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President's Report

I want to say *Thank You* to the members who came out on July 18 in the sweltering heat to attend our meetings. Although there were not enough members to make a quorum for an official Monthly Membership Meeting, we were able to discuss topics about **Oktoberfest**.

The date of the Oktoberfest Committee/Planning Meeting has been changed to Thursday, August 15, at 6 P.M., followed by the Monthly Membership Meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone who is involved in Oktoberfest, or who would like to volunteer for Oktoberfest, at the August 15 meeting.

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.

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

Ein Prost! I am happy to report that the **Oktoberfest Bakery** is alive and well. We will be featuring baked goods made by the Amish. There will be assorted breads, such as banana, pumpkin, and zucchini, as well as assorted individual pies. Everything will be wrapped and labeled with the ingredients. Volunteers are needed to help sell the baked goods.

A tour of the Lewis Park Pavilion, lead by **Mr. Thomas Petterelli**, Supervisor of Public Works, was made by **Bob and Helen Kline, Monika Loerzel**, and I. Mr. Petterelli pointed out the various areas of the building, as well as the refrigerator and freezer for our use. We were all impressed by the 60-foot bar and 60-foot hot kitchen counter. There will be inside and outside picnic tables. Bob Kline was excited to see the ticket booths—three inside and three outside facing the picnic tables.

We also saw the office for counting the tickets and money. It is very secure with outside security cameras and a special

code buzzer to enter the building. There is a newly remodeled ladies' room and a men's room in the process, which will be done soon. These bathrooms are for the volunteers' use. Also, the floor inside the *Bräuhaus* will be painted. The Village of Minoa is doing all this for our use.

I want to give special thanks to Bob Kline and family for donating a large American flag for our Oktoberfest. The American flag, along with the German flag, will be hung in a place of prominence for all to see. If anyone has a Swiss or Austrian flag we can use, they will be hung with the others.

Arrangements have been made with **Parkway Pizza**. They will make and sell pizza by the slice.

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. One member has already sold \$250 worth of tickets. It is very important that these tickets are sold, since the money made from this raffle will substantially help the Scholarship Program as well as the community organizations that we donate money to during the year. 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 August 15 Oktoberfest Meeting or the Monthly Membership Meeting or give me

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Aug 15 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Sep 19 | Monthly Membership Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Okt 17 | Monthly Membership Meeting and
Nomination Night for 2020 Officers and
Board Members, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Nov 21 | Monthly Membership Meeting and Election
Night, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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| Okt 4&5 | Oktoberfest, Lewis Park Pavilion, Minoa |
| Dez 7 | Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2-6 |

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 with a phone number. Also, the member selling the ticket needs to clearly print his or her own name and phone number on the back of the ticket, as 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. These posters, along with a card table and chairs and a couple of members, can be set up at a grocery store or other place of business to sell raffle tickets. Please be sure to ask permission from the business owner or manager first. This is a great way to sell the tickets and make people aware of our Oktoberfest.

Please mark your calendar for August 15 for the Oktoberfest Committee Meeting at 6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. I hope to see many of you at the meeting, since I consider all members to be part of the Oktoberfest Committee.

Danke schön to all our wonderful members who will make this Oktoberfest a huge success!

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 August 15 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. Nominations for office of Treasurer and other Officers and Board Members will be presented at the October 17 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Financial Secretary's Report

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 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 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

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

A get-well card was sent to **Goldie Erkila** and **Emilie Bachmann**. They were both in the hospital and are now residing in assisted living. We wish them both well.

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

Please support the German Student Scholarship Program by attending Oktoberfest and volunteering, selling or buying raffle tickets, or attending with your friends and family. Some of the proceeds from Oktoberfest help support our Scholarship Program.

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 German-American flag pin for \$3 or some of the clothing we have for sale at very reasonable prices.

If you would like to volunteer at the Oktoberfest Scholarship/Hospitality area, please contact me. My contact 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.

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

2019 German American Society Picnic

The Summer Picnic was a huge success with a combined total of 60 people attending. Thanks go out to **Gene Boussetot** for the use of his facility and to **Rainer Grimme, Gene**, and the rest of the **Bavarian Almenrausch** for inviting us to enjoy this day. The food was provided by the Almenrausch and we provided the drinks. Many of the members brought a dish or dessert to share. The weather was great! Thank you to **Sam and the Almenrausch Ladies** for cooking and setting up.

The picnic provided us an opportunity to talk with members of the Almenrausch, have a few beers, some good food, and celebrate *Gemütlichkeit*. Through our interaction, it looks like we will have volunteers from the Almenrausch to help out at the Oktoberfest. That will be great!

Our senior member, **Bob Gang**, who is 101 years young, was at the picnic with his wife **Holly** to enjoy the food and camaraderie. Bob also enjoyed a beer with fellow Germans, Swiss, and Austrians. It was a good time!

From the Editor

This month I am featuring an article written by our member **Robert Oberst** regarding his view on an important event in Germany's history.

Berliner Mauer

For the past 27 years I have had a three-centimeter square block of clear plastic containing a small piece of the *Berliner Mauer* (Berlin wall).

The wall was first constructed in 1961 by the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), which was neither a Democracy nor a Republic, but rather a Totalitarian Communist Dictatorship. The wall was built to keep the people of East Germany imprisoned. On June 26, 1963, President John F. Kennedy came to Berlin and said, "All free men are citizens of Berlin." He also defended freedom for the people of the city by saying, "*Ich bin ein Berliner.*"

On June 12, 1987, President Ronald Reagan came

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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to Berlin and said, "If you seek peace, Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

On November 9, 1989, restrictions on the free movement of the people of East Berlin were lifted and it was the beginning of the end of the Cold War as well as the beginning of the reunification of a free and democratic Germany.

Even a small piece of the Berlin Wall is a reminder of the importance of freedom and its cost to people willing to support real democracy in a real republic.

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

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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