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President's Report

From your new President:

I extend my wishes for a Happy New Year. This will be a learning time for me and I ask for your patience and help. I want to thank Henry Pfaff for all the work and energy that he put into the last few years as President of this organization. Those are tough shoes to fill! Thanks again.

My thanks also for all the members of the different committees that agreed to stay on for another year. I will certainly need all the help I can get.

I invite you to attend our Monthly Meeting, and get to know me and your fellow members. Our next meeting is on February 20. Hope to see you there.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

I am happy to report that it is full speed ahead for the 2014 Oktoberfest! I have firmed up the entertainment schedule and it will be posted in an upcoming *Zeitung*. We will again be getting our beer from T. J. Sheehan. I will have more on what we will be serving later on.

A 120-foot tent has been ordered to allow for the Hospitality Booth to be inside the big tent. It was really difficult having it in a separate spot last year, so this larger tent should solve that problem.

Even though things are moving along, there is still plenty of planning and work to be done. So, if you are interested in serving on the Oktoberfest Committee, the first meeting will be in March.

If you have any questions about Oktoberfest that I can help you with, please just give me a call at 675-8321 or talk to me at the February 20 Monthly Meeting.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the next Monthly Meeting on February 20 for a complete report on our financial status. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at 622-2658.

Thanks and see you at the meeting.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Dave Gunter of Syracuse, Tina Higgins of Syracuse, and James Heckathorne of Baldwinsville were voted in at the January General Meeting. Welcome to the German American Society!

Don't forget: It's time to pay your 2014 dues. Dues are still just \$15 for renewing members. If you have not paid your dues yet, they are now overdue. If not paid by March 15, you will no longer be a member in good standing of the German American Society of CNY, and you will need to rejoin as a new member at a cost of \$25. So please get those dues in. You can also pay in person at the February 20 Monthly Meeting.

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

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

See you at the meeting!

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

Now that the holidays are over, we are planning the Bockbierfest. It looks like the date will be Saturday, March 22, from 5:30-9:30 at the Liverpool Fire Hall. Ad-

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Feb 20 | Board Meeting, Turners, 6 |
| | Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7 |
| Mär 18 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7 |
| Mär 20 | Board Meeting, Turners, 6 |
| | Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mär 22 | Bockbierfest, Liverpool Fire Hall, 5:30-9:30 |
| Apr 28 | Scholarship Night, Turners, 5-9 |

mission will be \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Kids 10–18 are \$5 and kids under 10 get in free. The menu will be Bockwurst, hot dogs, potatoes, salad, vegetables, and dessert. Beer, wine, soda, and bottled water will be available for a small donation. There will be more information in the March *Zeitung*.

Please make checks out to German American Society. No cash in the mail. Send to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205. The cut-off date is March 18.

If you'd like more information on the House Committee, or if you would like to help out, please let me know by calling 469-5304.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

Wget-well card went out to **Henry Pfaff**, who had a health scare after the Stein Club luncheon in January, but he is okay now. A card also went out to his sister, **Anna Kozlowski**, who is now in West Side Manor. A get-well card was sent to **Eric (Ricky) Lorenz**, as he has had a couple of surgeries. Despite the drive from Utica, he makes just about all of our functions.

On a happier note, a birthday card was sent to **Mickey Palumbo**.

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

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

Installation of Officers

The following people were installed by **Richard Pfaff** 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

Thank you to these members who stepped forward to lead our wonderful organization.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws

The proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the German American Society of CNY was passed unanimously at the January 16, 2014, General Meeting. For anyone who missed reading it previously, here it is again. The amendment will be typed up and provided to members to insert in each one's copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

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

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner! 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, which 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

First want to thank Committee Members Sheri Nurk, Henry and Mary Pfaff, and Mark Schumacher for agreeing to stay on. I really appreciate all the help you provide. Couldn't have **Scholarship Night** without you!

The 2014 Scholarship applications will be going out in 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 sponsored by the German American Society of CNY. This is our 12th year of presenting the scholarships.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the Editor

Since we seem to be in a cold spell here, I thought I would take a look at a typical winter in Germany. When we think of winter in Germany, we can picture in our mind the gorgeous Alps with skiers quickly schussing down the mountain or moving back and forth with such poetic movements it almost looks like it was choreographed. We can hear yodeling and feel the cold against our face. One of our members, **Willy Bechteler**, sent me

the most beautiful winter skiing video from YouTube. It captures the essence of a true day of skiing. It made me feel like I wanted to get on a pair of skis and get out there, although I know that will never happen again. Too bad; I really liked to ski.

Anyway, let's bundle up and get going for our little trip to Germany. German winters are cold, with the temperature often dropping below zero (sounds familiar doesn't it?) This could result in some beautiful winter sports in places like the Bavarian Alps. Other areas of Germany can also have quite a bit of the white stuff, but there is no guarantee for snow, as German winters can be unpredictable, so we'd better pack an umbrella, since you always need to be prepared for rain.

Let's take a side trip to Berlin for the Transmediale: Festival for the Art and Digital Culture, which is a five-day international cultural festival for contemporary art and digital culture. We can attend a large number of exhibitions, panel discussions, performances, and video screenings. As soon as the Transmediale is over, Berlin hosts the Berlin International Film Festival, which is the city's largest cultural event, with ten days of movies, stars, glamour, and parties. (I knew I'd like this trip!) It usually sells about 200,000 tickets and shows 400 films from all over the world.

We don't want to miss the many Karnivals with their colorful celebrations, street parades, and costume balls. *Karnival*, or *Fasching*, is the last big party before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The biggest festivities are in Köln, Münster, Düsseldorf, Aachen, and Mainz. (Good thing I packed that ball gown!)

Well, our short excursion to Germany is about to end. But before we take off, let's visit a *Bierhall* and partake of some good *Bier*, sausages, and sing and enjoy the *Gemütlichkeit*, which is really what we're all about—being with friends and family, enjoying our German music and dancing, and singing a few folk songs, and, of course, the food and *Bier*. But, wait a minute, we don't have to go to

Germany for that. We just need to attend the German American Society of CNY events, such as the upcoming **Bockbierfest**.

So we took our imaginary trip to Germany, and wound up right where we started: with our wonderful German American Society of CNY that is working to preserve our great German Heritage and Culture. Thanks for being a member and working with us! Together we can accomplish anything!

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*

Members and Friends

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We need your help and participation! **Sängerfest** is coming up next year and we would like to compete. But we can't do this without new members. Some members asked why there have been no concerts over the past year. The answer is that we need you to sing with us to help our chorus take its place again among the award winners!

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 P.M.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy. You may 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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