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Blondine Klimach – Honored for More Than Four Decades of Dedication to German-American Friendship

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Consul General Onno Hückmann and Mrs. Blondine Klimach (© Germany.info/chicago) Having served the German-American friendship for more than 45 years, Mrs. Blondine Klimach was awarded the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. On behalf of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Consul General Onno Hückmann awarded Mrs. Klimach on July 28, 2011, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the German-American Friendship. This accolade represents one of the highest distinctions that the Federal Republic of Germany bestows upon any private individual, whether German or foreign.



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Mrs. Klimach founded the “Deutsche Jugendgruppe Detroit” shortly after emigrating to the United States in order to promote German language and traditions. The “Jugendgruppe” became a chapter of the “Carpathia Club”, the largest German-American association in Detroit, where she was active in several leadership positions. She went on tour in 1964 for the German government with the dance group “Mädchenkranz”. She has also been involved with the “Carpathia Mixed Choir” since 1963. Mrs. Blondine Klimach was named “German Day Princess” in 1966, and was named “German-American of the Year” in 1992 by the German American Cultural Center in Detroit.

Since 1963, Mrs. Klimach has been involved with the “Carpathia Mixed Choir”. Later, she became a delegate of the “Nord-Amerikanische Sängerbund”, the umbrella organization for all German choral societies for which she served as vice-president between 1988 and 2006, when she was then elected the

association's first female president.

Previously, she had twice been honored with the German American Friendship Award (1987 and 2008).



Consul General Onno Hückmann during his remarks
(© Germany.info/chicago) In his closing remarks, Consul General Hückmann recognized Mrs. Klimach as a beacon for German language, music, dance and culture. He thanked her for her outstanding dedication to her German heritage and for fostering the German-American friendship and understanding.

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Consul General Onno Hückmann during his remarks



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Consul General Onno Hückmann and Mrs. Blondine Klimach



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Consul General Onno Hückmann presents the decoration to Mrs. Blondine Klimach



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Consul General Onno Hückmann and Mrs. Blondine Klimach (Center) with family and friends



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Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, Lady's version

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