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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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## Oktober 2018

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## President's Report

September is over and fall is in the air. To end our summer we had a great party for the Oktoberfest volunteers at the American Legion in Cicero. I want to thank **Bob and Helen Kline** for the great job they did organizing this event. I had a good time and I believe everybody that was there did also. There was good food, good company, and good music. Thanks again, Bob and Helen!

Now is the time for our members to step forward and think about getting involved with our club. The Nominating Committee is looking for members who want to run for one of the Offices or the Board vacancies. Please contact **Willy Rohrbach** at 610-972-4169 if you want to run or if you'd like to nominate someone. Check the article in this *Zeitung* concerning the positions that need to be filled.

As you know, I will not be running for President again since we are moving to Florida, possibly next month. I am grateful for all the members who have helped me while I have been President and we will miss the club. On the other hand, we are looking forward to our new home in Florida. I wish the club the best in the future and keep up the good work! To paraphrase former President John Kennedy: Ask not what your club can do for you; ask what you can do for the club.

Nomination night is coming up on October 18 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners and I hope to see many of you there!

WILLI KREUZER, *President and Oktoberfest Co-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.

The bills from Oktoberfest have been coming in and I plan to have an Oktoberfest report before the end of the year.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on October 18 for a complete report on our financial status. In the meantime, if you have any questions 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

We welcome the new members who joined the German American Society of CNY this year. We need our new members to get involved, and we look forward to seeing them at our functions and meetings.

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.germanamericanscnyc.com](http://www.germanamericanscnyc.com) or you can give a me call at 315-458-6415. The cost is \$25 for new members and the check should 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 completed membership application.

Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

Our next social event is the annual **Christmas Party**, which is being held at the Syracuse Turners on Sunday, December 2, from 2 to 6 P.M. It will be a pork dinner with all the fixings.

As usual, we are asking the members to bring a dessert to share if they are able. We will also be having our annual auction, which is always a lot of laughs. So if you can, bring an auction item. It can be cake, cookies, wine, or anything else that may be appropriate. We have had wreaths, centerpieces, and other decorations donated.

**The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. More information regarding the cost, etc., will be in the next *Zeitung*.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, or if you'd like to volunteer to be on the committee, just let me know. I can be reached by phone or text at 315-491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

Get-well card was sent to **Margaret Gang** as she has been hospitalized.

### CLUB MEETINGS

Okt 18	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Nomination Night, Syracuse Turners, 7
Nov 15	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Election Night, Syracuse Turners, 7
Dez 13	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Installation of Officers and Board Members, Syracuse Turners, 7

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Dez 2	Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2-6
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Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, etc., to me at 315-468-4541.

MARGARETHA MICHÖ, *Sunshine Lady*

## Scholarship Program— Heading for Our 17th Year!

It's hard to believe that we are now heading into our seventeenth year of awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Onondaga and Oswego counties who are students of German. It seems like only a short time ago when I handed out the first scholarships on a snowy evening in April 2003.

There will be more information in future issues of the *Zeitung* about the 2019 program. The date is set for April 29, so mark this date on your 2019 calendar for an event you won't want to miss.

I have a limited number of children's German clothing for sale, as well as a couple pair of adult *Lederhosen*. There are also the German American flag pins for sale at \$3 a pin. Proceeds from the sale of the clothing and pins go to help the Scholarship Program.

If you have any questions about the scholarship program, or if you would like to help out or purchase clothing or pins, please feel free to call/text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com. I also have pins available at our meetings and events.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Concert with Dinkelsbühler Knabenkapelle

The Dinkelsbühler Knabenkapelle, a 58-piece horn band wearing traditional period costumes from the city of Dinkelsbühl, Germany, entertained an audience of students and members of the German American Society and others at Eagle Hill Middle School's auditorium in Manlius on September 12. It was a great show with a wonderful performance by the band. They were joined by members of the Fayetteville-Manlius Band for some of their numbers. It was a great experience for all involved.

On the right are a few pictures from the night's event. The first is the band getting ready to play. The second is a few of the band members with our club members **Brigitte Niebuhr**, **Margaretha Micho**, and **Monika Loerzel**. The third shows **Kate Stewart**, the German teacher at Fayetteville-Manlius who organized the event, with one of the band members.

You can find the band's website at <https://www.dinkelsbuehl.de/deutsch/alle/kultur-freizeit/knabenkapelle/allgemeine-informationen/> if you would like to learn more about them.

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the concert. It was a fun and memorable night.

## Oktoberfest 2019

The Oktoberfest Committee had a wrap-up meeting to discuss the outcome of the 2018 Oktoberfest as well as plans for 2019. **Bruce Barnes** volunteered to be the Chair of the 2019 Oktoberfest, and the Committee confirmed this. Bruce has started to work on plans for next year, including a change of venue and date, all of which were discussed at the meeting. More information will be coming in future issues of the *Zeitung*.

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Fall is here and it's time to think ahead to the holidays. Why not buy a brick or 2 or 3? What a great Christmas 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, including Oktoberfest or on our website 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.

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

The Committee was formed at the September 20 Monthly Membership Meeting. **Willy Rohrbach** has again volunteered to chair this important committee. He can be reached at 610-972-4169. Committee members are **Austin Westphal** (315-289-6568) and **Bill Nurk** (315-487-2472). If you are interested in running for any of the available positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact any of the committee members to discuss the position and who is being nominated.

In addition to the officer positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Recording/Corresponding Secretary, there are Board of Director spots that will need to be filled.

At the October 18 Monthly Membership Meeting the slate of people running for Officer and Board Member positions will be formed. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this time. Once the slate is filled and there are no further nominations, the Committee Chair will close the nominations. Thank you to those members who have already stepped forward and volunteered to run for Office or the Board. However, more members are needed to round out the slate. In order to run for any office, the member must be a current member in good standing for at least a year.

The slate will be posted in the November *Zeitung*. Voting takes place at the November 15 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. **Please make every effort to attend these two very important meetings.**

If you have any questions, please contact Willy Rohrbach at the number listed above.

## From the Editor

First, I want to thank **Sheri Nurk** for answering my plea for help by volunteering to take over the mailing of the *Zeitung*. It is really appreciated!

Even though our Oktoberfest was over in August, it is still Oktoberfest month in many places. So here's how Oktoberfest got started.

When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and Theresia, the Princess of Saxonia, were married in Munich on October 12, 1810, a national holiday was declared and the citizens were invited to

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the five-day wedding festivities celebrated in the fields outside the city's gates. The celebration was so popular that it became an annual festival in Munich with beer stands set up for town folks to quench their thirst. The original beer stands gave way to large beer tents in 1896 and they're still part of this elaborate and festive German celebration. Fourteen big tents each accommodate thousands of people seated at tables inside and thousands more outside the tents.

Germany is famous for its beers and its beer-brewing purity laws. There are six breweries highlighted at Munich's Oktoberfest tents. Many revelers arrive at the beer tents in the morning to secure seats for the fun-filled days of drinking, singing, dancing, and eating.

Since the start of Oktoberfest, the dates have been changed from the original wedding date in mid-October to September to have more favorable weather to celebrate the two-week-long festival.

In Munich, Oktoberfest usually starts on the third Saturday in September with the tapping of the first keg of beer by the mayor of the city to officially open the festivities. *Ein Prosit!*

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 Turners Gemütlichkeit

The Syracuse Turners will be holding their annual *Gemütlichkeit* on the evenings of November 2 and 3. There will be a tasty 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? They have fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 7:30. They are now once again operating on their regular Friday-night schedule except when there are special events. If you would like more information on the Friday night dinners or *Gemütlichkeit*, please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851.

Please try to support our friends at the Turners.

### 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.



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