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of the German-American Society of Central New York

## November 2015

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## President's Report

Greetings my fellow Society Members. I want to remind you that we have a very important task ahead of us. November is our annual election of Officers and Board Members for next year. Our nominating committee worked hard to put together a slate for voting. It is important that we have a good turnout at the November meeting to vote for all the candidates.

We are also in need of a candidate for the office of Financial Secretary. Anyone that is interested in this office can be nominated from the floor at the November Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. on November 19 at the Syracuse Turners. No other nominations can be accepted at that time as the Slate is complete except for the Financial Secretary.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the November meeting scheduled for November 19.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

Thank you to all the Oktoberfest Committee members who attended the October 13 Oktoberfest Wrap-up Meeting to discuss possible changes for next year to make it even more profitable and exciting than 2015.

I am excited about all the suggestions that were made for 2016 and I am confident that we will have the greatest Oktoberfest yet next year.

I am already working on a possible band from Germany. Keep your fingers crossed that it will work out. It has been a while since we had a German band, and I am looking forward to this possibility for next year.

Also, just a reminder that the Monthly Membership Meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. Please plan to attend if at all possible, as this is election night.

If you have any questions about the above information, please contact me at 675-8321.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President, Honorary President & Oktoberfest Chair*

## Treasurer's Report

Please attend the next Monthly Meeting on November 19 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

Anyone who has outstanding bills related to Oktoberfest,

please forward them to me as soon as possible to enable me to get them paid and the Oktoberfest report completed. I would like to have the report done by next month at the latest.

All bills and financial communication can be sent to my attention at The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

If you have any additional questions or need to speak with me, please reach out to me at 635-5174 after 3 P.M.

Thanks and see you at the November 19 Monthly Membership Meeting, where you will have the opportunity to elect the Officers and Board Members for 2016.

BRUCE BARNES, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

The following applicants were approved for membership at the October 15 Monthly Membership Meeting: **John (Jack) Bligh** (Manlius), **Robert Oberst** (Syracuse), **CRL Kraus** (Jordan), and **Danny Liedka** (East Syracuse), all proposed by Sally Frenza; **Brian A. Bower** (Jordan), proposed by Bob Kline; and **Carl Bloss** (Manlius), proposed by Bruce Barnes. Welcome to all our new members!

Our membership is now at a wonderful 193.

If you have any friends or family members who would like to join our great organization, please have them complete a membership application and send it to my attention along with their \$25 check made out to The German American Society of CNY. The address is The German American Society of CNY, Attention: June Pardue, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

Applications can be obtained at any monthly member-

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Nov 19 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting & Elections,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Dez    | There is no Board or Monthly Meeting in<br>December  |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dez 13 | Christmas Party, Liverpool Elks Lodge 2-6 |
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ship meeting or any of our events, or on our website at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com).

It is not too early to start thinking about the 2016 membership dues coming up in January.

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

See you at the November 19 Monthly Membership Meeting.

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

Our Christmas Party is coming up on December 13 from 2 to 6 P.M. at the Liverpool Elks Lodge, 3730 Cold Springs Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027; phone: 622-2348. (It is on Route 370 by the bridge and right by the river.) The cost for adults is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children under 10 are free and ages 10 to 18 are \$5. **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

We will have a pork loin dinner with all the fixings, including yams, veggies, potato salad, and a few other dishes. If you are able, we would appreciate dessert donations.

Also, Santa will be there for children up to 12 years old. Please let me know the name and age of the child by November 12. I can be reached at 491-2573 or e-mail at [omib21@aol.com](mailto:omib21@aol.com).

As usual, there will be an auction. Any auction donations are welcome. The auction is always a lot of fun and laughs.

To make a Christmas Party reservation, please send checks made out to the German American Society of CNY by December 4 to Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

If you have any questions about the party or the House Committee, please give me a call or send an e-mail.

Hope to see you all at the November 19 Monthly Membership Meeting and at the December 13 Christmas Party.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

Unfortunately we lost a Lifetime Member in October: **Bruno Eckert**. Condolences were sent to the family.

A get-well card was sent to **Guenter Niebuhr** for his recent hospitalization. He is now home and feeling much better.

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 MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## Election Night November 19

The Nominating Committee members **Willi Rohrbach** (chairperson), **Helen Kline**, and **JoAnne Barnes** presented a slate of nominations at the October 15 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Below is the slate of nominations based on Nominating Committee recommendations and nominations from the floor:

### Officers:

President—Willi Kreuzer and Micky Palumbo

Vice President—Klaus Raith

Treasurer—June Pardue

Secretary—Sally Frenza

Financial Secretary—Open (nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November 19 Monthly Membership Meeting)

### Board Members:

Bill Nurk, Ken Blechl, Dick Schoeck, Sue Foster, Bruce Barnes, Rita Knapp, Pat Palumbo

Voting will take place by secret ballot at the November 19 Monthly Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners at 7 P.M.

Please plan to attend the meeting. Your vote counts.

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Well, it's autumn already. Hard to believe that we are heading for Christmas in only a few short weeks. I just want to remind everyone 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. What a great Christmas gift this would make!

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](http://www.germanamericanscny.com).

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

## German Student Scholarship Program

There will be more about the 2016 Scholarship Program in future issues of the *Zeitung*.

If you weren't able to attend this year's Scholarship Night, why not plan for April 25, 2016?

If you have any questions about the scholarship program, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail at [sallyzf@aol.com](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com).

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## From the Editor

November is upon us, providing an opportunity to thank our armed forces members both past and present for helping to maintain peace in our unsettled world and preserve freedom. Please take advantage of Veteran's Day on November 11 to say Thank You to a vet. Actually, any time you see a vet is a good time to say thanks. You don't need to wait for a special day.

Thanksgiving is the time for us to reflect on the many positive things that have happened to us over the past year and to count our blessings. At many family gatherings before the blessing is said, or one morsel of food is touched, each person at the table, including the children, tell one thing that happened over the past year they are thankful for. It really puts a positive spin on the day, and makes us all think about our many blessings. We live in a free country; we have a roof over

our heads and food to eat; we have friends and family. And, of course, we have our wonderful German American Society.

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving, and think about all we have to be thankful for!

I have had requests to repeat the section of last year's "From the Editor" article about the song German children sing in the streets of their village preceding Sankt Martinstag, which is on November 11.

Marching in procession carrying candlelit lanterns behind Sankt Martin in his Roman uniform riding Schimmel, his white horse, children of all ages sing songs celebrating the life of Martin of Tours. Long before the lanterns go out, the final verse of one of the most popular songs rings through the German streets:

*Ich geh' mit meiner Laterne,  
Und meine Laterne mit mir.  
Dort oben leuchten die Sterne,  
Hier unten, da leuchten wir.  
Mein Licht is aus,  
Wir geh' nach Haus,  
Rabimmel, rabimmel, rabum.*

The procession often ends at a huge bonfire, with a snack of a St. Martin Weckman, a sweet yeast dough "breadman" with raisin eyes and a clay pipe, and with hot chocolate for the children or heated mulled wine for the adults. Afterward, some of the children will go singing door to door to be rewarded for the originality of their lanterns as well as their singing with fruit, nuts, and other treats.

Can't you just picture this procession of sweet children in your imagination? Those wonderful children with their lanterns. It is such a warm feeling.

Do you have a topic you would like me to write about? Or do you have an article you have written and would like to see in print? Just let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Members and Friends

### The Wagner College Choir

The Arts & Music Festival at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, is presenting the Wagner College Choir, Dr. Roger Wesby, Conductor, in "A Wedding of Sorts," featuring music by such composers as Thomas Tallis, George Friedrich Händel, Arvo

Pärt, James MacMillan, Dan Forrest, Take 6, Barbara Wesby, Roger Wesby, and others.

The concert will be held on Sunday, November 15 at 3 P.M. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 873 Dewitt Street, Syracuse. Adults are \$15 and children are free. For more information, contact the church at 479-9912.

### Gemütlichkeit

The Syracuse Turners, 619 N. Salina Street, Syracuse, are holding their annual *Gemütlichkeit* on November 6 and 7 starting at 5:30 P.M. This is a fun-filled event that starts off with a Sauerbraten dinner. (There is also a second menu selection each night). There are raffles, games of chance, pull tabs, music, and a lot of laughs. Please call the club at 471-9851 for further details.

### Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

For more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. We really would like to start back up again.

### Friday Night Dinner

Looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday-night dinner? Why not try the Syracuse Turners? They have really great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a very reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8 P.M. and there's always a special. Please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 471-9851 and they will let you know if dinner will be served that evening and what the special will be. There is also a special libation offered at the bar to go along with the dinner special of the night.

### Events at the Utica Männerchor

Nov 14—Schlachtfest Dinner Dance, 6 to 10

If you would like to know more about upcoming events at the Utica Männerchor, located at 5535 Flanagan Road, Marcy, just contact the clubhouse at 735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

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