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of the German-American Society of Central New York

## Mai 2018

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## President's Report

Well, it's good to be back. I want to thank everyone for their cards and kind words on the passing of my brother-in-law. Our trips to Germany are always something we look forward to, yet sometimes it is not as easy as that. We did get to meet relatives that we haven't seen in years and that was great. That is how it goes. Weddings and funerals are where you get together with all your relatives.

Now it's back to work for the Club. A lot of work was done while I was away, concerning the different events scheduled for this year, and I am thankful to all the members who played a role in them. There is still work to be done, but we are well on our way, especially for the **Oktoberfest**. I am asking the membership to see in what capacity they can help. The more people who come forward to help, the lighter the load for everyone involved. Let's make this Oktoberfest being held on August 4 and 5 one to remember!

But first we have the **Maitanz** on May 12. This is a fun night always enjoyed by everyone who attends. **Brigitte Niebuhr** and the House Committee put in a lot of work to make this a great night. I am sorry I will miss the Maitanz due to a prior commitment, but my thoughts will be with all of you.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the May 17 Monthly Membership Meeting.

WILL KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

The April 17 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting went well and we are on our way to a great 2018 **Oktoberfest**.

A lot of the areas are well underway; the tents are set, the steins are ordered, the entertainment schedule is done and will be in the June *Zeitung*. The vendors are being contacted, and negotiations are under way for the hot kitchen.

There will again be two golf carts available to assist people who need help going up and down the hill at Long Branch Park. We will be having raffles as usual.

I have some flyers for Oktoberfest and they will be available at the Maitanz and at our Monthly Meetings.

Our next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 15 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. All Oktoberfest Committee members, including all Board members and others, please attend this meeting as planning is proceeding and your ideas and participation are needed.

Membership on the Committee is open to anyone who is a member in good standing of the German American Society. So if you would like to become a Committee member, you are welcome to attend the May 15 meeting. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

We are still in need of someone to take over and/or help out with the advertising and sponsors for the Oktoberfest. Please contact me as soon as possible if you can help on this.

If you have any questions I can help you with, or if you'd like more information on the Oktoberfest Committee, especially in the area of the sponsors and advertising, just give me a call at 315-675-8321. Thank you!

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 May 17 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

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

There were four new-membership applications submitted at **Scholarship Night**. The names will be read off at the May 17 Monthly Membership Meeting and posted in the June *Zeitung*.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their 2018 dues. If your dues have been paid and you did not receive your tab either in person or attached to this *Zeitung*, please let me know and I will get it to you.

Please remember: 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 German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

Applications can be obtained at our Monthly Membership Meetings, events, or at [www.germanamericanscnyc.com](http://www.germanamericanscnyc.com). Or just contact me and I will send the application. My contact information is found below.

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Mai 15 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7                                    |
| Mai 17 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Jun 19 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7                                    |
| Jun 21 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7 |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mai 12 | Maitanz, Syracuse Turners, 5-9                                  |
| Jul 8  | Picnic, Camp Brockway   |
| Aug 3  | Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest set-up,<br>Long Branch Park, noon |
| Aug 4  | Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest,<br>Long Branch Park, 11-7        |
| Aug 5  | Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest,<br>Long Branch Park, 12-7        |

Just a reminder: If you change your address, please contact me with the latest information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and the editor can ensure 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 in advance for your help and co-operation.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

Our next event is the **Maitanz** on May 12 from 5 to 9 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street. Dance music and entertainment will be provided by **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** and the popular **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** will be there to entertain everyone with the Maypole Dance.

The cost is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children 6 to 12 are \$5 and under 6 are free.

The menu consists of ham, veggies, yams, sauerkraut, red cabbage, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, bread, rolls and coffee, tea, and soda. There will be a cash bar available for the purchase of adult beverages. If you're able to bring a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Stein Club** members need to make reservations through **Eric Gang** at 315-479-8281. The cost of the Maitanz will be paid by the Stein Club. However, Stein Club members will be responsible for purchasing any beverages not included with the dinner.

Please send your reservations and check made out to the German American Society of CNY by May 8 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205-1928.

There will be valet parking to assist anyone who is unable to climb the back stairs to get into the Turners. Just call 315-345-6253 when you get to the front of the building and your car will be parked for you in the parking lot and brought back to the front of the building when you are ready to leave.

The House Committee needs to be at the Turners by 4 P.M. for set-up.



**Maitanz!**  
**Saturday, May 12**  
**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 8. 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.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, or if you would like to serve on the Committee or help with the Maitanz, please give me a call or text at 315-491-2573.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the Maitanz on May 12.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Committee continues to work on getting the booklet printed so it can be distributed to all members in good standing.

If you have any questions, please contact **Willi Rohrbach**, Committee Chair, at [warohrb@gmail.com](mailto:warohrb@gmail.com) or by cell or text at 610-972-4169.

## Sunshine Lady

An apology goes out to **Willi Kreuzer's wife Gloria** as her name was mistakenly entered last month as Virginia.

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 MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## Raffle Basket Donations Needed

We will once again be raffling off baskets at the **Oktoberfest** and donations are needed to fill the baskets. Please bring your donation of goods or cash to any of our Monthly Membership Meetings or give Margaretha Micho a call at 315-468-4541.

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Spring has finally sprung! We have once again begun to receive orders for commemorative bricks at the Goethe and Schiller Monument and the bricks will hopefully be installed in the near future.

Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, birthdays—these are all great times to purchase a brick or two or three. What a wonderful 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 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*

## Scholarship Program

The German Student Scholarship Night was held on April 30 at the Syracuse Turners. And what a night it was! **John Besten** and **Ray Sturge** played guitar and **Klaus Raith** provided the vocals on many German folk songs. Ray also played the Alpenhorn accompanied by John Besten on guitar. People were just in awe of Ray's Alpenhorn-playing skills. Thank you, John, Ray, and Klaus!

The remaining members of the **Syracuse Liederverein Chorus** got together to sing for the first time in four or five years. They were joined by our President, **Willi Kreuzer**, and German American Society members **Gracie Schell** and **Rita Knapp** for the singing of three popular German choral pieces, including "So ein Tag" ("What a Beautiful Day") A more beautiful song could not have been sung as the sun peeked out and shone down on this wonderful Scholarship Night. Thank you to all the singers and to **Ian Kirkpatrick**, who accompanied them on the keyboard.

And, of course, the **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers**. They did two of their favorite dances before the crowning glory, the Pretzel Dance!



The dancers got the scholarship recipients and others up to show their moves on the dance floor. I bet there are some fantastic videos out there as some of the dancers got twisted up like a pretzel. Thank you to the Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers for once again providing a memorable experience for everyone.

Now for the business at hand: The wonderful students, who applied for a scholarship but were not recipients, were recognized with a certificate at German Student Scholarship Night. The Scholarship Committee feels all students who applied deserve to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to preserving and promoting the German language, heritage, and culture.

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

Many German American Society members and friends attended the event, lending their support to the wonderful students of German and their dedicated teachers. It is always a lot of fun and a great celebration of the accomplishments of the students!

As I looked around the room on Scholarship Night, I saw people enjoying the *Gemütlichkeit* that is only possible when people work in harmony with each other and share a common goal. And in this case, the goal 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.

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee comprised of **Tammy Gondeck** and **Mark Schumacher**, who assisted me with the task of reviewing all the applications and helping out at Scholarship Night.



(L to R) **Matthew Dai**, Fayetteville-Manlius; **Benjamin Iven**, Baker; **Blake Battersby**, Baker; **Sally Frenza**, Scholarship Chair; **Anna Miller**, Baker; **Jack Ryan**, Mexico; and **Paige Miller**, Onondaga Central.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their \$15 to remain patrons of the *Zeitung*. If you would like to become a patron of the *Zeitung* and see your name in print each month as someone who is supporting our monthly publication, just send a \$15 check made out to The German American Society of CNY to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Please add "patron" on the line on the bottom left of your check. Thank you.

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And, of course, thank you to the German American Society and member **Richard Schoeck** for making the scholarships and German Student Scholarship Night possible.

I read a post card at Scholarship Night that was sent to the German American Society from Freiburg, Germany, by a 2015 Scholarship recipient, **Kevin Quinn**, who is in Germany as part of his college program. In addition to sending greetings, he once again thanked the German American Society for the scholarship he was awarded. It is wonderful to know that three years later he is still thinking about us and the scholarship.

Heading now to year #17. If you have not attended German Student Scholarship Night in the past, why not in 2019?

Just a reminder: Please 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.

I also still have some of the donated children's clothing 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 are gently used. Money raised from the sale of these items will also benefit the Scholarship Program.

If you would like more information about the Scholarship Program or if you would like to help, please contact me by text/call at 315-345-6253, or e-mail at [sallyzf@aol.com](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com).

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Committee Chair*

**From the Editor will be back next month**

## Members and Friends

### Mother's Day Brunch

On May 13 the Syracuse Turners, located at 619 North Salina Street, will be having their annual Mother's Day Brunch from 9 A.M. to noon. They will be serving a variety of favorite brunch foods. The cost is \$10 for adults and children over the age of 13, \$5 for children 5 to 12, and free for children under 5. If you would like more information, please contact the Turners at 315-471-9851.

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 very reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8. Please give the Syracuse Turners a call to confirm if there will be dinner served and what is on the menu, as they will be starting the fair-weather schedule and will not be serving dinner every Friday.

### 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 club at 315-735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.



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