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of the German-American Society of Central New York

## Mai 2019

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## President's Report

Thank you to all the members and friends who came out for the April 29 **17th Annual German Student Scholarship Night**. It was great and enjoyed by all!

We must now get ready for the **May Dance** on Saturday, May 11, from 4 to 8 at the Syracuse Turners. The cost is \$15. So, come on down!

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 May 16 Monthly Membership Meeting.  
DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President/Okttoberfest Report

*G*in Prosit! And a special *Thank-You!* to our members who have stepped up and volunteered to chair the various areas for the **2019 Oktoberfest**, as well as everyone who has made suggestions on how to make this Oktoberfest a great one. These people have helped the planning move along smoothly so everything falls into place.

As mentioned at our April 19 Monthly Membership Meeting, I contacted the Food Division of the Onondaga County Health Department regarding the baked goods at our Oktoberfest. I was informed that we can sell our own baked goods as long as they are wrapped in plastic wrap and are not cream-filled. According to the Health Department, several festivals do this. Personally, I feel we have some of the best bakers around in our organization for German *Kuchen*, cookies, apple strudel and many other goodies. Doing the baking ourselves should help our profit margin in the bakery and cold kitchen.

The 2019 Oktoberfest mugs will be ready and fully paid for by May 15, and I plan to bring a sample to the May 16 Monthly Membership Meeting.

This year our advertising money is staying in the Syracuse area. All advertising will begin right after Labor Day. The advertising includes the *Post Standard* newspaper and digital version, twice in the *Thursday Weekend Section*, including the *Weekend Calendar*, the *Fall Visitors' Guide*, and the calendar section of the *Fall Guide*. We will also be in all six Eagle newspapers arriving in all area homes, and on the September 11 Eagle cover. There will also be an Oktoberfest ad in the September issue of *Parent Magazine*, that will be done free of charge. We will have half-page ads in the *Syracuse New Times* on September 18 and 25, and will further be available in the digital version, which is free of charge. The *Syracuse University Daily Orange* will run our ads for two weeks, plus one week prior to the Festival. This totals six newspapers running ads from quarter- to half-page. All advertising has been paid in advance.

Two of the bands requested a deposit, which was paid, as well as the printing of the raffle tickets for the weekend getaway, fliers, and membership business cards.

In early July, payment of our Oktoberfest liability insurance, as well as the payment to the Village of Minoa for the Lewis Park Pavilion, the site of Oktoberfest, will be made. Other than this money that will be paid soon, most all other financial obligations have been met and paid. Prepaying most of the bills will enable an Oktoberfest report to be completed soon after the festival, as there will be very few "after fest" bills to pay.

I'm giving everyone all these facts because I wanted to let the members know where their organization's money is being spent and on what.

**Nadja Allmann**, one of our new members, offered to put the Oktoberfest and other events on Facebook and from what I understand it looks great!

Thank you to all the members for allowing me to help our organization move forward. Our goals for this year should be to work together in harmony, have fun, and increase our profit margin to help fund our programs for the next year and into the future.

**A couple of reminders:** First, our next **Okttoberfest 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 13 meeting. And, second, please mark your calendar for the June 1 parade in Minoa and the viewing of the park and pavilion. I will have the time and meeting place at the next Monthly Membership Meeting on May 16.

I also 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 Meeting.

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Mai 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:45<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Jun 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:45<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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|---------|---|
| Mai 11  | May Dance, Syracuse Turners, 4-8        |
| Jun 1   | Parade, Minoa                           |
| Jul 7   | Annual Picnic                           |
| Okt 4&5 | Oktoberfest, Lewis Park Pavilion, Minoa |

ings if you have not yet received a few to sell already. 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 that 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!

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 May 16 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.

## Financial Secretary's Report

I am happy to report that we had three new members voted in at the April 18 Monthly Membership Meeting. They are: **Nadja Allmann**, **Jeremy Allmann**, and **John Hudson**, all from Clay, nominated by **Helen Kline**. Congratulations and welcome!

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 our Monthly Membership Meetings, our events, or on our website at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://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 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, plus 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. Although the date is almost here, if you would still like to attend, please contact me. You can pay at the door. My phone number is found below.

**Jeremy Allmann** and **John Hudson**, two new members, 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

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of **Philipp Kegel**, a long-time member who recently passed away. Phil was an active member of the Society prior to having health issues. He could be counted on to attend our events and lend a helping hand. He was also a member of the Syracuse Liederverein and the Deutscher Gesangverein singing groups.

A get-well card was sent to **Goldie Erkila** and **Richard Pfaff**. They have both been ill and have recently spent some time in the hospital.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## 2019 German Student Scholarship Night

Well, another Scholarship Night is over, and what a night it was! Everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. Each student's acceptance speech in German and English was wonderful! From the looks on the faces of our German-speaking members and the teachers, these students could not have done a finer job.

This was our 17th Scholarship year. I am honored and pleased to have participated in this cherished event for all 17 years. It hardly seems possible that so much time has gone by and so many wonderful students have been honored since that first snowy Scholarship Night in 2003.

This year we awarded five \$800 scholarships to the recipients in the photo below. From left to right: **Adam Wood**, Onondaga Central; **Rachel Rose**, **Calla Lewis**, and **Nicholas Hartmann**, all from Mexico; and **Angela Wu**, Fayetteville-Manlius.



I want to thank Scholarship Committee members **Tammy Gondeck** and **Mark Schumacher** for their help in selecting the recipients of the scholarship and in helping at Scholarship Night. Also, thank you to **President Dave Gunter**, who assisted with picking up some

of the food, helping with getting the room ready for Scholarship Night, and in assisting with the presentation of the awards, as well as **Chip Kraushaar**, a member of the Turners, who helped me set up the room, get organized, and do a lot of the heavy work that I couldn't do. **Mike and Mary Smorol** did their usual great job in the kitchen.

Now let's move on to the entertainment. Thank you to **John Besten** on guitar and **Ray Sturge** on the trumpet for supplying such great music during the social hour and dinner. Many people, including some students, got up and danced. When I saw how much fun everyone was having, I had tears in my eyes. Ray also played "Amazing Grace" on the Alphorn, and it was just beautiful. The people who attended Scholarship Night said how much they enjoyed the music, and the **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** are always a big hit. There was a lot of fun and laughs when the pretzel dance was done with the participation of some of the students and parents.

Another highlight of the evening's entertainment was the **Syracuse Liederverein Quartet: Sue Owens, Debbie Thomas, Dan Dow, and George Kramer**. They first sang the German National Anthem and then led everyone in the "Star-Spangled Banner." After this, they sang the three German songs that earned them a standing ovation at the 2018 NYS Sangerfest. Thank you to this quartet for their beautiful singing!

Thank you all for your support of the Scholarship Program, especially the German American Society, which funds this wonderful program. If you have not had the opportunity to attend the German Student Scholarship Night which honors all students of German and their teachers, start thinking about April 27, 2020, for the 18th Scholarship Night.

We continue to sell German-American flag pins for \$3 each to help support our program. There is also a limited amount of children's and adult clothing for sale. 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

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## From the Editor

**M**ay 12 is **Mothers' Day**, and a time to honor the person who brought us into this world or chose to be our mother through adoption or deep friendship. If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother with you, take this time to spend some time with her, send her flowers, or give her a call to express your appreciation for all she's done for you and to say those important words, "I love you!" If your mother is now in her heavenly home, why not lay flowers on her grave, talk about her with friends and family to

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remember the good times and share a few laughs or tears? Happy Mothers Day to all mothers here on earth and beyond.

Now a little bit about a Bavarian celebration. May 1 is an especially important day in Bavarian villages, where it has been the custom for centuries to cut a tall and straight tree a day or two before May 1, place it in the middle of the village, and decorate it with a wreath of spring flowers and colorful ribbons. One of the traditions is to try to steal the Maypole of the neighboring village the night before, and to hold it for ransom, usually a couple kegs of beer (could that be?!). At the same time, the villagers had to make sure their own Maypole was not stolen by their neighbors.

Another Bavarian tradition is the *Maibaumkraxeln* (Maypole climbing) contest. In many parts of Bavaria, men battle to see who can climb up the shaven and polished tree trunk the fastest, a task made even tougher by soaping down the Maypole. The goal is to win the *Brezeln* and *Wurste* (pretzels and sausages) that hang on top of the Maypole, and to impress the girls in the crowd.

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 operating on their regular Friday night schedule except when there are special events. If you would like more information, please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851. Please try to support our friends at the Turners.

## Events at the Utica Mannerchor

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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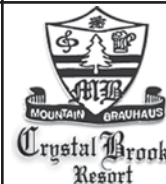
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