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President's Report

here is only one way to say it: What a great Oktoberfest we had! I believe a great time was had by everyone. My thanks go out especially to all the volunteers who made this Oktoberfest one of the best.

One of the highlights all the visitors seemed to enjoy especially were the dancers, both our own **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** and the group from Utica. The children of the **Utica Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** naturally stole the show, and we should all be proud of them.

The free activities for the children consisting of the magicians and the face painting really went over big. I noticed some of the adults also had the balloon animals and head pieces. What fun for all!

I am in Germany right now but I will be back soon.

Please attend the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting. We will be establishing a Nominating Committee at that meeting. Also, please give some thought to running for office or for the Board.

Hope to see you all when I return.

WILLI KREUZER, President

Vice President's Report

don't know where to start to thank everyone who volunteered at our **Great Syracuse Oktoberfest**. The area captains and their crews, the many people who volunteered for the setup and tear-down, wherever you volunteered, **Thank You** from the bottom of my heart!

The weather was with us and we had a great festival! It was just wonderful to see everyone coming together to make this such a marvelous Great Syracuse Oktoberfest! Our attendance was great and everyone really seemed to be enjoying themselves. It will probably be about two months before the Oktoberfest financial report is ready. As you are aware, this is our only fundraiser to support our activities such as the Scholarship Program and donations to such organizations as the Food Pantry, and other charitable organizations.

I would like to have an **Oktoberfest Wrap-up Meeting** on Tuesday, September 15, at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. Please plan to attend so we can discuss what we did well and where we can make some improvements for next year. So if you have ideas, please join us. You don't need to be on the Committee to come and voice your opinion and ideas.

Thanks again to all, and I hope to see you at the September 15 Wrap-up Meeting and the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting, both held at the Syracuse Turners.

Klaus Raith, Vice President, Honorary President & Oktoberfest Chair **Treasurer's Report**

lease attend the next Monthly Meeting on September 17 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

If anyone 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 in the next couple of months.

As noted in prior issues of the *Zeitung*, all bills and financial communication can be sent in c/o Bruce Barnes at 27 Water Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to me at 635-1624.

Thanks and see you at the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting.

BRUCE BARNES, Treasurer

Financial Secretary's Report

As noted last month, we had 11 applications for posting, which will be voted on at the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting: David Potter of Syracuse, Jenna Barnes of Syracuse, and Linda Barnes of Baldwinsville, all proposed by Bruce Barnes; Christina Burr of Fayetteville, proposed by Karl Wuerslin; Robert Hayden and Susan Hayden of Marcellus, proposed by Cheryl Maier; Sherri Pardue of Baldwinsville, proposed by June Pardue; Joshua Belser of Pulaski, proposed by Nicole Raith; Bob Graham of Syracuse, proposed by Dave Gunter; Helen Blechl of North Syracuse, proposed by Ken Blechl; and Thomas Dussing and Deanna Dussing of Syracuse, proposed by Willi Kreuzer.

CLUB MEETINGS

Sep 15 Oktoberfest Wrap-up Meeting, Turners, 7

Sep 17 Board Meeting, Turners, 6

Monthly Membership Meeting, Turners, 7

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 12 Oktoberfest Volunteer Party,

Liverpool Fire Hall, 6–10

Dez 13 Christmas Party, Liverpool Elks Club

We also had applications from Oktoberfest that will be presented at the September 17 meeting. They will be posted in the October *Zeitung* and voted on at the November Monthly Membership Meeting.

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 me along with their \$25 check made out to The German American Society of CNY. My address is: 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 next monthly meeting!

JUNE PARDUE, Financial Secretary

From the House Committee

ktoberfest is over and what an Oktoberfest it was! We were so busy in the kitchen we hardly had time to breathe or do anything else! I would like to thank all the Kitchen Volunteers. Many of the Volunteers worked more hours than their scheduled shifts to move the food lines along as quickly as possible and get people served. Thank you so much!

Now to thank all the Volunteers in all areas for their help, the German American Society of CNY is having a Volunteer Party on September 12 from 6 to 10 P.M. at the Liverpool Fire Hall. Volunteers are free but if you bring a guest, there is a \$12 charge in advance or \$15 at the door.

Reservations are a must for volunteers and their guests. If you are bringing a guest, please send a check or money order to Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205 by September 7. The checks or money orders need to be made out to The German American Society of CNY.

Entertainment and dancing is being provided by **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet.** So unpack those dancing shoes, because it will be a great night of singing, dancing, and fun!

Also, there is some potato pancake mix and Bratwurst that was not used for Oktoberfest. Please call me at 491-2573 to get the prices and make arrangements to obtain what you want.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, please give me a call at the number listed above.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out at Oktoberfest!

Brigitte Niebuhr, *House Committee Chair*

Volunteer Thank-You Party

s noted in the House Committee report above, the Volunteer Staff party is September 12 at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 6 to 10 P.M. Erika Carneim is in charge of sending the tickets out to the volunteers.

If you volunteered at least 4 hours at the Oktoberfest, and you have not received your ticket by September 8, please contact Erika at 463-4304.

Thank you Erika for taking on this task once again!

Oktoberfest Raffle

This year's raffle was handled by **June Pardue**, with assistance from ticket-sellers **Frank and Sally**, who were out in the crowd pushing those raffle tickets at Oktoberfest.

Now for the winners: 1st prize was \$500, won by Ron Arbour; 2nd Prize was \$300, won by Bill Eaton; and 3rd Prize was \$200, won by Katie Gunther. Congratulations to our raffle winners, and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!

Sunshine Lady

sympathy card was sent to our member John Lalande II on the death of his mother. Our condolences to the family.

This month we had two members with shoulder surgery: **Nancy Crast** and **Sally Frenza**. Also, a card was sent to **Philipp Kegel**, who suffered a broken hip. Get well fast everyone!

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 MICHO, Sunshine Lady

Goethe and Schiller Monument

ell, our August Oktoberfest is over, and it's almost autumn already. Hard to believe, isn't it? 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. Please call me at 451-1848 for further details or get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event an 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.

We also are asking for help to do a fall clean-up around the bricks at the monument. If you would like to spend a little time at the monument doing the clean-up and maintaining the area around the bricks, please let me know. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair

German Student Scholarship Program

t took me awhile, but I updated the Scholarship Book with all the pictures and notes from the 2015 Scholarship Night. It should only have taken me about a half hour, not two. But I stopped and looked at each picture and re-read every note, letter, and certificate that we have received over the last 13 years of our scholarship program, and I'm not ashamed to say that I had tears running down my cheeks as I reviewed everything. I am so proud of what we do for the students.

Anyway, I placed the book at the end of the Hospitality Booth at Oktoberfest. It really received a lot of attention. People seemed very impressed at this wonderful Scholarship Program we have for the graduating students of German. I spent quite a bit of time discussing the Scholarship Program with the individuals looking at the book. People seemed very interested in the program, and they had a lot of positive comments regarding our program and asked a lot of questions.

Thanks again to the Scholarship Committee who make this program work and to everyone who supports it.

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 sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, Scholarship Chair

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be appointed at the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting. If you would like to serve on this committee, please attend the meeting and volunteer.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominations for Officers and Board Members to be presented at the October Monthly Membership Meeting and then posted in the *Zeitung*. Elections will be in November.

Please think about helping out, as this is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to have a hand in who represents the membership.

From the Editor

Oktoberfest

Our Great Syracuse Oktoberfest is over. It was wonderful to see how the members and friends, both young and not so young, pulled together to make this Oktoberfest so great. Thanks to everyone.

I know that there have already been a lot of thank-yous, but I want to add one more. I'm sure we all agree that a special **Thank You** should go to **Klaus Raith**, who, for the umpteenth time, oversaw this celebration of our wonderful German Heritage and Culture. The *Gemütlichkeit* that was shared was just wonderful. And without Klaus's leadership and hard work, this would not have been possible. As Klaus would say, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart!" And Klaus, this one's for you!

Back to School in Germany

Since this is return to school time all over the world, I decided to once again take a look at a tradition in Germany that is really a great way to help the little ones going to school for the first time get rid of that first-day anxiety. It's done with a *Schultüte* (school cone), or as it is called in some parts of Germany, a *Zuckertüte* (sugar bag). This is a paper bag in the form of a big cone.

When the children in Germany and Austria set out for their first day in school upon entering the first grade (kindergarten is considered like our pre-school) their parents and/or grandparents present them with a big decorated cardboard cone filled with toys, chocolates, candies, school supplies, and various other goodies. Sometimes there are even CDs, books, and even articles of clothing. The children are excited to get the cones, and it makes the first day of school very special for them.

This tradition has reportedly been going on since the nine-teenth century. Why not start this great tradition here in the US? I'm sure the children would love it. Think about it and just look around and you can already see cones filled with goodies. At the New York State Fair, there were cones for sale filled with all kinds of sugary nuts, candies, and other sweet things. Now, where do you

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think the idea for those cones came from? Maybe the same place as Christmas Trees, the Easter Bunny, and a lot of other things.

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, recipe, or poem you would like to see in print, please let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, Editor

Members and Friends

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We sang at Oktoberfest with members from the Binghamton and Utica choruses. It felt so good to be singing together again. But to keep going we need your help and participation! The chorus needs 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!

For more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282.

Friday Night Dinner

Looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner? Why not try out 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. There is 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

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

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