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President's Report

Christmas has come and gone, along with all the festivities with families and friends. It doesn't seem possible that 2012 is here. May all of you have a Happy and Healthy 2012.

Our **Christmas Party** was a huge success. It was good to see a great turnout as well as enjoy an assortment of delicious food.

We are already thinking **Oktoberfest 2012**. We welcome new ideas in writing—or verbally—regarding all the various committees that are involved, as well as volunteers who make it all happen. Any time you can volunteer is most appreciated.

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

Time is rolling on and it is already 2012! **Oktoberfest** planning is starting, and I am pleased to announce that the entertainment plans are progressing. **Jimmy Sturr** has been booked for the Sunday of Oktoberfest 2012.

There will be an Oktoberfest Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, at 7 P.M. Please plan to attend if you have ideas, questions, or would like to join the committee.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Don't forget the **Oktoberfest Meeting** on Tuesday, January 17, at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. It's time to start planning for the next Oktoberfest, which will be held September 21–23. Bring your ideas and suggestions and try to attend the meeting. The Committee needs you!

German lessons are planned for March and April. They're scheduled to be at the Salina Free Library off Route 11 in Mattydale. We have reserved the Community Room for Saturdays from March 3rd through April 7th. We plan to begin each session at noon and

end by 2 P.M. Please call Jim Kozlowski at 622-2658 if you plan to attend.

Welcome to two new *Zeitung* advertisers: **Nichols Supermarket**, First Street, Liverpool, and **Richard K. Schoeck**, civil engineer and licensed wild animal rehabilitator. We still have some openings and the cost is a mere \$25 for the year for your ad in the monthly *Zeitung*, which goes out to well over 200 people, as well as being accessible on our website.

Members are encouraged to support our advertisers whenever possible. If you know someone who would like to advertise, have them call Jim Kozlowski at 622-2658.

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Just as the organization accepted the application of our newest member, **Mr. Carl Smith**, from Syracuse, another new application was handed to me. This was a young gentlemen who worked at the beer and wine area with Pat and me this past Oktoberfest, **Mr. Adam Parente**, of Syracuse, sponsored by Erika Carneim. He will be voted on at the January 19 General Meeting. Please attend to get the latest information on our membership numbers.

It is with sadness that another of our long-time members, **Waldemar Koschel**, passed away in December.

Don't forget! It's time to pay your 2012 dues! Just

CLUB MEETINGS

Jan 17 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M.
Jan 19 Board Meeting, Turners, 6 P.M.
Jan 19 General Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 30 Scholarship Night
Feb 18 Fasching/Bockbierfest, Liverpool Fire Hall,
5–10 P.M.

15 bucks—I know it’s hard to find much of anything for that kind of money anymore, let alone a free picnic with all kinds of good food, beverages, and music. There are also many other activities available to you during the year as members of the German-American Society of CNY. So please send your dues in to my attention at P.O. Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548, by January 31, 2012, or, better yet, pay in person at the January 19 General Meeting.

Pat and I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and are now looking forward to all the great things ahead in 2012.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The Christmas Party was a big success. Everyone looked like they were having a great time. The “Goody Auction” brought a lot of laughs and some extra money to help offset the cost of the party.

Reserve February 18, the Saturday before Lent, as the date of our combined **Fasching/Bockbierfest**, which will be held from 5 to 10 at the Liverpool Fire Hall. More information will be available in the February *Zeitung*.

Please attend the January 19 General Meeting for more details.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

Our condolences go out to the family of **Waldemar Koschel**, who passed away in December. He had been a long-time member and very active in the club in his younger days.

Please contact me at 468-4541 to report any illnesses, surgeries, deaths, monumental birthdays, or other events that are deserving of a card.

MARGARETHA MICHÓ, *Sunshine Lady*

Installation of Officers

The following people will be installed at the January 19 General Meeting:

President—Henry Pfaff

Vice-President—Klaus Raith

Treasurer—Jim Kozlowski

Secretary—Erika Carneim

Financial Secretary—Mickey Palumbo

Board Members: June Pardue, Helen Allman, Bob Kline, Brigitte Niebuhr, and John Ott.

Please note: There was an error in the December *Zeitung*. **Ken Blechl**’s name was put in as being elected to the Board, and it should have read **Bob**

Kline. Ken’s term has not yet expired. Sorry about the error.

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Although the warm weather has left us for a while, I want to make everyone aware that there is still an opportunity to purchase a brick at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. A single brick is \$50, 2 bricks are \$75, and 3 bricks are \$100, with each additional brick being \$30. These bricks can be purchased to honor or memorialize a loved one, friend, organization, etc. Please call me at 451-1848 for further details or to get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German-American Society event.

As you may recall, bricks have been sold to help offset the cost of the Goethe and Schiller Monument Restoration Project that was a joint venture between the German-American Society and the City of Syracuse a few years ago.

For those of you who have ordered commemorative bricks, we are planning to have the bricks installed prior to **Earth Day**, Saturday, April 21, so they can be viewed that day and for many years to come. More information will be coming about Earth Day in future issues of the *Zeitung*.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

Scholarship Committee

As I mentioned in last month’s *Zeitung*, I plan to try to get as much information as possible on past Scholarship recipients and invite them to our **Ten-Year Scholarship Night**. So if anyone reading this *Zeitung* is a past Scholarship recipient, or you know one of them, please let me know so I will have current contact information for you or that person.

The 2012 Scholarship applications will be going out in early February. So please mark April 30 on your 2012 calendar for Scholarship Night. If you have never attended, please consider coming to the 2012 Scholarship Night and witness firsthand this wonderful program sponsored by the German-American Society of CNY.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Holiday Extravaganza at Long Branch Elementary School

Iwould like to thank **Gracie Schell** for handling the Holiday Extravaganza in December at Long Branch Elementary School. Gracie and I were going to handle the day together, but unfortunately, I was ill and unable to participate.

I know Gracie did a great job, and I appreciate her stepping up to do this.

SALLY FRENZA

From the Editor

Since I generally write about events in Germany, I thought that this month Austria will be highlighted, as every winter they host hundreds of balls. The balls are usually opened by a Polonaise, which is a slow stately dance of Polish origin. There are then speeches, a midnight quadrille (a sort of square dance performed by couples) and the crowning of the belle of the ball.

The most famous ball is held at the Viennese Opera, where the members of high society, along with a crowd of wannabees, dance and socialize the right way. (Makes it sound like all the other wonderful balls are the “wrong way” doesn’t it?)

There are sparkling balls held everywhere in Austria. Many balls are sponsored by professional groups ranging from confectioners to hunters, pharmacists, coffeehouse owners, and engineers. Officially, the ball season ends in February with an array of carnival balls. The balls go on until early morning, and it is said that if the Fairy Godmother was Austrian, she never would have dreamed of telling Cinderella she had to be home by midnight!

I was fortunate enough to be in Innsbruck, Austria, once during the ball season, and I can say that the real *Dancing with the Stars* are the Austrian ballgoers. What costumes and elegance, from the ball gowns to the elegant headpieces! The men weren’t bad either in their handsome Austrian tuxedos!

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or anything German, Swiss, or Austrian that you would like me to write about, please let me know.

Your name could be here! \$15 for Patrons, \$10 for Sponsors, for one year. Send your check made payable to the German-American Society of CNY, attn. Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

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The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus would like to thank everyone who attended their annual **Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 4. A variety of Christmas music was sung in both German and English, as well as other non-holiday German songs. And, of course, the concert ended with a singalong of “O Tannenbaum!” and “Stille Nacht.”

The Liederverein Chorus is an award-winning chorus that is always looking for new singers of all ages. You don’t need to be able to speak or understand German to join our group. All you need is a love of singing and the desire to preserve a very important part of German culture: singing.

If you would like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Upcoming events at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy:

1/8 All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast from 9 till noon

1/14 Welcome 2012 New Years Event at 6 P.M.

If you have any questions regarding these events, contact the clubhouse at 315-735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Upcoming Events at the German-American Club of Albany

1/21 Wurstfest

2/12 Valentine’s Day Dinner Dance

For more information on these events, please email GermanAmericanClubofAlbany@gmail.com or call 518-265-6102. Danke!

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