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President's Report

Our combination **Fasching/Bockbierfest** was well attended. A good time was had by all.

Our **Oktoberfest meeting** was February 14. Klaus reported that the bands are all in place. The next Oktoberfest meeting will be Tuesday, May 15. We appreciate your valuable ideas and volunteer times to make the Fest a great success.

Scholarship Night is Monday, April 30, at the Turners. Mark it on your calendar.

Enjoy St. Patrick's Day!

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

Please note: There will be no Oktoberfest Committee Meeting in March or April. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, at 7 P.M. at the Turners. If there are matters that need discussing prior to that time, please call me at 675-8321.

I am happy to report that Oktoberfest planning has really moved along. The bands have been hired (Kat Tails, Under the Gun, Jimmy Sturr, the Enzian Bavarian Band, and the Liverpool Community Band) and the sound man is all set. The entertainment schedule will be done in the next couple months.

This looks like it will be a banner year. We will be at the Regional Market September 21, 22, and 23, 2012, so reserve the date and think about where you can volunteer. We need you all to make this the Great Syracuse Oktoberfest 2012!

The Committee Chairs have been set and the names will be posted in an upcoming *Zeitung*. At that time, please consider where you would like to volunteer and call the area chairperson.

Please attend the March 15 Monthly Meeting to ob-

tain an update on the activities of the German American Society.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President & Oktoberfest Chair*

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the next Monthly Meeting on March 15 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete Treasurer's Report on our current financial standing.

There will be no **German lessons** this spring. Unfortunately we did not have enough interest to hold them. However, we will try again in the future. Please let us know of your interest and we will be sure to contact you when it looks like lessons will be offered. Contact Jim Kozlowski 622-2658.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

February has been a pretty mild month as far as the weather is concerned, but quite busy for myself with membership renewals. Of the 252 current members, 184 have already paid their dues; I thank you all very much! This means 68 of you will have until the last day of March to renew your dues at \$15. After that

Club Meetings

Mär 15	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 P.M.
Mär 15	Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M.
Apr 19	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 P.M.
Apr 19	Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M.
Mai 15	Oktoberfest Cmte. Mtg., Turners, 7 P.M.
Mai 17	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 P.M.
Mai 17	Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M.

Upcoming Events

Apr 30	Scholarship Night, Turners, 5-9 P.M.
Mai 19	Maitanz, Liverpool Fire Hall

date you will be treated as a new member and will be charged \$25 for your renewal. So *please* get your renewals in as soon as possible! If you're not sure if you've or not, you can contact me at 315-622-9145 and I'll return your call as soon as possible, provided I have your current phone number on file. No further notices will be sent out because of the high cost of mailing individual letters.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

Sunshine Lady

Cards went out this month to **Rudy Stecher, Edith Pierce, Henry Pfaff, and Ruth Kegel**. We wish all a speedy recovery!

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*

From the House Committee

The **Fasching/Bockbierfest** was a great success and we had a good turnout. Thank you to everyone who attended! A *special* thanks to **Dick Schoeck** for bringing so many of his family members! I also thank my House Committee for all the work they did to make this a great evening enjoyed by all!

Here are the costume winners:

Best Dressed Couple: Bill and Sheri Nurk, \$50

Best Dressed Individual Male/Female: Herb Bauerle and Jessica Fitzgibbon, \$25 each

Funniest: Sally Frenza, \$25

Most Original: Brigitte Niebuhr, \$25

We had five children who each won \$5: Chloe, Brenden, Lilly, Shaylee, and Braeden.

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. You sure looked like you did!

The next event is the **Maitanz**, being held May 19. More to come on this.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Applications and Criteria have gone out to the area German teachers. This is the 10th anniversary of our **Scholarship Night**, and there are things being planned to honor this achievement. It hardly seems possible that so much time has gone by

and so many wonderful students have been honored over the years.

Please mark April 30 on your 2012 calendar for Scholarship Night at the Syracuse Turners from 5–9 P.M. If you have never attended, why not make this the year to start?

There will be a dinner as usual, as well as the awards ceremony with a few surprises and entertainment. It is always a great time and a wonderful way to honor our students and their teachers. There will be more information in the April *Zeitung*.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

See you all on April 30!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Congrats to F-M German Students!

The Fayetteville-Manlius High School German Club won a national German music video competition. Their prize? An all-expense-paid trip to Germany for two students, who will be randomly chosen from a drawing for the trip. The winners will attend a Madsen concert and meet the performers backstage.

The students entered a three-minute lip-dub in German to "Laß die Liebe regieren" or "Let Love Rule" by the popular German group **Madsen**. A lip-dub is a combination of lip-syncing and audio dubbing, often filming people in different locations. The video was chosen by the San Francisco-based Goethe Institute from 52 entries and 12 finalist videos, according to **Kate Stewart**, the F-M German teacher.

Thirty-eight German Club members, ranging from freshmen to seniors, participated in the video, which was filmed in one continuous take at the high school. This wonderful accomplishment by the students was lead by German teacher Kate Stewart. Each student had a line in German, depending on their skills, as well as coaching from Kate on what gestures to use.

One of the students, **Keara Lynn**, a senior, noted about the German program that "The program is small, and there is only Frau Stewart. At one point, it was scary when they thought about cutting it. I think this video shows how committed we are to German."

Again, congratulations from the German-American Society of CNY to Frau Stewart and her students for

reinforcing not only their outstanding skills, but also how important the German language program is to our young people!

Congratulations on the New Arrival

An e-mail was received from **Missy Hoch**, the German teacher at Central Square:

"Jim and I welcomed our baby girl, Mareika Joy (a German name, of course, pronounced Ma-RYE-ka), into the world three weeks early on Friday, February 17. We're doing well! Hope to see you on scholarship night!"

From the Editor

We will soon be welcoming **St. Patrick's Day**, an Irish tradition. What about Germany on this festive day? Well, even though it is not celebrated to the extent that it is in Ireland or the U.S., the few Irish living in Germany do celebrate *St. Patrickstag* with their German friends. Many German pubs take advantage of the celebration to sell more beer and whiskey (surprise, surprise!).

In Switzerland, the first Sunday in March is *Tag der Kranken* (Day of the Ill). The Swiss observation started in 1939 when Dr. Marthe Nicati, who specialized in tuberculosis cases, felt that a day needed to be created to further better relations between the ill and the healthy. She also wanted to create a better understanding of the needs of the sick. This "Day of the Ill" is celebrated on the first Sunday in March with visits to hospitals, media awareness campaigns, and a speech by the Swiss Federal President. Each year has a theme to raise awareness and get people out to visit ill friends and family members.

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 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'd 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 in Shop City, adjacent to Teall Avenue and Grant Boulevard in Syracuse. The chorus is now rehearsing for the **Spring Concert** to be held in May, as well as the **Sängerfest** in June. The Sängerfest is held every three years as a competition among all the German choruses in the NYS Sängerbund.

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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