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of the German-American Society of Central New York

## Mai 2017

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## President's Report

As we say in Germany: *Der Mai ist gekommen, die Bäume schlagen aus.* Meaning spring is here and everything is in bloom. Winter is behind, and now we can celebrate new life with dancing and joy. That is why we have the *Maitanz* to bring in spring. In Southern Germany this is a great celebration, with the young people setting up tall *Maibäume* in the center of the villages and decorating them with flowers and colorful streamers.

Our own *Maitanz* will be on May 6. I want to invite everyone to this event where you will have a great time. I'm sorry to say I won't be there with you since I will be in *Deutschland* during the month of May. I will be in Bayern where there are many *Maibäume* in the villages.

Just a reminder: Please attend our Monthly Meetings, and maybe even get involved with your club. As I mentioned before, we are always in need of people who are willing to step up and help out. To paraphrase the famous words of President Kennedy: Ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club!

The German American Society needs you all! Have a great May.  
WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

I have been working very hard and I now have the **Oktoberfest** entertainment lined up.

Below is the schedule.

### 2017 Entertainment Schedule

#### Saturday, August 5

- 11-noon—The Harmony Katz Barbershop Chorus
- Noon—The Opening Ceremony and Alphorn playing contest with our local dignitaries
- Noon-3—The Bavarian Brothers from Massachusetts and the Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers
- 2-5—The Twin Magicians, David and Paul Jackman, and face painting by Outback Steak House in the children's tent
- 3-4—The Edelweiss Schuhplattler from the Utica Männerchor
- 4-7—The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers

#### Sunday, August 6

- 11-noon—The Harmony Katz
- Noon-3—The Bavarian Brothers from Massachusetts and the Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers
- 2-5—The Twin Magicians, David and Paul Jackman, and face painting by Outback Steak House in the children's tent
- 3-4—The Edelweiss Schuhplattler from the Utica Männerchor
- 4-7—The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
- 7—Closing Ceremony

If you have any questions about the entertainment, I can be reached at 315-675-8321.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all at the *Maitanz* and the May 18 Monthly Meeting.

KLAUS RAITH, *Oktoberfest Entertainment Chairman, 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 May 18 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

Spring is always a very busy time of year, but I think most of us look forward to it for many reasons. Milder weather, the beautiful flowers that are blooming or beginning to bloom, and just enjoying the outdoors.

I wish to thank our members who paid their dues this past month. It is appreciated!

Please remember: If your \$15 dues were not paid by April 30, 2017, and you wish to rejoin at a future date you will need to pay \$25.

We have one new membership application this month: George L. McCormick, Liverpool, proposed by member William Weigel. He will be voted on at the May 18 Monthly Membership Meeting.

If you know anyone who is interested in joining our German American Society, you can request an application at our Monthly Membership Meeting, online at [www.germanamericansociety.com](http://www.germanamericansociety.com), or just give me a call. The cost for a new member is \$25. The check should

### CLUB MEETINGS

- Mai 16    Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Mai 18    Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6  
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Jun 13    Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Jun 15    Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6  
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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

be made out to the German American Society of CNY and sent along with a completed membership application to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

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 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](mailto:hkline8@twcny.rr.com).

Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

Our annual **Maitanz**, a combined venture with the Stein Club, is coming up on May 6 from 5 to 9 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina St. Admission for adults is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children ages 6–12 pay \$5, and under 6 are free. If you have not yet made your reservation, there is still time.

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.

If you are unable to get your check out to me by May 3, please give me a call at the number below and I will reserve a spot for you at the \$12 rate, and you can pay at the door.

Stein Club members please make reservations with Eric Gang. His phone number is 315-479-8281.

The 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, including the May Pole Dance.

This is going to be a real fun night, so please plan to attend.

There will be valet parking for anyone who cannot find a street parking spot and cannot climb the stairs at the Turners. Just call 315-345-6253.

Let's have a great turnout and make this a night to remember!

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. Willi reported at the April Monthly Membership Meeting that the revisions are done. The Committee plans to present the revised By-Laws to the membership at the May or June Membership Meeting. At that time the next step in the process will be provided.

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

An anniversary card was sent to **Eric and Elsa Doell** in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary. Congratulations on this wonderful milestone!

A get-well card was sent to both **Eric Gang** and **Henry Pfaff**. Hope to see them up and about soon.

A sympathy card was sent to the **Domachowske family** on the passing of our member **Joe Domachowske**.

A sympathy card was also sent to the **Amrhein family** on the passing of our lifetime member **Herman Amrhein**.

We also lost a lifetime member, **Alois (Alex) Engler**. A card was sent to his family. Many of you may remember Alex for his German radio show that he produced and hosted for 35 years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families at this most difficult time.

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

The 2017 Oktoberfest Committee is excited to announce that **Docks Grill at Pirates Cove** will be running our hot kitchen this year. Their menu will consist of homemade German potato salad, pork schnitzel, brats, hot dogs, other favorites, plus some new dishes, too. Also new this year will be a field kitchen just for our volunteers.

The Bavarian coat of arms, this year's Oktoberfest logo, will be on our commemorative beer steins. We are looking for vendors, so if you know of a business or organization that may be interested, please have them call June at 315-412-1761. The cost is only \$50 for the weekend.

Please feel free to call me at 315-730-7498 with any suggestions or concerns about Oktoberfest.

Our next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting is on May 16 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

MAUREEN DOYLE, *Oktoberfest Chairperson*

## Scholarship Program—Our 15th Year!

By the time you receive this *Zeitung*, **Scholarship Night** will be over. Thank you to everyone who attended! It was a wonderful evening spent honoring not only our Scholarship recipients, but also all students of German and their teachers who are charged with the task of promoting and preserving our German heritage, culture, and language.

I want to thank **Klaus Raith**, who once again played his zither during dinner and led the folk songs. Also, thank you to **John Besten**, who accompanied him on his guitar. The **Enzian Bavarian Dancers** performed traditional Bavarian folk dances. The pretzel dance was a hit! When some of the students and parents got up to dance, there was a lot of laughter and happy faces! It was great and everyone looked like they were having a lot of fun!

A big thank-you goes both to the Board of Directors who approved the funding for five of the awards, and to our member **Dick Schoeck**, who donated a scholarship in honor of his parents.

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee and to everyone who pitched in to help on Scholarship Night. **Nancy and Larry Crast**, **Anna Bultjer**, and **Brigitte Niebuhr** did a great job of decorating the tables and setting up the snack table. Nancy also handled the door and Larry was a great help in the kitchen. Never saw anyone who could make veggie and fruit trays look so good! Thank you to **Dave Gunter**, who was a big help with picking up some of the food and taking it to the Turners. Dave even drove to my home in Baldwinsville and transported the numerous items I needed to get to the Turners as he knew I would be unable to lift and carry boxes to load and unload my car. What teamwork!

At Scholarship Night it was so nice to see people enjoying the *Gemütlichkeit*, which is only possible when people work in harmony with each other and share a common goal. And in this case, it was to provide a memorable evening to these wonderful students of all ages and grade levels in school, their teachers, and family and friends, as well as members of the German American Society who came out to celebrate with them.

This year's scholarship recipients are: **Ryan Bishop**, Fayetteville Manlius High School; **Connor Maltby**, Onondaga Central High School; **Becca Saya**, Mexico High School; **Olga Shydlonok**, Fayetteville Manlius High School; **Nathan Tinklepaugh**, Paul V. Moore High School, Central Square; and **Austin Whitaker**, Mexico High School.

Congratulation to you all!

The command of the German language that each student demonstrated during the acceptance speeches was *wunderbar!*

I will include more about each student in the June *Zeitung*, as well as some pictures of the night's festivities.

Not to get too sentimental here, but I have been blessed to be involved with the Scholarship Program for all 15 years. I am so proud of the many students who received scholarships over the years, as well as all students of German. I cannot think back over the years, or look at our Scholarship Night album, without becoming tearful. I am so proud. These young people are our future!

Again, thank you to everyone who attended and the many people who helped to make this Scholarship Night a great one! Many people came up to me as they were leaving to say what a wonderful night it was and how much fun they had. They also thanked the German American Society for providing this wonderful night and opportunity to the students and teachers.

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

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Spring is here, and it's 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 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.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.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.

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*

## German American Flag Pins

Just a reminder that the German American Society is selling flag pins to help with the Scholarship Program. The flag pins, which have a German and American flag, are \$3 each and can be purchased at any of our events or meetings. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these pins goes to the Scholarship Program. What a great way to display pride in our heritage!

If you would like more information about purchasing pins just call/text Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253.

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

May 14 is Mothers' Day, a time to honor the person who brought us into this world or chose to be our mother through adoption or deep friendship. If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother with you, take this time to spend some time with her, send flowers, or give a call to express your appreciation for all she's done for you and to say those important words, "I love you!" If your mother is now in her heavenly home, why not lay flowers on her grave, talk about her with friends and family to remember the good times and share a few laughs or tears. Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers here on earth and beyond.

Now a little bit about a Bavarian celebration. In Bavaria, May 1 is an especially important day. In Bavarian villages, it has been the custom for centuries to cut a tall and straight tree, a day or two before May 1, place it in the middle of the village, and decorate it with a wreath of spring flowers and colorful ribbons. One of the traditions is to try to steal the maypole of the neighboring village the night before, and to hold it for ransom, usually a couple kegs of beer (could that be?!). At the same time, the villagers have to make sure their own maypole is not stolen by their neighbors.

Another Bavarian tradition is the *Maibaumkraxeln* (maypole climbing) contest. In many parts of Bavaria, the guys battle to see who can climb up the shaven and polished tree trunk the fastest, a task made even tougher by soaping down the maypole. The goal is to win the *Brezeln und Würste* (pretzels and sausages) that hang on top of the maypole, and to impress the girls in the crowd.

We won't have a greased pole for anyone to climb, but there promises to be a lot of fun at the May 6 **Maitanz** at the Syracuse Turners. Hope to see you there!

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? Or even a recipe? Just let me know. My contact information is in this *Zeitung*.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Members and Friends

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.

## Crystal Brook Resort—Mountain Bräuhaus

This sponsor of the *Zeitung* will be having a German Festival on July 22 and 23 and July 29 and 30 for all to enjoy. There will be entertainment from noon to closing as well as a 5K run/walk on each Sunday to benefit the Veterans and Juvenile Diabetes. Their contact information is on the back page of the *Zeitung*.

## 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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