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President's Report

Hopefully everyone enjoyed our early Easter with family and friends. Spring is here somewhere. I sure have had enough of the damp, cold weather. The robins this year should have flown here with their boots on!

Our first **Oktoberfest** meeting will be at the Turners, Tuesday, April 16, at 7 P.M. Any ideas or suggestions for Oktoberfest would be appreciated and can be brought to our meeting or given to the Oktoberfest Chair, Klaus Raith.

The **Maitanz**, in conjunction with the Steiners, will be Sunday, May 19, at the Liverpool Fire Hall. The Steiners will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. We hope to have a good crowd.

Scholarship Night will be Monday, April 29, beginning at 5 P.M. at the Turners. Please plan to attend, as we look forward to a great turnout to honor these wonderful students.

Think Spring!

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

This is our entertainment schedule for **Oktoberfest** so far: We will have the Liverpool Community Band and the Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers. Oktoberfest will be a lot of fun for all!

Many people have asked why we are only having one day this year. It is because Long Branch Park is only available for one day that weekend, Sunday, October 6. As I mentioned last month, that is also German-American Day, and a second reason to celebrate.

If you have questions, or would like to serve on the Oktoberfest Committee, please come to the April 16 meeting at the Turners at 7 P.M. Your ideas are always welcome.

Or, if you would like additional information, please contact me at 675-8321, attend the next Oktoberfest Committee meeting, or the Monthly Meeting scheduled for April 18 at 7 P.M. at the Turners, 619 North Salina Street in Syracuse.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President/Oktoberfest Chair*

Treasurer's Report

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

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

There were no new-membership applications this past month, and we still have about 30+ members who have not renewed their memberships. If they did not renew by March 31, membership renewals will be \$25. Any renewals postmarked by March 31 will not be penalized.

Just a reminder: The 2013 stickers are available at all of our functions. We are trying to determine a way to reach those members who are unable to attend our functions.

The Membership Committee has met to review those members who have been awarded complimentary memberships as a result of extenuating circumstances, such as hardship. These individuals were sent a letter asking them to respond and justify why they should be continued as non-dues-paying members. If there's no response, then dues will no longer be waived. If the reason does not justify receiving

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Apr 16 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7:00 |
| Apr 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:00
Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7:00 |
| Mai 14 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7:00 |
| Mai 16 | Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00
Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7:00 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Apr 29 | Scholarship Night, 5-9, Turners |
| Mai 19 | Maitanz, Liverpool Fire Hall, 3:30-7:30
(Steiners at 2) |
| Jul 7 | Picnic, Camp Brockway |

a complimentary membership, then those individuals will need to pay the dues to remain a member.

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

See you at the next monthly meeting on April 18.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

Sunshine Lady

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

MARGARETHA MICHO, *Sunshine Lady*

From the House Committee

Our **Maitanz**, which is combined with the Steiners, is coming up on May 19 from 2-7 P.M. at the Liverpool Fire Hall. 2-3:30 is for **Stein Club members** only. They are asked to bring a covered dish to pass.

All non-Steiners are asked to arrive at 3:30. Admission for non-Steiners is \$10. The Enzian Bavarian Quartet will be playing. We will have finger food, as well as beer, wine, soda, and water for a small donation. If possible, please bring a dessert to pass. We will supply the coffee.

Hope to see you all there! The House Committee doesn't need to report early this time.

If you have any questions, or if you would be interested in serving on the House Committee, please contact me at 469-5304 or 491-2573 (cell).

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

German Student Scholarship Night

By the time you read this, the Committee will have met to select this year's recipients of the Scholarships. There are three \$1,000 scholarships funded by the Paul Schoeck endowment and four \$500 scholarships from the German American Society of CNY. There is also an additional \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Emma and Rudy Stecher. This scholarship is made possible through a combined effort of the German American Society, the family, and contributions from our members.

The German Student Scholarship Night is on April 29 from 5-9 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 and tea. The social hour with snacks is from 5 to 6, dinner 6 to 7, and then 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 singalong. After the entertainment, the award ceremony will take place.

Please send your paid reservations to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027 by April 23, or you can make your reservation and payment at the April 18 Monthly German American Society meeting. If you have questions, my number is 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 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.

It doesn't seem possible that this is our eleventh year!

I hope to see you all on April 29! Please review the enclosed flyer for additional information.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

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 or online at germanamericanscny.com.

As you may recall, bricks are sold to help offset the cost of the Goethe and Schiller Monument Restoration Project, which was a joint venture between the German American Society of CNY and the City of Syracuse a few years ago.

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*

I am repeating the following information from last month's Zeitung. There were a few people who expressed an interest in going on a trip, but there still needs to be someone to organize it:

Want to Get Away from It All?

Interested in some time away with friends and family? At our meetings we have been discussing a possible trip to the Crystal Brook Resort at Round Top. If you are interested in this, please contact me at 345-6253. I will take the names and pass them on to the organizer of the trip. Oh, by the way, if you are interested in organizing this fun getaway, please let me know that, too. I have the contact information for the resort as well as a calendar of activities. It looks like a real fun place.

SALLY FRENZA

From the Editor

I want to take this opportunity 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 have suggestions on how to improve the *Zeitung*, please let me know that, too.

This month I am writing about *Walpurgisnacht*, which, it is said, was first recorded in Germany in 1668. According to information I found on the internet, this is the night from April 30 to May 1 when witches are reputed to hold a large celebration on Brocken Mountain and hold revels with their gods. Brocken is the highest of the Harz Mountains of north and central Germany. This night is exactly six months from All Hallows' Eve.

Walpurgisnacht is in both parts of Goethe's *Faust*. Walpurgisnacht is also the title of Act 2 in Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

In some parts of northern coastal Germany, the custom of lighting huge bonfires is still kept alive to celebrate the coming of May, while other parts of Germany now call them Easter fires. In rural parts of southern Germany, it is part of popular youth culture to play pranks during this time of Walpurgisnacht.

German Was Almost America's Official Language

According to an internet article by NCC Staff, on April 1, 1789, Frederick Muhlenberg was chosen as the first speaker of the House of Representatives. He was the son of a German immigrant who reportedly founded the Lutheran Church in the Colonies.

During his two terms as speaker, Frederick Muhlenberg was the first person to sign the Bill of Rights. It is also said

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that when it was proposed that German become the official language in America, he was the tie-breaking vote against this proposal. It was estimated that at that time only 9% of the people living in the early United States were German-speaking, and the vast English-speaking majority would have had a problem with an official language. Sounds kind of familiar with modern times, doesn't it? Only it's a different language now. History does repeat itself! I spent some time reading about Frederick Muhlenberg. He was quite an interesting man and part of our country's early history. As we all know, Germans grew to be the largest immigrant group until recent times.

Please let me know if you have a subject you would like me to research and write about, or if you have an article you have written and would like me to include in the *Zeitung*.

Members and Friends

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus is in the process of re-grouping and soliciting for new members. 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'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 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Shop City, adjacent to Teall Ave. and Grant Blvd. in Syracuse.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Rd. in Marcy:

- Apr 6 Edelweiss Dinner Dance from 6-11 P.M.—
Enzian Bavarian Quartet will be playing
Apr 14 Sauerbraten Dinner from 12-4 P.M.

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

Contact the *Zeitung!*

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