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Dear Members and Friends,

This is a special edition of our newsletter.

We just celebrated our National Holiday (Staatsfeiertag) on October 22, 2016 and were honored with the presence of our Consul General, Ambassador Dr. Georg Heindl with his wife Neline Koornneef-Heindl and his daughter Anna.

Dr. Heindl made a special announcement to present to me "Das Silberne Ehrenzeichen fuer Verdienste um die Republik Oesterreich" (The silver Decoration of Honor for Services to the Republic of Austria)

I am deeply honored to receive this special award from my Austria. It is very dear to me and it was a distinct privilege to have our Consul General present this to me in person.

While this award was given to me, I must acknowledge and thank my Board and all A-AA members and friends, who are the foundation of this organization, and who have supported my work for Austria through the A-AA over many years. Without you, I would not have had the opportunity to receive this award and I therefore share it with all of you!

Following the presentation of this medal, I became aware of the background associated with it and its ultimate approval. I have many people to thank for their dedicated efforts to make an official request to Austria on my behalf and especially Dr. Heindl who nominated me to the Austrian Government. I also want to recognize Juliana Belcsak (President of the Austrian-American Council), and my husband David, Rosemary Scully, Didi Harrington and members of the A-AA board, who all participated as the originators of the request. Thank you!

Traude Schieber-Acker, President



Presentation by the
Austrian Consul General



The official Document



Flowers from my Austrian family



Showing off my decoration



Neline Koornneef-Heindl, Consul General,
Ambassador Dr. Heindl and daughter Anna Heindl