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Please note: If we have inclement weather on the day of any of our scheduled meetings, please either call President Dave Gunter at 315-289-8145 or the Syracuse Turners at 315-471-9851 to see if the meeting has been cancelled.

President's Report

Sincerely hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We are now into 2020. The new year gives us the opportunity to grow our membership and welcome new ideas and improve our organization.

Please plan to attend the January 16 Monthly Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners and make your voice heard, as we need to discuss the 2020 Oktoberfest and who will chair this very important event. This organization belongs to all of us!

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

Happy New Year to all our members!

As I reported at our last meetings, I will be unable to chair the Oktoberfest this year. However, I will turn over all my records and answer any questions that the new Chair has.

Please plan to attend the January 16 Meeting to keep up to date on our organization.

B. BRUCE BARNES, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Please send all dues payments, invoices, or financial communication to: The German-American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548, or give them to me at the next Monthly Meeting.

At our January meeting I will present a full report of revenue and expenses for 2019. During the month of January I will start to assemble our required IRS tax return so that it can be submitted in a timely manner. My main goals for the year 2020 are to maintain an accurate accounting of the club's financial status, and to keep the Board of Directors apprised of our balances so that they can make sound decisions. At any time if you have any questions or need to get in touch with me, please email me at heckatjr@gmail.com or text to 315-200-5209.

Thank you for affording me this opportunity to serve our organization.

JIM HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

We received a membership application from Jane Neer of Baldwinsville, proposed by Jim Heckathorne. She will be voted on for membership at the January 16 Monthly Membership Meeting, along with the following applications that had previously been presented at the November Monthly Membership Meeting: **Michael and Cheryle Bockheim**, Syracuse, sponsored by Sally Frenza, and **Edward N. Karl**, Bridgeport, who received his application as a result of the 2019 Oktoberfest.

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.germanamericanscnyc.com. Or just contact me and I can send one to you. My contact information is found below.

Reminder: The 2020 membership dues are due by January 31 and should be sent to the above address. The dues for renewing members remain at \$15/year. The dues can be paid in person at the January General Membership Meeting on January 16, or sent to the above address. Checks need to be made payable to the German American Society of CNY (please add annual dues in the message portion of your check). All annual membership dues must be paid by January 31 of the membership year. If the dues are not paid by that date, an invoice will be sent reminding any unpaid member that his or her membership dues are past due, and that the dues must be paid by March 15 in order to remain a member in good standing. After March 15, any member who has not paid his or her dues will be automatically dropped from membership without further notice. If any prior member wants

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Jan 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Feb 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:30 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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| Apr 27 | German Student Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners 5-9 |
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to rejoin The German American Society of CNY, he or she must come in as a new member.

Also, when you renew your dues, would you please send in your email address. I would like to start sending out information regarding events, meetings, etc. You will still get the *Zeitung* as usual. I will just send some extra information out to you.

Another 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.

Please remember: If you change your address, please contact/text me at 315-450-4655 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.

NADJA ALLMANN, *Interim Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

I would like to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen, and with set-up and clean-up at our Christmas Party. The food was delicious. I hope everyone who attended the party had a good time. We tried a silent auction this year to cut down on the auction time and to give more time for the party. However, next year we will return to the live auction as it stimulates the bidding and is a lot more fun.

There was dancing to the music of the **Enzian Bavarian Quartet**, as well as some Christmas carol singing. Santa and Mrs. Claus brought presents for the children.

A thank you also goes to **Gracie Schell**, who led a sing-along in German with a picture board. Everyone got into the spirit and played along. It was fun!

Our next *Zeitung* will have more information about upcoming events for 2020.

If you would like to be on the House Committee, just give either a call/text to Sally at 315-345-6253 or me at 315-491-2573. We can use your help. Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

During the month of December a get-well card was sent to **Willhelm Rohrbach**. He is home recuperating from a total ankle replacement.

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

MARGARETHA MICHÖ, *Sunshine Lady*

German Student Scholarship Program

Scholarship applications will be going out in January to the area high schools in Onondaga and Oswego counties who teach German. There will be more information on the Scholarship Program in upcoming issues of the *Zeitung*.

There are still flag pins for sale for anyone who would like to purchase one for \$3. Great stocking stuffers for Christmas! We also have some gently used clothing for sale at very reasonable prices.

I want to thank **John Besten**, who has volunteered to join the current members of the Scholarship Committee.

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program, or if you would like to purchase clothing or pins, please feel free to call/text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com.

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Installation of Officers and Board Members

Although financial business was not conducted at the December Monthly Meeting, President Dave Gunter, Vice President B. Bruce Barnes, Treasurer Jim Heckathorne, and Board Members Carl Bloss, Susan Foster, and Monika Loerzel were sworn in by Board Member Sally Frenza. Board Members who were not in attendance will be sworn in at the January 16 Monthly Membership Meeting.

From the Editor

This month, I would like to bid a fond farewell to the members, friends, and supporters of the German American Society who passed away in 2019: **Philipp Kegel**, member and former member of the Board and volunteer at many of our events; **Mary Pfaff**, longtime member and supporter of our events and member of the Scholarship Committee for many years; **Edda Catlin**, former member and former President of the German American Society; **Dianna Schoeck**, member and supporter of our events; and **Egon Ehrlinspiel**, *Zeitung* advertiser and financial supporter of many Oktoberfests. May we remember the positives each person brought to us!

I would also like to give a review of some 2019 activity highlights:

Scholarship Night was great. We awarded five \$800 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who met the criteria and were selected by the Scholarship Committee. Each recipient gave an acceptance speech in German and English at the German Student Scholarship Night. There was a dinner, dancing with the **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers**, music by **John Besten** and **Ray Sturge**, and a lot of fun! Here is a picture of the recipients, From left to right: **Adam Wood**, Onondaga Central; **Rachel Rose**, Calla Lewis, and **Nicholas Hartmann**, all from Mexico; and **Angela Wu**, Fayetteville-Manlius.



May Fest was enjoyed by all who attended. Music and dancing with the **Enzian Bavarian Band**, great food, and *Gemütlichkeit*.

We participated in the **Minoa Firemen's Parade**, which served as a kick-off promotion for the Oktoberfest that was held in Minoa in October. There was participation by some of our members, as well as the **Enzian Bavarian Band**.

The 2019 Oktoberfest was held in Minoa and was a lot of fun. There was face painting; dancing; entertainment by the **Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers**, **The Edelweiss Dancers** from Utica, **Fritz's Polka Band**, and **Dirt Road Ruckus County Rock Band**; the **Twin Magicians** (see the picture at right of two of our members in their balloon hats), food, adult beverages, a Scholarship information area, and more. There was something for everyone. **Henry Beck** and family even celebrated his birthday at the Oktoberfest!

The Christmas Party information is in the House Committee Report above. I'll just add one note: It was a great time for all who attended. There were many positive comments given to the House Committee for such a great party! If anyone has pictures from the Christmas Party and would like to share them, please mail them to me, or send in an email or text. My information is in this *Zeitung*.

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 have any questions about hours, events, dinners, etc. at the Syracuse Turners, or if you would like information on joining this great organization, just call 315-471-9851. Please try to support our friends at the Syracuse Turners.

If you'd like to become a Patron of the *Zeitung* or if you are currently a patron and need to renew for 2020, 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.

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Margaretha Micho and Monika Loertzel at Oktoberfest 2019.

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