

To apply for membership in The German Heritage Society of the Susquehanna Valley, complete the following membership application, detach, and mail to:

German Heritage Society
of the Susquehanna Valley
778 Pine Hollow Road
Port Trevorton, PA 17864

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Fax: (____) _____ - _____

e-mail: _____

Membership Grade (check one):

- Individual - \$ 25.00
- Family - \$ 30.00
- Lifetime - \$250 single/\$300 family
- Student - \$ 5.00

Make Checks Payable to:

***“German Heritage Society of the
Susquehanna Valley” or “GHSSV”***

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*Preserving, Promoting, and
Celebrating the German Heritage,
History and Culture of the
Susquehanna Valley.*



The German Heritage Society of the Susquehanna Valley is a non-profit organization founded for the purpose of preserving, promoting, and celebrating the German heritage, history and culture of the Susquehanna Valley.

For over 200 years, from the first Europeans in the area to the present day, the counties of the Susquehanna Valley have been overwhelmingly populated by persons whose ancestry originates in the German speaking lands of Europe: what is now Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, among others. Commonly known as “Pennsylvania Dutch”, the “Pennsylvania Germans” have developed and preserved a culture that is strongly influenced by the traditions, culture, religion, and language of their “heimat”, or homeland. This unique culture is a living, vibrant treasure that has survived the tests and turmoil of time.

SOCIETY OFFICERS:

Jeff Sheaffer - President
Carey Sheaffer - Vice-President
Stefanie Feidt - Recording Secretary
Erika Hort - Treasurer
Randy Hines - Publicity Secretary

Membership:

The GHSSV is a growing organization founded in 2002 with over 70 active members of all ages.

The GHSSV offers membership to those interested in German Heritage, History, and Culture. Membership consists of four grades:

Individual – Any person age 18 or older who is not a full-time student.

Family – Any number of immediate family members living at the same address. All children under age 18 living at home are included.

Student – Any ‘non-family’ student up to and including undergraduate studies.

Lifetime - One time fee for any one person, regardless of age or educational status.

Monthly Meetings:

Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Degenstein Library in Sunbury, PA.

At each monthly meeting a 45-60 minute program is presented that deals with a different aspect of German Heritage. Program topics that have been presented include: German Language, German Genealogy, PA German Folkart, German History, German Culture, German Stamp Collections, German Travel, German Christmas Markets. Socializing and refreshments follow the program.

Activities:

The GHSSV organizes and participates in a variety of activities throughout the year, including:

Travel:

Regional German Heritage Festivals

Fundraising:

The GHSSV raises funds through many activities, including:

- Dues
- Sales and raffles
- Participation in German Heritage festivals (such as the Mifflinburg Christkindlmarkt)

Annual Member Meeting & Dinner Celebration:

An annual dinner meeting is held each September for the purpose of elections, program development, and celebration. The dinner consists of a German/German American meal as well as professional entertainment.

Future Plans:

The GHSSV aspires to expand its activities. Following are some ideas:

- Travel to Regional, and National German Heritage Sites & Festivals
- International Travel
- Cultural exchanges
- Genealogy Library
- Small Groups (such as a PA German language, German Beer and Wine Tasting, Musical Group, Craft Group)
- Festivals (Oktoberfest, Springfest, German-American Day, etc.)