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## President's Report

Hope everyone is staying safe, healthy and warm! It looks like the Governor is loosening up some of the restrictions on gatherings and events as our COVID-19 cases appear to be declining. Let's hope that we can soon begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Just a reminder that the German American Society of CNY is here to support its members. If you need anything that we may be able to help you with, please give me a call at 315-289-8145.

At this point we are not sure when our events will start up again, but hopefully in the near future.

The next **Board Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, at 6 P.M. at the Turners. We will be discussing the need to get everyone back together again and move forward with our monthly meetings and club events, and ways we can safely do this.

Also, there is a vacancy on the Board and the Office of Vice President, so please consider filling one of these vacancies if at all possible. Just contact me at the number above or Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions that I can help you with, please feel free to contact me.

Hope to see everyone soon. Stay safe!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President's Report

As noted above, we currently have an opening for Vice President. If any member in good standing would like more information on this office, or would like to be considered for this position, please contact either President Dave Gunter or Secretary Sally Frenza at the numbers found in the President's Report.

## Treasurer's Report

For our holiday fundraiser we collected \$400 from five people (all members of our Board and Officers). I sent a check for \$200 each to the Food Bank of CNY, and a \$200 check for the Shriners.

At this point, we're collecting dues and paying bills as they come in. Next month I'll be working on our income tax forms.

At our prior meetings we discussed some good ideas for social events, but it's really premature to start any real planning until we know when we'll be able to safely get people together again. Hopefully soon!

Thank you to all our members for your ongoing support of our organization.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to those who have sent in their 2021 dues. Letters were mailed with a reminder to all who had not paid as of January 31. To remain a member in good standing, dues need to be paid by March 15. As previously reported, the Board voted to update the yearly membership dues for 2021. Current dues are \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a couple (two adults living in the same house). In addition to the *Zeitung* and meetings, dues-paying members will receive discounts to upcoming events

### CLUB MEETINGS

Mär 18    Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

No events have been scheduled at this time, although we are hoping to be able to get together soon. More information regarding events to follow in future issues of the *Zeitung*.

as well as access to special member events that we hope to schedule throughout the year. We will begin holding member meetings and planning events as soon as we feel that it is safe to bring members together in a group.

Thank you to everyone who follows our Facebook page. You can find us at German American Society of CNY if you have not done so already. You'll see posts about notable German Americans in Syracuse, German holidays and traditions, as well as German *Bier* and food! If there's something you'd like to share or something you'd like to see us post about, please message us on Facebook or email us at [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com).

At this time, we have no new paid applicants. We are always looking to expand our membership and even more so now during the uncertainty of this ongoing pandemic. If you have any ideas or suggestions about how we can reach out to potential new members, please let us know! We value your suggestions and input and would love to have you involved! 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 meeting, event or on our website at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com). You can also email [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com) and one can be emailed or mailed to you as preferred.

For any member that has an email address and would be open to receiving information and communicating in this way, I ask that you send an email to [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com) so that we can add this to your contact information. You will continue to receive the *Zeitung* in the mail as usual.

**Reminders:** If you will be away for an extended period of time, the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you. Please contact the Editor at 315-345-6253 or [sallyzf@aol.com](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com) to arrange for this complimentary service. If you change your address, please call or text me at 315-450-4655, email [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com), or contact the Editor with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and that *Zeitung* reaches you.

To discuss any of the above areas, or if you have questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me in your preferred method. Please be advised that email or text are the most effective way to reach me. If you call, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I am able.

Thank you.

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

No plans yet, but 2021 will hopefully see a return to fun events for our organization. We will discuss where we stand with social activities at the March 18 Board Meeting.

If you would like to be on the House Committee, or have any questions or suggestions, just give either a call/text to Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253 or Brigitte Niebuhr at 315-491-2573. We can use your help and suggestions.

Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR & SALLY FRENZA, *House Committee*

## Sunshine Lady

I am sad to report that our member **Virginia (Ginny) Bechteler** recently passed away. Ginny was the wife of Lifetime Member **Willy Bechteler**, and mother of member **Donald Bechteler**. Ginny and Willy could be seen at our social events, where Ginny would be on the dance floor with Willy or at a table visiting and laughing with friends. She always had a smile on her face and a good word for all. Please keep the Bechteler family in your thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## 19th Year of the German Student Scholarship Program

Thank you to the German American Society of CNY for their ongoing support of this wonderful program. The applications have gone out to the schools in Onondaga and Oswego counties who

teach the German language. The completed applications will start coming in soon.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, it does not look like a German Student Scholarship Night will be possible this year. However, the scholarship recipients will still receive a check and some “surprises” in the mail.

Just a reminder: There are still flag pins for sale for anyone who would like to purchase one for \$3. A great add-on gift for any occasion. We also have some gently used German clothing for sale at very reasonable prices. Any money received for the sale of these items will be used for the Scholarship Program.

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*

## From the Editor

**S**would love to hear how you are managing during these unprecedented times. Is there something newsworthy that you would like me to publish? Please just send me a text or call me at the number above.

Now on to some fun stuff! **St. Patrick's Day** is almost upon us. Even though it looks like the huge

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celebrations and parades will not be happening this year, let's take a look at a “normal” St. Patrick's Day in Germany.

It is said that we Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a really big way. But there's also a big celebration in Munich. Green is everywhere! Munich's St. Patrick's Day celebration is one of the largest in Europe. (Those Bavarians love a party!)

Irish people, Irish fans, and wannabes have been celebrating in Munich since the 1990s. It started out as a small private celebration and quickly blossomed into a large, two-day festival. In 2014 there was a parade from Münchner to Odeonsplatz. There was singing and an Irish Mass at St. Michael's Church. The Allianz Arena and the Olympic Tower were bathed in green light. If you want to get an idea of the magnitude of the Munich celebration, just take a look on Facebook. You won't believe your eyes. The number of people who were watching the parade in Munich and celebrating was unbelievable! The crowd was elbow to elbow. I bet the *Hofbräuhaus* was jammed to the rafters. Irish jigs or *Schuhplattling*? Whatever the dance, whatever the beer, whatever the food, I'm sure everyone in Munich will party hardy when big gatherings can once again take place!

Do you have a topic you would like me to write about? Or do you have an article you have written and would like to see in print? Or even a German family recipe, just let me know

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Members and Friends

The **Syracuse Turners** are currently operating on a limited activity schedule due to the pandemic. If you would like information regarding joining the Turners or their activities, just call 315-471-9851.

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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