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To Schlierachtaler Stamm, Inc.:

Congratulations on your 75th Anniversary!

Schlierachtaler Stamm is considered one of the premier organizations in America devoted to the culture of Bavaria. Across the decades, it has played a critical role in preserving Bavaria's history and culture through music, folk dancing, art, costume, and German language.

It is often difficult to bring to society a better knowledge of another culture, and to get young people to recognize the benefits that exploring this culture can bring. The Schlierachtaler, though, has managed to live up to its label of a cultural arts and educational institution by celebrating the music and arts of Bavaria in America. The Schlierachtaler Stamm demonstrates the benefits of exploring the fascinating history of this complex and critical region.

Again, congratulations on your anniversary – may you celebrate many more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Gioia".

Dana Gioia
Chairman