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President's Report

Scholarship night was a huge success! Ten scholarships were awarded. A special thanks to all who put this together.

Our next event, **Maifest**, will be in conjunction with the **Stein Club** on Saturday, May 19, at the Liverpool Fire Hall, beginning at 5 P.M. for the "Steiners," and 6 P.M. for the German American Society Dance. See the House Committee article for details.

Sunday, May 20, will be the **Syracuse Liederverein Spring Concert** at 3 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Syracuse. See the enclosed flier and article.

Tuesday, May 15, at 7 P.M. will be our **Oktoberfest** meeting at the Syracuse Turners. Ideas, volunteers, and donations for raffles are needed for a successful Fest. Remember Mothers' Day!

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

The **Oktoberfest** entertainment schedule is set and can be found below. We are firming up our beer sponsor, and that information will be available soon. It's time to start thinking about where you can help out at Oktoberfest. A list of area captains will be in the next *Zeitung*, as well as information on how to volunteer at the 2012 Great Syracuse Oktoberfest.

2012 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

Friday, September 21

Noon-2: Liverpool Community Band
3-7 Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
6-6:30 Opening Ceremonies and Alphorn Playing with our local dignitaries
8-11 Kat Tales

Saturday, September 22

Noon-2 Liverpool Community Band
3-7 Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers, plus the Eidelweiss Schuhplattlers from Utica
8-11 Under the Gun

Sunday, September 23: Family Day!

Sponsored by Price Chopper

Noon-2 Liverpool Community Band and the Syracuse Liederverein Mixed Chorus
2-5 The Twin Magicians—Dave and Paul
2:30-5:30 The 18-Grammy-Award-winning Jimmy Sturr and his Orchestra, and the Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers
5:30 Grand Prize Raffle Drawing and Closing Ceremonies

There will also be raffle drawings throughout the weekend. The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting will be on May 15 at 7 P.M. at the Turners. If you have ideas or would like to know

more about serving on the Committee, please plan to attend. You can also call me at 675-8321. See you at the meeting!

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice president and Oktoberfest Chair*

Treasurer's Report

For a complete report on our financial situation, please attend the May 17 Monthly Meeting at the Turners.

Earth Day Cleanup

A special thank-you goes out to **Elizabeth Kallfelz** and **Bill Nurk** for their cleanup of the interior monument space prior to Earth Day 2012.

Thanks also to **Klaus Raith**, **Bob Domachowski**, and **Henry Pfaff** for the installation of the bricks. More thanks go to **Eric Gang**, **Katie** (his wife), and the rest of the family and members of **Boy Scout Troop 7** for their participation in this year's event.

The park was in remarkably good shape with noticeable plantings of some new trees. Despite the weather not cooperating, the bricks were installed and the monument looked great!

JIM KOZLOWSKI

Financial Secretary's Report

I am sad to say that about 45 members have not paid their membership dues as of May 6, 2012, and will be charged \$25 for renewal, since many who had not paid their membership on time have already paid that amount to renew their membership.

Also, a committee is reviewing complimentary memberships. Our by-laws state this can only be a temporary membership limited to a short period of time, not a long-standing gift.

See you at the next monthly meeting on May 17 at 7 P.M.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Mai 15 | House Committee Meeting, Turners, 6:00 Oktoberfest Committee Mtg., Turners, 7:00 |
| Mai 17 | Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00 Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7:00 |
| Jun 19 | Oktoberfest Committee Mtg., Turners, 7:00 |
| Jun 21 | Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00 Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7:00 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mai 19 | Maifest, Liverpool Fire Hall, 5-10 |
| Mai 20 | Syracuse Liederverein Spring Concert, Trinity Lutheran Church, 3:00 |

Sunshine Lady

Wget-well card was sent to **Ria Breu**, who now resides at Birchwood. A card was also sent to one of our very active, hard-working members, **Rudy Stecher**. As you may be aware, Rudy suffered a heart problem and continues to recuperate. Get well soon. We miss you!

The NYS Sangerbund lost a long-time member, **May Barton**, who sang with them for over 50 years. She was also a former member of the German American Society of CNY. May passed away on her 99th birthday. Condolences were sent to her 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 MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

From the House Committee

Wur next event will be **Maifest** on May 19 at the Liverpool Fire Hall. As usual, it is combined with the **Stein Club**.

The Stein Club will have their Covered Dish Dinner from 5–6. The German American Society Dance will be from 6–10. Admission is \$10. If you can bring a dish to pass, that would be great, and we can enjoy an evening of *Gemutlichkeit*! There will be no sandwiches available that night as we will have a buffet table of dishes from our members.

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!

If you have any questions, or would like more information on the House Committee, please give me a call at 469-5304.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Wspring is here and I want to thank everyone who made sure that the bricks were installed at the Monument and who helped out on Earth Day.

I also 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 or online at germanamericanscny.net.

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.

Cleanup at the Monument is an ongoing process, so please consider spending a little time to keep it looking great!

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

Scholarship Night—Great Fun!

Whank you to all who attended our **Tenth Annual Scholarship Night** on April 30 at the Turners. From all that I heard from the students and the teachers on Scholarship Night and after, everyone had a great time! As usual, being involved with the Enzian Bavarian Dancers was a riot and a real crowd pleaser.

Before I go any further, I want to give a very special Thank-You to the Scholarship Committee, **Henry and Mary Pfaff**, **Sheri Nurk**, and **June Domachowske** for all their help. Thank you for all your hard work, not only working with me to make the difficult decision on who would receive the scholarships, but also in helping to make the 2012 Scholarship Night a success. Thank you also to the members who arrived early to help out: **Herb Bauerle**, **Anna Bultjer**, **Margaretha Micho**, **Helena Smith**, and **Brigitte Niebuhr**. Your help was greatly appreciated and made things move smoothly. And, again, thanks to everyone who attended. It was great to have such a wonderful turn-out, and it made the students feel so special, as we all know they are!

Thank you also to **Klaus Raith** for entertaining everyone with your singing and songs on your zither. A further thank-you goes to the **Syracuse Liederverein Chorus** and the **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** for their part in entertaining everyone present and helping to make for an enjoyable, fun evening.

As we have done each year, the awards start off by presenting a certificate to each student who applied for a scholarship but was not a recipient. The Committee feels that every student who applies and meets the criteria is deserving of recognition. It is a very difficult task to have to choose only a few students to receive the scholarships, as the students are all so worthy!

We were able to award 10 scholarships for our tenth year: 3 for \$1,000 and 7 for \$500, 2 of which were donated by our members Klaus Raith and Sally Frenza.



The 2012 Scholarship Recipients with Dick, Sally, and Klaus.

This year's \$1,000 Scholarship Recipients from the Paul Schoeck Endowment, administered by our member, Dick Schoeck, are: **Elliott Ringwald**, Mexico HS; **Emily Payne**, Baker HS; and **Catrinea Carr**, Onondaga Central HS.

The \$500 Scholarship recipients from the German American Society are: **Katelyn Jones**, Fayetteville-Manlius HS; **Sarah Ket-chum**, Fayetteville-Manlius HS; **Adam Lauko**, Baker HS; **James Reid**, Baker HS; **Nicole Schenk**, Cicero-North Syracuse HS; **Kyle Sterling**, Paul V. Moore HS; and **Steven Watros**, Mexico HS

Congratulations to all these students, who did a great job giving their acceptance speeches in German and English. From the smiles and head bobbing that I saw from our German-speaking members, I knew that the students did well.

I cannot express in words how I felt on Scholarship Night. It was like a dream that you want to go on and on. I am so proud of

all the students of German in our community, and I am so proud and thankful to be a part of this wonderful scholarship program!

Please attend next year's Scholarship Night on April 29, 2013. If you'd like additional information on the scholarship program, please contact me at 345-6253, or by e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Oktoberfest Basket Raffle

Mary Pfaff will be accepting donations for 6 baskets to be raffled off at our forthcoming Oktoberfest. Tickets will be drawn for two of the baskets each afternoon at 5:30.

I would also appreciate donations to make up two more baskets—for our younger generation—to be raffled Sunday night.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 437-8746. Thank you so much!

MARY PFAFF

Liederverein Spring Concert

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus will be presenting its **Spring Concert** on Sunday, May 20, at 3 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Swansea Drive, adjacent to Shop City, Teall and Grant Boulevard in Syracuse. This is a great opportunity to share in our German singing heritage presented by an award-winning chorus, singing some of the competition pieces for the **Sängerfest** being held in June.

Please mark May 20 on your calendar for a music-filled afternoon with both German and English numbers. There is also a social hour after the concert, featuring the chorus's famous "goodies." All this for only a \$6 donation.

Please refer to the enclosed flier for more details, or contact George at 475-0282.

Hope to see you all there.

From the Editor

In 1919 the National Assembly in Weimar declared May 1 *Tag der Arbeit* (Labor Day). It was observed with meetings and marches and giving public speeches, mostly organized by trade unions. However, there is much more to May Day than this.

It is a time to celebrate the defeat of winter and the welcome of *Frühling* (spring). *Maiglöckchen* (May bells) are in bloom, houses and dance halls are decorated with young green grass and flow-

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ers, and people sing songs to celebrate this joyous occasion. May is the month that is most sung about by poets and songwriters.

In some areas, a whole village may gather around a Maypole, holding hands, dancing and drinking, and happy to not have to work that day. The traditional Maypole dance starts with long ribbons attached high up on the pole. Each dancer holds the end of a ribbon. The dancers proceed around the pole, passing right shoulders, to braid the ribbons over-and-under around the pole.

In Bavaria, May 1 is an especially important day. In Bavarian villages, it has been the custom for centuries to cut a tall, straight tree a day or two before May 1, place it in the middle of the village, and decorate it with a wreath of spring flowers and colorful ribbons. One of the traditions is to try to steal the Maypole of the neighboring village the night before and hold it for ransom, usually a couple of kegs of beer. At the same time, the villagers have to make sure their *own* Maypole isn't stolen by their neighbors.

Another Bavarian tradition is the *Maibaumkraxeln* (Maypole climbing) contest. The guys battle to see who can climb up the polished tree trunk the fastest, a task made even tougher by soaping down the Maypole, so the climbers succeed only if they smear ashes, tree sap, or pitch on their hands. The goal is to win the *Brezeln* and *Würste* (pretzels and sausages) that hang on top of the Maypole, and to impress the girls in the crowd.

We won't have a greased pole for anyone to climb, but there promises to be a lot of fun at the May 19 **Maifest** at the Liverpool Fire Hall. Hope to see you there!

Members and Friends

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus is always looking for new singers. 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 7:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Shop City.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Upcoming events at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy:

June 1 UMC Choruses Spring Concert, after the Fish Fry
Jul 20-22 Bavarian Festival

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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