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of the German-American Society of Central New York

April 2019

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President's Report

Thank you to all the members who came out for our last Monthly Membership Meeting. It was good to see several members and to have input from them. We are headed in the right direction to make our organization great!

We have been concentrating a lot on the upcoming **Oktoberfest**. However, there are two important events that are coming up real soon. The first is **Scholarship Night** on April 29. This is a great event that celebrates the students of German and their teachers. The second is the **May Dance** on May 11, which will be a lot of fun. Both of these events are being held at the Syracuse Turners. You will find additional information in this *Zeitung*.

Please remember that input from members of the German American Society is needed to continue and build on the success of our organization. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

I hope to see you all at our April 18 Monthly Membership Meeting and at Scholarship Night on the 29th.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President/Oktoberfest Report

Gin Prost!

A special **Thank You** to everyone who attended our Oktoberfest Organizational Meeting on March 19. There were many good questions and hopefully the answers given were helpful. Several suggestions were made and they will be given serious consideration.

A determination was made at the meeting to replace the 12-ounce beer cups with 16-ounce cups as that is what the local bars and other fests are using. The price for beer is \$4 for domestic beer and \$5 for German beer. The Beer Committee is headed by **Eric Gang** with assistance from **Mick Palumbo**.

This year's Wine Committee is headed up by **June Pardue** with assistance from **Pat and Mick Palumbo**. There will be two white wines and one red wine this year. The Wine Committee will be reporting at the April Monthly Membership Meeting on the selections and prices.

Thank you very much to the following people who volunteered to Chair the various areas:

Beer Booth: Eric Gang/ Assistant Mick Palumbo
Security, ATMs and required licensure: Bill Nurk
Tickets: Bob Kline
Money Room: Sue Foster
Trash/Cleanup: Carl Bloss
Mugs/ID check: Jeremy Allman
Cold Kitchen/Bakery: John Ott .
Raffles: Open; a Chair is needed
Scholarship table: Sally Frenza

Committee Chair responsibilities include recruiting and scheduling volunteers to work in their designated areas, defining their duties, and working with the volunteers. All committee chairs will be making a brief announcement at each Monthly Membership Meeting regarding what they have accomplished and who they have helping in their area.

Our next Oktoberfest Organizational Meeting is scheduled for August 13 promptly at 6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. This important meeting will

be our final get-together to review our progress and discuss any loose ends. The month of September will give everyone involved an opportunity to get everything in order and correct any Oktoberfest issues that may have been identified at the August 19 meeting.

I want to thank everyone who has begun selling the \$5 raffle tickets for the **Bed & Breakfast Weekend at Crystal Brook Resort**. Tickets will be available at our Monthly Membership Meetings if you have not yet received a few to sell. The drawing will be around 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 5. Please be sure that the name and phone number of the person who buys the ticket is clearly printed on the front, and the seller's name is printed on the back. There will be a special gift for the person who sells the winning ticket. Now is the time to push those tickets. There will be ticket sellers at Oktoberfest, but don't wait till then!

Many, many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help make this Oktoberfest one of the best!

Please note: Any and all ideas and suggestions are appreciated and will be considered for our 2019 Oktoberfest. Just contact me at 315-635-5174 between 6 and 8 P.M. to discuss your suggestion(s), or bring your ideas to any Monthly Membership Meeting.

Danke schön!

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 April 18 at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

We are still looking for an individual to take over as Treasurer. So, if you have any questions about our financial status, or if you would like to be considered for the open position of Treasurer, please contact President Dave Gunter at 315-289-8145.

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Apr 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Mai 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:45
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Jun 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:45
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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| Apr 29 | Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9 |
| Mai 11 | May Dance, Syracuse Turners, 4-8 |
| Jul 7 | Annual Picnic at Camp Brockway, 2-6 |
| Okt 4&5 | Oktoberfest |

Financial Secretary's Report

I am happy to report that we have three member applications to vote on at the April 18 Monthly Membership Meeting: **Nadja Allmann and Jeremy Allmann** of Clay and **John Hudson** of Clay, all nominated by **Helen Kline**.

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

Reminder: If you have not paid your 2019 dues, this will be your last *Zeitung*. Also, any member who has not paid their 2019 membership dues will be automatically dropped without further notice if not paid by April 15. If I have been unable to reach you to remind you about your dues, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know you are sending in your dues. The dues for renewing members remain at \$15 a year and should be sent to the address noted above. Checks need to be made payable to the German American Society of CNY (please add annual dues in the message portion of your check). Any member who did not pay his or her dues and was dropped from membership and 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 me at 315-289-6568 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

Well, even though I retired as the House Committee Chair I will be helping out with the **May Dance**, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 4 to 8 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. There will be a ham dinner with all the fixings, coffee, tea, and soda. There will be adult beverages available at the bar for a reasonable charge. If the members can bring a dessert it would be greatly appreciated.

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

The cost of the May Dance is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 16, and children 5 and under are free. Please send your reservations with checks payable to the German American Society of CNY by May 4 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

Jeremy Allmann and John Hudson, two new applicants who will be voted in at the April 18 meeting, have offered to lend a hand in the kitchen. Thank you both for jumping right in.

For more information about what the House Chair does, just call or text Brigitte Niebuhr, Former House Committee Chair at 315-491-2573. Contact President Dave Gunter at 315-289-8145 if you would like to take on the responsibility of being the chair of the committee.

Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR

Sunshine Lady

Word has been sent to the family of **Mary Pfaff**, who recently passed away at Francis House. Mary was a longtime member of the German American Society. She was very active on the Scholarship Committee from the very beginning. It has only been the last couple years that she needed to stop helping out with scholarship. You could always find Mary in the money/counting room at the Oktoberfest helping out. For quite a long time she and Henry helped with the *Zeitung* by handling the mailing. Mary and Henry tried to attend all our events and could often be seen on the dance floor. Mary will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICHU, *Sunshine Lady*



Maitanz! Saturday, May 11 4 to 8 pm Syracuse Turners

\$15 for adults
\$5 for children 6-16, under 6 free.
Beverages available at a nominal charge.
Dinner will be ham with all the fixings, plus coffee, soda, and tea. Please bring a dessert if possible.
Dance to the *Enzian Bavarian Quartet*.
Reservations by May 4. 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.

2019 German Student Scholarship Night

The date for Scholarship Night is set for April 29 at the Syracuse Turners from 5 to 9. The cost remains at \$10, with no charge for students of German or their teachers. It will be a fun-filled night for everyone! There will be a social hour from 5 to 6, dinner from 6 to 7, and entertainment at 7, followed by the awards. Please see the posting in this *Zeitung* for more information.

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 students who will be receiving scholarships this year are: **Adam Wood** (Onondaga Central), **Cally Lewis**, **Nicholas Hartmann**, and **Rachel Rose** (Mexico Central), and **Angela Wu** (Fayetteville-Manlius). They will each be giving an acceptance speech in German and English.

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

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the Editor

I want to start with a reminder to anyone who has not paid for their 2019 **Patron** listing in the *Zeitung* to please send the \$15 check made out to the German American Society of CNY to my attention at The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548, as soon as possible. Please add "Patron" on the message line of your check. If you have any questions, or there are extenuating circumstances, or if you have paid and not been given credit, please send me a text or call me at 315-345-6253. I sure hate

German Student Scholarship Night

April 29 · 5 to 9 p.m.

Our
17th
Year!

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Social Hour from 5 to 6

Dinner from 6 to 7

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featuring

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Awards to Follow

*Menu: Sauerkraut, German potato
salad, Bratwurst, franks, tossed
salad, dessert, coffee, and tea*

Cost: \$10

(No charge for students of German or their teachers.)

Reservations and checks made out to the German-American Society of CNY
by April 20 to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105.
Questions: contact Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253 or sallyzf@aol.com.

to lose any of our faithful patrons. Thank you to all those patrons who have paid.

If anyone would like to become a patron, it is only \$15 a year to see your name in print in each *Zeitung*. The information for where to send the check, etc., is in the previous paragraph.

Ostern auf Deutschland

Easter in Germany is not only a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but also a time for fun and celebrating spring. It is a time for coloring eggs, preparing special meals, and eating chocolate *Osterhasen* (Easter bunnies).

Homes in Germany are filled with clay bunnies, spring flowers, and Easter eggs hung from branches. The tradition of using eggs and bunnies for Easter originates from pagan worship, where they were symbols of fertility and new birth and used to celebrate the coming of spring.

Children have egg and bunny games that they play. They blow out eggs and paint them with different colors and designs on Good Friday. They then leave the eggs in a basket for the *Osterhase* to find and hide around the house for Easter morning. The children then hunt for the eggs and find not only the

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eggs, but many times chocolate bunnies and even some presents. It is then off to church to celebrate the true meaning of Easter.

Another unique custom in some villages of Germany is the *Osterfeuer* (Easter fire), which is lit on Easter night. For the fire, all the Christmas trees are gathered and burned in a special place, making a huge bonfire, clearing away the last signs of winter, and preparing for the bountiful spring. The event is now more of a social gathering and an excuse to get together and celebrate over a beer (like there needs to be an excuse!).

The German people also have a big Easter dinner either on Easter Sunday or Monday. Easter lamb, chicken, and eggs are just a few of the dishes served to not only celebrate Easter but also the end of Lenten fasting.

However you choose to celebrate this most holy day, have a *Frohe Ostern!* 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

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.

MasterWorks Chorale Chamber Singers

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, located at 873 DeWitt St., Syracuse, is hosting the MasterWorks Chorale Chamber Singers on Sunday, April 28, at 4 P.M. The title of the concert is "America in Folk Songs and Spirituals." The concert will contain traditional favorites and stirring new arrangements from America's heart. **Kip Courper** is the director and organist. There will be a reception following the program. All are welcome!

If you would like more information just contact the church at 315-479-9912.

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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