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TRACING GERMAN-AMERICAN LIFE IN MY COMMUNITY:

A GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY PROJECT

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The Steuben Society's National Council announces that its Education Committee will again offer the Erick Kurz Memorial Award for 2014 as a German American History Project. The idea is to get students to do research and write on the theme "Tracing German-American life in my community."

This will require observation of the names of local streets, landmarks, schools, businesses, parks, etc. It should not be a mere listing of the findings, but show originality in researching a bit deeper in gathering, interpreting, and presenting the information. The student can work with teachers, local librarians, historians, politicians, civic or social groups, or elders in their community and get as much information as they can compile in the time allotted till submission on Mar 31, 2014. We will also consider awarding teamwork. The submission will ideally be accompanied by a teacher's or mentor's recommendation.

The winner(s) of the \$1,000 Erick Kurz Memorial Award will be announced in late April 2014. The results can and hopefully will be used to request a local German-American Month proclamation for September/October 2014. This may perhaps stimulate a flag raising or other local celebration of German American history and friendship.

The text length of essays may depend on the harvest of data but should be no more than 1000 words. Please submit photos (in jpg format) and other support material electronically to steubensocusa@aol.com with a surface mail postcard alert to the Steuben Society office confirming that an email has been sent. (We like to avoid overlooking any submission). The postal address of the Steuben Society of America is 1 South Ocean Avenue, Suite 217, Patchogue, NY, 11772

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