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President's Report

The hard work is finally behind us so we can relax some. Everyone feels we had a great **Oktoberfest**, and I believe we did. We deserve a little down time for the next month or so. But it is never too early to start thinking about next year, what can be improved on, and who is going to be the chairperson.

Our next party is our annual **Christmas Party**. I know it is a few months away, but preparations are already going on. **Brigitte Niebuhr** will be the chairperson as in the past. If anyone has any ideas or questions, please contact Brigitte. Of course, she always can use help.

In the meantime, we have an election coming up. **Willi Rohrbach** again is the chairman for the nominating committee. I would like to encourage our membership to think of maybe running for an office or for the board. You can contact Willi at 610-972-4169 and give him your name. The candidates and other information will be listed in the next *Zeitung*. It is your club and maybe a fresh voice is needed. The list of candidates must be presented at the October 19 Membership Meeting for the election in November. Please attend the meeting to find out who is running for office for 2018.

One more thing: I had mentioned in my report in the September *Zeitung* that I was recommending a party for the Oktoberfest volunteers. This was discussed at the Oktoberfest and board meetings, and it was decided that when we know the outcome of the Oktoberfest, we can plan from that point.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Thank you once again to all who volunteered at **Oktoberfest!** It was a great one with fun had by people of all ages. Hopefully we will have an Oktoberfest Committee meeting after the first of the year as we need to get started early with the planning for the 2018 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest. There will be more information in a future *Zeitung*.

I hope to see you all at the October 19 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Syracuse Turners. In the meantime, if you have any questions that I can help you with, please feel free to 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.

The bills from Oktoberfest have been coming in. I hope to have an Oktoberfest report by the end of October.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on October 19 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 events, or contact me at 315-437-8746. Thank you.

RICHARD PFAFF, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

This month we received a membership application from **Marc and Tammy Gondeck** of North Syracuse, sponsored by **Helen Kline**. They will be voted on at the October 19 Monthly Membership Meeting.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a member of the German American Society, applications for new members are available on our website at www.germanamericansny.com or you can give me a call at 315-458-6415. The cost is \$25 for new members and the check needs to be made out to the German American Society of CNY and sent to The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548, with a completed membership application.

Also, if you have any questions about membership or your dues, please contact me at the above number. Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Okt 19 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Nomination Night, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Nov 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Election Night, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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| Dez 10 | Christmas Party, Elks Club, Liverpool, 2-6 |
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From the House Committee

Please put December 10 on your calendar as our **Christmas Party** date has been confirmed for that date from 2–6 P.M. at the Elks Club in Liverpool. Admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children under 5 are free and children 6–15 are \$5.

As usual we will have a fun auction, so if you can, please bring something to auction off. We always have great baked goods and adult beverages, as well as other items in the auction. Anything is welcome.

Santa will be coming with presents for kids ages baby to 12 years old. I will need the name, age, and whether it's a boy or girl by November 15. The menu for dinner will be in the November *Zeitung*. Hope to see you all there!

Please send reservations by November 15 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205. The checks need to be made out to the German American Society of CNY.

If you have any questions about the party or the house committee, please contact me by phone or text at 315-491-2573. You can also e-mail me at omib21@aol.com

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Committee Chair, **Willi Rohrbach**, announced at the September 21 Monthly Membership Meeting that the Constitution and By-Laws have been completed and will be distributed to the members in attendance at the October 19 Monthly Membership Meeting. Then a date for a special meeting will be scheduled for discussion and a vote. No additional changes will be made.

Any questions need to be directed to Willi Rohrbach at warohrb@gmail.com. Or call Willi at 610-972-4169.

Sunshine Lady

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 MICHO, *Sunshine Lady*

Scholarship Program

There will be more information in future issues of the *Zeitung* about the 2018 program. As soon as the date for German Student Scholarship Night is firmed up I will put it in the *Zeitung* so you can mark it on your calendar.

Also, please remember to buy the German American flag pins to benefit the Scholarship Program. They are only \$3 and can be purchased at any of our meetings or events. Christmas isn't that far off, and the pins make great stocking stuffers.

I still have some of the children's clothing that had been donated for sale. Please call me at the number below if you are interested and I will let you know what is left. There is also a pair of men's Lederhosen that have never been worn, size 32/34, and another men's pair that is gently used.

If you have any questions about the scholarship program, or if you would like to help out on the committee or at German Student Scholarship Night, please feel free to call/text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com.

Thank you and see you at the October 19 Monthly Membership Meeting.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Autumn is here, and that means Christmas is just around the corner. Why not purchase a brick or two or three at the Goethe and Schiller Monument? What a great Christmas 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 on our website at 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.

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*

Nominating Committee

As noted in the President's Report, **Willi Rohrbach** has again agreed to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee. He is currently in the process of confirming the members on his committee.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominations for Officers and Board Members to be presented at the October 19 Monthly Membership Meeting. The slate will then be posted in the November *Zeitung* and the election will be held at the Monthly Membership Meeting November 16.

Please consider running for office or the Board as this is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to have a hand in who represents the membership. Just give Willi Rohrbach a call at 610-972-4169 or by e-mail at warohrb@gmail.com prior to October 19 and let him know that you would like to run for office or nominate someone. Besides the officers, there will be nominations for five board members. Please keep in mind that the October 19 meeting is the only time there can be nominations from the floor.

From the Editor

Since Oktober 6 is **German-American Day** in the United States, I thought it would be a good time to mention a little about this celebration. The holiday, which celebrates German American heritage, commemorates the date in 1683 when 13 German families from Krefeld, near the Rhine, came to Philadelphia. These families subsequently founded Germantown, Pennsylvania, the first

German settlement in the original thirteen American colonies. Originally known under the rubric of "German Day," the holiday was celebrated for the first time in Philadelphia in 1883 on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the settlers from Krefeld; and similar celebrations developed later in other parts of the country. The custom died out during World War I as a result of anti-German sentiment that prevailed at the time.

The holiday was revived in 1983 when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6 as German-American Day to celebrate and honor the 300th anniversary of German American immigration and culture to the United States. On August 6, 1987, Congress approved S.J. Resolution 108, designating October 6, 1987, as German-American Day. It became Public Law 100-104 when President Reagan signed it on August 18. A proclamation (#5719) to this effect was issued October 2, 1987, by President Reagan in a formal ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, at which time the President called on Americans to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Below are the names of a few famous German Americans and their contributions:

General Friedrich von Steuben—General George Washington's Chief of Staff

Levi Strauss—originator of Levi's jeans

John D. Rockefeller—an American industrialist and philanthropist

Lou Gehrig—New York Yankee superstar

Charles Schultz—cartoonist and originator of "Peanuts"

L. Frank Baum—author of *The Wizard of Oz*

Lawrence Welk—accordionist, band leader, and famous for *The Lawrence Welk Show*

Conrad Veidt—Hollywood filmmaker

Fred Astaire—actor and dancer

Henry J. Heinz—founder of the H. J. Heinz Company

Dwight D. Eisenhower—WWII Commanding General in Europe and U.S. President

This is only a sampling of famous individuals of German heritage. The contributions of Germans and German influence in the U.S. is everywhere.

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 Turners

The Syracuse Turners will be holding their **Annual Gemütlichkeit** on the evenings of November 3 and 4. There will be a great Sauerbraten dinner both nights, with the option of fried fish on Friday and ham on Saturday. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8, and the cost is \$11 in advance or \$13 at the door. There will be raffles and games, and a lot of fun and laughs.

Also, if you are looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner, why not try the Syracuse Turners, 619 N. Salina St.? They have great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8. They are now once again operating on their regular Friday night schedule. If you would like more information, please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851 and they will let you know what is being served that Friday and what the special will be.

Please try to support our friends at the Turners.

Thousand Island Winery Oktoberfest

The Thousand Island Winery, another of our *Zeitung* advertisers, is holding its annual **Oktoberfest** on October 7 at the winery. Please see the back of this *Zeitung* for the address and contact information for further details. The Oktoberfest is an annual event at Thousand Islands and is a lot of fun. They will have German food and a variety of wines and beer for sale, as well as music and dancing by our own Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers.

The Old Erie Restaurant

The Old Erie Restaurant, the vendor who provided the hot food at our Oktoberfest, will be having a culinary tour of Germany at their Oktoberfest, which runs from October 1 to 30. For more information, call the restaurant at 315-834-6641.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

For information about the Friday night fish fry or other upcoming events, just contact the clubhouse at 315-735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Thank you to the patrons who paid their \$15 to remain a 2017 *Zeitung* Patron. For those of you who did not send in your \$15 check, your name has been removed. If you would like your name to once again appear in the *Zeitung*, please send the \$15 check to the editor and made out to the German American Society of CNY with a note on the check that it is for being a patron.

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