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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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President's Report

Thank you to everyone who has been attending our Monthly Membership Meetings. It is wonderful to see the cooperation from our members. The socialization after the meetings really gives everyone a chance to spend time together and feel like a true part of the German American Society Family.

At the last Monthly Membership Meeting **Willy Rohrbach** put a slate together for 2022. There is more information in this *Zeitung*.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, at 6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, with the Monthly Membership Meeting to follow at 7. Please try to attend the Monthly Membership Meeting, as it is **Election Night**. Every member is an important part of our organization.

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 November 18 for another great meeting! We need your involvement.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

And the challenge continues! At the October 21 Monthly Membership Meeting we voted in seven more new members, making a total of 12 new members in the past two months! That is great! If we keep up this pace, we will be back to the numbers we had a few years ago. In order to do this, everyone's help is needed. If everyone brings in just one new member the challenge will be a great success.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at chk1205@centurylink.net.

Thank you for helping to increase our membership!

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.

At the November 18 Monthly Membership Meeting, I will provide information on our financial status.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to those who came to our **Oktober Bier Tasting Event** at Freight Yard Brewing. We had a great time and sampled some delicious beers on a beautiful sunny day! We had 8 members and 7 guests in attendance. Two new-member ap-

plications were received from **Carol and Hugh Pratt** that will be presented at the November meeting. Head brewer and co-owner **Lou Sotherden** gave a presentation about the brewery, the beers, the history of the building, and some very interesting facts about brewing laws in New York State. We are already talking about having another event in the spring, so stay tuned!

We currently have 144 members in good standing. At the October meeting we presented and voted into the membership seven new members! Please join me in welcoming **Irving Candee, Robert J. Kraus, Colleen McGuire, James M. Kraus, Kelly Bryant, and Chadwick Bryant!** We look forward to meeting you!

2022 is quickly approaching! Annual dues are \$25 per individual and \$40 per couple. **Per the Society Bylaws, in order to remain a member in good standing your dues need to be received by January 31, 2022.** If you are planning to be away for the winter months or are just anticipating a busy and fun-filled upcoming holiday season, please take a minute now to send in your dues payment in the mail or join us at the November meeting and pay in person! If you are sending a check, please note "dues" in the memo and make sure it is clearly identifiable who the payment(s) are for. Thank you.

If you have anyone to propose for membership, 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.germanamericanscnyc.com, or by emailing us at 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

CLUB MEETINGS

Please note: The date of the December Monthly Board and Membership Meetings is December 9, which is the second Thursday. This is the only time the meetings are held the second Thursday. It was proposed and approved a few years ago to change the December meeting, due to the third Thursday being close to Christmas.

- Nov 18 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
 Election Night
- Dez 9 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
 Installation of Officers and Board Members

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dez 12 Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 1-6

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 to arrange for this complimentary service. If you change your address, please text me at 315-450-4655 or 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 email cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The date for the **Christmas Party** is Sunday, December 12, from 1–6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina St., Syracuse, NY. **The Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be bringing presents to children (up to age 12) who are children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews of German American Society members. Please have the names, relationship, and ages of the children who will be attending the party to Brigitte immediately and no later than November 15 to allow Santa's elves ample time to get the gifts together and wrapped. The information can be called or sent via text to Brigitte. The contact information is found below. Please refer to the Christmas Party flyer in this *Zeitung* for further details.

If you would like to be on the House Committee, please plan to attend a brief meeting directly after the Monthly Membership Meeting on November 18. Any questions or if you would like more information, just give a call or text 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*

Presentation on German Soldiers' Contributions in the Civil War

At the October 21 Monthly Membership Meeting, our member **Derrick Pratt** gave a very informative and interesting presentation on local German soldiers' contributions in the Civil War. He provided many obscure facts about these soldiers, their contributions, and the history of their units. He will be presenting Part 2 at the December 9 Monthly Membership Meeting. Please try to attend to hear more interesting facts about the important part German soldiers played in the Civil War.

Election Night

Just a reminder that the nominations for all five Officers and five Board Members took place at the October 21 Monthly Membership Meeting. Thank you **Willy Rohrbach** for getting the slate together. Here are the candidates for the five officer positions: President—Dave Gunter, Vice-President—Bob Kraus, Treasurer—Jim Heckathorne, Secretary—Sally Frenza, and Financial Secretary—Nadja Allmann. The candidates for the five board positions are: Eric Gang, Helen Kline, Robert Kline, Brigitte Niebuhr, and Derrick Pratt. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to lead our organization.

Even though everyone is running unopposed, there still needs

to be a vote taken at the November 18 Monthly Membership Meeting, so please plan to attend.

Goethe und Schiller Monument

We would like to schedule a last fall cleanup at the monument before the snow flies. If you would like to participate, please contact Dave Gunter at 315-289-8145 or Jim Heckathorne at 315-200-52069, or let them know at the November 18 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card was sent to member **Karl Wuerslin** on the passing of his mother, member **Hilde Wuerslin**. A sympathy card was also sent to **Al Piatowski** on the passing of his mother. Our condolences to both of these members, their families, and friends.

A get well card was sent to **Sally and Joe Frenza**, as they have both been experiencing some medical difficulties.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

The German Student Scholarship Program

In January the 2022 Scholarship applications will be sent out. Doesn't seem possible that this will be our twentieth year of awarding scholarships! A German Student Scholarship Night is being planned for Monday, April 25, at the Syracuse Turners, so please keep this in mind when you do your 2022 planning. I will be working on something special for this great celebration!

Now for my monthly pitch about the flag pins and gently used clothing. 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, and Christmas is not far off. What a great stocking stuffer! 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

November is upon us, which provides an opportunity to thank our armed forces members both past and present for helping to maintain peace in our unsettled world. Please take advantage of Veteran's Day on November 11 to say Thank You to a Vet. Actually, any time you see a Vet is a good time to say thanks. You don't need to wait for a special day.

Thanksgiving is the time for us to reflect on the many positive things that have happened to us over the past year and to count our blessings. One thing we should all be thankful for is that this year we can once again celebrate Thanksgiving with our friends and family. At many family gatherings before the blessing is said or one morsel of food is touched, each person at the table, including the children, tell one thing that happened over the past year they are thankful for. It really puts a positive edge on the day, and makes us all think about our many blessings.

We live in a free country; we have a roof over our heads; we have food, friends and family. And, of course, we have our wonderful German American Society.

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving, and think about all we have to be thankful for!

Thanksgiving in Germany has a long tradition, but one that is different in many ways from that in America. First of all, the Germanic *Erntedankfest* (harvest festival of thanks) is primarily a rural and religious celebration. When it is celebrated in larger cities, it is usually part of a church service, and not anything like the big traditional family holiday in America. Although it is celebrated locally and regionally, none of the German-speaking countries observes an official national Thanksgiving holiday on a particular day as in the U.S. But during harvest time, German churches are often filled with a plethora of fruits, vegetables, sheaves of grain, and baked goods, as decorations around the altars. And market places and fairgrounds hold festivities to celebrate the occasion.

Now a little about a children's procession before November 11, which is *Sankt Martinstag* (Saint Martin's Day). Leading up to this day children can be seen walking in procession carrying candlelit lanterns behind "*Sankt Martin*" in his Roman uniform, riding *Schimmel*, a white horse. Children of all ages sing songs celebrating the life of Martin of Tours. Long before the lanterns go out, the final verse of one of the most popular songs rings through the German streets:

Ich geh' mit meiner Laterne,
Und meine Laterne mit mir.
Dort oben leuchten die Sterne,
Hier unten, da leuchten wir.
Mein Licht is aus,
Wir geh' nach Haus,
Rabimmel, rabimmel, rabum.

The procession often ends up at a huge bonfire with a snack of a St. Martin *Weckmann*, a sweet yeast dough "breadman" with raisin eyes and a clay pipe, and with hot chocolate for the children

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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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and heated mulled wine for the "older" children. Afterwards, some of the children will go singing door to door to be rewarded for the originality of their lanterns as well as their singing, with such treats as fruits and nuts.

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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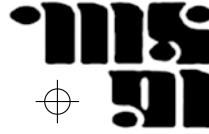
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