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of the German-American Society of Central New York

## März 2016

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## President's Report

The February meeting was well attended, for which I am thankful. However, there is still room for more of our members to attend. The meetings give you the opportunity to keep up on all the club activity firsthand. The weather will be improving, so please try to attend the March 17 Monthly Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners at 7 P.M.

The 2016 Officers and Board Members were installed at the February 18 monthly meeting by the Chair of the Nominating and Election Committee, Willi Rohrbach. Please welcome everyone who will be working together in support of mutual fellowship, common goals, and the preservation and promotion of our great German heritage and culture.

Our next event is the **Bockbierfest** on March 19. If I remember right, *Bockbier* was developed by some monks during lent to help them with their fasting, since *Bockbier* is a lot stronger than normal beer. But maybe I am wrong? Will have to look into this.

I will miss the Bockbierfest since my wife and I go to South Carolina for the month of March for our annual spring break. I do wish everybody a good time at the Bockbierfest and I also want to wish all of you a Happy Easter!

Please plan to attend the March 17 Monthly Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners.

See you all in April!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

The 2016 **Great Syracuse Oktoberfest** is scheduled for August 6 and 7 at Long Branch Park, Liverpool. Setup is on Friday, August 5, and tear down is on Monday, August 8.

Good news! I have been successful in hiring a three-piece band, **The Bavarian Brothers**, from Massachusetts. I have listened to the band and they are really good! They will be a great addition to our Oktoberfest.

Our first Oktoberfest Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. There have already been some suggestions made and I am sure that these suggestions, as well as others, will be presented at the Committee Meeting. More information will be available after the March 15 meeting.

So if you would like to serve on the Oktoberfest Committee or have suggestions for the 2016 Oktoberfest, please plan to attend the March 15 meeting.

If you have any questions I can help you with regarding

Oktoberfest, or if you would like additional information about the Committee, please feel free to contact me at 675-8321.

Thank you.

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

## Treasurer's Report

Just a reminder that 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 Monthly Meeting on March 17 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 contact me at 412-1761.

Thank you.

JUNE PARDUE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has sent in their dues for 2016. The dues for current

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Mär 15 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7                         |
| Mär 17 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Apr 19 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7                         |
| Apr 21 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mär 19    | Bockbierfest, Syracuse Turners, 6-10           |
| Apr 25    | Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9       |
| Mai 21    | Maitanz, Liverpool Fire Hall, 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         |

members remain at \$15 a year and were due by January 31. The 2016 stickers for attachment to the membership cards are included in this *Zeitung* for everyone who has paid up to this point. Others will be included in future *Zeitings* as the dues are received.

Reminder notices have gone out to all members who have not paid their dues reminding them that they must be paid by March 15 to remain a member in good standing. If you have not yet paid your dues, the dues need to be sent in ASAP! Please make your check payable to the German American Society of CNY (please add annual dues in the memo portion of your check) and send it to the address noted below.

As I mentioned in past issues of the *Zeitung*, per a prior Amendment to our Constitution and By-laws, all annual membership dues must 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 or 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 or 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 or she must come in as a new member.

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

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.

Thank you.

NANCY CRAST, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

Our next event is the **Bockbierfest** on March 19 from 6 to 10 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street. There will be valet parking for anyone who is unable to climb the stairs to get into the Turners from the back parking lot. Just call 345-6253 when you arrive at the front entrance on North Salina Street and one of our members will park your car out in back for you. That way, you can use the front entrance with no stairs to climb. Then when you are ready to leave, your car will be brought around front for you.

Admission for the Bockbierfest is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For children up to 10 years old, there is no admission charge, and ages 11 to 16 are \$5. Dinner will be *Bockwurst*, hot dogs, veggies, baked beans, salad, potatoes, and coffee and tea. Adult beverages and soda will be available at the bar at reasonable prices. If our members could help us by bringing a dessert, that would be great.

The **Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your

listening and dancing pleasure. So get out those dancing shoes that have been gathering dust over the winter!

Please make reservations for the Bockbierfest by March 16. Your check should be made out payable to the German American Society of CNY and mailed to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse NY 13205.

I hope to see you all there!

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

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

We have received wonderful news! **Mary Pfaff** is now out of the hospital and is at The Cottages in Cicero for rehabilitation. Another card was sent to her wishing her well.

A get-well card was sent to **Nicole Raith** wishing her well after her arthroscopic knee surgery, and she sent a card thanking us and said she will be dancing at Oktoberfest.

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*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Spring is just around the corner (believe it or not!) and I 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.

If you have never seen the monument, it is located in Schiller Park on Syracuse's northside. It is truly a wonderful monument to Goethe and Schiller. The restoration of the monument was one of the great projects undertaken a few years ago by the German American Society of CNY in conjunction with the City of Syracuse.

Please call me at 451-1848 for further details or to obtain a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or on our website at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com).

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

## German Student Scholarship Program

Well, the Scholarship Program is approaching very quickly. The Scholarship Applications and criteria have gone out to the schools that teach German in Onondaga and Oswego counties. At this time, the number of scholarships to be awarded and the monetary amount for each has not been determined, but will be soon.

Scholarship Night is Monday, April 25, at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, Syracuse, from 5 to 9. There will be additional information in the April *Zeitung*.

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

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program

or the Scholarship Committee, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## From the Editor

Since March has both St. Patrick's Day and Easter this year, below is a little about each of these.

It is said that we Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a really big way. But there is also a big celebration in Munich. Green abounds to celebrate St. Paddy! Munich's St. Patrick's Day celebration is one of the largest in Europe. (Those Bavarians love a party!)

Irish people and Irish fans or wannabes have been celebrating in Munich since the 1990s. It started out as a small private celebration and quickly blossomed into a large, two-day festival. In 2014 there was a Parade from Münchner to Odeonsplatz. There was singing and an Irish Mass at St. Michael's Church. The Allianz Arena and the Olympic Tower were bathed in green light. I looked up the Munich celebration on Facebook and I couldn't believe my eyes. The number of people who were watching the parade in Munich and celebrating was unbelievable! The crowd was elbow to elbow. I bet the *Hofbräuhaus* was jammed to the rafters. Irish jigs or *Schuhplattling*? Whatever the dance, whatever the beer, whatever the food, I'm sure everyone in Munich will party hardy in 2016!

Now, let's also take a look at how Easter is celebrated in Germany and what German customs have become part of our own celebration. Like many of our Christmas customs, Germany is also considered the birthplace of such Easter icons as the Easter bunny (*Osterhase*). German children were told of an *Osterhase* who hid eggs and chocolates for them to find on Easter morning. Immigrants to America, particularly in Pennsylvania, brought the tradition with them and it spread.

Germans also hollow out eggs by making a pinhole in the end of the eggs and blowing out the contents. These eggs are then beautifully decorated and hung from shrubs and trees during Easter week. In some villages, people hold an Easter walk or ride in memory of the walk that Jesus took to his death.

Another unique custom in some villages of Germany is the Easter Fire. For the fire, all the Christmas trees are gathered and burned in a special place, making a huge bonfire, clearing

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 2016 Patron sponsorship. Thank You.

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away the last signs of winter and preparing for the bountiful spring.

However you choose to celebrate this most holy day, have a *Frohe Ostern!*

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

### 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 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

The Männerchor is having a St. Patrick's Party on March 12 from noon to 5.

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

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