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President's Report

Thank you to all the members who attended the September Monthly Membership Meeting. We had a great turnout and meeting. I look forward to many more meetings like this as we continue to keep moving forward.

At the September Meeting **Jim Heckathorne** presented additional information on the **Oktoberfest** that we will be doing in conjunction with the **Great NYS Marathon**, which is raising money for the charity **Kelleigh's Cause**. This Oktoberfest is a great opportunity for us. There's more information elsewhere in this *Zeitung*.

Please plan to attend the Oktober 20 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners to share your ideas on future events and how you can help. It is also Nomination Night. After our Monthly Membership Meeting there is time to socialize with your friends in the German American Society as you enjoy refreshments.

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 at the Oktober 20 Meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

The **Oktoberfest** at the NYS Fairgrounds Center of Progress Building is coming up quickly. I hope many of you will volunteer and invite your family and friends to volunteer and/or attend this great event! What a wonderful opportunity to recruit new members!

We need to keep our recruitment momentum going strong to make this a banner year for growth, and recruiting members at Oktoberfest will help meet our goal! I know we can do this! We have great teamwork on our side! Thank you for helping to increase our membership!

See you at the Oktober 20 Monthly Membership Meeting with those membership applications in hand!

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

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

We are working hard to raise money for our **Scholarship Program** by presenting an **Oktoberfest** (see the separate article in this issue), so please help us by volunteering to get involved! We had over 60 people at our Summer Picnic. I'd like to think we could get at least that many to help for Oktoberfest! Let us know if you are available to help on October 15 and 16 by emailing us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

Just a reminder: All invoices, member applications, and any pay-

ments should be mailed to us at: German-American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. As always, any time you have questions or suggestions please feel free to email us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Thank you.

JIM HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

As in other officer reports, our biggest focus this month is on the upcoming **Oktoberfest** at the NYS Fairgrounds on October 15 and 16. We need all hands on deck to make this event a success! Please sign up to volunteer and bring family and friends with you! Email us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com or call Treasurer Jim Heckathorne to sign up to volunteer or if you have any questions.

There has been no change to our membership in the past month. Our current membership count is 143 and we hope to keep the new members coming! We will be promoting and recruiting members at our Oktoberfest event and hope to have new members to report next month!

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.germanamericanscny.com, or by emailing us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Anyone who joins at this time will have their membership good through 2023.

Don't forget to follow our CNY German American Society Facebook page and let us know what kinds of information and content you would like to see posted!

CLUB MEETINGS

Please note that I had made an error in the September *Zeitung*. The October meetings are on the 20th, not the 19th. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Okt 20	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Nomination Night, Syracuse Turners, 7
Nov 17	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Election Night, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Okt 15	Oktoberfest, NYS Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building, 11-5
Okt 16	Oktoberfest, NYS Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building, 11-4
Dez 11	Annual Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2-6

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NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee

The **Christmas Party** has been scheduled for December 11 at the Syracuse Turners from 2 to 6. The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. So dust off your dancing shoes and let's see those happy feet out there on the dance floor!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there with gifts for the children up to age 12 who are relatives of German American Society members. Please have the names, relationship, and ages of the children who will be attending the party as well as what they like to **Brigitte Niebuhr** by November 10 to allow Santa's elves ample time to get the gifts together and wrapped. The information can be called in or sent via text to Brigitte at 315-491-2573. There will be more details about the Christmas Party in the November *Zeitung*. Or, better yet, come to the Oktober 20 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners to hear more about this event.

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 Sally at 315-345-6253 or Brigitte at the above number. We can use your help and suggestions. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

September Presentation

At the September 15 Monthly Membership Meeting **Sally Frenza** presented a brief history of the German Singing Organizations in Central New York. She also touched on a little history of the Harugari, which was formed by German immigrants. Sally talked about her personal experience singing in the Liederkrantz Chorus that later became the Syracuse Liederverein Chorus, and how important singing is to the German culture.

Sunshine Lady

This has been a quiet month with no illnesses or deaths. Just a reminder: Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to me at 315-468-4541. Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

Scholarship Committee

It will not be long before plans for 2023, the 21st year of the Scholarship Program, will be underway. This is a big financial undertaking for our organization. We will be participating in an Oktoberfest at the NYS Fairgrounds as noted elsewhere in this *Zeitung*. Please try to volunteer and attend this event. The proceeds will help with our Scholarship expenses.

If you would like to help support our Scholarship Program, please feel free to send a check or money order to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548 with a notation that it is for the Scholarship Program. Any amount would be helpful. Anyone who donates to the Scholarship Program will have her or his name added to the Scholarship Night Program as a donor. If you would like to know more about the Scholarship Program and how you can help, please call or text me at 315-345-6253 or email me at sallyzf@aol.com. I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Now as usual, my monthly pitch about the flag pins and gently used clothing. The German-American flag pins are \$3 and make great add-on gifts for any occasion. I have them at our meetings and they will also be available at the Oktoberfest and any of our functions. There is also some gently used German clothing for sale, including



Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest

It's coming this month! We're making our final preparations for the **Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest** on October 15 from 11 to 5 and October 16 from 11 to 4 in the Center of Progress Building at the NYS Fairgrounds. The Oktoberfest will be held in conjunction with the Great New York State Marathon, which will be bringing over 1500 runners and their families to the fairgrounds that weekend. We will be pouring the *Bier*, selling T-shirts, caps, mugs, pins, and some "unique" novelties; and offering raffles, games, and activities to help fund our great German Scholarship Program. There will be a table with Scholarship information including the Scholarship Book. The Oktoberfest is also an ideal time to recruit new members and we'll be doing that in full force. But best of all, we'll all be having a great time! Our own **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers** will be performing from noon to 4 both days!

Many of our members, friends, and family have stepped forward to help us put on this event, but we **still need more**, especially those willing to man the *Bier* taps and help carry food from the kitchen to the serving stations. We will also need help moving about 15 picnic tables into the Oktoberfest hall on Friday afternoon, October 14. If you've ever thought about getting involved in the organization, this is your chance to step up, have fun, and meet some great people. So please, email us right away (cnygermansociety@gmail.com), message us on Facebook, or text Jim Heckathorne at 315-200-5209, and let us know that you are willing to make a difference. We'll be sending out final instructions to volunteers in the next week so be sure to check your emails! And then . . . *O'zapft is!!*

a woman's large size navy blue boiled wool vest, a couple of white blouses, and a small child's *Bundhosen*, red-checked shirt, suspenders, and vest, as well as a couple of pairs of men's *Lederhosen*, one of which has never been worn and is a small size, and some suspenders. Please call me if you are interested in any of these items. Clothing prices are negotiable. Any money raised from the sale of the pins or clothing goes toward the Scholarship Program. The pins and the clothing will also be available at the fairgrounds during the October 15 and 16 Oktoberfest.

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Nominating Committee

Willi Rohrbach has once again volunteered to head up the Nominating Committee. He can be reached at 610-972-4169. He will be putting together a slate of nominations for five officers and five board members to be presented at the October Monthly Membership Meeting. Nominations from the floor can only be made at the meeting. Elections are in November. Give some thought to running for an officer or board member position to assist our organization to remain strong and grow!

In order to run for any of the five officer or board member positions, the candidate must be a member in good standing of the German American Society of CNY for a minimum of one year.

From the Editor

Since October 6 is **German-American Day** in the United States, I thought it would be a good time to mention a little about this celebration. The holiday, which celebrates German-American heritage, commemorates the date in 1683 when 13 German families from Krefeld, near the Rhine, landed in Philadelphia. These families subsequently founded Germantown, Pennsylvania, the first German settlement in the original thirteen American colonies. Originally known under the rubric of "German Day," the holiday was celebrated for the first time in Philadelphia in 1883 on the occasion of

the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the settlers from Krefeld; and similar celebrations developed later in other parts of the country. The custom died out during World War I as a result of the anti-German sentiment that prevailed at the time.

The holiday was revived in 1983 when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6 as German-American Day to celebrate and honor the 300th anniversary of German American immigration and culture to the United States. On August 6, 1987, Congress approved S.J. Resolution 108, designating October 6, 1987, as German-American Day. It became Public Law 100-104 when President Reagan signed it on August 18. A proclamation (#5719) to this effect was issued October 2, 1987, by President Reagan in a formal ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, at which time the President called on Americans to observe the Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Here are some of the contributions made by German immigrants, as well as some of the famous people of German descent: The Easter bunny, the Christmas tree, the gingerbread house, kindergarten, the printing press, Wurlitzer organs and jukeboxes, the Duesenberg (a mighty car!), Steinway pianos, Emelia Earhardt, Brunswick bowling balls, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, General Friedrich von Steuben (General George Washington's chief of staff), Levi Strauss (originator of Levi jeans), John D. Rockefeller, New York Yankee Lou Gehrig, Charles Schultz, L. Frank Baum, Lawrence Welk, Conrad Veidt (Hollywood filmmaker), Sandra Bullock, Henry J. Heinz (famous for ketchup), Dwight D. Eisenhower, singing societies, Turnvereins, and **OKTOBERFEST!!!**

I could go on and on. The contributions of Germans and the German influence is everywhere.

Your help with the Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest at the NYS Fair Center of Progress Building will be greatly appreciated. See the article elsewhere in this *Zeitung*. Our organization is moving forward. Spread the word about this event. We need you!

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? A poem? Just let me know. My contact information is in this *Zeitung*. Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

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