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Donald J. Trump to be inducted into the German-American Hall of Fame

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The Board of Trustees of the *German-American Hall of Fame* (GAMHOF) is proud to announce their vote to induct Donald J. Trump into the Hall of Fame. The formal induction ceremony will take place Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012 at Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in New York City. GAMHOF Chairman William Hetzler recently met with Mr. Trump to inform him of the Board of Trustees' decision. "I am honored to join the remarkable group of outstanding Americans already in the Hall" said Mr. Trump.

GAMHOF was established in 2004 by prominent Americans of German ancestry to recognize and celebrate the impact of German immigrants and their progeny to the United States by highlighting some of the most remarkable German-Americans through a virtual "Hall of Fame."

As has been a custom every year, there is a posthumous inductee, and the inductee for 2012 will be John A. Roebling, the revolutionary civil engineer builder of the Brooklyn Bridge and other notable American structures.

Donald J. Trump is the grandson of a Frederick and Elizabeth Trump, two German immigrants from Kallstadt, Pfalz. Both arrived 1885 in the United States.

Mr. Trump started making business deals with his father, Fred C. Trump, while attending the Wharton School of Finance. Fred attributed much of the success of his company to the tenacity of his son: "Some of my best deals were made by my son Donald...everything he touches seems to turn to gold."

After five years of their father-son partnership, Donald embarked on a solo career in the lucrative market of Manhattan real estate and completely dominated the field. His name is synonymous with some of the most memorable buildings in American architecture including, among many others, Trump Park Avenue, Trump World Tower and Trump Tower. In 2004, his reality show "The Apprentice" debuted to become the #1 show on television, and the Apprentice series, which includes the highly successful Celebrity Apprentice, is entering its thirteenth season. His golf course portfolio includes golf clubs that are among the highest rated in the world, with the Trump International Golf Links Scotland due to open this July in Aberdeen. In addition, the Trump Hotel Collection has won many awards,

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nationally and internationally, and continues to receive accolades for excellence. Two of his latest acquisitions are the historic Old Post Office in Washington, D.C. which will become a luxury hotel while retaining the original façade and the iconic Doral Hotel & Country Club in Miami, which is 800 acres and includes five championship golf courses. In addition, he is the author of sixteen books, many of which have been bestsellers.

Although Trump is most significantly known for his candid, no-nonsense attitude, his true passion is helping the community. Trump serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Police Athletic League. He pays tribute to our troops as Co-Chairman of the New York Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund, and he hosts the annual Red Cross Ball at his Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach. In 2012 he received the American Cancer Society Lifetime Achievement Award.

John Augustus Roebling is the genius behind some of the most iconic symbols of American culture - our suspension bridges. Roebling studied architecture and engineering at the Bauakademie in Berlin, specifically bridge construction, foundation construction and hydraulics. After completing two semesters in college, Roebling left for America with his brother Carl in 1831 and settled in Butler County, Pennsylvania.

Though Roebling created bridge projects around the country, the majestic Brooklyn Bridge is Roebling's most famous architectural masterpiece. He never saw its completion; he lost his life in a horrendous accident. His son, Colonel Washington Roebling, completed the project. More than a century later, his beautiful landmark stands today as one of the most recognizable symbols of the City of New York.

"By inducting Donald J. Trump and John A. Roebling into the ***German-American Hall of Fame***, we are recognizing two great Americans of German ancestry who have truly changed the skylines and landscape of America," said GAMHOF Chairman and Founder William Hetzler. "Literally tens of millions of Americans and visitors have shopped, traversed or lived in the architectural creations of Messrs. Trump and Roebling. We are most proud of them, their distinctive styles and their huge impact on the United States of America."



Donald J. Trump and William Hetzler, GAMHOF Chairman

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