh Boy” and subsequently in the US as “A Coffee in Berlin”. Members and friends of FSCA gathered at the Urbana Library to watch the subtitled film, and held a subsequent discussion about both the film and some thoughts by folks who had visited the German capital. (Former FSCA President “Fritz” Buckingham spent much of his youth there, and Acting President Rick Peters was stationed in West Berlin before the Wall came down.)

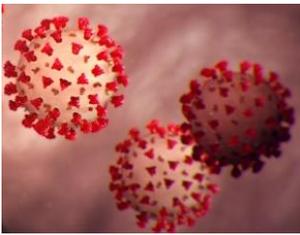
*RogerEbert.com* said about the movie: “Niko is thwarted throughout the film in his quest to get a cup of coffee. The coffee machine is broken, or the vending machine is out of order, or the urn is empty, or a simple cup of coffee costs over three Euros. As *A Coffee in Berlin* goes on, the lack of coffee becomes emblematic of the feeling that the world is somehow massed against him.”





“Fritz” Buckingham discusses his time in Berlin

FSCA will be on the lookout for other German film possibilities in the future.



These little suckers caused many delays/cancellations in FSCA activities.... We hope you are weathering the storm!

**March 21, 2020** - In spite of the coronavirus....  
**FSCA received this upbeat message from friends in Schifferstadt:**

“Dear Friends, first and most important thing: WE HOPE YOU ARE FINE AND IN GOOD HEALTH!

The ... situation all around the world is very serious. How is your special situation? Does life go on as usual? Is your area [been] affected with Corona Covid 19 ?

In Schifferstadt...many shops are closed except Food stores, Drugstore, Pharmacy, bakery, butcher and [other] Shops.

...Nobody knows how long it will take. The plan says four weeks, but we have [an] open end.

You [are] not allowed to play soccer in any way, the European Championship of soccer is cancelled, as well many other events.

We know, some of You wanted to visit the Passion [Play] in Oberammergau. You heard meanwhile, that they are [postponed] to 2022. So sad. We also had tickets and looked forward to that wonderful event. But our health is much more important.



Franz and Ulrike Sattel

Maybe there is only one thing good in this [crisis], the humans in the world think a little more about [life] and lot of them see how many helpless people are living so close. This Virus is an enemy of everyone and we need to fight together.

So the whole life is much slower. It is quiet. Only the upcoming spring is filled with life. The wonderful green, flowers and the song from the black-birds. Let us all keep our heads up, looking forward to a time our scientists triumph.

We think of You, You are in our hearts, stay together and STAY HEALTHY; hugs from the distance.” - **Ulrike and Franz Sattel**

***[THANK YOU Ulrike & Franz! What a wonderful letter. It truly shows the power and friendship of a global people to people relationship! And the same feelings go out to ALL our friends in both Schifferstadt and Mörzheim!]***

**APRIL-MAY 2020**



Sadly, the coronavirus pandemic precipitated the cancellation of the FSCA’s second annual **Kraftung**, a creative talk by a graffiti artist from Berlin, and **Maifest** at Grace United Church of Christ.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sorry** EVENT  
**CANCELLED**

**July 3-6, 2020** – As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the German youth choir *Juventus Vocalis* cancelled its US tour, which was to begin with a July 5 performance in Frederick.

Although we certainly hope that restrictions put in place due to the pandemic will be lifted in plenty of time for our usual *Oktoberfest* activities in September and October, we will not be posting upcoming events on our website until we can confirm that they will take place.

# administrative

## FSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

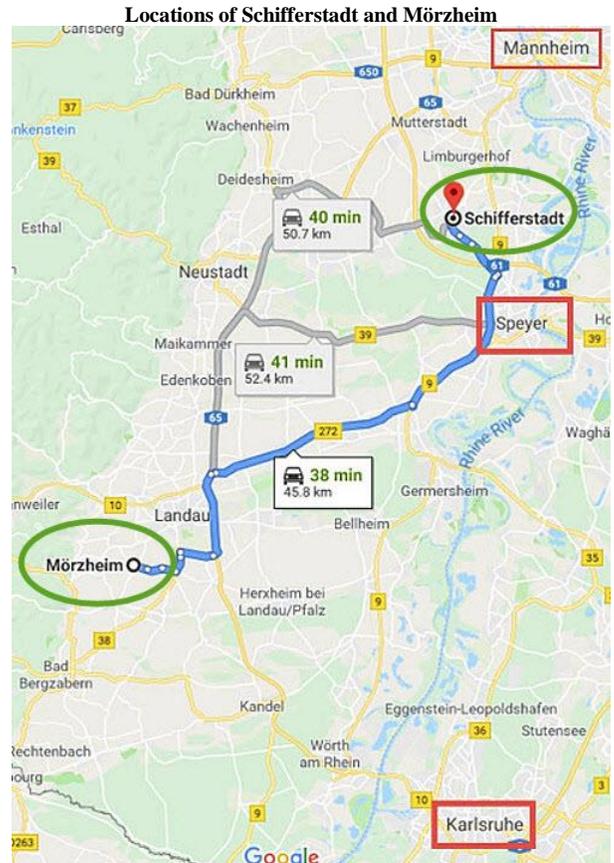
**Rick Peters**, Acting President  
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**Rosemary Orthmann**, Historian  
**Reiner Prochaska**, Treasurer

In 1990, the founding members supported by **Mayor Paul Gordon** established the **Frederick Sister Cities Association (FSCA)**. For three decades, FSCA has been active in engaging citizens of Frederick, MD with those in Mörzheim and Schifferstadt.

“In 1959, Frederick entered into a sister-city agreement with Mörzheim, Germany. That was the home village of **John Thomas Schley**, Frederick's founder. The **Schley, Shriver and Delaplaine** families contributed their family and personal ties to that relationship.

“In 1982, at the prodding of **Mayor Ron Young**, Frederick formed a sister-city compact with Schifferstadt, Germany. **Joseph Brunner**, builder of the lovely stone structure on the north bank of Carroll

Creek (now the Schifferstadt Museum), named the homestead after his hometown.



“Mörzheim is hilly like much of Frederick County. It is notable for wine and music. Schifferstadt, a 30 minute drive northeast of Mörzheim, is a larger town, flat, but with mountains visible in the distance. Its radishes are famous, as is its School of Art. Germany's center for Olympic wrestling is there. Incidentally, Schifferstadt has two sister cities besides Frederick!

Both Mörzheim and Schifferstadt are in western Germany, in what is known as the Palatine region (after the long succession of Bavarian princes [palatines] who enjoyed autonomous rule there). Many of Frederick's founding families came from that region, notwithstanding the land grants made *in absentia* to prospective English settlers.”

[*Frederick News-Post*, Nov 6, 2003]

## MORE ABOUT MÖRZHEIM

“Mörzheim is a village with a traditional village center. There are many old restored half-timbered houses preserved and the many old-established wineries dominate the townscape. The environment is characterized by extensive vineyards. The house of

**Johann Thomas Schley**, emigrant and founder of the US city of Frederick, Maryland, can be seen in Mörzheim.” (Wikipedia)

[www.moerzheim.de/moerzheim.html](http://www.moerzheim.de/moerzheim.html)

<http://www.places-in-germany.com/121403-municipality-moerzheim.html>

### **MORE ABOUT SCHIFFERSTADT**

“**Schifferstadt** is a town in the Rhein-Pfalz-Kreis [county], in Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. Schifferstadt is [actually] the only urban municipality in the Rhein-Pfalz-Kreis. It is situated approximately 12 km southwest of Ludwigshafen and 6 km northwest of Speyer.” (Wikipedia)

<https://www.schifferstadt.de/>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g651929-Schifferstadt Rhineland Palatinate-Vacations.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g651929-Schifferstadt_Rhineland_Palatinate-Vacations.html)

### **FREDERICK, MD – Schifferstadt Architectural Museum**

One of America's finest examples of German colonial architecture. The 1758 stone house is one of the earliest known homes in Frederick and has several unique architecture features.

Schifferstadt Architectural Museum is a National Historic Landmark and the site of an annual Oktoberfest, where FSCA always has an information table and German items for sale.

# Weihnachtsmarkt

Help Sankt Nikolaus fill your Christmas Stockings, and support FSCA!

**It's never too early or late!**

Contact us at [fsca1150@gmail.com](mailto:fsca1150@gmail.com) for more information

Local (Frederick, MD) pick-up only; always best to purchase when and where we display

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| <p><b>Wooden Jumping Jack Magnets</b></p>  <p>Boy German      Girl Bavarian</p> <p><b>“Hampelmänner”</b><br/>(use as magnet or pull the string to make them “jump”) <b>\$5.00</b></p> | <p><b>Suspenders</b></p>  <p>Bavarian Lions</p> <p><b>\$7.00</b></p>  | <p><b>Fedora Hats</b> for Men, Women &amp; Kids</p>  <p>German Classic Green Felt Hat      German Classic Gray Felt Hat</p> <p><b>Volksmarch Hat</b><br/>(Green or Gray felt; M or L)</p> <p><b>\$8.00</b></p>   |
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# The German Shoppe

50% of all sales will be donated to FSCA

Contact George for further info at [tio-geo@gmx.com](mailto:tio-geo@gmx.com) or 301-926-6093  
 PDF lists available for your perusal – give me your email address

**Antique** (over 50 years old) **Bier Glasses** (each 0.5 liter) - Most breweries no longer in existence \$10 each – discount for multiples



All are different breweries

**Metal, wooden and plastic signs** of all types – your man-cave NEEDS this stuff!



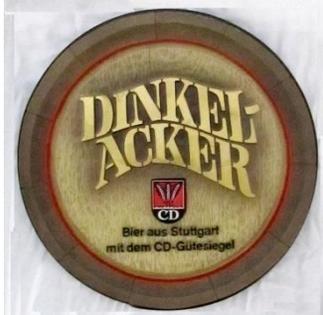
Prices vary

**Plaques, world-wide trinkets, ephemera**



Prices vary

**Old newspapers, comics, etc**



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## HONORARY SPONSORS

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|  | <a href="#"><i>The German Embassy, DC</i></a> |
|  | <a href="#"><i>German Life Magazine</i></a>   |

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**I WANT TO BECOME AN FSCA MEMBER / SPONSOR**

*(Memberships run from 1 January to 31 December –*

*Those joining after Thanksgiving will be considered paid through the end of the following year.)*

| <i>Check the Member-ship Level you are requesting</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>LEVEL</b>                 | <b>COST<br/>(per calendar year)</b> | <b>BENEFITS</b>  |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | <b>Student</b>               | \$10 per year                       | Biannual Newsletter  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>  | <b>Corporate – Bronze*</b>   | \$50 per year                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biannual Newsletter</li> <li>• “Bronze” sponsorship noted in Newsletter</li> <li>• Annual “Bronze” Certificate for the Business</li> </ul>  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>  | <b>Lifetime - Family</b>     | \$350 (one time)                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biannual Newsletter</li> <li>• “Lifetime” status noted in Newsletter</li> <li>• Two (2) German-American lapel pins</li> <li>• “Lifetime” Certificate for the Family</li> </ul>    |

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**Mail this Membership request and your check or Money Order made out to “FSCA” (be sure to make a copy for yourself) to:**

**Reiner Prochaska, FSCA Treasurer, 211 East 4th Street, Frederick, MD 21701**

**Thanks for your support!**