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Klaus Raith, Honorary President

President's Report

y fellow members, this is my final report as your president. I want to thank everyone for supporting me the last few years. I have to be honest, it was a wonderful time for me and I was honored to serve as your president.

Now, it is important to attend the November meeting and vote. It is also important that you come together and support your new Board and Officers. I don't know if I will be at the November meeting due to our move, but I wish the Club all the best in the future.

As it goes when someone leaves, I say Auf Wiedersehen, Servus, und Alles Gute.

Willi Kreuzer

THE TAKE

Treasurer's Report

ust 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.

It appears that the bills from Oktoberfest are in and I plan to have an Oktoberfest report before the end of the year.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on November 15 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

e 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.germanamericanscny.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.

Believe it or not, 2018 will soon be coming to an end. With that in mind, it's time to start thinking about paying your 2019

membership renewal dues. If you would like to renew your membership now, just mail your check for \$15 to the address noted above. Please note "Membership 2019" on the line on the lower left hand corner of your check. Otherwise, dues need to be paid by January 31.

Also, 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.

In addition, 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.

Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, Financial Secretary

From the House Committee

ur next social event is the Annual Christmas Party, which is being held at the Syracuse Turners, 619 N. Salina St., Syracuse, on Sunday, December 2 from 2 to 6 P.M. The menu will be roast pork, stuffing, apple sauce, potatoes, baked yams, veggies, salad, coffee, and tea. There will be adult beverages for sale by the Turners. If you can bring a dessert it would be greatly appreciated.

The cost is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Reservations should be sent to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander St., Syracuse, NY 13205-1928 by November 25.

Santa will be visiting for the children from newborn to

CLUB MEETINGS

Nov 15 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Election Night,

Syracuse Turners, 7

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Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Installation of Officers and Board Members, Syracuse Turners, 7

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Dez 2 Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2–6

Apr 29 Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5–9



December 2 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Syracuse Turners Club



\$12 per person in advance \$15 per person at the door



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Enjoy a delicious roast pork dinner. Adult beverages for purchase at the bar.



Please bring a dessert to share and/or an item for the raffle.



Checks and RSVP by November 25 to Brigitte Niebuhr (315-469-5304) 319 W. Ostrander Ave. Syracuse, NY 13205 For more info, email omib21@aol.com



12 years old. Please have the name and age of the children to me by November 12. I can be contacted by cell/text at 315-491-2573. This will enable me to purchase age-appropriate gifts.

We will also be having our **Annual Auction**, which is always a lot of laughs and the proceeds help offset the cost of the party. So, if you can, an auction item would be appreciated. It can be cake, cookies, wine, or anything else that may be appropriate. We have had wreaths, centerpieces, beer steins, and other items donated. **Eric Gang** always does a great job as our auctioneer.

The Enzian Bavarian Quartet will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, or if you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, just let me know. I can be reached at the number noted above.

Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, House Committee Chair

Sunshine Lady

sympathy card was sent to the family of Margaret Gangm who recently passed away. Margaret was a very active member over the years. She sang in the Arion and Liederverein choruses, attended our many events, worked at numerous Oktoberfests, and attended and sang at several NYS Sängerbund competitions. Margaret was well known for her cooking abilities, especially her potato salad. We will miss her.

Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, etc. to me at 315-468-4541.

MARGARETHA MICHO, Sunshine Lady

Scholarship Program

Heading for Our 17th Year

T's hard to believe that we are now heading into our 17th year of awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Onondaga and Oswego counties. 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*. The date for Scholarship Night is tentatively set for April 29, so mark this day on your 2019 calendar. If you have never attended this wonderful event, please try for 2019. It is a night that honors not only the scholarship recipients, but all students of the German language and their teachers.

I have a limited amount of children's German clothing left 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

Oktoberfest 2019

The first meeting for the 2019 Oktoberfest Committee will be in early 2019. More information in future editions of the *Zeitung*.

Goethe and Schiller Monument

ard to believe that Christmas is so close. 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, or on our website at 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

he Nominating Committee, under Chair Willi Rohrbach, has presented the following slate of nominations for 2019:

Officers: President—Dave Gunter; Vice President—Bruce

Barnes; Treasurer—Richard Pfaff; Secretary—open; Financial Secretary—Austin Westphal.

Board Members: Eric Gang; Bob Kline; Brigette Niebuhr; Helen Kline; Sally Frenza.

Please plan to attend Election Night held at the November 15 Monthly Membership Meeting scheduled for 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

As you will note above, there is an open nomination for Secretary. Since there has been no nomination for this office, a nomination can be made from the floor for this office only at the November 15 meeting. So please consider running or nominating someone for the office of Secretary. If you would like more information regarding the duties of the Secretary, please contact our current secretary, Sally Frenza, at 315-345-6253.

Also, **Carl Bloss** and **Monika Loerzel** were nominated and accepted to complete the remaining time on the two Board positions available due to Bruce Barnes and Dave Gunter needing to vacate their Board positions to run for office.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Willy Rohrbach at 610-972-4169.

From the Editor

ovember is upon us, which provides an opportunity to thank our armed forces members—both past and present—for helping to maintain peace in our unsettled world. Please take advantage of Veteran's Day, November 11, to say Thank You to a Vet. Actually, any time you see a vet is a good time to say thanks. You don't need to wait for a special day.

At this point I usually write about Thanksgiving and *Erntedankfest* and our thanks for things we have, a bountiful year, and our friends and family. However, this year, I thought I would do something a little different and write about what the people in Germany do during October and November.

On November 11, *Sankt Martinstag*, children can be seen walking in procession carrying candlelit lanterns behind *Sankt Martin* in his Roman uniform riding *Schimmel*, his white horse. Children of all ages sing songs that celebrate the life of Martin of Tours.

Also on November 11 at 11:11 A.M., is the opening of *Karneval*. The strongholds are in Köln, Düsseldorf, and Mainz. The costumed celebrants come together in the city center. This is the official opening of the season of celebrating, partying, and all things fun. *Karneval* ends on Ash Wednesday, but until then, let the fun begin!

If you'd like to become a patron of the Zeitung, please send a \$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 2018 Patron Sponsorship. You will then see your name in print here each month.

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Jack Bligh In Memory of Eric Doell Sally Frenza Eric Gang Tina L. Higgins Udo John Fritz Kucinski Eric Lorenz Robert Oberst Barbara Omicinski Willi Rohrbach The Schaack Family Richard & Dianna Schoeck In the fall, the children like to collect non-edible chestnuts. They use them to make necklaces or to make small animals using toothpicks to hold the chestnuts together.

Germany provides the opportunity for people to take a drive or walks in the woods, hike, or just walk along the city streets to enjoy the colorful leaves. Sounds a lot like what we do here when the leaves turn.

The German people are very fond of their *Therme* (spas) all through the year. However, they are especially enjoyed when the weather gets cooler and the contrast in the temperature can be felt.

As we do here, when the weather gets cooler, we turn up the heat. Most places in Germany now use gas to heat. However, some of the older homes and other buildings still use coal. When the coal furnaces are ignited, it causes a bit of nostalgia in those people who remember days gone by.

In November, people store up on Advent calendars for the upcoming Advent season which counts down the 24 days leading up to Christmas.

So, enjoy your November activities, thank a vet, give thanks on Thanksgiving, and get ready for the busy month of December.

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

If you are looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner, why not try the Syracuse Turners? They have great 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 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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