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## President's Report

**Prosit Neu Jahr!** Can you believe it's 2022 already? Where has the time gone? Hoping we can soon return to "normal" and have a great 2022.

Thank you to everyone who has been attending our Monthly Membership Meetings. We have been able to conduct the meetings in a friendly manner and keep the members informed of our activities, events, and business. We are growing as a family. Every member is an important part of our organization.

Our **Christmas Party** was a big success. There is more information on the party in this *Zeitung*.

The next **Board Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 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 **Dereck Pratt** will provide the second part of his presentation on local German soldiers' part in the Civil War. Due to unforeseen circumstances, he was unable to provide this presentation at the December meeting.

Due to the need of one of our Board Members to resign, we now need to find someone to serve out the remaining one-year term. To be considered for the open position on the Board, the person must be a member in good standing for at least one year. If you have a desire to serve in this capacity, please contact me at 315-289-8145, or Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253.

If you have any questions or suggestions or need anything that I can help you with, please feel free to contact me. The German American Society of CNY is here to support its members.

I hope to see everyone on January 20!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President's Report

**At the Christmas Party** on December 12, I again gave a pitch about needing to keep moving forward with those membership applications. If everyone proposes just one person for membership, we will double our numbers. We voted in 20 new members in 2021! Let's make 2022 a great year for growth!

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at [chk1205@centurylink.net](mailto:chk1205@centurylink.net) or speak with me at the January 20 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Thank you for helping to increase our membership!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

## Treasurer's Report

Please continue to send all dues, patron, or advertising payments to the address below. As we are now commencing 2022, it's time to renew membership dues, patron ads, and advertising. So, please send all renewals, invoices, and financial communication to our address: The German-American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

At the January 20 Monthly Membership Meeting, I will provide up-to-date information on our financial status.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to those who have already sent in dues payments for 2022! 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 must be received by January 31, 2022.** If you are sending a check, please note "dues" in the memo and make sure it is clearly identifiable who the payment(s) is(are) for. Thank you.

If you became a member from October through the end of 2021, your 2022 dues are considered paid.

At the close of 2021, the Society has a total of 144 members. We voted in 20 new members last year but unfortunately lost a number of members as well. Overall, 2021 did result in an increase in the number of total members. In order to keep the Society growing we are always in need of new members!

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

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## CLUB MEETINGS

Jan 20	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Feb 17	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 25	German Student Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
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Facebook page and let us know what kinds of information and content you would like to see posted!

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 text me at 315-450-4655 or 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).

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

The December 12 **Christmas Party** held at the Syracuse Turners was well attended and a lot of fun! People were up dancing to the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** and really enjoying themselves. There was a pork dinner with all the fixings cooked by Tina Higgins, Werner Buchmann, and Sally Frenza, as well as lots of delicious desserts. Thank you to everyone who provided desserts or helped out in other ways.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus were there to present gifts to the children and add a real touch of Christmas. **The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** from Utica entertained everyone with a few of their German dances set to Christmas music. There was also a surprise singing of *O Tannenbaum* in German by **Charli and Chase Bryant**, the children of new members **Chad and Kelly Bryant**. **Eric Gang** did his usual great job as our auctioneer, auctioning off the varied goods that people brought. The money raised was used to help offset the party expenses. It was fun as always and a lot of laughs. Please see the pictures on page 3 provided by members *Grace Shell* and *Kelly Bryant* for a glimpse of the fun-filled party.

Thank you to everyone who attended the party and made it a memorable event. If you did not have the opportunity to attend this year's party, why not plan to come next year? It is wonderful to be getting together once again and enjoying the great *Gemütlichkeit*!

Please try to attend the January 20 **Monthly Membership Meeting** at the Syracuse Turners at 7 P.M. to hear more about plans for 2022. We welcome your ideas and participation.

If you would like to be on the House Committee, please let us know at the meeting. Or if you 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*

## 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 little-known facts about these soldiers, their contributions, and the history of their units. He will be presenting Part 2 at the January 20 **Monthly Membership Meeting**. Please try to attend to hear more interesting facts about the important part these German Soldiers played in the Civil War.

## Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card was sent to the family of lifetime member **Ronald Dolata**. Our condolences to Ronald's family and friends.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

## German Student Scholarship Program

The applications are going out this month for the 2022 Scholarship Program. I can honestly say that I'm starting to get a little excited at the prospect of the German Student Scholarship Night scheduled for Monday, April 25, at the Syracuse Turners. Doesn't seem possible that this will be our twentieth year of awarding scholarships! I, along with the committee, will be working on something special for this great celebration! If you have not already done so, please add this event to your 2022 calendar. The Scholarship Committee members are **John Besten**, **Tammy Gondeck**, and me. There will be more information on German Student Scholarship Night as we move forward.

Now, as usual, 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 they will also be available at any of our functions. 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 and I can let you know what there is and sizes, etc.

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## From the Editor

This month I thought I would give a brief summary of the Society happenings during 2021. Even though the pandemic continued to roar its ugly head, things started to open up as the year progressed.

Although we were unable to hold a German Student Scholarship Night in 2021, we did award four \$800 scholarships. The students had to meet the same criteria as in years past, and be selected to receive the scholarships. Each student was sent a congratulatory certificate on earning the scholarship, the \$800 check, a German American pin, and a gift card.

Later in 2021 saw us start to participate in some community events. We were at a couple of beer-tasting events in partnership with local breweries, which were not done as fundraisers, but to give people an opportunity to get together, learn about the breweries, and let the community know the German American Society is alive and moving forward. The events did bring in a few new members which we are very thankful for.

We held a **Picnic** in August at Long Branch Park. It was the first Society event that we held since people were once again able to get together. It was a lot of fun and brought out members of all ages from 7 years old to 104. There was great food and liquid refreshments as well as some fun German games provided by our members, including a very unusual drinking game, and, of course, someone brought cornhole! Hopefully the games will be at our Picnic in 2022.

We had a very successful **Christmas Party**, as noted in the article in this *Zeitung*. The party was attended by members and

families of all ages to share in the *Gemütlichkeit*, including our 104-year-old member, **Robert Gang**.

We are now looking forward to more events in 2022, including German Student Scholarship Night, our summer Picnic to be held at Camp Brockway, and the Christmas Party. We will continue to have our Monthly Meetings where members are kept up to date on our Society news and plans. It looks like we are moving in the right direction and plan to have more community events in 2022. Your ideas and help are welcome. Updates will be included in the *Zeitung*.

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** are now operating on their normal schedule and are once again serving dinners on most Friday evenings. Please contact them if you would like information regarding joining the Turners or their activities, or to check on whether they will be serving dinners on any particular Friday by calling 315-471-9851.

It's easy to get your name in print in the *Zeitung*. All you need to do is send in a \$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 renewed for 2021, and we look forward to your continued patronage in 2022.

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