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of the German-American Society of Central New York

## September 2019

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## President's Report

The date of the next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting is Thursday, September 19, at 6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, followed by the Monthly Membership Meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone who is involved in the Oktoberfest, or who would like to volunteer for the Oktoberfest, at the meeting. It looks like everything is coming together as planned and, with your help as a volunteer, this will be a highly successful Oktoberfest.

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 would like to give a personal thank-you to our members who attended the August 15 Oktoberfest Meeting. I have scheduled the last Oktoberfest Meeting for Thursday, September 19, at 6 P.M. Please plan to attend if you have any questions that need to be addressed. For the most part we are ready! There are five food vendors this year so there will be something for everyone!

Below is the Entertainment Schedule:

### Friday, October 4

- 3-5 German Background Music
- 5-5:30 Trio Alpine Horns
- 5:30-5:45 Grand Opening Ceremony with Special Guests, including the Mayor of Minoa
- 5:45-9:45 Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers

### Saturday, October 5

- 11-12 Edelweiss Schuhplattlers, German Dance Group from Utica
- 12-4 Fritz's Polka Band, Variety of Music
- 4-6 Stein Hoisting Contest; Drawing for the Winner of the Getaway Weekend at Crystal Brook Resort in the Catskills; Background German Music
- 6-10 Dirt Road Ruckus Band, Southern Country and Rock

There will also be children's activities at the Children's Shelter House with face painting, magicians, and vendors  
Special thanks to everyone who agreed to chair the various

areas, such as Beer Mugs, Tickets, Scholarship, Hospitality, Baked Goods, Trash Pickup, Security, Money Room, and Beer and Wine Sales. If anyone would like to volunteer in any of these areas please attend the meeting on September 19 or give me a call at 315-635-5174 between 6 and 8 P.M. We can always use more help! You can make a difference!

There will be tickets for volunteers who work at least 4 hours so they can get something to eat.

Please sell those "Getaway Weekend" raffle tickets. If you need tickets to sell please give me a call or see me at the September 19 meeting. The tickets are \$5. Not only will the winner get the Getaway Weekend, but the member who sold the ticket will also get a surprise.

Mark your calendar for September 19 at 6 P.M. for the final Oktoberfest Committee Meeting to be held at the Syracuse Turners.

*Danke schön* to all our wonderful members who will make this Oktoberfest a huge success! A thank-you also goes to The Bavarian Club Almenrausch, who have volunteered to help with the upcoming Oktoberfest.

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.

### CLUB MEETINGS

- Sep 19 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6  
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

- Okt 4 Oktoberfest, Lewis Park Pavilion, Minoa, 3-10
- Okt 5 Oktoberfest, Lewis Park Pavilion, Minoa, 11-10
- Dez 7 Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2-6

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on September 19 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

**P**lease 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. Membership applications will also be available at Oktoberfest.

**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

**W**e 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. Planning for the December 7 Christmas Party will be starting right after the Oktoberfest.

**I**f you would like to be on the House Committee just let me know. Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *former House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

**D**uring the month of August I sent a card to former member **Menzo King** in celebration of his 90th birthday! I also sent a get-well card to **Joe Frenza**, as he has been in and out of the hospital for most of the summer.

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

MARGARETHA MICHO, *Sunshine Lady*

## Railroad Trip to Old Forge

**T**he Bavarian Club Almenrausch has invited the German American Society and friends to join them September 28 for a daytime excursion on the **Adirondack Scenic Railroad**.

This train trip departs the Utica train station at 421 Broad Street, Utica, at 9:30 A.M. and arrives in Thendara around noon. There will be bus transportation to downtown Old Forge. Buses will also provide return transportation back to the train station in Thendara for the return trip to the Utica train station. The return trip departs Thendara at 4:30 P.M. and arrives in Utica at 6:45 P.M.

The cost for the trip is \$42.50 per person. If there are over 25 individuals going, the cost is discounted to the group rate of \$37.28 per person. For more information and to reserve a spot contact **Gene Bousalet** at 315-447-3268.

For more information about the actual train trip, visit [www.adirondackrr.com](http://www.adirondackrr.com).

## 2019 German Student Scholarship Night

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

There will be a Scholarship area at Oktoberfest where 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/text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at [sallyzf@aol.com](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com). Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Nomination Night

**J**ust a reminder that nominations for all Officers and five Board Members will take place at the October 17 Monthly Membership Meeting. Please give some thought to running for office and help our organization remain strong and grow!

## From the Editor

**I** have been asked many times how Oktoberfest got its start. When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and the Princess

of Saxonia, Theresia, were married in Munich on October 12, 1810, a national holiday was declared and the citizens were invited to the 5-day wedding festivities celebrated in the fields outside the city's gates. The celebration was so popular that it became an annual festival in Munich with beer stands set up for town folks to quench their thirst. The original beer stands gave way to large beer tents in 1896, and are still part of this elaborate and festive German celebration. Fourteen big tents each accommodate thousands of people seated at picnic tables inside and thousands more outside the tents.

Germany is famous for its beers and its beer brewing purity laws. There are six breweries highlighted at Munich's Oktoberfest tents. Many revelers arrive at the beer tents in the morning to secure seats for the fun-filled days of drinking, singing, dancing, and eating.

Since the start of Oktoberfest, the dates have been changed from the original wedding date in mid-October to September to have more favorable weather to celebrate the two-week-long festival.

In Munich, Oktoberfest usually starts on the third Saturday in September with the tapping of the first keg of beer by the mayor of the city to officially open the festivities. However, in America, the dates of Oktoberfest make up a wide spectrum from summer months through October.

Oktoberfest is not just the celebration of the famous wedding; it is a spirit and wonderful feeling between old friends, new friends, and family. Strangers become friends when the music and dancing start. It is a warm, wonderful feeling that words cannot describe. It gives true meaning to the word *Gemütlichkeit!* Come share the warmth and excitement that only Oktoberfest can provide at our 59th Annual Oktoberfest scheduled for Friday, October 4, from 3–10 P.M. and Saturday, October 5, from 11 A.M.–10 P.M. at Lewis Park Pavilion in Minoa—rain or shine. Free admission and free parking!

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*

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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## 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.

### Lucas Winery Oktoberfest

Lucas Winery, one of our *Zeitung* advertisers, is holding its annual **German Festival** on Sunday, September 15, at the winery. Please see the back of this *Zeitung* for the address and contact information for further details. The German Festival is an annual event and is a lot of fun. There will be German food, music, dancing and, of course, that great Lucas wine! Our own **Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers** will be performing.

### Thousand Island Winery Oktoberfest

The Thousand Island Winery, another of our *Zeitung* advertisers, is holding its annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5, at the winery. Please see the back of this *Zeitung* for the address and contact information for further details. Their Oktoberfest is an annual event in the 1000 Islands and is a lot of fun. They will have German food and a variety of wines for sale, as well as music and dancing by our own **Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers**.

### 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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