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Founders Day Celebration • October 6, 2012

The German-American organizations of the Quad City Area will celebrate their annual Founders Day event on Saturday, October 6th at St. John's Lutheran Church and Cemetery in rural Geneseo, Illinois. This year the celebration falls precisely on German-American Day, so designated by former President Ronald Reagan in 1983. That year commemorated the 300th anniversary of the first group of German settlers to land in America aboard their ship, the Concord, and the date of their landing was October 6th. They went on to settle Germantown, Pennsylvania.

The local event is the first in Illinois, designed to pay tribute to the courage and character of our German ancestors in settings reflecting their final resting places. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. the Maple City Band will play at the cemetery, followed by a brief program of oral history, poetry and story-telling at 10:00. A fellowship

gathering with refreshments, tour of the cemetery and of the newly reconstructed church will follow the presentations. Lawnchairs are recommended

The original St. John's Lutheran Church was lost to fire in March, 2009. The first church and cemetery date from 1869. The site of both is located 7.5 miles west of Geneseo at 8107 N. 1900th Avenue. More information can be obtained by calling 563-322-5489 or e-mail NSteenbock@aol.com

Sponsoring organizations for Founders Day include American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society, German American Family Club of Illinois and Iowa, German American Heritage Center, German American National Kongress, Davenport Chapter and Schuetzenpark Gilde. *Please thank the leadership of these organizations for their continued efforts to maintain and organize Founders Day! Show your support by attending this event!*

Be sure to recruit a friend or family member to join GAHC,
using the inserted form in the newsletter.

**You'll receive a 20% off Gift Shop certificate
- just in time for the holidays!**

October Trip Tidings: Come Travel With Us!

The GAHC has enjoyed a modest but successful revival of our popular bus trips in 2012. In June we enjoyed a "Heritage Footsteps" tour featuring local sites and on August 25 we had a fabulous if all too brief visit to the newly reopened National Czech and Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids, plus a free video biography and tour of the Grant Wood studio located in Turner Alley, Cedar Rapids.

Full speed ahead for Germany in 2013!

If you have longed to travel to Germany or travel there again, please join the German American Heritage Center in 2013 for two consecutive tour options featuring Germany by water or land! Choose either or both!

Option A

**Enchanting Rhine River Cruise
August 18-25, 2013**

Option B

**German Heritage Land Tour
August 25- September 4, 2013**

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