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President's Report

I want to say *Thank You* to all the members who turned out to march in the June 1 **Minoa Firemen's Parade**. We had a lot of fun. The flatbed truck that the band rode on with a few of our members was decorated and had a German flag. Some of the members marched and greeted people and passed out cards for people to send in to the German American Society to get a membership application. The public knows we're here!

Looks like things are moving along for a great **Oktoberfest!** We now need to concentrate on volunteers and areas where they can work. Also, many baked goods will be needed for sale. This is a new area for the organization as a commercial bakery will not be used. What a volunteer opportunity for all you bakers! Providing our own baked goods for sale has the potential to greatly increase our revenue. So please think about where you would like to volunteer. There is more Oktoberfest information in the Vice President's Report.

I look forward to seeing you all at our June 20 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

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

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President/Oktoberfest Report

Gin Prost!

A few weeks ago President Dave Gunter and I visited Lewis Park and the pavilion where we will be holding Oktoberfest. The mayor of Minoa gave us a tour and explained to Dave and me everything that will be at our disposal for Oktoberfest. It was noted that there are three ticket booths inside and three outside for the purchase of the tickets for food and drinks. Seeing all this was quite exciting! We also met with the mayor in his office where the details of the rental contract were finalized, the contract was signed, and the full payment provided to the Minoa village clerk.

On a very positive note, there will be a newly remodeled and freshly painted restroom available just for our members and volunteers.

A special thank-you goes out to our local electricians'

union **Local 43 IBEW**, who are donating tables and folding chairs for the areas of ID/mug sales, beer and wine, hospitality/scholarship, and the cold kitchen. This will provide a savings and boost to our bottom-line profit. On top of that, IBEW donated \$200!

It's hard to believe, but we are down to less than four months till Oktoberfest. Time goes by so quickly!

There are a couple areas where chairpeople are needed. One area in particular is the cold kitchen. I was recently contacted by **John Ott**, the member who has chaired the cold kitchen for years, and, unfortunately, due to health concerns, he can no longer participate in Oktoberfest. I thanked him and his wife Janet on behalf of the German American Society for all their years of dedicated service, volunteerism, and the donations made to the cold kitchen. We are all thinking about them and wish John well. I asked him to please stop in at one of our meetings to say hello if he feels up to it.

Just one more thing for this month: Please push those raffle tickets for the weekend bed-and-breakfast getaway at **Crystal Brook Resort** in Round Top in the Catskills. If you have already sold your tickets and need more, or if you have not yet received tickets to sell, please see me at the June 20 Monthly Membership Meeting or give me a call. I can be reached at 315-635-5174 between 6 and 8 P.M.

Danke schön!

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

CLUB MEETINGS

- Jun 20 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:30
Monthly Membership Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7
- Jul 18 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Jul 7 Annual Picnic with the Bavarian Club
Almenrausch, Gene Bousalet's place
(see article on page 2)
- Okt 4&5 Oktoberfest, Lewis Park Pavilion, Minoa

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 June 20 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 have a new-member application from **Jamie Allman** of East Syracuse, sponsored by **Nadja Allman**. He was proposed at the May Monthly Membership Meeting and will be voted on at the June 20 meeting.

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, at 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 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

We still need a chairperson for the House Committee. 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

Get-well card was sent to **Brigitte Niebuhr, Richard Pfaff, Goldie Erkila, and Jane Proper**, as they have all recently been hospitalized.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICHO, *Sunshine Lady*

2019 German Student Scholarship Night

Thank you all for your support of the Scholarship Program, especially the German American Society, who funds this wonderful program.

The scholarship recipients are in the process of forwarding the required documentation for the college each will attend in the fall. As soon as all the information is received, the checks will be sent.

I received a very nice thank-you note from **Adam Wood**, the recipient from Onondaga Central, saying how much he appreciates being awarded a scholarship and how it will assist him in the fall when he starts college.

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 attending our **18th Annual Scholarship Night** on April 27, 2020.

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's 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/text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

2019 German American Society Picnic

It's picnic time again! This year's Annual Picnic is being held on Sunday, July 7, from 1 to 6. The format is a little different, as we will be having our picnic in conjunction with the **Bavarian Club Almenrausch**. The venue has also changed to **Gene Bousalet's** place at 4573 Morgan Place, Liverpool. It is located by the Raymour furniture warehouse. If you are able, please bring a dish or dessert to pass and a lawn chair. The organization will provide the meat, rolls, beer, and wine. As usual, members in good standing are free, and guests are \$15, which entitles them to become a member for their \$15 fee. There will be no band this year but there will be CDs of German music.

Please contact Gene at 315-447-3268 if you need directions, our President Dave Gunter at 315-289-8145, or Vice President Bruce Barnes at 315-635-5174 between 6 and 8 P.M. if you need further information. Hope to see you all there!

NAVAC Golf Tournament

The North Area Ambulance Corps (NAVAC) is holding its 15th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, July 19 at the Pompey Club. This will be in a captain-and-crew format. The day starts with breakfast at 8 A.M. and a shotgun start at 9. There will be prizes and a 50/50 raffle. The cost for a team of four players is \$500 (\$475 if paid by June 15) and an individual golfer can enter for \$125.

Proceeds from the tournament will help support the many services provided by NAVAC to Northern Onondaga County.

For more information and/or an application form for the golf tournament call 315-458-7514.

From the Editor

In Germany, Father's Day has two terms and/or events of an older origin that, while similar in name, have entirely different meanings. *Vatertag* is always celebrated on Ascension Day (the Thursday 40 days after Easter), which is a federal holiday. Regionally it is also called *Maennertag* (men's day) or *Herrentag* (gentlemen's day). It is tradition to do a men-only hiking tour or day out with one or more small wagons (*Bollerwagen*), pulled by manpower. In the wagons are beer or wine (according to the region) and traditional regional food. Many men will use this day to get very drunk to the point of having gangs of drunken men roaming the streets singing and carrying on, causing much embarrassment to the more conservative German people who don't participate. The wives then have to go fetch their drunk husbands and bring them home. No children are allowed to go. Let's face it, German men today hardly need an excuse to have a few drinks with their buddies, sing, and have a great time!

The Austrian Father's Day observance, while closer to the American holiday, is still not exactly the same thing. The date is also in June (on the second Sunday), but the celebration has a slightly more religious connotation, something like a feast day in the Catholic church. Even more than in the US, the Austrian *Vatertag* ranks far lower in importance than *Muttertag*. The first observance of Father's Day in Austria was in 1956. Today it is similar to the American

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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Father's Day in that many Austrians give cards and presents for *Papi's* special day.

So on this Father's Day, do something memorable for your father, the father of your children or grandchildren, or any father you want to honor in a special way. If your father is in his heavenly home, perhaps you can take some flowers and visit the cemetery. Or maybe have a cookout and hoist a few in remembrance of fun times gone by.

However you choose to celebrate, enjoy this Father's Day to the fullest!

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 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.

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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