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President's Report

Hopefully everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with family and friends. It doesn't seem possible that 2014 is here already. May this year be happy and healthy for all!

I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time throughout the past few years while I served as President of the German American Society of CNY. I appreciate all your help. I will continue to serve our society as a member of the Board of Directors.

Thursday, January 16, is our **General Meeting**, where we will be voting on the amendment to our By-Laws. It is also the Installation of Officers and Board Members. May we have a good turnout.

We welcome **Willi Kreuzer** as our new President.

HEINRICH PFAFF, *Outgoing President*

Vice President's Report

Time is rolling on and it is already 2014! I hope you all had a joyous and happy New Year!

I will post the date and time of our first **Oktoberfest 2014 Planning Meeting** in the *Zeitung*. It will probably be in March. 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 January 16 General Meeting. Remember, Oktoberfest is being held on August 16 and 17 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the January 16 General Meeting for a complete report on our financial status.

We have a new advertiser starting this month: Bruce Barnes of Barnes Memorials, 21 Water Street, Baldwinsville, 635-1624. Plus we added Gary Gunter, Syracuse Wire and Fence, 122 Josephine Street, Syracuse, 289-8145, last month.

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

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

As noted in last month's *Zeitung*, we had three new-member applications presented at the November Monthly Meeting: Dave Gunter of Syracuse, Tina Higgins of Syracuse, and James Heckathorne of Baldwinsville. These applicants will be voted on at the January 16 General Meeting. (There was no meeting in December.) With the acceptance of the three newest applications, we will have 199 members.

Don't forget: It's time to pay your 2014 dues. Just \$15—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.

Please send all dues and applications to: The German American Society, % June Pardue, 692 Idlewood Blvd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Please pay your 2014 dues by January 31. You can also pay in person at the January 16 General Meeting.

CLUB MEETINGS

Jan 16 Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00
 General Meeting, Turners, 7:00
Feb 20 Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00
 Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 28 Scholarship Night, Turners, 5-9

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761.

See you at the January 16 meeting!

JUNE PARDUE, *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.

We hope to have a **Bockbierfest** this spring. More information will be in the next *Zeitung*.

Please attend the General Meeting on January 16 at the Syracuse Turners for more details about upcoming events.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

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 MICHÓ, *Sunshine Lady*

Installation of Officers

The following people will be installed at the January 16 General Meeting:

President—Willi Kreuzer

Vice President—Klaus Raith

Treasurer—Jim Kozlowski

Secretary—Erika Carneim

Financial Secretary—June Pardue

Board Members: Henry Pfaff, Bob Kline,

Brigitte Niebuhr, Richard Pfaff, and John Ott

Please try to attend this important meeting as we will also be voting on the following:

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws

Below is the proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the German American Society of CNY. This amendment has already been proposed and agreed to by the Board of Directors, but a vote of the membership at the General Meeting on January 16 at 7:00 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners is needed:

It is proposed that all annual dues be paid by January 31 of the membership year. If the dues are not paid by that date, an invoice will be sent by the Membership Committee reminding any unpaid member that his/her membership dues are past

due, and that the dues must be paid by March 15 in order to remain a member in good standing. After March 15, any member who has not paid his/her dues will be automatically dropped from membership without further notice. If any prior member wants to rejoin The German American Society of CNY, he/she must come in as a new member.

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 2014 Scholarship Program is here already. Where did 2013 go?

The 2014 Scholarship applications will be going out in early February. So, please mark April 28 on your 2014 calendar for Scholarship Night. If you have never attended, please consider attending the 2014 Scholarship Night and witness firsthand this wonderful program that is sponsored by the German American Society of CNY. This is our 12th 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.

Klaus described the Christmas Eve custom in Bavaria of the cannon being shot off and then skiing down

the mountain holding a torch. (Sounds much more impressive than the luminaries we put out!)

Gracie told the students about Christmas Eve in Austria and finally seeing the tree when the parlor door was opened. (That must have been really exciting!)

I told the story of the candy cane and each student was given one when they were getting ready to leave the room. They also learned how to say Merry Christmas *auf Deutsch*.

It was great fun being with the students all day. The time really flew. But I have to admit, it was exhausting. I give the elementary school teachers a big thumbs-up for the great job they do with these students. These teachers are *WUNDERBAR!*

We have already begun to talk about some ideas for next year. If anyone is interested in attending and helping out with the December 2014 presentation, just let me know by November.

SALLY FRENZA

From The Editor

Since I generally write about events in Germany, I thought that this month Austria will be highlighted, as 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 the members of high society, along with a crowd of high-society wannabees, dance and socialize the “right way.” (Are all the other wonderful balls the “wrong way”?)

There are sparkling balls held everywhere in Austria. Many balls are sponsored by professional groups,

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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 ballgoers. What costumes and elegance, from the ball gowns to the elegant head pieces! 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, or if you have an article you would like to see in print, please let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

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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.

The chorus sings not only German songs, but also songs in English, and sometimes other languages. It’s really fun! We are currently “regrouping” and hope to start rehearsals again soon. If you would like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. Rehearsals are typically held on Monday evenings at 7:00 P.M.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

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

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