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President's Report

Even though it's not yet officially summer, we sure have had some summer weather! I hope everyone has been enjoying these hot days!

At the **May Board Meeting** it was decided to go ahead with the Monthly Membership Meeting on June 17 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. It's been well over a year since we have had a meeting due to the pandemic, and it will be great to get together and discuss what's going on, social plans, and our direction for the future. If you are vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask or keep six feet away from each other. If you are not vaccinated, or want to continue to wear a mask and socially distance, please feel free to do so.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 17 at 6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

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. If you have been a member in good standing for at least one year, 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, or speak with either of us at the June 17 Meeting.

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 on June 17 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

See above for information about this vacancy.

Treasurer's Report

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.

It now seems that the light may be at the end of the tunnel

regarding the pandemic, and we're all looking forward to being able to resume some "normal" events later this year, and trying some new things to increase our membership and become more active. Please take a minute to think about what *you* would like our organization to be, and drop a note to cnygermansociety@gmail.com!

Future events will be discussed at the June 17 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. Please plan to attend and make your ideas known.

At any time, if you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to email me at heckatjr@gmail.com, or text to 315-200-5209. Or better yet, attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on June 17 to discuss your ideas.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to those who have sent in their 2021 dues. You should find your 2021 sticker attached to this *Zeitung*.

At the Board Meeting on May 20, two new applicants were proposed and voted into the membership. Please join me in welcoming **Krysa Heckathorne**, wife of our Treasurer James Heckathorne, and **Frank M. Heine!** We look forward to meeting you!

We are always looking to expand our membership and even more so now as our membership numbers continue to decrease. 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!

CLUB MEETINGS

Jun 17 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
 Monthly Membership Meeting,
 Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Detailed information about our Picnic and other 2021 events will be discussed at the June 17 Monthly Membership Meeting and will be in the July *Zeitung*.

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.

If you are interested in participating in upcoming meetings virtually please email us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com. If members show interest in participating in meeting virtually we will try to set this up.

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.

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 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

Yes, we are having a **Picnic** this summer! We are still working out the details, but it will happen! Please attend the June 17 Monthly Membership Meeting to obtain further information and to offer your ideas and suggestions. It will be exciting seeing everyone after so many months apart!

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.

Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR & SALLY FRENZA, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card was sent to the family of **Richard (Dick) Schoeck**, as well as flowers sent for the funeral. Dick was a longtime member of the German American Society as well as a Board member for many years. Dick was a strong supporter of our Scholarship Program, having funded many scholarships over the years in memory of his parents and other members of his family. Dick could be seen at many of our social events, especially the Christmas Party, accompanied by a table full of his family. He will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences to the family.

Also, a get-well card was sent to **Joe Frenza**, Sally's husband. He is now at home and doing well.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICHO, *Sunshine Lady*

Please note: Margaretha Micho's beloved sister passed away in Germany. A sympathy card has been sent to Margaretha. Thoughts and prayers are with our dear 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. For anyone who may have missed the May *Zeitung*, here are the recipients of this year's scholarships: **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. The checks have gone out to the recipients, along with some surprises.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing restrictions on social gatherings that were in effect at the time we typically hold Scholarship Night, we were 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 twentieth year!

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.

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the Editor

Fathers' Day is celebrated on June 20 this year, and it will be here before we know it.

In Germany, Fathers' Day has two terms and/or events of an older origin that, while similar in name, have entirely different meanings. *Vatertag* is always celebrated on Ascension Day (the Thursday 40 days after Easter), which is a federal holiday. Regionally it is also called men's day, *Männertag*, or gentlemen's day, *Herrentag*. It is tradition to do a males-only hiking tour or day out with one or more small wagons (*Bollerwagen*), pulled by manpower. In the wagons are beer or wine (according to the region) and traditional regional food. Many men will use this day to get very drunk, to the point of having gangs of drunken men roaming the streets singing and carrying on, causing much embarrassment to the more conservative German people who don't participate. The wives then have to go fetch their drunk husbands and

bring them home. No children were allowed to go. Let's face it: German men today hardly need a holiday excuse to have a few drinks with their buddies, sing, and have a great time!

The Austrian Father's Day observance, while closer to the American holiday, is still not exactly the same thing. The date is also in June (on the second Sunday), but the celebration has a slightly more religious connotation, something like a feast day in the Catholic church. Even more than in the U.S., the Austrian *Vatertag* ranks far lower in importance than *Muttertag*. The first observance of Father's Day in Austria was in 1956. Today it is similar to the U.S. Father's Day in that many Austrians give cards and presents for *Papi's* special day.

So, on this Father's Day, do something memorable for your father, or any father that you want to honor in a special way. If your father is in his heavenly home, perhaps you can take some flowers and visit the cemetery. Or maybe have a cookout and hoist a few in remembrance of fun times that you shared.

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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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.

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Please contact the Editor at the contact information in this *Zeitung* if you have any questions about becoming a Patron, or if you feel your name was removed from the Patron list in error. 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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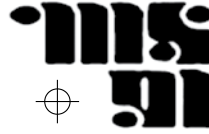
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