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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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President's Report

Greetings from Germany! When you get this *Zeitung*, Gloria and I will be vacationing in Germany.

Anyway, Oktoberfest has come and gone. Was it ever hot! I don't think we ever had weather like this. Unfortunately it put a kink in our business, and the end result reflects in a less than great monetary outcome. I do think that the people that were there had a good time. Especially Saturday when the military band was well received. **The Bavarian Brothers** and **The Enzian Bavarian Band** kept the crowd in a good mood throughout the days. Thanks to all of them! My thanks also go out to all the volunteers who worked very hard to keep the Fest going. It was not easy in that heat, but we got through. Thanks again!

Also, **Senator DeFrancisco** was honored with a plaque for his many years of support for the German American Society, including a number of grants he secured for us to help offset the Oktoberfest expenses.

There will be an Oktoberfest Committee Wrap-up Meeting on September 18 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. This is an opportunity to discuss the Oktoberfest and what direction we would like to go in the future. So come with your ideas.

Please note: I would now like to bring to your attention an event that is coming up on September 12 at the Eagle Hill Auditorium in Manlius. Please see the article from **Kate Stewart**, the German teacher at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, on page 2 in this *Zeitung*. It would be great if many of our members could make this performance of the **Dinkelsbühler Knabenkapelle**, a boys' brass band from Germany.

I hope to see you at the September 12 concert and the next Monthly Meeting on September 20.

WILLI KREUZER, *President and Oktoberfest Co-Chair*

Vice President's Report

As noted in Willi Kreuzer's article above, a huge thank-you to everyone who helped out with this year's **Oktoberfest**. It was a great event, which once again highlighted our great German heritage, culture, music, dancing, singing, food, and beverages through the awesome *Gemütlichkeit* that was shared by everyone!

I would also like to inform the members that effective immediately, I am resigning as Vice President of the German American Society. Thank you for all the support I received over the years.

KLAUS RAITH, *Honorary President*

Thank you, Klaus, for your many years of dedication to the German American Society, and the best to you in your future endeavors.

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. I plan to have an Oktoberfest report before the end of the year.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on September 20 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 315-437-8746.

Thank you.

RICHARD PFAFF, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

As you know, our biggest event, the annual **Oktoberfest**, was just held at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. It was a fun event. Everyone appeared to thoroughly enjoy the music, the entertainment, the *Gemütlichkeit* and the good food.

Now, welcome and congratulations to our newest German American Society of CNY members who were voted into membership at the August Monthly Membership Meeting: **Ben Gerardi**, Syracuse, sponsored by Sally Frenza; **Bill Dewey**, Syracuse, and **Joanne Hujar**, Liverpool, sponsored by Willy Bechteler; **Pavao (Paul) Milkovic**, Liverpool, sponsored by Ken Blechl.

We hope our new members will attend our Monthly Meetings held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners on North Salina Street.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a member of the German American Society, applications for new members

CLUB MEETINGS

- Sep 18 Oktoberfest Committee Wrap-up Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Sep 20 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Okt 18 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Nomination Night, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Sep 15 Volunteer Thank-You Party, Cicero American Legion Post 787, 2-6
- Dez 2 Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2-6

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 a completed membership application.

Thank you

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

Oktoberfest Volunteer Thank-You Party

To thank the volunteers who worked a minimum of 4 hours at the 2018 Oktoberfest, there will be a party on Saturday, September 15, from 2 to 6 at the Cicero American Legion, 5575 Legionnaire Drive in Cicero. Call their phone number, 315-699-0786, for directions if needed. The party will include an Italian-style buffet, coffee, tea, soda, and dessert. Wine and beer are included.

If a volunteer wishes to bring a guest, the cost is \$20, which can be paid at the door, and includes the buffet and beer and wine. There will also be music for dancing. Please: no children under the age of 13.

Please contact **Bob Kline** at 315-458-6415 by September 13 to let him know you are going. Please do not miss this opportunity to enjoy some *Gemütlichkeit* with your fellow volunteers!

From the House Committee

We had a great **Oktoberfest**. I want to thank everyone for coming.

Our **Christmas Party** will be December 2 from 2 to 6 at the Syracuse Turners. More information will be coming out in the next couple of months.

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 by phone or text at 315-491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

Get-well card was sent to **Jim Kozlowski** as he was recently hospitalized. Also, a card was sent to our editor, **Sally Frenza**, who continues to be “under the weather” and was again hospitalized recently during August.

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!

It'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* about this year's program. As soon as the date for German Student Scholarship Night is firmed up I will put it in the *Zeitung* so you can mark it on your calendar.

Now, I want to take this opportunity to thank the students from Fayetteville-Manlius High School and their teacher, **Kate Stewart**, who volunteered at Oktoberfest. The students had the opportunity to introduce themselves as students of German to people attending the Oktoberfest.

Again, thank you to these wonderful young people and their teacher and everyone who stopped by the table, bought a pin, looked at the scholarship book, or made a donation. This program is an investment in our future!

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

Thank you to all.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Concert with Dinkelsbühler Knabenkapelle

(The following article was received from Kate Stewart, the German teacher at Fayetteville-Manlius High School.)

Liebe Leute . . .

We have an exciting opportunity coming up for Fayetteville-Manlius and area German students (secondary and post-secondary!) as well as other interested music fans and others.

The Dinkelsbühler Knabenkapelle is touring the United States with the end destination of the Steuben Parade in New York City later in the week. The Knabenkapelle is a 58-piece horn band wearing traditional costumes from the city of Dinkelsbühl, Germany.

All German students are invited, and it is a free concert, with refreshments afterward provided by the Central New York German American Society. The event is at 6 P.M. at Eagle Hill Middle School auditorium in Manlius.

Here's a link to the band's website and a summary in English: <https://www.dinkelsbuehl.de/deutsch/alle/kultur-freizeit/knabenkapelle/allgemeine-informationen/>

Please consider coming and bringing your students to this opportunity. Please let me know how many students and others will be attending so we can plan the refreshments. If you can let me know by email at kstewart@fmschools.org by September 9 I would really appreciate it.

KATE STEWART

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Summer is waning, but there is still 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 graduation 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*

German American Flag Pins

As noted in the Scholarship article, German-American flag pins were sold at Oktoberfest. The pins are \$3 each and can be purchased at any of our events or meetings. Proceeds from the sale of the pins goes to the assist with the Scholarship Program. What a great way to display pride in our German Heritage!

Nominating Committee

As per Committee Chair, **Willi Rohrbach**, "Concerning the upcoming elections, a very challenging situation has arisen in that ALL FIVE of our officer positions will need to be filled. We will need a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. In order for our club to survive, members MUST step up and volunteer their services for one of these positions. The Nominating Committee will take shape in September, so please plan to attend the meeting and volunteer. You may also contact Committee Chair William Rohrbach at 610-972-4169."

In addition to the officer positions, there will be 5 Board of Director spots that will be open.

From the Editor

I really must apologize for no *Zeitung* in August and the lateness of this issue as well. Being sick and in and out of the hospital has taken its toll on me and slowed me down.

Now a plea to all members. I really need help with the *Zeitung*. I enjoy writing the paper and taking care of the advertising, but I need someone to take over the mailing. It involves using the USPS program to print the mailing labels, sealing the *Zeitung*, putting the mailing labels on, and taking the *Zeitung* to the North Syracuse post office for processing.

If you are interested in helping out, please call/text me at 315-345-6253 or email at sallyzf@aol.com.

I really need your help to keep the *Zeitung* going!
Thank you.

Back to School in Germany

Although I have used this article in the past, I thought that this would be a good time to repeat it since it's not only back-to-school time, but there is interest in our membership about this tradition and how we might incorporate it into our German American Society events.

Let's take a look at a tradition in Germany that is really a great way to help the little ones going to school for the first time get rid of that first-day anxiety. It's done with a *Schultüte* (school cone) or, as it is called in some parts of Germany, a *Zuckertüte* (sugar bag). This is a paper bag in the form of a large cone.

When the children in Germany and Austria set out for their first day in school upon entering the first grade (kindergarten is more like our pre-school) their parents and/or grandparents present them with a big, decorated, cardboard cone filled with toys, chocolates, candies, school supplies, and various other goodies. Sometimes there are even CDs, books, or even articles of clothing. The children are excited to get the cones and it makes the first day of school very special for them.

This tradition has reportedly been going on since the 19th cen-

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tury. Why not start this great tradition here in the U.S.? I'm sure the children would love it. Think about it and just look around and you can already see cones filled with goodies. At the NYS Fair, there were cones for sale filled with all kinds of sugary nuts, candies, and other sweet things. Now, where do you think the idea for those cones came from? Maybe the same place as Christmas trees, the Easter bunny, and several other traditions.

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

If you are looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner, why not try the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street? 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. If you want more information, please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851 and they will let you know what is being served that Friday and what the special will be.

Lucas Winery German Festival

Lucas Winery, one of our *Zeitung* advertisers, is holding its annual German Festival on September 16 at the winery. Please see the back of this *Zeitung* for the address and contact information for further details. The German Festival is an annual event and is a lot of fun. There will be German food, music, dancing and, of course, that great Lucas wine! Our own **Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers** will be performing.

Thousand Island Winery Oktoberfest

The Thousand Island Winery, another of our *Zeitung* advertisers, is holding its annual Oktoberfest on October 6 at the winery. Please see the back of this *Zeitung* for the address and contact information for further details. The Oktoberfest is an annual event at Thousand Islands and is a lot of fun. They will have German food and a variety of wines for sale, as well as music and dancing by our own **Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers**.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

For information about their 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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