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President's Report

New year is here already. I hope all of you had a great Christmas and had a Happy New Year. So let me wish you once more, *Ein Glückliches Neues Jahr*. With the New Year also come new challenges and the future direction of our society.

We had a great Christmas Party, and people seemed to like the venue. My thanks go to all of the volunteers who made the party possible. Thanks also to Eric Gang for once again doing a great job running the auction, and to all the members who donated items for the auction.

The January General Meeting is scheduled for January 21 at the Syracuse Turners. I would like to see as many members there as possible. The incoming Officers and Board Members will be installed at the meeting.

See you all at the General Meeting!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Nothing new has developed regarding the planning of the 2016 Oktoberfest to be held at Long Branch Park on August 6 and 7. The date is confirmed and I continue to work on the entertainment schedule.

There will be more information in a future *Zeitung*, including the date for the first Oktoberfest Committee meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report

First want to thank the members of the German American Society of CNY for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer for 2016. I especially want to thank Bruce Barnes for all his hard work during the past year.

All bills and financial communication should be sent to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548

Please attend the General Meeting on January 21 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

If you have any questions or concerns that I can help you with, please speak with me at any of our meetings, or reach out to me at 412-1761.

Thank you and see you at the January 21 General Membership Meeting!

JUNE PARDUE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be your new Financial Secretary, and thanks to June Pardue for her work in this capacity over the past years.

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

Applications can be obtained at any monthly membership meeting or any of our events, or on our website at www.germanamericanscny.com.

Also, the 2016 membership dues are due in January. The dues for renewing members remain at \$15 a year. The dues can be paid in person at the January General Meeting, or paid by check made out to the German American Society of CNY (please add annual dues in the message portion of your check) and sent to the above noted address. As per a prior Amendment to our Constitution and By-laws, all annual membership dues must be paid by January 31 of the

CLUB MEETINGS

- Jan 21 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
 General Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Feb 18 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
 Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mär 19 Bockbierfest, Syracuse Turners, 6-10
- Apr 25 Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
- Mai 21 Maitanz, Syracuse Turners, 6-10
- Jul 10 Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
- Aug 6&7 Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
- Okt 1 Weinlesefest (Wine Fest), Liverpool Elks, 6-10
- Dez 4 Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2-6

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.

Thank you in advance for sending in your membership dues by the January 31 deadline.

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 437-6889.

I look forward to a great 2016 and an increase in our membership and member participation.

NANCY CRAST, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

I want to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Party on December 13. We had a great turnout and everyone looked like they were having a good time. Klaus's band kept people moving.

There were a lot of laughs during the auction. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Eric Gang for another great job as our auctioneer. This year's auction was a huge success.

Thank you also to the House Committee who did a wonderful job in getting everything ready. Linda and Joanne Barnes, who are not members of the committee, provided the festive table decorations. I appreciate everyone's help.

I heard positives regarding the food, and I thank everyone who assisted with cooking the food and setting up the buffet tables.

Also, thank you to "Santa" for his attendance. It made the children very happy to see him, and to receive the gifts from "Mrs. Santa."

There is a list of events planned for 2016 in the "Upcoming Events" box on the first page of this *Zeitung*. Further information will be provided as the event dates draw closer.

If you have any questions about the House Committee, please give me a call at 491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

I am happy to report that **Helena Smith** is feeling better after her serious illness and time in the hospital a couple months ago. She felt well enough to attend the Christmas Party and even helped out.

Also, condolences go to the family of **Egon Heil** who passed away on December 24. He helped to preserve German Culture and Heritage through the food that was served when he was the owner/operator of Danzer's Restaurant for many years.

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*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

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 or online at www.germanamericanscny.com.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

German Student Scholarship Program

I will be contacting the Scholarship Committee members in January to confirm their continued involvement on the Committee.

The Scholarship Applications will be going out in February. At this time the number of scholarships to be awarded and the monetary amount for each has not been determined.

Scholarship Night is Monday, April 25, at the Syracuse Turners from 5 to 9.

There will be more about the 2016 Scholarship Program in the February *Zeitung*.

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

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program, or about the Scholarship Committee, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Installation of Officers and Board Members

The following Officers and Board Members are to be installed at the January 21 General Meeting:

Officers:

President—Willi Kreuzer

Vice President—Klaus Raith

Treasurer—June Pardue

Secretary—Sally Frenza

Financial Secretary—Nancy Crast

Board Members:

Bill Nurk, Ken Blechl, Dick Schoeck, Sue Foster,

Bruce Barnes

Please plan to attend this installation if at all possible to meet and speak with the individuals who will be leading our organization in 2016.

From the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the readers of the *Zeitung* who provided me with some

very positive feedback throughout 2015. I really appreciate and need those strokes.

The German American Society of CNY has had some real positive events during 2015. The Bockbierfest, the Maitanz, the Society Picnic, and, of course, the Christmas Party, were great times for all who attended.

We made our community aware of our German Heritage and culture through the wonderful Scholarship Program and the Great Syracuse Oktoberfest.

Unfortunately, we had the following members pass away during 2015: **Mary Santaferra, Ernst Franz Reith, Kurt Marschall, James Ryan, and Bruno Eckert.** We miss them and express our sincere condolences to their families and friends.

We have also seen our membership again start to grow as more people have joined our organization. We look forward to continued growth and increased participation from our new and current membership.

Now, let's take a look at Austrian balls, since this is the time of year when they are held. The most famous ball is the Viennese Opera Ball, where the members of high society, along with a crowd of high-society wannabes, 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 ranging from confectioners to hunters, pharmacists, coffee house owners, and engineers. Officially, the ball season ends in February with an array of carnival balls (*Fasching* is near!). 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 Austria during ball season a few years ago. I never saw such elaborate dresses and headpieces!

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*

Thank you to the Patrons who have already sent in their \$15. If you want to continue with your name in the *Zeitung* as a Patron, please forward the \$15 check made out to The German American Society of CNY to the Editor with a note on the check that it's for your 2015 Patron sponsorship. Thank You.

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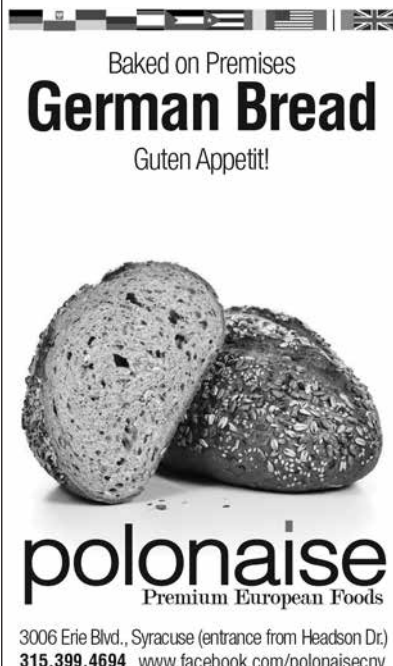
For more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. We really would like to start back up again.

Friday Night Dinner

Looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner? Why not try 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 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

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