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## President's Report

Oktoberfest is almost here, and we can still use more volunteers in all areas. Please see the list of area managers in the Vice President's Report; fill out the volunteer form; or you can contact **Henry Pfaff** at 437-8746 or **Erika Carneim** at 463-4304 if you are undecided where you want to work. Please let us know which days and times you are available. All Oktoberfest area managers are asked to return their volunteer workers' sign-in sheets for each of the three days to Erika Carneim to be sure that no one is omitted for the **Volunteer Party** to be held Sunday, October 14, at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 2-6 P.M.

Please volunteer and join us in achieving a successful Oktoberfest at the Regional Market on Park Street. May our fall weather fully cooperate with us and provide three sunny days!

See you at the September 13 Monthly Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Turners.

**Just a reminder:** In October we will be nominating officers for the election in November. Please attend the September Monthly Meeting for more information. There will also be more information in the October *Zeitung*.

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

## Vice President's Report

Everything is right on schedule for Oktoberfest. Onondaga Beverage, our beer sponsor this year, will be providing a good German beer as well as other beers such as Labatts Blue and Blue Light. We are also planning to have five kinds of Oktoberfest beers available. The prices have been set, and there are no price increases this year!

As noted above in the President's Report, volunteers are still needed!

The last Oktoberfest Committee Meeting before Oktoberfest will be on September 11 at 7 P.M. at the Turners. If you have any questions, you can call me at 675-8321.

## 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 and Deutscher Gesangverein Men's Chorus  
2-5    The Twin Magicians—Dave and Paul Jackman

3-7    Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers plus the Edelweiss Schuhplattlers from Utica

8-11    Under the Gun

Sunday, September 23, is Family Day!

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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 several door prize drawings throughout the weekend. Plus Mary Pfaff has volunteered to put the Basket Raffle together. Please see her note in this *Zeitung*.

Contact the Area Captains to get information on duties or to volunteer in their areas: Bob Kline—Money Raffle, 458-6415; Harold Smith—Coffee & Kuchen, 676-3393; Karen Smith—Potato Pancakes, 676-3393; Helene Smith—Hospitality, 673-1002; Margaretha Micho—Hospitality, 468-4541; Mickey Palumbo—Beer, 622-9145; Pat Palumbo—Wine, 622-9145; Mary Pfaff—Basket Raffle, 437-8746; Brigitte Niebuhr—Hot Kitchen, 469-5304; Ken Blechl—Hot Kitchen, 458-6102; John Ott—Cold Kitchen, 428-8764; Bill Nurk—Grounds & Security, 487-2472; Jim Kozlowski—Advertising & Vendors, 622-2658; Erika Carneim—Volunteers, 463-4304; Eric Gang—Trucks, Set-Up & Tear-Down, 479-8281.

See you at the Oktoberfest Meeting on September 11 at 7 P.M., or at the Monthly Meeting on September 13 at 7 P.M., or both!

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President and Oktoberfest Chair*

## Treasurer's Report

For a complete report on our financial situation, please attend the Monthly Meeting on September 13 at 7 P.M. at the Turners.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer and Oktoberfest Co-Chair*

### CLUB MEETINGS

Sep 11    Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7:00  
Sep 13    Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00  
            Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7:00  
Okt 18    Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00  
            Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7:00

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 21-23    Oktoberfest, Regional Market, Park St.  
Okt 14    Volunteer Party, Liverpool Fire Hall, 2-6 P.M.

## Financial Secretary's Report

At the August Monthly Meeting we accepted the following applicants into membership: John Besten, Sr., Syracuse; Nicolas Bonilla, Syracuse; Jessica Fitzgibbon, Syracuse; Catherine LaManna, Warners; Harlow Mellon, Baldwinsville; John Piston, Wildwood, Illinois; and Chuck Thomas, Clay. Welcome to you all and we hope to see you at Oktoberfest!

The Membership Committee held a brief meeting last month, and more information on this will be coming in the near future.

Pat and I are both looking forward to seeing you all as you volunteer at the 2012 Great Syracuse Oktoberfest.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

## Sunshine Lady

Unfortunately, one of our former members, Barbara Marshall, passed away last month.

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

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

## From the House Committee

Help is needed on September 18 at 10 A.M. to get some of the food ready for Oktoberfest. We will be meeting at the Turners. If you have some time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers are still needed for the kitchen. Approximate volunteer times: Friday and Saturday, 11-3, 3-7, and 7-11; Sunday, 10-2, and 2-6. Please contact me directly to let me know when you can work. My home phone is 469-5304; my cell phone is 491-2573; and my e-mail is omib21@aol.com.

### Just a few rules about volunteering in the kitchen:

- Stay in your assigned area.
- No flip-flops in the kitchen.
- You must wear closed-toe shoes or sneakers.

Remember, the Volunteer Party for qualified volunteers is on

October 14 from 2 to 6 P.M. at the Liverpool Fire Hall. The party includes dinner, beverages, and dancing. It's always a fun time and a great way to say *thanks* to the people who make Oktoberfest happen!

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR

## Great Oktoberfest Money Raffle

A great money raffle is underway for Oktoberfest 2012. Bob Kline is doing a great job heading this up. 1st prize will be \$1,000; 2nd prize, \$400; and 3rd prize \$200. Each member has already received six tickets to sell. The cost is \$2 apiece or 3 for \$5. If you have not already done so, please sell these tickets or buy them yourselves and send the money and/or any unsold tickets to Bob Kline, 6041 Chetwind Road, Cicero, NY 13039 by September 14.

If you have questions about the raffle or need additional tickets to sell, please contact Bob at 458-6415 or speak with him at the Monthly Meeting on September 13 at 7 P.M. at the Turners.

## Oktoberfest Basket Raffle

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

There have also been two baskets added as "Party Baskets" with party refreshments for those 21 years and older! (Must be at least 21 to participate in this raffle.) One basket will be raffled late on Friday and Saturday evenings, probably between 10:30 and 11.

Also, I would appreciate donations to make up two more baskets—just for our younger generation—to be raffled at the end of Oktoberfest on Sunday, Family Day! All basket raffle tickets are \$1 each and will be sold each day of Oktoberfest. Please bring your basket donation to our Monthly Meeting on September 13 or call to make other arrangements.

If you have any questions regarding the raffle or what to donate, please give me a call at 437-8746.

Thank you so much for helping out! Your donations will make this happen!

MARY PFAFF

## Please fill out this Oktoberfest Volunteer Form and send to:

Erika Carneim, 27 Watertree Rd., East Syracuse, NY 13057 or

Henry Pfaff, 6286 Fly Rd., East Syracuse, NY 13057

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle the booth, your choice of time, and day you can volunteer.)

Booth	Friday			Saturday			Sunday	
Hospitality	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-6
Raffle Tickets	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-6
Tickets	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-6
Popcorn & Soda	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-6
Limburger Sandwich	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-6
Cake	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-7	7-11	10:30-2:30	2:30-6:30
Pancakes	11-3	3-7	7-11	11-3	3-7	7-11	10:30-2:30	2:30-6:30

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Summer is almost over 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 or get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or online at [germanamericanscnyc.com](http://germanamericanscnyc.com).

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.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

## From the Editor

It's Oktoberfest time again, and many people have asked about how the Oktoberfest got started and why it is in September when it's called "Oktoberfest." Well, here's the story:

When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and the Princess Theresia of Saxonia were married in Munich on October 12, 1810, a national holiday was declared and the citizens were invited to the five-day wedding festivities celebrated in the fields outside the city's gates. The celebration was so popular that it became an annual festival in Munich with beer stands set up for town folks to quench their thirst. The original beer stands gave way to large beer tents in 1896, and are still part of this elaborate and festive German celebration. Fourteen big tents each accommodate thousands of people seated at picnic tables inside and thousands more outside the tents.

Germany is famous for its beers and its beer-brewing Purity Law (*Reinheitsgebot*.) There are six breweries highlighted at Munich's Oktoberfest tents. Many revelers arrive at the beer tents in the morning to secure seats for the fun-filled days of drinking, singing, dancing, and eating.

Since the start of Oktoberfest, the dates have been changed from the original wedding date in mid-October to September, in order to have more favorable weather to celebrate the two-week-long festival. In Munich, Oktoberfest usually starts on the third Saturday in September with the tapping of the first keg of beer by the mayor of the city to officially open the festivities.

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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So now you know "the rest of the story." Please volunteer at our Oktoberfest at the Syracuse Regional Market. When not volunteering, enjoy the *Gemütlichkeit*, singing, dancing, laughing, eating, and everything that makes our festival and celebration of our heritage so great.

Everyone is Bavarian at Oktoberfest! Enjoy!

## Members and Friends

### Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers

This month's Spotlight on "Our *Zeitung* Sponsors" is a group that has been around for many years. Just ask Klaus Raith and he'll be happy to provide the history. People ask when and where the Band and Dancers will be appearing, so here is their schedule for this fall

Geneva Oktoberfest, Saturday, September 8, 1-5 P.M.

Baldwinsville Oktoberfest, Friday, September 14, 4-7:30, and Saturday September 15, 2:45-6:45

Lucas Winery, Interlaken, Sunday, September 16, 12:30-4:30

The Great Syracuse Oktoberfest, Friday, September 21, 3-7; Saturday, September 22, 3-7; and Sunday, 2-6 (Dancers only)

Cape Vincent Oktoberfest, Saturday, September 29, 1-5

Thousand Islands Winery, Saturday, October 6, 4-8

Sandy Pond Steakhouse Oktoberfest, Sunday, October 7, 1-5

Tioga Downs Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 13, 2-5:30

If you have a chance, why not go to some of these events and support the Band and Dancers? Plus, it's a lot of fun!

Each month the *Zeitung* spotlights another sponsor. So, if you are a sponsor and want to take advantage of this opportunity, please forward your information to the *Zeitung*.

### 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 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, and will resume after Labor Day.

### Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Road, Marcy. Contact the clubhouse at 315-735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Contact the *Zeitung*!

**Mail:** Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle,  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

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