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President's Report

Happy Easter to everyone! May we enjoy a bright sunny warm day.

Scholarship Night will be Monday, April 30, beginning at 5 P.M. at the Turners. We look forward to a great turnout again, especially since this is our tenth year of awarding scholarships. Our past recipients are being contacted and invited.

Reminder: Our **Oktoberfest Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, at 7 P.M. at the Turners. Any ideas or suggestions for Oktoberfest would be appreciated and can be brought to our meeting or given to the Oktoberfest Chair, Klaus Raith.

Two events to mark on the calendar will be the May **Liederverein Concert** on May 20 and **Maifest** on May 19. Details will follow in next month's *Zeitung*.

Think Spring! Happy Easter!

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

The entertainment schedule for **Oktoberfest** is moving right along and will be included in the *Zeitung* in the near future. In addition to having the great **Jimmy Sturr Band** on Sunday afternoon, the rock bands to bring the young people down have been booked: **Kat Tales** are on for Friday night and **Under the Gun** for Saturday night. We will also have the **Liverpool Community Band**, the **Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers**, and the **Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** from Utica. We will also have the magicians back, as they were such a hit with children of all ages. Oktoberfest will be a lot of fun for all!

Jim Kozlowski has been busy obtaining the sponsors and vendors, and he's doing a great job! See the Treasurer's Report for the information about Price Chopper.

If you would like additional information, please contact me at 675-8321, attend the next Oktoberfest Committee meeting scheduled for 7 P.M. on May 15, or the Monthly Meeting scheduled for April 19 at 7 P.M. at the Turners, 619 North Salina Street in Syracuse.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

For a complete report on our financial situation, please attend the Monthly Meeting on April 19 at 7 P.M. at the Turners.

Price Chopper has increased their support of our 2012 Great Syracuse Oktoberfest, which will include a cash grant and in-house promotion of the event in each of their six Central New York stores. We appreciate their sponsorship of fine family entertainment and hospitality that typifies our event. When you shop at Price Chopper, give them your thanks.

Earth Day at Schiller Park's **Goethe and Schiller Monument** will be held Saturday, April 21, at 9 A.M. Members of the German-American Society will meet at the parking lot above the Schiller Park pool. Bob Domachowski and Klaus Raith will have a number of memorial bricks that are to be installed at the Goethe and Schiller monument. **Boy Scout Troop #7**, under the direction of Eric Gang, has agreed to assist. A case of bottled water has been donated and a sweet snack is promised. The group will not only install the bricks but clean up any trash and debris found in the area of the monument. Bags for debris will be provided. Bring rakes, brooms, etc. for your own use. If you have questions, please call Bob Domachowski at 451-1848 or Klaus Raith at 675-8321.

Thanks to **Elizabeth Kallfelz** and **William Nurk**! Many of you don't realize that these two individuals spend time attending to the monument site, removing weeds, leaves, and other debris, and keeping it presentable for the general public. They themselves have never asked for any recognition, but when you see them, please thank them for their efforts.

Would you be willing to receive your *Zeitung* by e-mail? The board is considering this cost-saving measure. We will continue to mail the *Zeitung* to those who do not have access to electronic

CLUB MEETINGS

Apr 19	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 P.M.
Apr 19	Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M.
Mai 15	Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, 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	Maifest, Liverpool Fire Hall
Mai 20	Syracuse Liederverein Spring Concert, Trinity Lutheran Church

mail, regardless of whether we decide to use e-mail or not. If you would be interested in participating in a trial run, please let Henry Pfaff know by phone at 437-8746 or by e-mail at mpfaff@twcny.rr.com or Mickey Palumbo by phone at 622-9145 or by email at mpalumbo7@twcny.rr.com. If you contact them by e-mail, they will then have your e-mail address for our records.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

There were no new-membership applications this past month, and we still have about fifty members who have not renewed their memberships. If they did not renew by March 31, membership renewals will be \$25. This was a Board decision, and has been discussed in this column since November 2011. Any renewals postmarked prior to March 31 will not be penalized. As always, cases involving hardships will be reviewed by the Board for a one-year complimentary membership.

Also, please keep the new-member applications coming in from your friends and family to help our membership grow. More members mean more helping hands to help keep German culture and heritage alive. And to help at Oktoberfest!

See you at the next monthly meeting on April 19.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

Sunshine Lady

Get-well cards were sent to **Henry and Mary Pfaff** and **Virginia and Willy Bechteler**, as well as to former member **May Barton**, who is at rehab in the Iroquois Nursing Home. May you all recover quickly.

Unfortunately, we recently lost a Life Member, **Cornelius Schwarz**, as well as member **Jerry Mullaly**. A sympathy card has been sent to each family.

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

MARGARETHA MICHU, *Sunshine Lady*

From the House Committee

Our next event will be **Maifest** on May 19 at the Liverpool Fire Hall. As usual, it is combined with the **Stein Club's Covered Dish Dinner** from 5 to 6 P.M.

The German-American Society Dance will be from 6 to 10. Admission is \$10. If you can bring a dish to pass, that would be great, and we can enjoy an evening of *Gemütlichkeit!* **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. And there will be some drinking songs for a sing-along.

Please plan to attend, as this is a great way to start off the warm-weather activities!

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Scholarship Committee

By the time you read this *Zeitung*, the Committee will have met to select this year's recipients of the Scholar-

ships. There are three \$1,000 scholarships funded by the Paul Schoeck endowment and five \$500 scholarships from the German-American Society of CNY, plus two additional \$500 scholarships: one from Klaus Raith and the other from Sally Frenza. That makes ten scholarships for our tenth year!

The German Student Scholarship Night is on April 30 from 5 to 9 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, Syracuse. Please see the enclosed flyer. If you need directions, contact the Turners at 471-9851. The cost is \$10 for the dinner, which consists of tossed salad, bratwurst, franks, sauerkraut, German potato salad, *Kuchen*, coffee, tea, and soda. The social hour with snacks is from 5 to 6, dinner from 6 to 7, and the award presentations at 7. The awards are followed by entertainment by the **Syracuse Liederverein Chorus** and the **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers**. Klaus Raith will also be playing his zither during social hour and dinner and may even have a sing-along. Please have your paid reservations sent to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027 by April 23, or you can make your reservation and payment at the April 19 Monthly Meeting. If you have questions, you can call me at 345-6253.

If you have never attended this event, please plan to do so this year. It is really quite an exciting night for the students and for all who attend. According to our German-speaking members, the students always do an exceptional job with their acceptance speech, which is delivered in both German and English.

This year, since it has been ten years, plans are to contact past recipients to see what they are doing now. Hopefully some of these prior recipients can also attend Scholarship Night.

I hope to see you all on April 30!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Liverpool Chamber of Commerce "New Members" Luncheon

The German-American Society of CNY will be highlighted at the April monthly luncheon of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. There will be a table set up with a couple of people explaining about our organization and Oktoberfest. Klaus will be bringing his zither and playing a tune or two.

The luncheon is being held at the Clarion Inn on Farrell Road, Baldwinsville, on Tuesday, April 17. Networking is from 11:30 A.M. to 12 noon. Lunch is at noon. Everything usually wraps up by 1:00. The cost is \$12 if you make reservations ahead of time or \$14 at the door.

For reservations or further information, call June Pardue at 412-1761 by Friday, April 13. Any member of the German-American Society is welcome to attend.

I look forward to receiving your reservation!

JUNE PARDUE

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Spring is here and 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 and 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 of CNY and the City of Syracuse a few years ago.

The current brick order will be installed on Earth Day, April 21. That will also be clean-up day. Please see the Treasurer's Report in this *Zeitung* for further details.

Again, any questions about purchasing a brick, or to get a form to purchase a brick, please just give me a call.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

From the Editor

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has continued to read the *Zeitung* and let me know what they think about the contents of each issue. It is really refreshing to receive positive feedback from you. Please keep it coming! Also, if you can see ways to improve the *Zeitung*, please let me know that, too.

Since Easter is here, let's take a look at how it is celebrated in Germany, and what German customs have become part of our own celebration. Like many of our Christmas customs, Germany is also considered the birthplace of such Easter icons as the Easter bunny (*Osterhase*). German children were told of an *Osterhase* that hid eggs and chocolates for them to find on Easter morning. Immigrants to America, particularly in Pennsylvania, brought the tradition with them and it spread throughout the United States.

Germans also hollow out eggs by making a pinholes in the end of the eggs and blowing out the contents. These eggs are then beautifully decorated and hung from shrubs and trees during Easter week.

Another unique custom in some villages of Germany is the Easter fire, where all the trees from the previous Christmas are gathered and burned in a special place, making a huge bonfire and clearing away the last signs of winter to prepare for the bountiful spring.

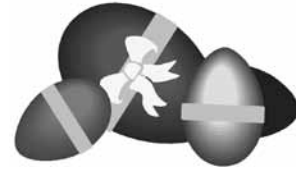
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Easter Monday is also a holiday in Germany. In some villages, especially in southern Germany, people go out for a candlelit parade (*Emmausgang*) early in the morning to remember the walks Jesus made after his crucifixion and resurrection.

However you choose to celebrate this most holy day, have a *Frohe Ostern!*



Members and Friends

Spring Concert

The **Syracuse Liederverein Chorus** will be presenting its **Spring Concert** on Sunday, May 20. This is a great opportunity to share in our German singing heritage presented by an award-winning chorus. Please mark May 20 on your calendar for a music filled afternoon. There is also a social hour after the concert, featuring the chorus's famous "goodies." There will be more details in the May *Zeitung*.

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

There is still time to join the **Syracuse Liederverein Chorus** and sing in the Spring Concert. 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 our German heritage and 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 in Shop City, adjacent to Teall Avenue and Grant Boulevard in Syracuse.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Upcoming events at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy:

Apr 14 Edelweiss Dinner Dance, 6 P.M.

Apr 29 NYS Sängerbund Meeting

Mai 5 Club Anniversary Dinner Dance, 6 P.M.

Jun 1 Spring Concert after Fish Fry

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.

Contact the *Zeitung!*

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