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## President's Report

Join us at our **Annual Picnic** event to be held at Camp Brockway, Sunday, July 7, from 1 to 5 P.M. Let's have a great turnout!

Please see the Vice President's Report for details on the next Oktoberfest Meeting, July 16, at 6 P.M. at Long Branch Park. We need your help, ideas, and support for a successful Oktoberfest.

Enjoy your Fourth of July celebration with family and friends and see you at the Picnic!

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

## Vice President's Report

It's time for you to start thinking about where you can help out at **Oktoberfest**. The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting will be on July 16 at 6 P.M. at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. There will be a member of the Parks Department there to answer questions. If you have ideas or would like to know more about serving on the Committee, please plan to attend. Or you can call me at 675-8321.

We are hoping to have copies of the Oktoberfest flyer to hand out at the Picnic on July 7.

See you at the Oktoberfest Meeting, July 16, or at the Monthly Meeting, July 18, at 7 P.M. at the Turners, or both! Oh, and the Picnic!

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice president and Oktoberfest Chair*

## Treasurer's Report

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

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

There are no new-membership applications to post this month.

July 7 is our **Annual Picnic** at Camp Brockway. Besides having a lot of fun, anyone applying as a new member can do so at the Picnic for \$15. Former members who were dropped for non-payment of dues are \$25 to rejoin.

If you have any questions about membership or dues, please contact me at 622-9145.

See you at the Picnic!

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

## Sunshine Lady

Get-well cards were sent to **Sally Drago, Helen Allman, Rolf Schwedes, Ken Blechl, and Goldie Erkila.**

### CLUB MEETINGS

- Jul 16      Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Long Branch Park, 6
- Jul 18      Board Meeting, Turners, 6  
Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7
- Aug 13      Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7
- Aug 15      Board Meeting, Turners, 6  
Monthly Meeting, Turners 7

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul 7      Club Picnic at Camp Brockway, 1-5
- Okt 6      Oktoberfest, Longbranch Park, 11-7
- Okt 19      Oktoberfest Volunteer Staff Party, Liverpool Fire Hall

It was reported at the Monthly Meeting that Sally Drago would love to hear from the members either with a card or a phone call.

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

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## New E-Mail Address and Facebook Page

Pass it on! The German American Society of CNY now has a new e-mail address and Facebook page. Start friending now!

E-mail address: cnygermansociety@hotmail.com

Facebook page: Germanamerican Societyofcny

JUNE PARDU & RICH PFAFF

## From the House Committee

Our next event is our **Picnic** at Camp Brockway on July 7 from 1 to 5 P.M. All members in good standing are admitted free. Guests pay \$15. If they would like to become a new member of the German American Society, their picnic fee will cover the application fee. Members, please bring your membership card with you when attending.

The kitchen will be open from 2 to 4 P.M. We will be serving brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, sauerkraut, red cabbage, and German potato salad. As we have done in past years, we ask everyone to please bring a dish or dessert to pass. **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing, so plan on bringing your dancing shoes.

If you plan to help in the kitchen, please be there at 12:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please contact me at 469-5304.

There is a flier and map in this *Zeitung*. Hope to see you all there!

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

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

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

If you would like to assist with maintaining the area containing the bricks, please let me know.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past, and to everyone who has purchased bricks.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI,

*Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

## From the Editor

Just want to encourage everyone to attend our **Picnic** on July 7 at Camp Brockway. It's always a lot of fun, and goes on rain or shine, since it's inside.

Also, please consider where you can help out at our **Great Syracuse Oktoberfest**. This is a huge undertaking and our only fundraiser all year.

This month I thought I would do something a little different and provide some interesting trivia.

### *So, did you know?*

- Munich has an opera festival that has been going on for 130 years.
- The *Autobahn* has a speed limit of 85 mph in most areas, but it's not unusual for drivers to average between 100 and 125 in the right conditions.
- The Berlin Wall was built during the Cold War in August 1961 by the East German government under the thumb of the Soviet Union and fell on November 9, 1989, to the cheers of thousands of people in Germany and around the world.
- The first cuckoo clock was built in the Black Forest in 1740 and these clocks have remained a successful export for a worldwide market.
- The highest mountain in the Alps is Mont Blanc, which spans the French-Italian border and is 15,782 feet high.
- The first Oktoberfest was a royal wedding celebration held in Munich on Oktober 12, 1810, of

Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Theresa of Saxony-Hildburghausen.

- The dropfront on *Lederhosen* was invented in Bavaria.
- Mozart created a lasting tradition of serious German-language opera, followed by other composers like Beethoven, Weber, and Wagner.
- The traditional *Dirndl* dress worn in Germany, and especially Bavaria, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Southern Tyrol, is based on the historical costumes of Alpine peasants.
- Germany's main exports are motor vehicles and parts, along with machinery.
- The lowest elevation in Germany is Neuendorf bei Wilsten at 3.54 meters.
- It is estimated that 406 million people from all over the world visited Germany in 2012.
- And, last but not least, the port of Hamburg is Germany's largest seaport and "Gateway to the World."

If you enjoyed this type of article, let me know and I will find more interesting and fun facts for a future *Zeitung*.

### Members and Friends

**Erika Carneim** will be in Germany visiting family and friends for a couple months. I'm sure she will have a lot to talk about when she returns!

### 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 planned to resume after Labor Day.

### Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy:

July 19, 20 & 21—Bavarian Festival, Fri & Sat 5–11 & Sun 12–6

**The Enzian Bavarian Band** will be playing on Sunday, July 21. **The Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** will be joining the **Edelweiss Shuhplattlers** that day.

If you have any questions regarding the **Bavarian Festival**, contact the clubhouse at 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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