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President's Report

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! Spring is here, the flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, and things are looking up. The Governor is continuing to loosen up some of the restrictions on gatherings and events as the infection rate remains low and more people are getting vaccinated. Hopefully by summer we will be looking at something a little closer to "normal."

At the **April Board Meeting** it was decided to tentatively schedule a Monthly Membership Meeting for June 17. It's been well over a year since we have had a meeting due to the pandemic, and we need to get together and discuss what's going on and our direction for the future. The meetings are held at the Syracuse Turners, and they have the room arranged to meet the state guidelines for social distancing. A mask will be required. Please see the Financial Secretary's Report for information on the opportunity to attend the Monthly Meeting virtually if you are not able to attend the meeting in person.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, at 6 p.m. at the Syracuse Turners. At that meeting we will be confirming the date for our Monthly Membership Meeting, as well as further discussing future activities to get everyone together again. We are looking at a picnic for this summer, probably June or July. We need to have a picnic and have some fun!

As noted in past issues of the *Zeitung*, the office of Vice President is vacant as well as a position on the Board of Directors. So please consider filling one of these vacancies if at all possible. Just contact me at 315-289-8145 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. 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 let me know.

Hope to see everyone soon. Stay safe!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

As noted above, we still 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

As I began to prepare our tax filing for Tax Year 2020, I discovered that we were able to be exempt from submitting a return for last year. This may seem like good news (it was to me, since it meant not having to complete a ream of complicated forms), but the bad news is that we were exempt only because we collected so little revenue. For that reason, I encourage everyone to please pay their dues, recruit additional members, and think about ways you can help our club.

Please send all dues, patron, or advertising payments, invoices, or financial communication to: German-American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

Over the past year we have had some good discussions about how we can best sustain the organization, and I'd like to encourage all members to get involved and offer their own thoughts. At any time if you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to email me at hecatjr@gmail.com, or text to 315-200-5209.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to those members who have sent in their 2021 dues. Dues stickers for your membership card will be attached to the next *Zeitung*. If you have not sent in your dues, this will be your final *Zeitung*. If you wish to remain

CLUB MEETINGS

Mai 20	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Jun 17	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 (tentative)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Detailed information about our Picnic and other 2021 events will be in the June *Zeitung*.

a member in good standing and continue to receive a *Zeitung*, along with discounts to upcoming events, please send in your dues payment of \$25 for an individual or \$40 for a couple ASAP to the address noted further down in this article.

At this time, we have no new-paid applicants. We are always looking to expand our membership and even more so now as our membership numbers continue to decrease due in large part to the pandemic, which put a damper on so many things. If you have any ideas or suggestions about ways 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!

As many people have been using virtual platforms during the current pandemic, the Society would also like to make this available to our members for upcoming membership meetings. If you would like to be included in communications about attending membership meetings virtually, please send an email to cnygermansociety@gmail.com. If members show interest in participating in meeting virtually we will send out an email with more information and links to be able to join the meeting.

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 send us an email.

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 or event, on our website at www.germanamericanscny.com, or by emailing us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

For any member who 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 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 to arrange for this complimentary service. If you change your address, please call or text me at 315-450-4655, email cnygermansociety@gmail.com, or contact the Editor 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 questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me in your

preferred method. Please be advised that email or text are the most effective ways to reach me. If you call, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I am able.

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

No specific date yet, but we are planning to have a picnic in June or July so we can all once again get together for some fun, laughs, and *Gemütlichkeit!* We will discuss where we stand with social activities at the **May 20 Board Meeting** and hopefully confirm some dates. The information will be in the June *Zeitung*.

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

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR & SALLY FRENZA, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

Sympathy card and flowers have been sent to the family of **John Ott**, who passed away March 29. John was a Board Member for quite some time. At many Oktoberfests John ran the sandwich stand and was known for those great limburger cheese sandwiches. John was a soft-spoken man who was always smiling and saw the positive in every situation and everyone. Our sincere condolences to the family.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICHO, *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! This year we will be awarding four \$800 scholarships. The recipients are: **Ashleigh Anderson**, Mexico High School; **Emma Hyde**, Mexico High School; **Lauren Moore**, Onondaga Central High School; and **Catherine Iven**, C. W. Baker High School. Congratulations to these fine students! The students never cease to amaze me with not only their academic achievements and mastering of the German language, but the many activities that they participate in both at school and in the community.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, we will be unable to have a German Student Scholarship Night this year. At Scholarship Night we honor not only the Scholarship recipients, but all students of the German language and their teachers. Hopefully, next year we can resume the celebration with a big one as it will be our 20th year! Even though there is no in-person celebration this year, the Scholarship recipients will still receive some "surprises" in the mail with their check.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the German teachers for helping to preserve the German language, heritage, and culture through their wonderful teaching and encouragement they give to their great students.

Just a reminder: There are still flag pins for sale for anyone who would like to purchase one for \$3. Great add-on gift for any occasion. We also have some gently used German clothing for sale at very reasonable prices. Please call me if you are interested in any of these items. The money received from the sale of the pins and clothing 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 or text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the Editor

I have received phone calls from members and have even been asked by people in the community if we are going to have an Oktoberfest again. All I can say for now is that it is being looked into on a much smaller scale this year. Nothing for sure yet, but there is a little glimmer of hope!

As noted in the March 2021 *Zeitung*, due to the increased expenses related to publishing the *Zeitung* and getting it out to each of you, it is necessary to raise the cost of being a Patron from \$15 to \$20 per year. Well, I am sorry to say that some of the names were removed from the Patron list for the *Zeitung* due to nonpayment. It's easy to get your name back in. All you need to do is send in the \$20 check made out to the German American Society of CNY to the Attention of the Editor at The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Please note "Patron" on the message line of your check. Thank you to the Patrons who have already paid for 2021. And if anyone else would like to see their name in print, just send in \$20 as noted above.

Please contact the Editor at the contact information in this *Zeitung* if you have any questions that I can help you with, or if you feel your name was removed from the Patron list in error. My contact information is in this *Zeitung*. We need our Patrons, so if your name has been removed, please send your check as soon as possible to the above address. Thank you.

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I want to wish a belated happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there. Hopefully it was a day filled with love and deep appreciation for the woman who brought you into this world, or to the woman who is like a mother to you. As we all know, family is not always by blood. If your mother is in her heavenly home, thoughts of times past may have been remembered with love, at times laughter, and maybe some tears may have been shared with family and friends. However the day was celebrated, cherish these times.

I have written a little bit about a Bavarian celebration in past issues of the *Zeitung* and I felt this may be a good time to bring them out again, since they describe happy, fun times. In Bavaria May 1 is an especially important day. In Bavarian villages, it has been the custom for centuries to cut a tall and straight tree, a day or two before May 1, place it in the middle of the village and decorate it with a wreath of spring flowers and colorful ribbons. One of the traditions is to try to steal the Maypole of the neighboring village the night before, and to hold it for ransom, usually a couple kegs of beer (surprise, surprise!!). At the same time, the villagers had to make sure their own Maypole was not stolen by their neighbors.

Another Bavarian tradition is the *Maibaumkraxeln* (Maypole climbing) contest. In many parts of Bavaria the guys battle to see who can climb up the shaven and polished tree trunk the fastest, a task made even tougher by soaping down the Maypole. The goal was to win the *Brezeln* and *Würste* (pretzels and sausages) that hang on top of the Maypole, and to impress the girls in the crowd. What a way to get a date!!

Do you have a German, Austrian, or Swiss topic you would like me to write about? Or do you have an article you have written or found and would like to see in print? Or even a recipe? Just let me know. My contact information is in this *Zeitung*.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

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During these difficult times, please try to support our *Zeitung* advertisers when you need the types of services they can provide.

The Syracuse Turners is now operating on their summer schedule. Please contact them if you would like information regarding joining the Turners or their activities, by calling 315-471-9851.

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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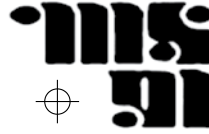
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