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President's Report

Thank you to all for volunteering at **Oktoberfest!** It was great to see everyone pitching in to make for a successful festival. The Chair people of the various areas did a tremendous job! Mary also thanks everyone for the basket donations.

We will be having the **Volunteer Staff Party** on October 14. Further details are in the House Committee report.

Important reminder: Please plan to attend the October Monthly meeting on October 18 at 7 P.M. as this is nomination night. Please contact **Anna Bultjer** at 689-6744, **Bob Kline** at 458-6415, or **Bill Nurk** at 4878-2472 to nominate someone for an Officer or Board position. Or, you can nominate yourself. Nominations can also be taken from the floor at the October meeting. After that point, nominations are closed.

Fall is in the air! See you at the Volunteer Party and the next Monthly Meeting.

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

I would like to thank all the Committee members and the wonderful volunteers for all the hard work and many hours that went into the **2012 Great Syracuse Oktoberfest!** Everyone who attended the event looked like they were having a great time! The *Gemütlichkeit* shared by all is what Oktoberfest is all about.

Also, thank you to everyone who attended the event and joined in the fun! It was great to see so many people, young and not so young, on the dance floor kicking up their heels, while others were swaying and singing at the tables. What a weekend! **Jimmy Sturr** really had the crowd moving and put a smile on everyone's face!

It was a lot of hard work to pull this Oktoberfest together but our heritage and culture lives on!

There will be a wrap-up **Oktoberfest Committee Meeting** on October 16 at 7 P.M. at the Turners. I am asking that all Committee members please plan to attend so we can discuss the highlights of Oktoberfest 2012, as well as take suggestions for possible changes for next year. If you have

any comments or suggestions, please attend the October 16 meeting or give me a call at 675-8321.

See you then, as well as the October 18 Monthly Meeting. And, don't forget the Volunteer Staff Party on October 14 from 2 to 6 at the Liverpool Fire Hall. It will be great fun and it is our way of thanking our many volunteers.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice-President and Oktoberfest Chair*

Treasurer's Report

For a complete report on our financial situation, please attend the Monthly Meeting on October 18 at 7 P.M. at the Turners.

A report on the financial outcome of the Oktoberfest will be available at a future time.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer and Oktoberfest Chair*

Financial Secretary's Report

I would like to add my thank-you to everyone who assisted at Oktoberfest, especially those who volunteered to help Pat and me at the Beer and Wine Bar. There were a lot of laughs and fun shared that weekend!

As of our September 13 Monthly Meeting there were no new-member applications. Our current membership is 227. There will be a notice in the next few *Zeitungs* that the 2013 renewal dues for current members need to be paid by the

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Okt 16 | Oktoberfest Committee Wrap-Up Meeting, Turners, 7:00 |
| Okt 18 | Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00
Monthly Meeting & Nomination Night, Turners, 7:00 |
| Nov 15 | Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00
Monthly Meeting & Election Night, Turners, 7:00 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Okt 14 | Volunteer Party, Liverpool Fire Hall, 2 to 6 |
| Dez 9 | Christmas Party, Liverpool Fire Hall, 2 to 6 |

end of January. The Board made this decision because of lingering payments into the month of July. Please pay your renewal dues on time!

We received some new-member applications at Oktoberfest and the names will be posted in the November *Zeitung*.

See you at the Monthly Meeting at 7 P.M. on October 18 at the Turners, where there will be more details on our current membership and new applications.

And don't forget the Volunteer Party on Sunday, October 14 at the Liverpool Fire Hall.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

Sunshine Lady

Condolences go out to the family of **Rudy Stecher**, who passed away in September. Rudy was a great guy and an active member of the German American Society of CNY. He spent countless hours volunteering at each Oktoberfest. His knowledge was vast and if you had a question about our Constitution and By-Laws, Rudy was the man to answer it. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him!

A get-well card has been sent to *Mary Pfaff*, who had hip replacement surgery on September 24. She has been recuperating at Menorah Park, and hopes to be home real soon.

On a happier note, **Herb Bauerle** turned 92 on September 30. Also, **Mary Pfaff** turned 80 on August 27 (sorry this was not announced sooner). Congratulations to both of you!

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

Huge thank-you to everyone who volunteered in the kitchen and made it run smoothly for the Oktoberfest.

Our Volunteer Appreciation Party is coming up on Sunday, October 14, from 2 to 6 P.M. at the Liverpool Fire Hall for the Oktoberfest volunteers who worked a minimum of 8 hours. The party includes dinner, beverages, and dancing to the **Enzian Bavarian Quartet**. The party is always a lot of fun and a great way for the German American Society to say thanks to the people who make Oktoberfest happen!

The next event will be the **Christmas Party**, scheduled for Sunday, December 9, at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 2 to 6 P.M. More to come on this in the November and December *Zeitungs*.

If you would like to know more about serving on the House Committee, please contact me at 315-469-5304 or on my cell phone at 491-2573. My e-mail is omib21@aol.com.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Great Oktoberfest Raffle

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the raffle a success by selling all those tickets! Now, congratulations to the raffle winners:

1st Prize—Christa Russell, \$1,000

2nd Prize—Johanna Lutsche, \$400

3rd Prize—Sue Bell, \$200

BOB KLINE, *Money Raffle Chair*

Oktoberfest Basket Raffle

First, thank you to everyone who contributed to the Oktoberfest Basket Raffles either in goods or money. Thank you also to everyone who sold and bought tickets. This year we had 6 baskets raffled off. Each afternoon at 5:30 tickets were drawn for 2 of the baskets. There were also 2 baskets added as "Party Baskets," containing party refreshments for those 21 years and older! One basket was raffled late each evening around 10:30 or 11. And finally, we made up 2 more baskets just for our younger generation that were raffled at the end of Oktoberfest on Sunday, Family Day!

Thank you so much for your support of the baskets. It took a lot of donations to make this happen!

MARY PFAFF, *Basket Raffle Chair*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Summer is 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 to obtain a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or online at www.germanamericanscny.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.

If you want to have a brick put at the monument, it's not too late. We expect to send in another brick order in the spring or summer.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

Volunteer Staff Party

Know it has already been said several times, but thank you to all our volunteers. Every year I worry about not having enough people, but you always come through!

Just a reminder that the Oktoberfest Volunteer Party is being held on Sunday, October 14, at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 2 to 4 P.M. Details are in the House Committee Report. If you worked at least 8 hours at the Oktoberfest you are en-

titled to go to the party free of charge. If your tickets have not arrived by October 10, or you have any questions regarding whether you worked enough hours, please call me at 463-4304

ERIKA CARNEIM, *Volunteer Coordinator*

From the Editor

Since this is October, I thought that the first thing that should be mentioned is **German Unity Day**, celebrated on October 3. This is the date when the reunification treaty was signed between the two Germanys in 1990, following the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989.

Now, a little bit about Halloween *auf Deutsch*. Although Halloween is not a traditional German celebration, almost every youngster knows about it. Even for adults, Halloween has become increasingly popular in Europe, and especially in German-speaking countries. It is not unusual to see *Kürbis*, pumpkin, and jack-o-lantern decorations in Austria and Germany by mid-October.

Around Halloween, the Austrian town of Retz holds an annual *Kürbisfest* (pumpkin festival) complete with pumpkins, parties, and a *Halloween-Umzug* (Halloween parade). The area around Retz has become known for its pumpkin festival, which is an event for the whole family.

In Berlin and other large German cities, Halloween has become an excuse for all sorts of parties (like we Germans need an excuse for a party!). In 2008 Berlin's Legoland Discovery Centre decided to stretch out the Halloween celebration for six weeks (now *that's* a party!!!) In the two weeks before Halloween, Berlin school children get out of school for fall vacation, and there are all sorts of parties and excursions leading up to Halloween. There are horror films on TV and in the movie theaters.

Did you know that there is a candy corn connection between Germany and the U.S.? Well, here's how the story goes. Following the American Civil War, Gustav and Albert Goelitz traveled to Illinois to join an uncle who had emigrated there in 1834. After Gustav's death, his two eldest sons revived the

candy business that he and Albert had founded. The story goes that the Goelitz Confectionery Co. invented the popular Halloween confection known as candy corn in the 1880s. Records indicate that Goelitz was making it by 1900. That firm's successor, today's Herman Goelitz, Inc. of Fairfield, California, is best known as the maker of Jelly Belly jelly beans.

Members and Friends

21st Annual Sauerbraten Dinner

St. Stephen Lutheran Church is holding its 21st annual Sauerbraten Dinner on Sunday, November 4, from 12 to 3 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall on the second floor of the church. There's an elevator for those who have a problem with the stairs. The price is \$9 for adults, \$3 for children, and under 6 are free. The church is located at 873 Dewitt Street, just one block off Grant Blvd. in Syracuse. For more information, please call Nancy Hoffman at 478-2679 or the church office at 479-9912.

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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.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy.

10/13 Club Oktoberfest, 6-11 P.M.

10/21 Sauerbraten Dinner

11/10 Schlachtfest Dinner Dance, 6 P.M.

There is always a fish fry and other food specials every Friday from 5 to 7:30 P.M. For further details regarding these upcoming events, please call the clubhouse at 315-735-5882.

Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

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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