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President's Report

March came in like a lamb, but then turned into a lion. I hope we saw the last of our bad weather. I'm sure we've all had enough of it. Two meetings had to be canceled because of the weather, and the work piled up. Now we have to settle down and get going. The next meetings are important to conclude everything needed for our upcoming events. Please see what you can do to help make that a success. We always need more help.

I would like to say that when I arrived in Syracuse in 1961, I was very happy to find the **Arion Singing Society** to invite me in to become a member. Needless to say I was happy to find a place to continue my German language and at the same time feel welcome in the USA. What wonderful times we had at the Arion! Of course in the 50s and 60s a lot of German young people came to the states for one reason or another. But we all were happy to come together once a week to find *Kameraderie und Gemütlichkeit*. That is why I feel we need to remember all the good times we had in the past and build on them for the future. I know not many Germans are coming to the USA anymore. That's why we need more than ever to keep up our cultural and ethnic heritage.

Scholarship Night is coming up on April 24 and I encourage all to attend.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

As reported last month, I have contacted the bands for the entertainment portion of **Oktoberfest**. I'm now waiting for the contracts to make up the entertainment schedule. We'll have great entertainment this year, headed up by **The Bavarian Brothers**.

There will be more to report on the entertainment schedule as I receive the contracts. If you have any questions about the entertainment, I can be reached at 315-675-8321.

Thank you! Looking forward to seeing you all at the April 20 meeting!

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 April 20 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 events or contact me at 315-412-1761.

Thank you.

JUNE PARDUE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Currently, there are no new-membership applications for posting this month.

It certainly doesn't feel like spring, even though the calendar

tells me that it is. Hopefully by the time you receive this *Zeitung* the temperatures will have improved.

Thank you to all who have paid membership dues. Please look for the 2017 stickers in this issue of the *Zeitung*.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the late notices have been sent to members who have not paid. In order to remain a member in good standing your dues needed to have been paid by April 30. After that date you will need to come in as a new member and pay \$25.

The dues can be paid in person by check made out to the German American Society of CNY or by cash at the April 20 Monthly Membership Meeting; or your check can be sent to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Please add "dues" in the memo line of your check.

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 address noted above.

As you know, we always welcome new members. Membership applications can be obtained at our monthly membership meetings, at any of our events, or on our website at www.germanamericanscnyc.com, or contact me at 315-458-6415.

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 me with the new

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Apr 18 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Apr 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Mai 16 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Mai 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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| Apr 24 | Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9 |
| Mai 6 | Maitanz, Syracuse Turners, 5-9 |
| Jul 9 | Picnic at Camp Brockway |
| Aug 5 & 6 | Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest,
Long Branch Park, Liverpool |

Maitanz!

Saturday, May 6
5 to 9 pm
Syracuse Turners

\$12 for adults in advance (\$15 at the door),
\$5 for children 6-12, under 6 free.
Stein Club members contact Eric Gang at 315-479-8281.
Beverages available at a nominal charge.
Dinner will be ham, veggies, potatoes, yams, sauerkraut,
salad, coffee, soda, and tea. Please bring a dessert if possible.
Dance to the Enzian Bavarian Quartet and Dancers.
Reservations by May 3. Make checks payable to
The German American Society of CNY (no cash),
and send to Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave.,
Syracuse, NY 13205. Call 315-491-2573 with any questions.



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 me at 315-458-6415 or by e-mail at hkline8@twcny.rr.com.

Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

Our annual **Maitanz** is coming up. This event is a combined venture with the Stein Club and is being held on May 6 from 5 to 9 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina St., Syracuse. Admission for adults is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children ages 6 to 12 are \$5, and under 6 are free.

Reservations in advance should be sent to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

Checks made payable to the German American Society of CNY need to be received by May 3. Please do not send cash.

Stein Club members please make reservations with Eric Gang at 315-479-8281.

Dinner menu is ham, veggies, potatoes, yams, sauerkraut, salad, coffee, soda, and tea. If members could bring a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

The **Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. The Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers will also be there to entertain with their German folk dances and the Maypole Dance.

This is going to be a real fun night, so please plan to attend if at all possible.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, please give me a call at 315-491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Committee continues to work under the leadership of the Chair, Willi Rohrbach, to revise our Constitution and By-Laws. They will be meeting again on April 2. Reportedly, the revisions are almost complete. Willi will provide an update at the April 20 Monthly Membership Meeting.

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

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 MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

The Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest 2017

Unfortunately, the March 14 Oktoberfest Meeting had to be canceled due to the snowstorm. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 P.M. on April 18 at the Syracuse Turners.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions regarding Oktoberfest please contact Maureen Doyle, Event Coordinator, at cell 315-730-7498 or email: mjdoyle@twcny.rr.com

Scholarship Program—Our 15th Year!

By the time you receive this *Zeitung*, the Scholarship Committee will have met to review the scholarship applications and the scholarship recipients notified. There will be six \$800 scholarships

German Student Scholarship Night

April 24 • 5 to 9 p.m.



Syracuse Turners
619 N. Salina St. • Syracuse, NY
315-471-9851

Social Hour from 5 to 6
Dinner from 6 to 7
Entertainment at 7
featuring

Klaus Raith, John Beston,
and **Enzian Bavarian Dancers**
Awards to Follow

Klaus Raith will be playing the zither and **John Beston** will be playing the guitar during dinner

Menu: Sauerkraut, German potato salad, Bratwurst, franks, tossed salad, bread, Kuchen, coffee, and tea

Cost: \$10

(No charge for students of German or their teachers.)

Reservations and checks made out to the German-American Society of CNY by April 15 to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027. Questions: contact Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253 or sallyzf@aol.com.

awarded this year. Five scholarships are thanks to the German American Society, with the other scholarship being funded by our member **Richard Schoeck** from the endowment of his father, **Paul Schoeck**.

German Student Scholarship Night is Monday, April 24 at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, Syracuse, from 5 to 9. If you need directions, please contact the Turners at 315-471-9851. The cost is \$10 and includes dinner, which consists of tossed salad, Bratwurst, franks, Sauerkraut, German potato salad, Kuchen, soda, coffee, and tea.

The social hour with snacks is from 5 to 6, dinner from 6 to 7, followed by singing of German folk songs and then the **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers**. Everyone looks forward to the dancers, and the scholarship recipients and others get a chance to show off their dancing skills doing the "Pretzel Dance." Each scholarship recipient will then give an acceptance speech in German and English.

Klaus Raith will be playing his zither and will be leading the folk songs. **John Besten** will be playing along on his guitar. It will be a lot of fun!

If you have not had the opportunity to attend a German Student Scholarship Night, why not plan for April 24? This is really a wonderful event that highlights our wonderful students and the great work done by their teachers.

Please send your reservation by April 15 to: Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105. Checks should be made payable to the German American Society of CNY.

Just a reminder, there is no charge for students of the German language regardless of year in school and their teachers. However, reservations are still requested for planning purposes.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to call or text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com.

See you all at our 15th German Student Scholarship Night April 24.
SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Spring is here, and it is time to think about installing additional bricks at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. Why not buy a brick or 2 or 3? What a great Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or birthday 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.germanamericansny.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.

The Onondaga Central High School German Club has started the ball rolling by being the first to purchase a brick for installation this spring. Why not join them in this great project?

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*

Thank you to the patrons who have already sent in their \$15 for 2017. All others who want to continue with their names 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 2017 Patron sponsorship. Otherwise your name will be deleted from the list effective 5/1. Thank You.

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From the Editor

Stern auf Deutschland is not only a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but also a time for fun and celebrating spring. It is a time for coloring eggs, preparing special meals, and eating chocolate *Osterhasen*.

Homes in Germany are filled with clay bunnies, spring flowers, and Easter eggs hung from branches. The tradition of using eggs and bunnies for Easter originates from pagan worship, where they were symbols of fertility and new birth and used to celebrate the coming of spring.

Children have egg and bunny games that they play. They blow out eggs and paint them with different colors and designs on Good Friday. They then leave the eggs in a basket for the *Osterhase* to find and hide around the house for Easter morning. The children then hunt for the eggs and find not only the eggs, but many times chocolate bunnies and even some presents. It is then off to church to celebrate the true meaning of Easter.

Another unique custom in some villages of Germany is the *Osterfeuer* (Easter fire), which is lit on Easter night. For the fire, all the Christmas trees are gathered and burned in a special place making a huge bonfire, clearing away the last signs of winter and preparing for the bountiful spring. The event is now more of a social gathering and an excuse to get together and celebrate over a beer (like there needs to be an excuse!).

The German people also have a big Easter dinner either on Easter Sunday or Monday. Easter lamb, chicken, and eggs, are just a few of the dishes served to celebrate Easter as well as the end of Lenten fasting.

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

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

The Syracuse Turners is presenting its **Frühlingfest** on April 8, a fun event open to all. There will be a choice of a Rouladen or Ham Dinner, served from 4 to 8. The cost is \$11 in advance or \$13 at the door, with children being \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door. There will be games and raffles. It's a great evening and a lot of fun, so please try and attend to support our friends at the Syracuse Turners.

Also, if you are looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner, why not try the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, Syracuse. They have great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a very reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8. There is also always a dinner 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 the Utica Männerchor, located 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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