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President's Report

Christmas has come and gone, along with all the festivities with families and friends. It doesn't seem possible that 2013 is here already. May all of you have a happy and healthy year ahead!

Our Sunday **Christmas Party** was a huge success. It was good to see a great turnout as well as to enjoy an assortment of delicious food.

We are already thinking about **Oktoberfest 2013**. We welcome new ideas in writing or verbally regarding all the various committees that are involved, as well as volunteers who make it all happen. Any time you can volunteer is most appreciated.

Hope to see you at the **Installation of Officers** at our General Meeting on January 17.

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

Time is rolling on and it's already 2013! I hope you all had a Joyous and Happy New Year.

I'll let you know when we will be having our first **Oktoberfest 2013** meeting. If you have ideas, questions, or would like to join the committee, please let me know at 675-3821 or speak with me at the General meeting.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the January 17 General Meeting for a complete report on our financial status.

We have a new advertiser starting this month: Castle Brook Resort in Round Top, NY. See the story in this *Zeitung*.

Members are encouraged to support our advertisers whenever possible. If you know someone who would like to advertise, have them call Jim Kozlowski at 622-2658.

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

We have one new-member application for vote at our January 17 General Meeting. The application is from Dianna Leonard, Bernards Bay, sponsored by Richard Schoeck.

Don't forget: It's time to pay your 2013 dues! Just fifteen bucks—I know it's hard to find much of anything for that kind of money anymore, let alone a free picnic with all kinds of good food, beverages, and music. There are also many other activities available to you during the year as members of the German American Society of CNY.

So, please send your dues in to my attention at PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548, by January 31, which is the last day to renew at the \$15 rate. You can also pay in person at the January 17 General Meeting.

Pat and I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and are now looking forward to all the great things ahead in 2013.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The **Christmas Party** was a big success. Everyone looked like they were having a great time. The "Goody Auction" brought a lot of laughs and some extra money to help offset the cost of the party. Having the parties on a Sunday afternoon seems to be working out well.

The **Bockbierfest** will be coming up this spring. More information will be in the next *Zeitung*.

CLUB MEETINGS

Jan 17	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 P.M. General Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M.
Feb 21	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 P.M. Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 29	Scholarship Night, Turners, 5-9
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Please attend the General Meeting for more details about upcoming events.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

Our condolences go out to the family of Erika Buchanan, who passed away in December. She had been a member of the German American Society of CNY as well as the Steiners and Steinettes. She had just shared the table with me and other friends at the Christmas Party.

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*

Installation of Officers

The following people will be installed at the January 17 General Meeting:

President—Henry Pfaff

Vice President—Klaus Raith

Treasurer—Jim Kozlowski

Secretary—Erika Carneim

Financial Secretary—Mickey Palumbo

Board Members: Richard Schoeck, William Nurk, Kenneth Blechl, Patricia Palumbo, and Rita Knapp

Please try to attend this important meeting.

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Although the warm weather has left us for awhile, 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 get 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.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

Scholarship Committee

It just doesn't seem possible that the 2013 Scholarship Program is here already. Where did 2012 go? The 2013 Scholarship applications will be going out in early February. So please mark April 29 on your 2013 calendar for Scholarship Night. If you have never attended, please consider attending the 2013 Scholarship Night and witness firsthand this wonderful program sponsored by the Ger-

man American Society of CNY. This is our eleventh year of presenting the scholarships.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Holiday Extravaganza at Long Branch Elementary School

Gracie Schell, Klaus Raith, and I participated once again in the Holiday Extravaganza in December at Long Branch Elementary School. The presentation was for grades K-6. The students seemed to enjoy hearing about some of the customs in Germany and Austria. And we did get some good answers once again about where the Christmas tree came from, like Target! Check out the photos below, courtesy Gracie Schell.

It was great fun being with the students all day. The time really flew. We have already begun to talk about some ideas for next year. If anyone is interested in attending and helping out with the December 2013 presentation, just let me know by November.

SALLY FRENZA



Klaus talks about skiing down the mountain on Christmas Eve in Bavaria.



Finding Germany on the map.

From the Editor

Since I generally write about events in Germany, I thought that this month Austria will be highlighted, since every winter they host hundreds of balls. The balls are usually opened by a Polonaise, which is a slow stately dance of Polish origin. There are then speeches, a midnight quadrille (a sort of square dance performed by couples) and the crowning of the belle of the ball.

The most famous ball is the Viennese Opera Ball, where members of high society, along with a crowd of high-society wannabes, dance and socialize "the right way." (Makes it sound like all the other wonderful balls are the "wrong way" doesn't it?)

There are sparkling balls held everywhere in Austria. Many balls are sponsored by professional groups ranging from confectioners to hunters, pharmacists, coffee house owners, and engineers. Officially, the ball season ends in February with an array of carnival balls. The balls go on until early morning, and it is said that if the Fairy Godmother was Austrian, she never would have dreamed of telling Cinderella she had to be home by midnight!

I was fortunate enough to be in Innsbruck, Austria, once during the ball season, and I can say that the real "Dancing with the Stars" are the Austrian ball-goers. What costumes and elegance, from the ball gowns to the elegant headpieces! The men weren't bad, either, in their handsome Austrian tuxedos!

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or anything German, Swiss, or Austrian that you would like me to write about, please let me know.

Welcome Crystal Brook Resort

Welcome to our newest advertiser, Crystal Brook Resort and Mountain Brauhaus, 430 Winter Clove Road, Round Top, New York 12473, which has been owned and operated by the Hasenkopf-Dukarm family since 1960. They can be reached at 800-999-7376 or www.crystalbrook.com.

Brochures and entertainment schedules will be available at the January 17 General Meeting.

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Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus would like to thank everyone who attended their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 2. A variety of Christmas music was sung in both German and English. And, of course, the concert ended with a sing-along of "O Tannenbaum" and "Stille Nacht." The chorus, under the direction of Sue Owens, presented the concert in something of a cabaret style this year, with the chorus walking among the tables while singing.

For the first time, the Syracuse Liederverein was joined in their Christmas Concert by a Kinderchor comprised of students from Grant Middle School, where Sue is a teacher. The children added a lot to the concert, including bringing their parents and friends to enjoy the afternoon of music!

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus 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 would like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. The chorus rehearses on Monday evenings at 7 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Swansea Drive, Shop City.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy.

Jan 27 Lasagna Dinner, Noon to 4 P.M.

If you have any questions, contact the clubhouse at 735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Upcoming Events at the German American Club of Albany

For information on upcoming events please email GermanAmericanClubofAlbany@gmail.com or call 518-265-6102.

German American Website

Just a reminder that our website can now be reached at www.germanamericanscny.com. The former address at www.germanamericanscny.net has been discontinued.

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