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This year, the 59th annual Steuben Parade will again celebrate the strong ties between Germany and the United States and the proud legacy of German-Americans in this country. It is the largest event of its kind in the United States!

Our parade is not just a festive procession along Fifth Avenue, it is so much more than that: It is a celebration of the ongoing friendship, partnership and exchange between Germany, the United States and their people throughout the decades. In these turbulent times of international crises and global challenges, the German-American partnership takes on even greater importance. Our countries’ close cooperation remains instrumental in guaranteeing peace, freedom and economic stability in the world.

As German Ambassador to the United States, I am very proud to be this year’s Grand Marshal at the Steuben Parade, together with Katarina Witt, the tremendously popular figure skater and two-time Olympic Gold Medalist from Germany. It will be an honor and an enormous pleasure to lead the colorful and joyful parade of floats, bands, organizations and volunteers up Fifth Avenue.

I would like to thank all the participants, organizers and especially the city of New York for hosting the Steuben Parade once again in this fantastic metropolis, and I cordially invite you to join the hustle and bustle.

Ihnen allen wünsche ich viel Spaß!

Peter Wittig
The German-American Steuben Parade Committee is proud to present the Ladies and Gentleman who have represented the German-American community throughout the year and have done a great job advertising the Parade as a celebration of the history and culture of their families and ancestors.

**The 2016 Steuben Parade Queen & Court**

Miss German-America & Steuben Parade Queen:  **Rebecca Koehler**  
Princess:  **Oona Yasukevich**  
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Junior Princess:  **Freida O’Purk**  
Junior Princess:  **Kaete Weinseiss**  
Junior Princess:  **Katharina Stropnicky**  
Junior General:  **Franz O’Purk**
Dear Friends and Liebe Landsleute of the German-American Steuben Parade

This year we are celebrating the 59th German-American Steuben Parade in NYC in honor of the Prussian General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, who helped General George Washington in organizing the American troops for the Continental Army. The Steuben Parade celebrates German-American heritage and our continued cultural contributions here in America. This year, the Parade falls on what would have been Von Steuben’s 286th birthday. Von Steuben was born in Magdeburg, Germany on Sept. 17, 1730.

We invite you to come and join us for this year’s Steuben Parade. Cheer for our Grand Marshals, Ambassador Peter Wittig and Olympic Skater Katarina Witt. Wave to Miss German-America Rebecca Koehler and her court as they lead our colorful presentation up Fifth Avenue. We hope that you will also raise a stein with us at the Oktoberfest in Central Park and enjoy all the other events we proudly present during German-American Friendship Month in the greatest city in the world.

Our steady partnership with the German Embassy and the German Consulate here in New York City is stronger than ever. The Steuben Parade Committee is honored by their commitment to the Parade and German-American Friendship as evidenced by the themes of their floats. “Germany Meets the U.S.A.” and “Filmland Deutschland”. Make sure to save your best cheers as they proceed up Fifth Avenue on Parade Day.

Throughout September, I invite you to celebrate German-American friendship with us. I want to thank our many committed parade volunteers, our honorable Grand Marshals, honored guests, sponsors, supporters, and all of you who come to join us. Enjoy this memorable time of year.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Steuben Parade and our German-American Friendship Month events.

Robert Radske

General Chairman
German-American Steuben Parade of New York
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Peter Wittig was named Germany's Ambassador to the United States on April 30, 2014. It's the fourth ambassadorial post for Wittig, a career member of Germany's Foreign Service. Wittig was born in Bonn, then the capital of West Germany, on August 11, 1954. His father worked in a government ministry and his mother was a teacher.

In 2011-2012, he was German Ambassador to the United Nations in New York and represented Germany during his tenure as a member of the United Nations Security Council. There, he drew on his wide expertise in UN matters, having previously served as Director-General for United Nations and Global Issues at the German Foreign Office in Berlin.

Wittig joined the German Foreign Service in 1982. He has served at the Embassy in Madrid, Spain; as private secretary to the Foreign Minister at headquarters, then located in Bonn, and as Ambassador in Lebanon and in Cyprus. He was the German Government Special Envoy on the “Cyprus Question” (the division of Cyprus). He has acquired extensive knowledge of the Middle East.

Before starting his career in the German Foreign Service, Wittig studied history, political science, and law at Bonn, Freiburg, Canterbury, and Oxford universities and taught as an assistant professor at the University of Freiburg.

His wife, Huberta von Voss-Wittig, has worked as both a journalist and a writer. The couple has four children: Valeska, Maximilian, Augustin, and Felice.
HISTORY OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN STEUBEN PARADE

The German-American Steuben Parade is held annually on the third Saturday in September. It was founded in 1957 by German immigrants and German-Americans – one of the largest ancestral groups living in the United States, who wanted to keep the traditions of their homeland alive. They named the Parade after Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, a Prussian-born General who served with General George Washington in the American Revolutionary War. Von Steuben is still regarded as one of the most influential German-Americans for his contributions to America's fight for independence; his training of the young American troops helped achieve victory against the British.

In April, 1956, the German-American Parade was first held in Ridgewood, Queens, on the 50th Anniversary of the Brooklyn Boys and Girls Chorus. Being a weekend celebration, it began with a concert at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and concluded the following day with the Parade down Myrtle Ave., ending with a gala celebration at Schwaben Hall on Knickerbocker Ave. The outpouring of support for this event from the many clubs and businesses who participated inspired the idea for a parade celebrating German culture to be held annually in New York City.

In 1957, the first official German-American Steuben Parade was held in Yorkville, known then as Germantown. The Parade marched up Fifth Ave., turning on 86th St, and crossed down to Second Ave. to cheering crowds and applause. Once the heart of Little Germany, 86th Street was affectionately called the “German Boulevard.” It hosted many German shops, konditoreis, biergartens, vereins, theaters, restaurants, newspapers, and dance halls.

Today, the Parade continues to march up Fifth Avenue to 86th Street, led by cadets representing the German Language Club of the Military Academy of West Point, founded by General von Steuben himself. The three-hour Parade is filled with German groups wearing their traditional costumes, spectacular floats, marching bands, dancers, clubs, and organizations from across the United States, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Canada. Miss German-America and her court are crowned every May, leading the Parade down Fifth Avenue after serving as young cultural ambassadors to events throughout the year across the Tri-State Area. Every year, the Parade is led by a Grand Marshal, who is chosen through his or her reputation and contributions to the German-American community. Past Grand Marshals have included distinguished German-Americans, as well as German citizens with a close relationship to our country. To this day, the Steuben Parade is still considered one of the most colorful Parades in New York, thanks to our dynamic floats, representation, and colorful cultural displays.
Katarina Witt was born on December 3, 1965 in Staaken. She had an outstanding figure skating career winning 8 German national championships, 6 European championships, 4 World Championships and 2 Olympic gold medals making her one of the world's best ever figure skaters.

After her great success as a competitive amateur skater, Katarina toured the world for almost 20 years. She is the creative mind behind 20+ TV ice shows which are created, designed, interpreted by her, and produced by her production company. These shows can be seen all over the world. She moderates several TV shows for German TV stations ARD, RTL and Pro7. Additionally, she has worked as a figure skating correspondent for broadcasting networks NBC, CBS, ABC, ZDF and ARD.

To honor her great performances, Witt has received numerous international awards including the Olympic Medal of the IOC, along with the German “Bambi,” “Goldene Kamera,” and “Goldene Henne”. In the US she was named 1999 sportswoman of the year, was admitted into the “International Women’s Sports Foundation Hall of Fame” and won an Emmy for her performance in the TV special “Carmen on Ice.”

In 2013, Sat 1 released the movie “Der Feind in meinem Leben” starring Witt. In 2010, Witt won the “Goldene Sportpyramide” award that dignified her athletic career and social commitment, and was inducted into the German Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2011, she was the first German female athlete awarded the title “Legend of Sports” and was also honored for her dedicated work as President of the Board of Trustees for Munich’s 2018 Olympic Games application.

In 2005, she established the “Katarina Witt Foundation” that aims to help children and adolescents with special needs regain mobility and a positive attitude towards life. To this day, the foundation has supported more than 192 projects worldwide.

In addition, Katarina Witt supported the protection of the environment through the “Blauer Engel” campaign in 2014/15 and was one of the first supporters of the Deutsche Welle campaign promoting tolerance: “Wir sind Deutschland.”

Just in time for her 50th birthday in 2015, Witt opened her photo archives with the publication of “Katarina Witt – so much life.” Katarina personally chose and commented on 300 plus pictures – many of which were never before published.
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- **Vice Chairwoman** Nicole Miskiewicz *
- **Vice Chairman** Herbert Seeff *

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