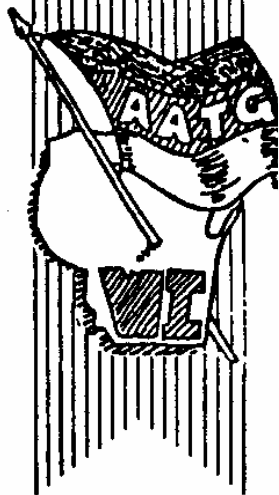


52nd Annual Award Ceremony

Of the German Language and School Society
52nd Annual German Essay Contest
and the National AATG German Contest

Sunday, May 6, 2007, 3:00 PM
Marquette University High School Auditorium
3401 W. Wisconsin Ave.. Milwaukee, WI



The German Language and School Society

The German Language and School Society, Wisconsin, Inc. (DSSV) was founded in Milwaukee on June 9, 1956. It was chartered as a non-political, non-religious, and non-profit educational organization under the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

The goals of the Society have been stated as “promoting and stimulating interest in and understanding the German language and culture” by means of an annual German Essay Contest.

This contest is open to students of all public and private high schools in the state of Wisconsin who are presently enrolled in a German Class. Study and vacation trips to Germany, scholarships and valuable book prizes are awarded to those who qualify in these contests. The German Language and School Society conducts its annual contest in conjunction with the comprehensive German language test sponsored by the AATG.

The German Language and School Society is proud of its record to have served the educational needs of our youth for half a century.

The Society has sponsored 52 annual German Essay Contests.

30,250	Students have participated in these contests
7,782	Awards were presented to the students for outstanding achievement in these contests.
78	Study and vacation trips to Germany have been awarded
7,709	Books and cash prizes were presented to qualifying students

Contributions from individuals and German-American Societies raised over \$250,000 to fund this program. The Society did not receive any governmental monetary grants.

The German Language and School Society wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the students and teachers who participated, as well as to our members and the many organizations, here and in Germany, who contributed so much to the success of this highly idealistic program.

German Language and School Society Wisconsin Inc.

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We Gratefully Acknowledge the Financial Support and Other Assistance Received from the Following Organizations:

Contributing a Four-week Study Trip to Germany:

Pädagogischer Austauschdienst, Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Contributing Book Awards:

Goethe Institut, Bonn, Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Scholarship Contributions:

German Language and School Society, Wisconsin, Inc.

German-American Societies of Milwaukee, Inc.

Goethe Haus Milwaukee

Christel Mildenberg

Wilma Giese

German Fest Milwaukee, Inc.

German Fest also donates complimentary admission tickets to German Fest 2007 to all contest winners attending the Award Ceremony

Special Scholarships:

Over these past 52 years the German Language and School Society has had many friends, donors and volunteers. Other German-American organizations in the community have generously provided financial support. Numerous individuals have contributed funds for scholarships.

We continue to provide scholarships thanks to the support of three major contributors:

- A very generous bequest from the estate of Eleanor Arneson
- The Theodore and Anna Grollmann Fund
- The Rudolf and Helga Kaden Memorial Fund, created in 2004, has contributed \$1,500 for three special scholarships this year.

Rudolf and Helga Kaden were long-time members of the DSSV who both passed away within a few months of each other last year. They were immigrants from Germany in the mid 1950's and met each other at the former Militzer's Bakery. The annual award ceremonies were held at Whitefish Bay High School for a number of years, where Rudi was the custodian. The Kadens assisted Fritz Keller for many years with the award presentations. They had no children and established a memorial fund with a substantial portion of their estate in order to "promote German language, culture and customs in the State of Wisconsin".

Eleanor Arneson and Theodore and Anna Grollman were also German immigrants who wanted to preserve their heritage. The DSSV sincerely thanks these generous donors.

GERHARD ROHR

The German Language and School Society lost a dedicated leader and founder on May 12, 2006 with the death of Gerhard Rohr, Senior President of the Deutscher Sprach-und Schulverein. Gerhard's service to the Society included serving as president and later as senior president for over 45 years.

Gerhard Rohr was also an active supporter of the Goethe Haus Milwaukee. In the summer 2006 issue of the Goethe Haus, Milwaukee publication, Prespectiven, the Honorable Ted E. Wiedemeyer, Jr., President of the Goethe Haus, Milwaukee commmerated the life and many contributions of Gerhard Rohr:

Goethe Haus lost a great friend on May 12, 2006 with the death of Gerhard Rohr. As reported, he died peacefully at his home surrounded by members of his family.

As a young man in pre World War II Germany he was a Hamburg city police officer. He was expected to join the National Socialist Party and when he refused he lost his job. Shortly thereafter he was drafted into the Luftwaffe and before his capture by Allied forces he progressed to the rank of captain.



Gerhard Rohr

After his release from a prisoner of war camp he returned to Hamburg but was unable to find any work. It was then that he decided it would be best to move his family to the United States where he felt he would have more opportunities and freedom. He arrived in America in 1950. He not only brought himself, his lovely wife, Lotte, and three children, Klaus, Christel and Gerhard, but also an all consuming desire to reaffirm all the advantages of a strong relationship between Germany and the United States. He was an accomplished advocate of soft diplomacy, firmly believing that language and culture were an indispensable means for effective exchange and mutual understanding. His commitment is no better expressed than a statement attributed to him some years ago:

As Americans of German descent, we believe that our efforts not only benefit our youth and the community, but are also a contribution to the greater task of rebuilding and maintaining a better understanding between nations.

As evidence of the success of his efforts, he was awarded the Officers' Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Order of Merit of the State of Hesse, the German American Friendship Award and the American Association of Teachers of German Award to mention just a few symbols of gratitude. This recognition of his achievements was in no small way the part he played in helping to establish the German Language and School Society of Wisconsin (Deutscher Sprach und Schulverein), the Milwaukee German Immersion School and his long term service as director and treasurer of the Goethe Haus of Wisconsin.

He was employed as an accountant with the Gugler Lithographic Company from where he retired. Rohr is survived by his wife, Lotte, children Klaus (Angela), Christel Mildenberg, Gerhard H. (Louise) and grandchildren Dante Rohr (Christine), Karl Rohr (Erica), Alexander Mildenberg and Christopher Mildenberg, as well as five great-grandchildren.

A kind., gentle man, a raconteur of unparalleled talents, that was Gerhard Rohr!! His example will not be forgotten.

Ted E. Wedemeyer Jr., President
Goethe Haus, Milwaukee

German Language Contest Description and Awards

AATG Test and Awards

Each year, German students from Wisconsin high schools are eligible to participate in the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) sponsored comprehensive National German Language Test administered at high schools throughout Wisconsin by the German teachers at their schools. The Level 2 test is taken by students who have two years of high school German. The Level 3 test requires three years of study, and level 4 requires 4 or more years of study. The Wisconsin AATG sponsors cash awards and medals and also invites students achieving the highest scores to participate in a selection committee interview held in Wisconsin during March of each year. Based on students' test scores and interview results, the AATG will nominate one or two students for four week summer study trips to Germany. The national AATG office evaluates the nominations from each state and determines the final winners of the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst, (PAD - German Student Exchange Program) sponsored 4 week summer study trips to Germany. The number of study trips sponsored by PAD as well as the number of these trips allocated by the national AATG office to German students in Wisconsin may vary from year to year.

DSSV Essay Contest and Awards

The DSSV sponsors over one hundred cash and book awards annually for students with excellent performance on the AATG test. In addition, students taking the level 3 or level 4 AATG test are eligible to participate in the DSSV-sponsored German Essay contest. The essays written by these students are evaluated by a German Department faculty member from a Wisconsin university and students who have taken both the AATG test and have written a DSSV essay are eligible to compete for a separate DSSV-sponsored four week study trip to Germany as well as additional cash and book prizes. This trip is provided by PAD through its long-standing relationship with the DSSV.

Students with the top AATG test scores combined with the best DSSV essay performance will be invited to participate in selection committee interviews from which the DSSV grand prize winner and a runner-up will be determined.

These interviews are held each year in conjunction with the selection committee interviews for the AATG trip(s) on the same date and at the same Wisconsin location. While all students participating in the AATG test are eligible for medals, books and cash awards, only students who have written a qualifying DSSV essay and taken the AATG test are eligible for the DSSV sponsored trip to Germany.

Finalists for the AATG and the DSSV trips to Germany will be invited to participate in personal interviews from which the winners are selected. These personal interviews are conducted every year in March by a panel of University of Wisconsin faculty members, AATG members, and representatives of the DSSV. **Students must register for and participate in a personal interview in order to be selected as a trip winner.**

AATG trips are awarded nationally to many students throughout the country and the number of trips available to Wisconsin students may vary from year to year. Only Wisconsin students have a unique opportunity to also participate in the DSSV Essay Contest and compete for the DSSV Award trip to Germany.

German students throughout the state are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to compete for the DSSV study trip to Germany. Wisconsin's high school German teachers are asked to encourage their students to participate in the DSSV Essay Contest. These teachers are also requested to facilitate their students' participation by disseminating contest information and administering the essay contest at their respective schools.

Facts and figures regarding the 52nd Annual German Essay Contest - 2007 sponsored by the German Language and School Society, Wisconsin Inc.

- Students Participating: 680
- Schools Participating: 24
- A Total of 380 Essays were Submitted

The following awards are presented to qualifying students:

One four-week study and vacation trip to Germany and cash scholarships totaling over \$5,000 and book awards having a total value of 800 Euros.

The DSSV's new WEB SITE is currently under construction. The site will provide DSSV contest information for Wisconsin German students, teachers and parents.

www.dssvwi.org



PROGRAM

52nd Annual DSSV German Essay Contest and the National AATG German Contest Award Ceremony

Master of CeremoniesFred Keller

Presentation

2006's DSSV Grand Prize trip winner, Krista Wozniak, from Brookfield Academy, will show pictures and discuss her trip to Germany.

Addresses

Frank Schmitz
President, German-American Societies of Milwaukee

The Honorable Joan F. Kessler
Wisconsin District I Court of Appeals

Introduction of the AATG Winners

Dr. John S. Pustovjevsky
Marquette University

Presentation of the Gerhard Rohr Memorial Scholarship

Christel Mildenberg

Presentation of the Rudolf and Helga Kaden Awards

Introduction of the DSSV Grand Prize Winner

Heiner Giese, President
Deutscher Sprach- und Schulverein

Presentation of Awards to the Winners in the DSSV German Essay Contest and the AATG National German Test

Presented by Fritz Keller, Lori Keller, and Katie Urbanek
Deutscher Sprach-und Schulverein

A Reception will follow the Presentation

CONGRATULATIONS!

DSSV Award Winners

The winner of the 2007 German Language and School Society sponsored Grand Prize Study Trip to Germany and a medal is:

Timothy Elfelt, Brookfield Academy
Teacher: Mr. Andrew Richardson

Gerhard Rohr Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 and a medal

Jill Wrobel
Tremper High School, Kenosha
Teacher: Ms. Jamie Orth

Rudolph and Helga Kaden Awards - \$500 and a medal

Adrienne Ognacevic, Divine Savior Holy Angels High School
Teacher: Ms. Katharina Sheikh

Emily Kesner, Wauwatosa West High School
Teacher: Karin Awve

Elizabeth Kohler, Rufus King High School
Teacher: Ms. Sabine Beirold

Wisconsin A.A.T.G. Winners

Study Trip Nominee

Rose Mueller, Brookfield Academy
Teacher: Mr. Richard Anderson

Trip Runner-up

Emily Scher, Divine Savior Holy Angels High School
Teacher: Ms. Katharina Sheikh

Senior Award

Joshua Rauch, Nicolet High School
Mr. Mark Wagner

Recipient of the Langensheidt Award

Courtney Beene, Nicolet High School
Teacher: Mr. Mark Wagner

Recipient of the Duden Award for Outstanding Teachers

Mrs. Karen Pfefferle, Appleton North High School



JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

May 7, 2006

Greetings!

On behalf of the State of Wisconsin, I want to congratulate all the students that are being recognized for their achievements by the 51st Annual German Language and School Society of Wisconsin.

By studying the German language, you are learning more than words. You are learning about Germany's culture, history, and people. I applaud you for expanding your horizons.

It takes an enormous amount of enthusiasm, discipline, and practice to master a second language. I was pleased that, by learning French and Arabic during my time in Tunisia, Africa in the Peace Corps, I gained a greater understanding of the structure of the English language and a greater appreciation of the history and customs of countries around the world. Your study of a second language will surely benefit you in many of the same ways.

I commend each of you on the time and effort you have devoted to studying the German language, an investment you will find beneficial in whatever future endeavors you pursue.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle
Governor

“Meine Zukunft”

This year’s level 3 and 4 students were asked to write an essay in the German language on the theme “Meine Zukunft”, which translates into “My Future”.

A total of 380 essays from 24 schools throughout the state were submitted. They were evaluated and graded by Professor Garry Davis of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. In addition to the Grand Prize winner, we would like to recognize the following students for writing the best essays and recognize their schools and German teachers.

Top 32 Essayists of 52nd Annual DSSV German Essay Contest

1.	Jill Wrobel	12 th Grade	Tremper High School (Kenosha)
2.	Adrienne Ognacevic	12 th Grade	Divine Savior Holy Angels
3.	Emily Scher	10 th Grade	Divine Savior Holy Angels
4.	Emily Kesner	11 th Grade	Wauwatosa East High School
5.	Nathan Retzlaff	12 th Grade	Slinger High School
6.	Elizabeth Koehler	10 th Grade	Rufus King High School
7.	Shannon Roska	11 th Grade	Nicolet High School
8.	Linda Plautz	12 th Grade	Appleton East High School
9.	Jasmine Nichols	12 th Grade	Milwaukee School of Languages
10.	Andrea Cavara	12 th Grade	Muskego High School
11.	Andrew Hacker	10 th Grade	Milwaukee School of Languages
12.	Evan Streng	12 th Grade	Rufus King High School
13.	Bethany Hite	12 th Grade	Appleton North High School
14.	Ingrid Dirtzu	12 th Grade	Appleton North High School
15.	John Boston	12 th Grade	Marquette University High School
16.	David Rosenberg	11 th Grade	Tremper High School (Kenosha)
17.	Katie Omernick	(Not listed)	Wauwatosa West High School
18.	Allison Hochmuth	12 th Grade	Wauwatosa East High School
19.	Gretchen Panzer	11 th Grade	Appleton East High School
20.	Brittany Yusuf	11 th Grade	Milwaukee School of Languages
21.	Kelli Lucas	12 th Grade	Mukwonago High School
22.	Eric Meinhardt	11 th Grade	Nicolet High School
23.	Max Loos	12 th Grade	Marquette University High School
24.	Jasmine Madlock	11 th Grade	Milwaukee School of Languages
25.	Anna Czarnik-Neimeyer	12 th Grade	Appleton North High School
26.	Krista Wozniak	12 th Grade	Brookfield Academy
27.	Samantha Koch	12 th Grade	Milwaukee School of Languages
28.	Javier Govea	12 th Grade	St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy
29.	Elizabeth Sikorski	10 th Grade	Greenfield High School
30.	Kate Sinclair	10 th Grade	Appleton East High School
31.	Anna Brzeski	12 th Grade	Greenfield High School
32.	Abriana Iwanski	10 th Grade	Appleton East High School

Topic of the 52nd German Essay Contest: “Meine Zukunft” - My Future

Excerpts from some of the top essays:

- „Dort” (an einer tollen Universität in Milwaukee) „werde ich lernen, wie man deutsch unterrichten soll, noch mehr Grammatik lernen, und noch mehr über meine Liebessprache.Wir müssen all versuchen, an andere Leute zu denken.“
Jill Wrobel, Tremper High School, Kenosha
- „Meine arbeiten Pläne sind diese: Zuerst auf Broadway gehen und in vielen Theaterstücke spielen. Danach möchte ich eine Lehrerin sein. Ich will die ersten durch fünften Klassen Musik lehren.“
Adrienne Ognacevic, Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, Milwaukee
- „Ich will auch in Europa studieren, vielleicht in Deutschland, Österreich oder der Schweiz. Ich weiss, dass es wird ängstlich sein, aber ich will viel reisen. Ich will politische Wissenschaft und Englisch auch studieren.“
Emily Kesner, Wauwatosa East High School
- „Ich weiss, dass meine Zukunft ausgezeichnet sein wird. Nächstes Jahr gehe ich in die Uni. Ich weiss noch nicht wo, aber vielleicht UW-Madison oder Marquette oder UM-Twin Cities. Da wird ich „Biomedical Ingenieur“ studieren.“
Nathan Retzlaff, Slinger High School
- „Ich glaube, das Schicksal eine wichtige Rolle im täglichen Leben spielt.“
Elizabeth Koehler, Rufus King High School, Milwaukee
- „Meine Zukunft ist sehr wichtig und ich muss denken, wie ich meine Zukunft besser mache. Ich weiss, dass ich einen Tierarzt sein will.andere Länder und andere Kulture sind sehr interessant und ich will diese Länder und Kulture kennen lernen.“
Shannon Roska, Nicolet High School, Glendale
- „Es gibt so viele Möglichkeiten, aber nicht sehr viel Zeit. In meinem Leben möchte ich viel machen. ... Ich mag Mathe nicht, aber ich liebe Sprachen.... Vielleicht könnte ich Dolmetscherin sein.“
Linda Plautz, Appleton East High School
- „Ich muss jetzt viele verschiedene, wichtige Entscheidungen über mein Leben machen. Vorher dachte ich nie an die Zukunft. Vielleicht werde ich eine Ärztin sein. Vielleicht werde ich eine Künstlerin sein.“
Jasmine Nichols, Milwaukee School of Languages

- „Was wird meine Zukunft mir bringen. Das ist eine gute Frage. Nach der Hochschule, werde ich nach Waukesha County Technical College gehen. Ich liebe Leuten zu helfen.“
Andrea Cavara, Muskego High School
- „Als ich jünger war, wusste ich nicht, was in meiner Zukunft lag. Ich bin eine Studentin mit viele verschiedene Interessen. ... An der Universität studiere ich Deutsch, Japanisch und vielleicht auch Französisch, aber vor allem studiere ich Chor. Ich hoffe irgendwo in der Zukunft, eine Chordirektorin werden.“
Ingrid Dirtzu, Appleton North High School
- „Nur Gott weiss was ich werde machen. Ich werde an Uni gehen aber weiss nicht wo. Aber ich have nur vier Jahre bei der Uni und nach dem werde ich ein Beruf brauchen. Natürlich werde ich Deutsch lernen...“
John Boston, Marquette University High School, Milwaukee
- „In meiner Zukunft will ich ein volles Leben haben. Ich werde studieren, reisen und eine Familie haben. Ich werde über Chemie und Biologie lernen, dazu ich eine Ärztin werden kann. In Deutschland will ich auch studieren.“
Katie Omernick, Wauwatosa West High School
- „Als ich sechzehn Jahre war, hatte ich ein Problem. Ich hatte kein Plan für meine Zukunft.jetzt habe ich einen Plan. ...Im Herbst gehe ich an Universität in North Dakota für Luftverkehrcontrollierung.“
Kelli Lucas, Mukwonago High School
- „Es gibt viele Sachen die passieren können und die Ideen, die ich habe über meine Zukunft wexeln. Es gibt Bücher, die viele verschiedene Enden gibt und man kann andere wählen. Ich würde es interessant finden, mein leben wie das zu sehen.“
Krista Wozniak, Brookfield Academy
- „Ich bin siebzehn Jahre alt und jetzt ist es Zeit über meine Zukunft zu denken. Ich werde in Mexico studieren weil ich da geboren bin. In die Universität werde ich mich gut vorbereiten um die Firma meine Familie abnehmen.“
Javier Govea, St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, Delafield
- „Ich möchte eine Lehrerin sein. Ich liebe kleine Kinder und ich möchte Kinder helfen. Sie machen nicht viel Geld, aber das ist nicht wichtig. Ich möchte froh sein.“
Elizabeth Sikorski, Greenfield High School

DSSV Award Winners by High School

Appleton East

Ms. Margaret Draheim

Kelsey Christensen
Kirsten Harh
Abriana Iwanski
Erik Mayer
Gretchen Panzer
Linda Plautz
Erika Ruhl
Daniel Sinclair
Kate Sinclair
Nick Tillema

Appleton North

Ms. Karen Pfefferle

Anna Bartosic
Jennifer Bryson
Anna Czarnik-Neimeyer
Ingrid Dirtzu
Kirsten Eggebrecht
Mikhail Hanson
Bethany Hite
Lauren Thompson

Brookfield Academy

Mr. Andrew Richardson

Sarah Anderson
Chloe Chiuminatto
Cody Gruenwald
Anne Kocher
Mary Langkau
Elizabeth Nugent
Stephanie Schreiner
Kai Tikkanen
Krista Wozniak

Brookfield East

Ms. Elizabeth Marsach

Emily Braker

Deutsche Sprachschule der Kulturvereinigung

Frau Helena Gyarmaty

Frau Cornelia Ille

Frau Karen Rinaldi

Michael Dunn
Katarina Enevold
Yvonne Hansterfer
Erika Hetzel
Samantha McNaughton
Karl Osterman

Divine Savior Holy Angels

Ms. Kathy Sheikh

Edna Basurto
Natalie Bolton
Samantha Eberle
Emily Irwin
Anna Johnson
Brooke Lange
Morgan Lange
Danielle Moehrke
Caroline Mosley
Elyse OCallaghan
Elizabeth Ozminkowski
Kristen Radloff
Kristin Wolf

Greenfield

Ms. Carley Goodkind

Anna Brzeski
Elizabeth Sikorski
Matt Szaniawski

Kenosha Tremper

Ms. Jammie Orth

La Pavelski
David Rosenberg
William Swassing

Marquette University High

Dr. Sy Kreilein

John Basich
John Boston
Dieter Brummund
Cody Buth
James Hager
Michael Hanley
Matthew Henke
Gregory Herbers
Jordan Hunter
Brian Krause
Maxwell Loos
Oliver Patch
Andrew Petr
Michael Puck
Alexander Sloane
Alexander Stuth
Nick Unger

Madison West**Ms. Wendy Weber**

Johanna Behrens
Andy Eikenberry
Molly Farry Thorn
Emily Furste
Hannah Johnson
Anthony Lattis
Cody Loewen
Evelyn Mackay
Christopher Marchbanks
Colin Sinclair

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Jacob Fullmer
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Christopher Schweizer
Tyler White
Chris Wiegand
Zachary Woodhouse
Britanny Yusuf

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Erin Gunn
Alyssa Lammers
Kelli Lucas
John Makary
Will Scherbarth
Kara Schoeffel
Erik Schwerdtfeger
Jake Skebba
Sara Wysk

Rufus King**Ms. Sabine Beiroid**

Julia Beiroid
Michael Bolling
Edward Cullen
Laura Graf
Emily Neuenschwander
Meg Neuenschwander
Christina Nitecke
Hector Quintero
Andrew Roemer
Jonathon Saindon
Ivan Streng

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Seth Mattheis
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Charles Smith
Maureen Smith
Maria Strohbusch
Logan Wedel

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Sam Herzberg
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In 2006, the Deutscher Sprach-und Schulverein Celebrated 50 Years of Service to the Community

Founded in Milwaukee on June 9th, 1956, by German-Americans Werner Behrend, Bernhard Hoffman, Fritz Keller and Gerard Rohr., with the assistance of other dedicated individuals, DSSV has long promoted interest in and an understanding of German society and culture through German language education.

The Hon. Henry W. Maier, late Mayor of Milwaukee, stated in a commendation to the DSSV on the occasion of its 20th anniversary: "So much of a Nation's heritage is embodied in the language and customs of the countries of origin of its peoples that there is no way in which we can separate one from the other. To the degree that we neglect this important part of our culture, so much do we detract from the beauty of our way of life. We are the poorer for every effort we make to erase traces of our rich ancestral origins."

This spirit of improving American life by maintaining the rich heritage of German culture guided the DSSV from its first days. Unlike a social or fraternal ethnic organization, the DSSV focused its attention on the irrevocable link between language and culture. Recognizing the moribund state of German language education in America following the difficult decades of the 20's, 30's, and 40's, the DSSV committed itself from its inception to cultivate the teaching of the German language in all public and private high school in the state of Wisconsin. As stated by former President Gerhard Rohr, as Americans of German descent we believe that our efforts not only benefit our youth and the community but are also a contribution to the greater task of rebuilding and maintaining a better understanding between the nations."

Without the hard work and dedication of DSSV leaders like Gerhard Rohr, co-founder and chairman from 1956 to 1992, the DSSV would not have enjoyed the opportunity to compliment the education of Wisconsin Students for the past half century. The merits of DSSV's annual event are best described by students who experience it. Reflecting on their time in Germany, one grand prize winner explained, "From all angles it was the best month of my young life. Not only did I learn a great deal about the German people and the country they inhabit, but also I learned a lot about myself and the *American* people." Another grand prize winner noted, "It is gratifying to see the Society's realization of this event as not only a mechanism of providing worthwhile incentive in the study of German, but also as a stimulator of revived cultural interest between the two countries and people of the world in general." The rewards of this annual contest are made possible only through the continued support from several German -American organizations and many generous philanthropists. Membership in the DSSV is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

Help Promote the Study of German in Wisconsin!

The German language and School Society (Deutscher Sprach und Schulverein) is looking for people interested in promoting Study of the German Language in Wisconsin. Are you interested in helping in the planning, organization and administration of the annual contest and award ceremony? Not only teachers are needed. Your particular skill or talent is welcome and needed. You don't need to be a German expert to help!

Please let us know where you would like to help:

- Communications and Publicity
- Fund Raising or Award Sponsorship
- Coordination and Distribution of Awards
- Award Ceremony

Other Special Interests _____

I am unable to help, but I would like to lend my financial support (My Check Is Enclosed)

- Annual Membership \$10.00
- Other Contribution \$ _____ .

Please provide the following information so that we may contact you:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

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Thank You,

The DSSV Board of Directors

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