

# Austrian-American Society of Pennsylvania



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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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### THE AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Invites you to celebrate with us:

#### Austrian National Holiday

October 23, 2011 at the Union League of Philadelphia

140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Tel. 215.563.6500

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm Annual Membership Meeting

We urgently need Board Members. If you are interested in joining the Board please contact us before Oct 23, 2011.  
(Please attend this important meeting if you are a member of the Society. Non-members are welcome!)

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Cocktails

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Lecture "Restoring Justice, Restoring Art" by:

Vincent Kling, Professor of German, La Salle University and  
Gregory Fat, La Salle student of economics, political science  
and international relations and Kemper Scholar.

7:30 pm Dinner

Price: \$45.00 for members; \$55.00 for non-members  
(included one glass wine and one glass champagne)

This event is being subsidized by the AASOP

Please indicate entrée choice on the response coupon below

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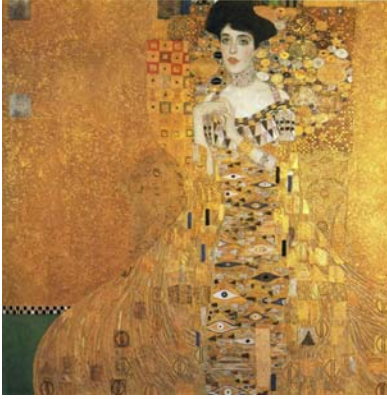
Please reserve ..... space (s) for the Austrian National Holiday Celebration and Dinner Lecture on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at the Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S Broad Street, Philadelphia. My check for \$.....(\$45 members p. person; \$55 non-members p. person) is enclosed. My (our) entrée choice (s) is (are) – please specify number for each choice: ..... Chicken Breast ..... Salmon .....Vegetable Dish  
.....I (We) will come to the Annual Membership Meeting at 4:30 pm  
.....I (We) will not come to the meeting but will arrive for cocktails (optional) and dinner.

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### Restoring Justice, Restoring Art.



A lecture concerning the policies of restoring works of art confiscated from Jewish patrons and collectors to their owners.

In June 2006, Ronald Lauder, co-founder of the Neue Galerie in NYC and former U.S. Ambassador to Austria acquired Gustav Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer" for the astonishing price of \$135 million from Maria Altmann. Maria was the niece of Adele's husband Ferdinand. Adele died in 1925. In her Will, she requested her husband to donate the painting to the Austrian State. However, Ferdinand had to flee to Switzerland when Germany annexed Austria in 1938. His property was confiscated. In his 1945 Will, he designated his nephews and nieces as inheritors of his estate.

The Austrian government took the position that Adele's Will should take precedence over Ferdinand's and kept the painting. His heirs sued, and after a long legal battle, Maria Altmann was declared its rightful owner.

On October 23, Vincent Kling, Professor of German, La Salle University and Gregory Fat, La Salle student of economics, political science and international relations and Kemper Scholar, will discuss the overall background of the restoration of stolen art works to their rightful owners, and the progress made to date. Professor Vincent Kling provided us with the following introduction to the presentation:

*"There was a time after World War II, when the Austrian Government hesitated about what to do with respect to restoring art, plundered or stolen by the Nazis. There simply were no guidelines. The issue was how to justly restore art while making sure the people who claimed the art could establish themselves as genuine owners. Over the years, the Austrian Government worked with an international commission including first the United Nations and then the European Union, to establish acceptable guidelines.*

*This past summer of 2011, new cases arose that tested and stretched the understanding of the use of the guidelines. With guidelines firmly tested, the Austrian Government is proving its dedication to doing the right thing."*

We are sorry to announce the passing of Inge Koeth, a long-time and founding member of the AASOP on September 4, 2011. Inge is survived by her husband Reinhold.

**The Johann Strauss Ball is on March 24, 2012 at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford.**