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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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## President's Report

I want to say Thank You to all the members who have been supporting the Oktoberfest by volunteering and voicing their ideas. Thanks to everyone, it looks like things are moving along for a great **Oktoberfest!** We now need to concentrate on volunteers and areas where they can work. 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 July 18 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

**G**in Prost!

The June 1 parade that we participated in at the **Minoa Fireman's Field Days** was well attended by eleven of our members and four musicians from the **Enzian Bavarian Band**, including leader **John Besten**. **Brigitte Niebuhr** provided balloons and German pennants for the truck and **Nadja Allmann** passed out candy along the parade route. More than 700 business cards promoting the German American Society Oktoberfest were handed out. Thank you to Brigitte and Nadja and all who attended the parade to represent the German American Society, promote our Oktoberfest, and to lend a helping hand!

Thank you to **Bill Nurk** for volunteering to obtain the liquor/beer license, for agreeing to make arrangements for the ATM machines, and for contacting the Manlius Police Department regarding security for Oktoberfest.

Thank you to our President, **Dave Gunter**, who volunteered to take care of the insurance needed for Oktoberfest.

As soon as I receive the 2-by-10-foot banner advertising our Oktoberfest, I will call Eric Gang, Bill Nurk, and Bob Kline to visit the pavilion in Minoa. If anyone else would like to attend, please give me a call at 315-635-5174 or Dave Gunter at 315-289-8145 and one of us will call you with a date and time that is convenient for the people in charge of the pavilion to let us in to take a look around.

At the last three Monthly Membership Meetings, mention has been made that so far there is no one to head the bakery or the cold kitchen. If no one comes forward, there's a good chance we won't have either. How can we have an Oktoberfest without those baked goods and Limburger and liverwurst sandwiches?

Please consider taking on one or both of these areas. We need you! Just give me or Dave Gunter a call or speak with us at the July 18 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

If anyone has questions of any kind about the Oktoberfest and you are not able to give an answer, just contact Dave Gunter or me with the person's name, phone number, and question. The individual will be contacted as soon as possible.

Thanks to **June Pardue**, who hosted a wine-tasting and, as a result, we will have two white and one red wine at Oktoberfest.

**Gene Bousalet** attended our June Monthly Membership Meeting and provided interesting Oktoberfest comments.

Thanks to the Board of Directors, we now will have a 4-by-6-foot German and a 4-by-6-foot American flag to proudly display at Oktoberfest.

Just one more thing for this month: Please push those raffle tickets for the Get-Away Bed and Breakfast Weekend at **Crystal Brook Resort**, in Round Top, in the Catskills. It's very important that these tickets get sold because the money made from this raffle will substantially help in our money-making efforts. 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 July 18 Monthly Membership Meeting or give me a call. I can be reached at 315-635-5174 between 6 and 8 P.M. Please remember to have the person who buys the ticket print his or her name clearly on the ticket along with a phone number. In addition, a special prize will be awarded to the member who sells the winning raffle ticket.

At our last Monthly Meeting I distributed large colorful posters to all in attendance. This poster, along with a card table and chairs, can be set up by a couple of members at a grocery store or other place of business to sell raffle tickets. Please be sure to ask

## CLUB MEETINGS

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| Jul 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7    |
| Aug 13 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7                                       |
| Aug 15 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:30<br>Monthly Membership Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7 |

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Okt 4&5 Oktoberfest, Lewis Park Pavilion, Minoa

permission of the business owner or manager first. This is a great way to sell tickets and make people aware of our Oktoberfest.

Please mark your calendar for August 13 for an Oktoberfest Committee Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. I hope to see many of you there, since I consider all members to be part of the Oktoberfest Committee.

From the bottom of my heart, *Danke schön* to all our wonderful members who will make this Oktoberfest a huge success! See you at the Monthly Membership Meeting on July 18.

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 July 18 at 7 P.M. 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 at the June 20 Monthly Membership Meeting we voted into membership **Jamie Allman** of East Syracuse, sponsored by **Nadja Allman**. Welcome Jamie!

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.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

We still need a chair 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 or serve as a helping member. Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *Prior House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

Get-well card was sent to **Jane Proper**, **Joe Frenza**, and **John Ott**. The German American Society wishes all the best to these members.

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

Thank you all for your support of the Scholarship Program, especially the German American Society, who fund this wonderful program. The scholarship checks have gone out to the 2019 recipients.

Please support Oktoberfest by volunteering, selling/buying raffle tickets, or attending with your friends and family. Proceeds from Oktoberfest help to support our Scholarship Program.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend the German Student Scholarship Night that honors all students of German and their teachers, start thinking about April 27, 2020, for the **18th Scholarship Night**.

Just a reminder: We continue to sell German-American flag pins for \$3 each to help support our program. There is also a limited number of children and adult clothing for sale. There will be a Scholarship area at Oktoberfest where the pins and clothing can be purchased. I will also have the Scholarship book with memories from the onset in 2003 to the present. Stop by and take a look and buy a pin!

If you would like to volunteer at the Oktoberfest Scholarship/Hospitality area, please contact me. My info is found below. I can really use more volunteers. You *can* make a difference. 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](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com). Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## 2019 German American Society Picnic

There will be an article on all the picnic fun in the August *Zeitung*.

## 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 is a Captain and Crew Format. The day starts with breakfast at 8 A.M. and a Shotgun Start at 9 A.M. There will be prizes and a 50/50 raffle. The cost for a team of four players is \$500 and an individual golfer can enter for \$125.

Proceeds from the golf 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

Since America celebrates its independence on July 4 each year, I thought it would be interesting to write about Germans who helped gain that independence.

When you think of a German who made a huge contribution, the name **Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben** comes to mind. Since

I was familiar with the name, but not a lot of the history, I consulted the Internet. Friedrich Wilhelm was born on September 17, 1730, in Magdeburg, Duchy of Magdeburg, Kingdom of Prussia, Holy Roman Empire. He was the son of Royal Prussian Engineer Capt. Baron Wilhelm von Steuben and his wife Elizabeth von Jagvodin. He was both a Prussian and later an American military leader.

Von Steuben served as Inspector General and a Major General of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. When he viewed the troops, he found that they were lacking in the skills needed to fight the enemy effectively. He is credited with teaching the essentials of military drills, tactics, and discipline. When George Washington appointed him temporary Inspector General he met with the troops and found that there was no order or standard for the layout of the encampment, and no standards for sanitation. He established standards that were followed for one and a half centuries.

When Congress appointed von Steuben Inspector General, he noted that the internal administration had been neglected, and no books were kept for supplies, clothing, or men, thus allowing for thievery. He enforced strict recordkeeping, which resulted in considerable savings to the Army. He also drafted a progressive training program for soldiers, which included musket and bayonet training, which resulted in the Revolutionary soldiers winning many battles and played a large part in gaining their independence. Steuben wrote *Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States*, known as the "Blue Book." This was used by the United States Army until 1814, and it affected drills and tactics until the Mexican-American War of 1846.

Von Steuben became a U.S. citizen by act of the Pennsylvania legislature in March 1784, and by New York authorities in 1786. After having lived in Manhattan and New Jersey, he came to upstate New York and settled on a small estate in Oneida County near the city of Rome. The land was granted him for his military service. He lived there until he died on November 28, 1794. He was buried in a grove at what is now Steuben Memorial State Historic Site.

In September, many cities across the United States celebrate **Von Steuben Day**. Participants march, dance, wear German costumes, and play German music. Millions of people attend nationwide. Our own **Syracuse Deutsche Gesangverein** sang many times at the celebration that was held in Steuben. The German-American Steuben Parade that is held annually in New York City is one of its largest parades and is traditionally followed by an Oktoberfest in Central Park as well as celebrations in Yorkville, Manhattan, a German section of New York City.

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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The Von Steuben Parade in Chicago was even featured in the film *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

There are several towns named after him, as well as buildings, including the von Steuben Metropolitan High School in Chicago. There is a statue of von Steuben in Lafayette Square, just north of the White House, in Washington, D.C. There have also been portrayals of von Steuben in U.S. media, including the 1979 miniseries *The Rebels*, the 1984 miniseries *George Washington*, and others. Von Steuben was a large part of our American history and should be thanked for his contribution to our freedom today. Where would the U.S. Army and our country have been without his many contributions?

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 a summer schedule now, so please call the Syracuse Turners at 315-471-9851 for information about the dinner schedule or to request information on their events.

Please try to support our friends at the Turners.

## Events at the Utica Männerchor

The Utica Männerchor will be holding their **Bavarian Festival** July 19 and 20 at the clubhouse in Marcy, just outside Utica.

For further information on hours, 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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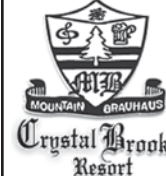
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