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Professor Dr. Meredith McClain

22nd Recipient of the Lucius D. Clay Medal
of the Federation of German-American Clubs

Meredith McClain, born 1941 in Georgetown, Texas studied music (flute) and German in Vienna and Salzburg (Mozarteum), and, as a scholarship holder at the University of Texas in Austin and at the Free University in Berlin. She obtained the Bachelor of Music and wrote a dissertation on "Rhythmic Aspects in Hölderlin's Poetry", is since 1976 Professor for German at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, and creator of the newsletter "Umlaut", in which she reported vast information about Germany and the German language.

As Chair of the Sesquicentennial Texas-German Committee, Dr. McClain organized and promoted German courses for American students and Excursions to Germany and for German students to the Llano Estacado in Texas. She facilitated over 500 students, professors, and members of music groups among others in both directions. As a natural byproduct, she made the Llano Estacado to a preferred tourist destination.

Her scholarly publications deal mainly with "The Texas Settlement History with particular attention to the German Immigrants" and "Karl May's Llano Estacado –Fantasy and Reality".

In recognition of her services towards an all encompassing German-American understanding, Dr. McClain will be recognized through receipt of the Lucius D. Clay Medal, the highest honor awarded by the Federation of German-American Clubs.

The Laudatio for Dr. Meredith McClain on the occasion of the Awarding of the Lucius D. Clay Medal on Saturday, the 6th of October 2001, German-American Day, will be given by Dr. Maria von Katte, Co-Founder and Board Member of the Summer School Wust for English Language, Literature, Theater and Music in Wust bei Schönhausen/ Elbe.



General Lucius D. Clay Medal

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Foundation and Award since 1980

"I'd like to think that during the years our flag was flown in Germany it stood for something more than military power."

(Lucius D. Clay)

The Lucius D. Clay Medal, the highest honor of the Federation of German-American Clubs, is awarded to German and American personalities, who have proven themselves to have served in extraordinary ways the development and deepening of German-American relations and friendship between the two peoples. The medal was created in 1980 as a commemoration of the services of General Lucius Clay (23. 4. 1897 – 16. 4. 1978).

From 1945 – 1947 Lucius D. Clay was the representative General of D.D. Eisenhower (1947 – 1949 military governor of the U.S. occupation zone in Germany). During this time the Blockade of the West Sector of Berlin by the UdSSR took place for over a year (starting 24. 6. 1948). General Lucius D. Clay was the co-initiator and organizer of The Berlin Air-Lift by the Western forces to supply the imprisoned population. Based on his experience and his protection of the young Federal Republic, President Kennedy summoned him in 1961 and 1962 as his personal councilor.

The medal made of silver shows on the front side a portrait and the name "General Lucius D. Clay" along with his dates. The backside reveals in the middle the inscription "For Out-standing Contribution to German-American Friendship". The logo of the federation is encircled by the organization's name "Federation of German-American Clubs".

The medal is presented each year in the framework of a festive hour during the German-American Friendship Conference by the president of the German-American Clubs inc.

List of Recipients of the Lucius D. Clay-Medal

1980	John L. McCloy , US High Commissioner for Germany (1942-1952)
1981	Dr. Alfons Goppel , Minister President of Bavaria (1962-1977)
1982	General George S. Blanchard , Commander US Army Europe (1975-1977)
1983	Prince Louis Ferdinand von Preußen , Co-founder of the first German-American Club (Bad Kissingen, 1946)
1984	Manfred Rommel , Lord-Mayor of Stuttgart (1974-1996)
1985	Eleanor Lansing Dulles , Chief of the Berlin Desk, US Department of State (1949-1962)
1986	Prof. Dr. Karl Carstens , President of the Federal Republic of Germany (1979-1984)
1987	Walter J. Stoessel Jr. , US Ambassador to Germany (1976-1980)
1988	Dr. Dieter Kronzucker , Journalist & TV Anchorman (ARD & ZDF 1965-1991)
1989	Lee H. Hamilton , Congressman, US House of Representatives (1964-1999)
1990	Berndt von Staden , German Ambassador to the USA (1963-1968)
1991	Vernon A. Walters , US Ambassador to Germany (1989-1991)
1992	Admiral Dieter Wellershoff , Inspector-General of the German Armed Forces (1986-1991)
1993	General John R. Galvin , Supreme Allied Commander Europe (1987-1992)
1994	Hans-Dietrich Genscher , German Foreign Minister (1974-1991)
1995	General John Shalikasvili , Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff (1995-1997)
1996	General Klaus Naumann , Inspector-General of the German Armed Forces (1991-1996)
1997	Dr. Edmund Stoiber , Minister-President of Bavaria (1992-2007)
1998	Prof. Dr. Werner Weidenfeld , Federal Coordinator of German-American Cooperation (1987-1999)
1999	Dr. Walter Leisler-Kiep , Chairman of the Atlantic Brücke (1984-2000)
2000	Robert H. Lochner , Press Officer for General Lucius D. Clay (1945-1949)
2001	Prof. Dr. Meredith McClain , Lubbock, Texas, USA