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of the German-American Society of Central New York

September 2021

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## President's Report

We had a great Picnic at Long Branch Park on August 22 with games, good food, and a lot of laughs. Thanks to everyone who helped out, especially Scott Feldman, who spent the hot Sunday afternoon slaving over the hot grills, as well as arranging for the wine through a donation from Lakeland Winery and also himself. Jim Heckathorne brought some of his Bavarian brew, which was great! It was an all-around wonderful afternoon.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, at 6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, with the Monthly Membership Meeting to follow at 7. Please try to attend our next Monthly Membership Meeting on September 16 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners to keep up to date on what's happening with our great organization, of which every member is an important part. We will also be appointing a Nominating Committee for our 2021 election.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions, or need anything that I can help you with, please feel free to contact me at 315-289-8145. The German American Society of CNY is here to support its members.

I hope to see everyone on September 16 for another great meeting! We need your involvement.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President's Report

At the August 22 Picnic, I offered a challenge to all our members: I am willing to be the Vice President and work with our organization to help it grow. However, everyone's help is needed. Please talk with your children, grandchildren, friends, associates, and any others to spark interest in joining our great organization. We need new, young blood to keep us going and growing. New, young people bring fresh ideas. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at [chk1205@centurylink.net](mailto:chk1205@centurylink.net).

Thank you.

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

## 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.

The Picnic was great fun, and everyone can look forward to more events to bring us together.

At the September 16 Monthly Membership Meeting, I will provide information on our financial status.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

Hello members! It was so nice to see everyone who came to the Picnic a couple of weeks ago! Thank you to everyone who provided an email address. We are hoping to be able to provide updates and changes through email in between Zeitung mailings. If you were not at the picnic and want to make sure we have your email for communication, please send an email to [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com). It would be helpful also if you confirmed your current address and best contact number in case there is any outdated information on the membership list.

We received four new-member applications at the picnic that will be presented at the upcoming September meeting on the 16th. We are still working to finish collecting dues payments for 2021 and will quickly be approaching the 2022 membership year.

Those who attended the Bier Tasting at Talking Cursive had a wonderful time. There were nine people in attendance—three members and six guests. We were able to sample some beers and hear from the director of brewing operations. We are still working out the details for a Bier Tasting event at Freight Yard Brewing in Clay. The event will be held outside. If you

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Sep 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>followed by a brief House Committee Meeting |
| Oct 21 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>Nomination Night                            |
| Nov 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>Election Night                              |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec 5 | Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 1-6 |
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are interested in more information once it is available, please follow our Facebook page or send an email expressing your interest in this event. Website information can be found below.

Do you have any ideas for events or activities that we could offer? Do 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!

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](http://www.germanamericanscny.com) or by emailing us at [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com).

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.

**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 the *Zeitung* reaches you.

To discuss any of the above areas, or if you have questions regarding your dues or membership, please email [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com) or call 315-450-4655.

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

The Picnic was a great time and a good "family" picnic. The attendees ranged in age from seven to our oldest member, **Bob Gang**, who is 103! We all shared good food and lots of fun and laughs. **Jim Heckathorne** brought a German beer game that was a million laughs to watch as participants tried to drink the glass of beer without spilling it all over themselves. See the picture top right of member **Derrick Pratt** as he works on getting that glass of beer to his mouth. **Bob Kraus** also brought a German game that added a lot of fun for all. He also provided the sound system, so we had German music to enjoy along with our Brats and adult beverages.

Thank you to **Scott Feldman**, who stood over the hot grills on the sweltering heat of that Sunday afternoon. Also, thank you to his wife **Frankie**, **Tina Higgins**, and all the others who pitched in to help. It was so great to see everyone helping and enjoying themselves. We also had some new faces and a match of corn hole competition. What a day!

The date for the **Christmas Party** has been confirmed for Sunday, December 5, from 1 to 6 P.M. Please mark this on your calendar. More information will be coming soon.



If you would like to be on the House Committee, please plan to attend a brief meeting directly after the Monthly Membership Meeting on September 16. If you have questions or would like more information, just give a call or text to me at 315-345-6253 or Brigitte Niebuhr at 315-491-2573. We can use your help and suggestions.

Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

## Goethe und Schiller Monument

We would like to schedule a fall cleanup at the monument. If you would like to participate, please contact **Dave Gunter** at 315-289-8145 or **Jim Heckathorne** at 315-200-5209, or let them know at the September 16 Monthly Membership Meeting.

## Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card was sent to the family of **Tony Drago**, who passed away recently. Tony was a Lifetime member. He and his wife **Sally**, who predeceased him a few years ago, were loyal members and spent many hours volunteering at countless Oktoberfests, as well as supporting our many other events. Our sincere condolences to Tony's family.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## German Student Scholarship Program

Just a reminder that there are still flag pins for sale for anyone who would like to purchase one for \$3. I have them at our meetings and events. Great add-on gifts 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*

## Congratulations Kevin Quinn!

One of our Scholarship recipients from a few years ago will now be the Mexico High School German Teacher. **Kevin Quinn** attended Syracuse University for his undergraduate and master's degree in German. He replaces **Kim Rice**, who has been the German teacher at Mexico for many years. She has moved on to an administrative position at the Cicero-North Syracuse School District. Congrats Kim!

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be appointed at the September 16 Monthly Membership Meeting. If you would like to serve on this committee, please attend the meeting and volunteer.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominations for Officers and Board Members to be

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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. Thank you.

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presented at the October Monthly Membership Meeting and then posted in the *Zeitung*. Elections are in November.

Please think about helping out, as this is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to have a hand in who represents the membership. To run for office, a nominee needs to be a member in good standing for one year.

## From the Editor

Since this is return to school time all over the world, I decided to once again take a look at a tradition in Germany that is really a great way to help the little ones going to school for the first time get rid of that first day anxiety. It's done with a *Schultüte* (school cone) or, as it's called in some parts of Germany, a *Zuckertüte* (sugar bag), which is a paper bag in the form of a big cone.

When children in Germany and Austria set out for their first day in school upon entering the first grade (kindergarten is like our pre-school) their parents and/or grandparents present them with a big decorated cardboard cone filled with toys, chocolates, candies, school supplies, and various other goodies. Sometimes there are even CDs, books, and even articles of clothing. The children are excited to get the cones, and it makes the first day of school very special for them.

This tradition has reportedly been going on since the 19th century. Why not start this great tradition here in the U.S.? I'm sure the children would love it. Think about it and just look around and you can already see cones filled with goodies. At the NYS Fair, there were cones for sale filled with all kinds of sugary nuts, candies, and other sweet things. Now where do you think the idea for those cones came from? Maybe the same place as Christmas Trees, the Easter Bunny, and a lot of other traditions.

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 an abbreviated 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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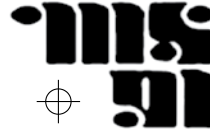
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