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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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President's Report

Realize that I've thanked everyone already, but I just can't say it enough: Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the **Oktoberfest!**

We're now heading into the colder weather and the holiday season. Please see the article in this *Zeitung* regarding the upcoming **Christmas Party**. It's always a lot of fun.

The **Oktoberfest Wrap-up Meeting** is scheduled for November 21 at 6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, followed by the Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 with the election of Officers and Board Members.

I also want to inform the members that **June Pardue** has resigned as Secretary of the German American Society. Sally Frenza has agreed to function as an Interim Secretary until a Secretary can be elected.

If you have any questions I can help you with, please feel free to contact me at 315-289-8145.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President/Oktoberfest Report

I have been in Ohio with my mother visiting relatives and friends for a large part of the month of October, so no article this month. However, I will be at our November 21 Oktoberfest Wrap-up Meeting and the Monthly Membership Meeting. I see no reason why a full and complete Oktoberfest report cannot be presented at that time.

Once again, thank you to everyone who helped out with Oktoberfest and for allowing me to be of service to the German American Society of CNY by heading up this great event.

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 Monthly Membership Meeting on November 21 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

Financial Secretary's Report

Please remember that 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, any of our events, or on our website at www.germanamericanscny.com. Or just contact me. My contact information is found below.

Reminder: If you will be away for an extended period of time 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 me at 315-289-6568 and the Editor at 315-345-6253 with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and 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 the above phone number.

Thank you.

AUSTIN WESTPHAL, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The **Christmas Party** is planned for December 15 at the Syracuse Turners from 2 to 6 P.M. The cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. It will be a pork dinner with all the fixings. Please have reservations with your check made out to the German American Society of CNY to me by December 6. My address is found below.

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, and helps to offset the expenses

CLUB MEETINGS

Nov 21	Oktoberfest Wrap-up Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting & Election Night, Syracuse Turners, 7
Dez 12	Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Dez 15	Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2-6
Apr 27	German Student Scholarship Night

of the Christmas Party. So if you can bring an auction item, that would be greatly appreciated. It is strictly voluntary. The item can be cake, cookies, wine, or anything else that may be appropriate. We have had wreaths, centerpieces, and other decorations donated in the past.

Santa will be bringing presents for children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews of German American Society members up to age 12. Please have the name, relationship, and age of each child who will be attending the party to me by November 15 to allow Santa's elves ample time to get the gifts together and wrapped. The information can be mailed or called/sent via text to me at the information below.

The Enzian Bavarian Quartet will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. I'm sure there will also be a Christmas sing-along. It will be a fun afternoon!

The mailing address for reservations or information for the children's Christmas presents: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205-1928; phone/text is 315-491-2573.

If you would like to be on the House Committee or help out with the Christmas Party, just give either a call/text to Sally at 315-345-6253 or me.

Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

During the month of October I sent a get-well card to **Sheri Nurk**, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. A get-well card was also sent to **Gunter Niebuhr**, who has been under the weather for a while.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

German Student Scholarship Program

Scholarship applications will be going out in January to the area high schools in Onondaga and Oswego Counties who teach German. I have been contacted by **Kevin Quinn**, a former German American Society Scholarship recipient who attended Syracuse University. He is now doing his student teaching in German at Baldwinsville Central (Baker HS) and will move on to Mexico Central from January till May. He will be a great advocate for our program.

There are still flag pins for sale for anyone who would like to purchase one for \$3. Great stocking stuffers for Christmas! We also have some gently used clothing for sale at very reasonable prices.

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

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Election Night, November 21

Just a reminder that **Election Night for the 2020 Officers and Board Members** is scheduled for November 21 at the 7 P.M. Monthly Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners.

The slate for Officers:

President: Dave Gunter

Vice President: Open

Treasurer: Jim Heckathorne

Secretary: Open

Financial Secretary: Nadja Allmann (who has volunteered to handle this spot on an interim basis until she can be appointed in February when she will be a member in good standing for one year)

The slate for Board Members: Carl Bloss, Susan Foster, Monika Loerzel, Bill Nurk, and Tina Higgins.

If you would like to be nominated for the office or nominate a member for either Vice President or Secretary, please contact Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253, or the nomination can be made from the floor at the 7 P.M. November 21 Monthly Membership Meeting. As there were no nominations for Vice President or Secretary at the October 17 Nomination Night/Monthly Meeting, nominations can be made from the floor (for these two positions only) on November 21. In order to be nominated, the candidate must be a member in good standing for one year.

From the Editor

This month I would like to highlight an article submitted by member **Jim Heckathorne**.

Bier in Deutschland!

When Americans think about Germany they often think about beer—and rightly so, as Germany ranks 4th in the world in per capita consumption (the USA is 21st). In Germany you can drink beer at age 16, or even at age 14 if accompanied by a parent or guardian! At our recent Oktoberfest in Minoa, we served over 3,000 glasses of beer, most of it brewed in Germany, and most of it to people who knew very little about German beer. For those wanting to know a bit more, here's a mini-guide to common German beer styles:

Pilsner (or Pils): The most popular type of beer in Germany, *Pils* is most common in the east, north, and west, meaning outside of Bavaria. Mainstream American lagers (Budweiser, Miller, Coors) are pilsners, although in Germany they are brewed according to the *Reinheitsgebot* (purity decree), which forbids the use of adjuncts like corn and rice which sadly dilute the flavor profile of the American versions.

Weißbier (or Weizenbier): These are "white" ales brewed with a high proportion of wheat (*Weizen*) alongside the standard barley, and are very commonly served throughout Bavaria and Austria in distinctive tall, bulbous glasses. *Hefeweizen* (*hefe* means "yeast") is an unfiltered wheat beer which is characterized by its cloudiness and creamy head—the Franziskaner we served at our Oktoberfest was a *Hefeweizen*. A good *Hefeweizen* will have slight notes of clove or banana flavors which are byproducts of the special yeast used in brewing—no clove or banana is actually added to the beer!

Hell and Dunkel: The German words for "light" and "dark," respectively, *Hell* and *Dunkel* are styles of lager very popular around Munich—at the famous *Hofbräuhaus* in Munich you would most likely be served a *Hellesbier*, unless you asked for a *Dunkel*. The

Spaten Premium Lager that we served at our Oktoberfest was a *Hell* brewed in Munich.

Märzen: As shown by its name, *Märzenbier* was traditionally brewed in Bavaria in the month of March (the last month cold enough for lager brewing), stored in caves or cellars over the summer, and served in the fall. Today, this malty, lightly hopped, amber lager is the signature beer of the Munich Oktoberfest. In fact, "Oktoberfest" beer popular in the United States is actually a *Märzen* style, and the Spaten Oktoberfest beer that we served at our own recent fest was in reality a *Märzen* brewed in Munich.

Kölsch: This is a very light-bodied ale which, by German law, can only be brewed in the city of *Köln* (Cologne in English). In a traditional Cologne pub, *Kölsch* is served by a *Köbes* (beer waiter) who hustles around with trays of the small narrow glasses, dropping one off in front of every patron whether they ordered it or not; if you are done drinking, you must place your beer mat over your glass to signal to the *Köbes* that you've had enough! In Syracuse, if you ever ordered a Skinny Atlas Light beer at the Empire Brewery, you were having a *Kölsch*-style ale, and not an American "Lite" lager.

Altbier: As with *Kölsch*, *Alt* is brewed only in the city of Düsseldorf (which has a fierce rivalry with its northern neighbor, Cologne, that extends to their favored beers—a Düsseldorf would never be caught dead with a *Kölsch*, and vice versa). As its name implies, *Alt* is brewed in the "old" style, meaning that it is an ale that can be fermented at warmer temperatures, as opposed to lagers that became more popular once refrigeration was invented. You would be hard-pressed to find many dark, hoppy *Alt* beers in an American grocery store.

Bock: This dark, bittersweet lager generally has a higher alcohol content than most other German beers (which, contrary to popular belief, are really not stronger mainstream American beers). For more kick, you can order an even stronger *Doppelbock*, which can have an alcohol content of around 8 to 12%, twice that of mainstream beers. German beers whose names end in "-ator" are *Doppelbock*, such as the Spaten Optimator that we have served at our Oktoberfest in past years.

While this was just a quick summary (we haven't even mentioned smooth-sipping *Schwarzbier*, tangy Berliner *Weisse*, or smoky Bamberger *Rauchbier*!), there is much more to know and love about German beers, but the key to enjoying them is just to pick one up and drink it! Search for them in the import beer section of our biggest grocery store (you know which one), or stop

If you'd like to become a Patron of the *Zeitung* or if you are currently a patron and need to renew for 2019, 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. Please note on the message line that it is for Patron. Thank you to those Patrons who have already renewed.

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into the cozy Biergarten across from City Hall in Syracuse, hoist *ein Maß*, and give your companions a hearty *Prost!*

Thank you, Jim, for this great and informative article.

If anyone has pictures from Oktoberfest that they would like to see in the *Zeitung*, please send them to me for review. I would really appreciate it.

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or any topic that you would like me to write about, or if 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!*

On Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9, the Syracuse Turners will be holding their annual *Gemütlichkeit* Dinners, served from 5:30 to 8. The cost is \$11 in advance or \$13 at the door. Advanced sale tickets can be purchased at the bar through November 7. The Friday dinner is Sauerbraten with noodles or fish dinner. The Saturday dinner is Sauerbraten with noodles or ham dinner.

This is always a great night with raffles and other games and good food. So grab your friends and family and come on down to enjoy the camaraderie, fun, and laughs, and experience the meaning of *Gemütlichkeit*. This fundraiser event is open to the public.

If you have any questions about this event or other happenings at the Syracuse Turners, just call 315-471-9851.

Please try to support our friends at the Syracuse Turners by attending their events.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

For further information on hours, events, etc., just contact the clubhouse at 315-735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

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