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President's Report

Happy New Year to all! Another year has gone by and I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! Now it is time to look forward to 2017 and what it will bring. We are looking at the events for this year and details will be coming in a future *Zeitung*.

Our Club needs volunteers to make all our events successful. We are especially in need of someone who can help with the mailing of the *Zeitung*. Nancy Crast did a terrific job with the *Zeitung* mailing and we will miss her dedication to getting the it out in a timely and efficient manner. Let me thank her once more for a job well done!

Please attend our next meeting on January 19 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners to see what is planned for 2017 and how you can get involved in the Society activities.

Once again, Happy New Year!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

First want to thank everyone who called me and sent cards as I continue to recuperate from knee replacement surgery.

I will soon get into full swing with getting the Entertainment Schedule set up for the 2017 Great Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest.

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now we need to look forward to 2017 and all we can accomplish together.

If you have any questions that I can help you with, just give me a call at 315-675-8321.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President and Honorary President*

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 Membership Meeting on January 19 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about our

financial status or concerns that I can help you with, please speak with me at any of our meetings, or contact me at 315-412-1761. Thank you.

JUNE PARDUE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

First would like to thank the members of the German American Society for providing me with the opportunity to serve as the Financial Secretary for 2017. Currently, there are no new membership applications for posting this month.

Please remember: We are always looking to expand our membership. If you have anyone to propose for membership, just have the person 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.germanamericanscnycny.com. Or, just contact Helen Kline. Her contact information is found below.

CLUB MEETINGS

Jan 17	Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Jan 19	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Feb 14	Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Feb 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 24	Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners
Aug 5 & 6	Great Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, Liverpool

Reminder: The 2017 membership dues are due in January and should be sent to the above address. 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 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.

Just a reminder: If you are going to be away and would like the *Zeitung* held until you return, please contact the Editor. **Or, if you will be away for an extended period of time this winter the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you. Just contact the Editor to arrange for this complimentary service of the German American Society.**

Also, if you change your address, please contact the Financial Secretary with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and that the *Zeitung* reaches you.

To discuss any of the above areas or if you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact Helen Kline at 315-458-6415 or by e-mail at hkline8@twcny.rr.com. Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The December 4 Christmas Party held at the Syracuse Turners was a huge success. We had good attendance and everyone remarked about how much they enjoyed themselves. There were nothing but praises on the food and the fun of the annual auction. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the food and also contributed the tasty desserts.

The Enzian Bavarian Quartet sounded great and kept people dancing and swaying in their seats all night long. The sing-along really got everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Linda and Joanne Barnes, who are not members of the House Committee, provided the festive table decorations, and I appreciate their help.

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

Our auctioneer, **Eric Gang**, and everyone who contrib-

uted to the auction, helped make this annual event a success. Thanks.

The events for next year will be in an upcoming *Zeitung*.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, or if you would like to serve on the Committee, please give me a call at 315-491-2573 or email omib21@aol.com.

Thank you, and I look forward to a great 2017 with a lot of fun events!

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Now that the New Year is here, the committee will continue to work under the leadership of the Chair, **Willi Rohrbach**, to revise our Constitution and By-Laws. They will be meeting again this month to continue their revisions.

When all the proposed revisions have been completed, a special meeting will be called of the German American Society of CNY membership for the purpose of reviewing the revisions and discussing them in person. The next step in the process will be further reviewed at that time.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the By-Laws or revisions, please contact Willi Rohrbach, Committee Chair, at 610-972-4169.

Sunshine Lady

During the month of December, a get-well card was sent to **Klaus Raith**, who is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. I also sent a card to **Nancy Crast**, who has been treated for some health issues.

Please contact me at 315-468-4541 to report any illnesses, surgeries, deaths, anniversaries, monumental birthdays or other events that are deserving of a card.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

Installation of Officers

At the December 8 Monthly Membership Meeting, **Richard Pfaff** installed the Officers and Board Members for 2017 as shown below with the exception of **Klaus Raith**, **Rita Knapp**, and **John Ott**, who were unable to attend the meeting. They will be installed at a later date.

President—Willi Kreuzer

Vice President—Klaus Raith

Treasurer—June Pardue

Secretary—Sally Frenza

Financial Secretary—Helen Kline

Board Members: Bob Kline, John Ott, Brigitte Niebuhr, Eric Gang, Rita Knapp

Thank you to those who will be taking on the leadership roles for 2017 and leading our wonderful Society into the future.

Oktoberfest 2017

Just want to remind the Oktoberfest Committee that I have scheduled an **Oktoberfest Committee Meeting** for Tuesday, January 17, at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

If you would like to serve on the committee or if you have suggestions for Oktoberfest, please contact me at 315-730-7498 or by e-mail at mjdoyle@twcnny.rr.com, or plan to attend the January 17 meeting.

Thank you, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with everyone to make the 2017 Oktoberfest a great one!

MAUREEN DOYLE, *Oktoberfest Chairperson*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

It's the New Year, so why not buy a brick or 2 or 3 at the Goethe and Schiller Monument? What a great gift that would be for a loved one or organization! A single brick is \$50, 2 bricks are \$75, and 3 bricks are \$100, with each additional brick being \$30. Please call me at 315-451-1848 for further details or to get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or online at www.germanamericanscnny.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.

If you have any questions about the monument or the bricks, please give me a call at 315-451-1848.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Applications should be out to the schools by the time you read this *Zeitung*. **Scholarship Night** is set for April 24 at the Syracuse Turners from 5 to 9 P.M. Please plan to attend if at all possible to support the wonderful students of German.

Look for more information in upcoming *Zeitungs*.

From the Editor

First I want to thank **Nancy Crast** for the outstanding job she did in mailing out the *Zeitung*. She took us into the "computer age" with the new way that the mailings are done for the postal service. She was very conscientious and timely in everything she did, and for that I am more than grateful. I wish her only the best in the future. She said that she will be unable to handle the mailing of the *Zeitung* after January 2017. If you are interested in taking on this job, please contact the Editor, Sally Frenza, at 315-345-6253. Nancy has all the information on the process for mailing the *Zeitung* and she will be happy to assist the person who takes over the mailing.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the readers of the *Zeitung* who provided me with some very positive feedback throughout 2016. You have no idea how good it makes me feel when someone tells me how much they enjoy reading the *Zeitung*. I really appreciate and need those strokes.

The German American Society of CNY has had some real positive events during 2016:

- **Scholarship Night** was great and honored the recipients in the photo below, as well as all students of German and their teachers. If you were not able to attend, the 2017 Scholarship Night is just around the corner.



Recipients of scholarships at the 2016 Scholarship Night. From left to right: Mason Soeder, Gabriella Yates, Alyssa Sherry, Alexandra Herter, Joshua Moore, Jade Haupmann, and Stephanie KIoehler.

- The **Maitanz** was a lot of fun. This year we were joined by some members of the Syracuse Turners. Hopefully 2017 will see the two clubs support each other's functions.
- The **Society Picnic** was enjoyed by all. This is a benefit of German American Society membership. No member in good standing pays for the picnic. Guests are \$15 and can become members for their picnic entry fee. If you have not attended in the past, why not try 2017?
- When the bus trip to **Crystal Brook Resort** planned for October 28–30 had to be canceled, Bruce and Linda Barnes and Sally Frenza and her friend Vicky Logan decided to drive down to Round Top in the Catskills for the festivities. It was more fun than you can imagine, and I hope that more members, families, and friends can go next year. See the picture at the top of the next page of Bruce Barnes, Linda Barnes, Vicky Logan and Sally Frenza dressed for the Halloween Costume Party.



As a matter of fact, Linda won 3rd place for her “baby” costume, and Sally took 1st place as a “gypsy” fortune teller.

- And speaking of enjoyment, the **Christmas Party** was a lot of fun. It was really great as noted in the House Committee report. Below is a picture of Rita Knapp with Santa (Richard Pfaff) and Mrs. Santa (Brigitte Niebuhr).



- **The Great Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest** brought out a lot of merrymakers in 2016. **The Bavarian Brothers** really added to the merrymaking with their great dance music and entertainment on the Alpenhorn and the skis. We had music, both patriotic and popular modern day, from the **Army National Guard Band**.



Through our events we made the Syracuse community aware of our German heritage and culture, and we look forward to continued promotion in the upcoming year.

Unfortunately, we had the following prior members pass away in 2016: **Tony Baczinski** and **Carolyn Waterman**. We miss them and express our sincere condolences to their families and friends. If I have left out any members or former members who passed away during 2016, please let me know and I will note the names next month.

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.

Since we just greeted the New Year, below is a little information regarding New Year in Germany:

New Year in Germany is celebrated on January 1 as per the Gregorian calendar. People bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new year by eating, drinking, dancing, playing games, exchanging wishes, and making resolutions. (Sound familiar?)

The German people also do not forget to follow all their customs and traditions. A very popular tradition of telling the future called *Bleigiessen* is followed with a great amount of excitement. A small amount of molten lead is dropped into cold water and the future is predicted by the shape that



is created. For example, if the lead takes the shape of a heart or ring it means a wedding, shape of a ship means a journey, and a pig symbolizes plenty of food in the coming year.

In Germany, the New Year's celebration begins with New Year's Eve. December 31 is the feast day of Saint Sylvester and New Year's Eve is named after him. Sylvester was a Pope who lived in the fourth century. According to German legends, he healed leprosy and baptized the Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great.

People spend time with their dear ones at this festive time. As soon as the clock strikes 12, people hug, kiss, and wish each other *Ein frohes Neues Jahr*. Church bells start ringing and the champagne and wine flow lavishly as fireworks light up the skies. It is considered auspicious by the people to eat carp or herring. For Sylvester, lentil (or split pea) soup with wieners is very popular.

Happy New Year to all! 2017 will be a great year for our Society!

Do you have a German, Austrian, or Swiss topic you

Just a reminder that if you want to continue as a 2017 patron of the Zeitung, please send in your \$15 check to the editor at the contact information in this Zeitung. Thank you.

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

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

Members and Friends

Syracuse Turners

If you are 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 and there's always a special. Please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851 and they will let you know what the special will be.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

For more information about upcoming events at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy, just contact the clubhouse at 315-735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Contact the Zeitung!

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