

Austrian-American Society of Pennsylvania

Society Brochure



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Mission of the Austrian-American Society of Pennsylvania:

To Promote public appreciation and understanding of Austrian culture, history & tradition and language



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Do you enjoy the rich memories of the Sound of Music, or tap your foot to a Strauss waltz? Please take a minute to read about our unique cultural and social organization.

Incorporated as a nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1981, our purpose is to promote public appreciation and understanding of Austrian culture, history, tradition and language. We do this by sponsoring social and cultural events, educational programs and other activities throughout the year. Our members enjoy happy times in pursuit of these activities, while promoting friendship between people of Pennsylvania and Austria.

There are many sister Austrian organizations throughout the United States. One of these is the Austrian - American Society of Wilmington, Delaware. The Pennsylvania and Wilmington groups enjoy a close relationship, attend each other's activities, and sometimes sponsor joint events. The Pennsylvania Society is associated with the Austrian-American Council of North America.

Some of the activities planned on an annual basis include:

o **The Johann Strauss Ball.** This ball is held early in the year. The evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a fine dinner. The feature of the evening is dancing. We enjoy Viennese waltzes as well as a popular mixed medley of music, performed by professional musicians. We provide many other fun highlights, including dancing instruction, Austrian folk-wear fashion shows, and opera excerpts sung by soloists and groups. The ball has been held at the Merion Cricket Club and the Union League, both located in the Philadelphia area.

o Celebration of the **Austrian National Holiday** or *Staatsfeiertag*, in October. It commemorates the achievement of Austria's independence in 1955 from post-World War II foreign occupation.

We have also held a *Heuriger* afternoon or evening in the late spring or early fall. *Heuriger* is pronounced HOI-ri-ga. Literally translated, this word means "this year's". This year's what? This year's wine, of course! In Austria, you would call friends and decide at which of the many *Heurigers* you will meet. Together, you enjoy this year's new wine, good food and great conversation, talking and laughing into the evening. Many *Heurigers* offer musical entertainment by strolling accordion and violin players who perform schmaltzy Viennese songs. We try to fashion a Viennese *Heuriger* in an American setting.

Other festivities of interest were trips to visit Austrian art exhibits, an Austrian theme barge party on the New Hope Canal, Austrian dinners at local ethnic restaurants, lectures about Austrian heritage and cosmopolitan life in Vienna, and a children's St. Nikolaus event in December.

You might ask yourself, why is the Austrian-American Society for me and my family? You may have ties to Austria through family or friends. You may want to extend memories of a visit to Austria. You may want to learn more about a nation rich in history, folklore, music, architecture and art. You may enjoy meeting interesting and exciting people who share international experiences.

Come join us !

You can e-mail the Society at: info@aaop.org
Our website is www.aaop.org

To join the Society, please complete this application form and mail it with your check to:

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of the Austrian-American Society of Pennsylvania is to increase public awareness and understanding of Austrian culture, music, customs and language. The Austrian-American Society welcomes the membership of individuals and of organizations supporting the cultural, benevolent and educational objectives of the Austrian-American Society.

Please provide the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (work): _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____ U.S. Citizen? _____

Were you or one of your relatives born in Austria? If so, please provide details:

What are your specific interests in Austrian culture?

Which membership category would you like to join?

Household (\$50/year) _____ Student (\$10/year per person) _____
(25 Year Age Limit)

Individual (\$25/year per person) _____ Sr. Citizen (\$20/year per person) _____

Contributing (\$100/year) _____ Supporting (\$250/year) _____

Lifetime (\$500) _____

Please send the completed application with your check to the above address.

Thank you for your interest in the Austrian-American Society of Pennsylvania.

The Austrian-American Society of Pennsylvania is a non-profit organization
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