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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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President's Report

Sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

I next want to thank the members of the German American Society for electing me as the new President. This is a great honor and a big responsibility. I will work hard to keep our organization going in the right direction.

I would also like to thank **Sally Frenza** for her years of dedicated service as the Secretary; Richard Pfaff as Treasurer; and, Brigitte Niebuhr as House Committee Chair. At this point, we are in need of members to step forward to fill these spots. To be considered for Secretary or Treasurer, the member needs to be a member in good standing for at least one year. There is no requirement for length of membership time for House Committee Chair. If you would like to be considered for any of these openings, please contact me at 315-289-8145. This will allow me time to speak with you about the position prior to our General Meeting on January 17.

Again, thank you for this great opportunity.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President/Oktoberfest Report

The excitement is building and growing regarding our 2019 Oktoberfest.

At our December Membership Meeting I mentioned that there is not a select group of members to make up an Oktoberfest Committee. All of the members are the Oktoberfest Committee. I asked that the membership obtain raffle items and/or monetary contributions during January and February and bring them to our March 21 Monthly Membership Meeting. If a monetary donation is received, please request that the check be made out to the German American Society of CNY and mailed to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. "Oktoberfest 2019" needs to be written on the memo line of the check.

The show of positive support from our members is terrific and continues to grow.

A parade is planned in June in Minoa for one of their events, and we have been invited to participate. **The Enzian Bavarian Band** is also interested in participating. There will be more information on this opportunity to get our club out there in the community in future *Zeitung* issues.

The Oktoberfest hours have been set: Friday 3 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. and Saturday 11 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Below is a tentative schedule of entertainment and activities:

Friday

5:30 P.M. Opening Ceremony

5:30 to 9:30 P.M. The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers

Saturday

11 A.M. to 12 The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers dance group from Utica

12 to 4 P.M. Fritz's Polka Band (variety of music)

4 to 6 P.M. Raffles, Stein hoisting contest, and other fun activities

6 to 10 P.M. Dirt Road Ruckus Southern Country Rock

Please note: Any and all ideas and suggestions are appreciated and will be considered for our 2019 Oktoberfest. Just either contact me at 315-635-5174 between 6 and 8 P.M. or bring your ideas to the General Membership Meeting on January 17 or any of our Monthly Membership Meetings.

Lastly, thanks to **Tina Higgins**, who volunteered to send out thank-you letters to our sponsors. (We will need name, address, and ZIP code).

Thank you!

B. BRUCE BARNES, *Vice President and 2019 Oktoberfest 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.

Please attend the General Membership Meeting on January 17 for a complete report on our financial status.

It was a very difficult decision, but I have decided to resign as Treasurer of the German American Society effective December 31, 2018. I provided the Board of Directors at our last Board Meeting on December 13 with my letter of resignation. I will also not be renewing my membership in 2019. This was a very difficult personal decision, but one I really needed to make.

I want to thank everyone who supported and assisted me during the time that I was your Treasurer, and I wish the organization the best in the future.

RICHARD PFAFF, *Outgoing Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

At our December meeting a membership application for Asa P. Forbes, Jr. was proposed by David Gunter. Asa will be voted on at the January 17 General Membership Meeting.

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 any Monthly Membership Meeting, at any of our events, or on our website at www.germanamericanscnyc.com. Or, just contact me. My contact information is found below.

Also, congratulations to **Austin Westphal**, who has been voted in as our new Financial Secretary. I wish all the very best to you, Austin!

I wish to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as Financial Secretary for the past two years. I appreciated your ongoing support.

Reminder: The 2019 membership dues are due by January 31 and should

CLUB MEETING

Jan 17	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 General Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Feb 21	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Apr 29	Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
Jul 7	Annual Picnic at Camp Brockway
Oct 4&5	Oktoberfest

be sent to the above address. The dues for renewing members remain at \$15 a year. The dues can be paid in person at the General Membership Meeting on January 17, or sent to the above address. Checks need to be made payable to the German American Society of CNY (please write "Annual Dues" in the message portion of your check). All annual membership dues must be paid by January 31 of the membership year. If the dues are not paid by that date, an invoice will be sent reminding any unpaid member that his or her membership dues are past due, and that the dues must be paid by March 15 in order to remain a member in good standing. After March 15, any member who has not paid his or her dues will be automatically dropped from membership without further notice. If any prior member wants to rejoin The German American Society of CNY, he or she must come in as a new member.

Another Reminder: If you will be away for an extended period of time this winter, the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you. Please contact the Editor to arrange for this complimentary service of the German American Society. Also, if you change your address, please contact the current Financial Secretary, Austin Westphal, at 315-289-6568 with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and that the *Zeitung* reaches you.

Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Outgoing Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The **Annual Christmas Party**, held at the Syracuse Turners on Sunday, December 2, was a lot of fun and was well attended. There were many compliments on the pork dinner that was served. The desserts donated by our members were wonderful. **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** was great and got people up and dancing to a blend of German and Christmas music. Every one appeared to be enjoying themselves. A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus was a highlight not just for the children, but people of all ages as can be seen in the picture with our members **Henry and Mary Pfaff**. **Eric Gang** did his usual super job as the auctioneer. What a lot of fun!



It is with a heavy heart that I need to inform you that I will no longer be the Chair of the House Committee. I submitted my resignation, effective January 31, to the Board of Directors at the December 13 meeting. Although I have enjoyed being the Chair over the past few years, I need to resign due to health reasons. Thank you to the members of the House Committee who helped me over the years.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, or if you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, you can call or text me at 315-491-2573 up until January 31.

Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *Outgoing House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card was sent to the family of **Egon Ehrhinspiel**, who has been a longtime supporter of the German American Society. A card also went to our member and Board Member **Monika Loerzel** on the passing of her husband **Hilmar**.

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

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

2019 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 County. It seems like only a short time ago when I handed out the first scholarships on a snowy evening in April 2003.

The date for Scholarship Night is set for April 29 at the Syracuse Turners, 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. The applications will be going out to the schools this month.

Just a reminder: 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 each. The pins can be purchased at any meeting or event. 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 or text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com.

Thank you for your support of the Scholarship Program. Also, thank you to our members **Tammy Gondeck** and **Mark Schumacher** who will once again work with me on the Scholarship Committee.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Installation of 2019 Officers

At the December 13 Monthly Membership Meeting, the following officers and Board members were installed for 2019:

Officers: President—Dave Gunter, Vice President—Bruce Barnes, Treasurer—open, Secretary—open, Financial Secretary—Austin Westphal.

Board Members: Eric Gang, Bob Kline, Brigitte Niebuhr, Helen Kline, Carl Bloss, Monika Loerzel, and Sally Frenza.

As you will note above, there are two open positions for Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in taking on either of these offices, please contact our President, Dave Gunter, at 315-289-8145 to obtain additional information prior to the January 17 General Membership Meeting or speak to him in person before the meeting.

F-M High School German Language Achievers

The December 19 issue of Eagle News highlighted the achievement of 13 juniors at Fayetteville-Manlius High School who were recently inducted into the Fayetteville-Manlius Delta Epsilon Phi German National Honor Society, New York Beta Chapter. To achieve this high status a student needs to excel in academic achievement in German and promote the study of the German language, literature, and culture of German-speaking countries. This year's inductees are **Katherine Berge**, **Emily Durkin**, **Alexandra Egnaczak**, **Lydia Henn**, **George Langenberg**, **Renata Longo**, **Hope Myhill**, **Daniel Popp**, **Kate Scuderi**, **Gillian Stuhler**, **Christopher Szidat**, **Samuel Theodaris**, and **Clair Weinheimerwere**. Congratulations to all these wonderful students!

From the Editor

Well, believe it or not, another year has flown by and we are now into 2019. I remember many years ago when I was much younger, my mother said the year flew by and each year seemed to go by faster and faster. I said "Mom there are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, and 24 hours in a day, no more and no less." Her answer to me was "Just wait. The older you get the faster time flies." She sure was right!

Now for a review of 2018 for the German American Society. We had new

members join our organization but sadly we had members and friends pass away. This month's report from the Sunshine Lady told us of the loss of **Egon Ehrhinspiel** and **Hilmar Loerzel**. We also mourned the passing of Lifetime Member **Eric Doell**, who spent many years singing with the men's chorus and working the beer bar at numerous Oktoberfests. **J. W. "Rocky" Herrmann**, another Lifetime Member who was active for many years, and **Edward Hill**, an Honorary Member, who, along with his wife **Jenny** made those wonderful limburger cheese sandwiches at Oktoberfest. And, lastly, **Helene Smith**, who was always available to help out at functions such as Scholarship Night, our parties, assembling baskets to raffle at Oktoberfest, and just an all-around extra set of hands when needed.

2018 witnessed another successful Scholarship Night where we presented six \$800 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who took German, met the required criteria, completed the application process, and were chosen by the Scholarship Committee to be scholarship recipients. The German American Society of CNY funded five of the scholarships, with the sixth scholarship funded through our members **Richard and Dianna Schoeck**.



In July we had the Annual Picnic at Camp Brockway. It was a fun-filled day of good food, singing, dancing, and all around *Gemütlichkeit*. August was celebrated with our annual Oktoberfest. Although attendance was down, mainly due to the unbearable hot spell we had, the people who attended appeared to have a good time despite the high temperatures. A party was held in September to thank the many volunteers who helped Oktoberfest happen.

On September 12 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. The German American Society provided support for the event by taking charge of the refreshments. It was a great experience for all involved. See photo top right of a few of the band members with three of the members of the German American Society. They are **Brigitte Niebuhr**, **Margaretha Micho**, and **Monika Loerzel**.

And lastly, we had the annual Christmas Party. A picture and article of this fun event can be found in the House Committee Report.

2018 was quite a year, and we look forward to 2019 being a great one!

If you'd like to become a Patron of the Zeitung or if you are currently a patron and need to renew, please send your check for \$15 to the attention of the Editor at The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

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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 their 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 and 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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