



STATE OF NEW YORK



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GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to all members and guests of the Schlierachtaler Stamm Bavarian Dance Club as you gather to celebrate your organization's 75th anniversary.

The Empire State is proud to be home to organizations that promote the customs and traditions cherished by people of common heritage, such as our thriving German-American community. Since its founding, the Schlierachtaler Stamm Bavarian Dance Club has been dedicated to the preservation of Germanic culture throughout the Long Island region, serving as a place of goodwill, fellowship and fraternal association for many families.

On this milestone, New Yorkers join to acknowledge your many accomplishments and successes over the better part of a century. Members of your Club are inspired by an appreciation for their ancestry and also by those values held by our American forefathers – freedom and democracy. Especially noteworthy are your programs that offer youth a unique opportunity to learn traditional German dancing and other activities that highlight the contributions of German-Americans, raising awareness among people of all backgrounds.

As individuals with a shared pride in your heritage, you honor those who demonstrate a steadfast commitment to your goals. I would like to congratulate your devoted club president, Mr. Jerry Hugel, and distinguished Gala Chairlady, Mrs. Marie Hugel, along with the entire committee for such tireless efforts in organizing this celebratory weekend. May the Schlierachtaler Stamm Club never depart from the meaningful purpose established by its founders while continuing to serve the needs of the German-American community.

Best wishes for a truly memorable and successful event.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. E. Pataki".

