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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
To all members, guests and friends of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs,
It is my great pleasure to welcome all of you to this, the silver anniversary convention of the Federation. We are privileged to host so many friends of the Florida Philatelic Society who are also celebrating their silver anniversary meeting here with us this year.

Our Federation was founded in 1948 by a group of dedicated philatelists scattered throughout the State of Florida who felt that a statewide organization needed to advance the cause of philately in the State. From this small nucleus of six clubs the Federation has grown to a membership of over forty clubs with a total membership of over 20,000 members. I believe that all of us can be proud of the fact that in the past quarter century the Federation has grown to be one of the top philatelic organizations in the country and our FLOREX shows are among the finest state exhibitions today.

I look forward to the Federation's growth continuing in the next quarter century as well as it has done in the past.

I wish at this time to express my deep appreciation to the members of the FLOREX '74 committee (who are listed elsewhere in this program) for the long hours and hard work they have expended to make our silver anniversary convention the success I know it will be.

To all of you I wish a pleasant convention and much profit from your philatelic associations here today.
GREETINGS
From
The President of the
GERMANY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt greetings to all our members and guests on the occasion of the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the Germany Philatelic Society. I would also like to extend a special "Willkommen" to our members and guests from the Federal Republic of Germany, who have come such a great distance to help celebrate our Silver Anniversary with us.

A handful of collectors of German material, living in upstate New York, founded the Germany Philatelic Society, and installed their first Officers on July 17, 1949. Over the past twenty-five years this Society has enjoyed a steady growth and now has over thirteen hundred active members, twentyseven Chapters from coast to coast and Canada, eleven Study and Research Groups, each publishing its own Bulletin with articles of special interest.

The Society publishes a monthly Journal, "The German Postal Specialist" which has won many awards at national and international exhibitions. Today's edition on high grade paper and in color, with up to fifty pages of philatelic information, is the largest publication on German Philately in the English language.

Over the years the Society has published Philatelic Maps, Handbooks, and a Philatelic Dictionary to assist the specialized collector of German area material.

The Society operates a Sales Department which mails out hundreds of Sales Books each month, with highly specialized material at reasonable cost, to assist our members in obtaining some of the "elusive" items for their specialized collections.

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The progress I have outlined above was made possible due to the untiring efforts of the Officers, Directors and members of this Society over the past twenty-five years. To these individuals I owe our thanks. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the Florex Committee for their invitation to hold our Silver Anniversary Convention in conjunction with FLOREX '74, as well as to all who worked with me to make this occasion a memorable one.

Dr. Werner M. Bohme
President

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1974
9:00 am  Registration
10:00 am  Opening of FLOREX '74 Exhibition and Bourse
7:00 pm  GPS Annual Banquet
10:00 pm  Close of FLOREX '74 Exhibits and Bourse

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1974
10:00 am  Opening of FLOREX '74 Exhibits and Bourse
10:00 am  Berlin Study Group (GPS)
10:30 am  Florida Federation Business Meeting
11:00 am  Colonies Collectors (GPS)
1:30 pm  GPS Annual Meeting
2:30 pm  Locals Study Group (GPS)
3:30 pm  Federation Club Interaction Seminar
3:30 pm  Third Reich Study Group (GPS)
4:30 pm  Florida GPS Chap 7 & 23 Joint Meeting
6:00 pm  Close of FLOREX '74 Exhibits and Bourse
7:30 pm  FLOREX '74 Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1974
10:00 am  Opening of FLOREX '74 Exhibits and Bourse
10:00 am  Federation Annual Breakfast
4:00 pm  Close of FLOREX '74 Exhibition and Bourse

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