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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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## President's Report

Thank you to all the members who attended the **October Monthly Membership Meeting** and everyone who helped out at the **Oktoberfest at the Freight Yard Brewery and at the NYS Fairgrounds**. These Oktoberfest events were a lot of fun, helped us raise money for our **Scholarship Program**, and let the community know that we are alive and well! We now need to continue to move forward.

Please plan to attend the **November 17 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 **Election Night**. After our Monthly Membership Meeting there is time to socialize with your friends in the German American Society as you enjoy refreshments. This month there will also be a German dance lesson after our meeting.

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 November 17 Meeting! Happy Thanksgiving!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President's Report

The **Oktoberfest at the NYS Fairgrounds Center of Progress Building** was fun and it helped us gain some new members. Keep up the good work and we will meet our membership 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 November 17 Monthly Membership Meeting with those membership applications in hand!

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at [chk1205@centurylink.net](mailto:chk1205@centurylink.net).

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

## Treasurer's Report

At the Oktober Meeting I informed the members that we did well at the **Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewery** on October 1, especially considering that it was a one-day event. The Oktoberfest in conjunction with the Great NYS Marathon also went well.

It was gratifying to see so many members, friends, and family pitch in to help at our Oktoberfest at the NYS Fairgrounds. It was our first Oktoberfest since 2019, and thanks to your efforts and the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers** everyone had a good time. Between the Oktoberfest at the NYS Fairgrounds and the one-day event with our friends at Freight Yard Brewing in Clay, we were able to raise some funds to support our German Scholarship Program. These events certainly helped us, but the club continues to run a deficit and we need to be diligent about opportunities to raise revenue and control our costs. I will have a financial report at the November 17 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Please feel free to ask me any questions at our monthly meetings, or by email at [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com). Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## House Committee

The **Christmas Party** has been scheduled for December 11 at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina St. After some discussion it was

decided to add 1 to 2 P.M. as a social hour to give everyone a chance to get there, find a seat, spend a little time with friends, and have a couple of snacks before dinner. We are planning to have a pork dinner ready to serve at 2:00, so please try to get there early so dinner can start as planned. The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure from 2 to 6. So dust off your dancing shoes and let's see those feet moving out there on the dance floor!

Santa and Mrs. Klaus will arrive with gifts for the children ages up to 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 as well as what they like to Sally Frenza by November 17 to allow Santa's elves ample time to get the gifts together and wrapped. The information can be called or sent via text to Sally at 315-345-6253.

The cost for the pork dinner with all the fixings is \$20 for members of the German American Society, and \$25 for non-members. There is no charge for children 12 and under, and \$10 for children 13 to 16. Reservations are requested by December 3 with a check made out to the German American Society. Reservations and checks need to be sent to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105.

We will also be having our auction as in the past. So please bring something for the auction if you are able. In the past members have brought things like beer steins, household items, knick-knacks, baked goods, just all kinds of things. It's always fun and a good way to offset some of the cost of the party. The **Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** from Utica will be doing a few dances during one of the band breaks.

If you have any questions about the Christmas Party, please come to the November 17 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7:00 at the Syracuse Turners or contact Sally at the above number.

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

**Please note that the December Meetings are on December 8, which is the second Thursday. This happens only in December.**

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Nov 17 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Election Night, Syracuse Turners, 7                             |
| Dez 8  | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Installation of Officers and Board Members, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov 26 | Crunch World Cup Game, Upstate Medical University Arena, 7 |
| Dez 3  | Prison City Holiday Market, Auburn, 12-8                   |
| Dez 4  | Prison City Holiday Market, Auburn 11-4                    |
| Dez 11 | Annual Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 1-6              |
| Dez 17 | Gingerbread Gallery, Erie Canal Museum, 11-4               |

text to Sally at the above number. We can use your help and suggestions. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

## Financial Secretary's Report

What a great October!! Thank you to everyone who came out to help with the Oktoberfest events. We had a great time and we were able to get the Society's information out into the community. If you are interested in purchasing any merchandise such as T-shirts, pint glasses, commemorative steins or pins please come to a meeting or send an email to make arrangements.

I am looking forward to other fun community activities this year including the **Syracuse Crunch World Cup Game** on November 26 and the **Gingerbread Gallery** on December 17. Get information about these events in the *Zeitung*, come to the November 17 meeting or email us to find out more! Hope to see you at the meeting and our events. And don't forget our **Christmas Party** on December 11!

Thank you to everyone who continues to promote the Society and recruit new members. October was a record membership month. At the meeting on October 20 we accepted 19 new members into the Society! Please join me in welcoming **Allison Kraus, Adrienne Kraus, Daniel Kraus, Alexandra Kraus, Robert Kraus Jr., Mary Kraus, Joyce Zawacki, Charles F. Reschke, Brad Beck, George Hack, Jackie Schneider-Revette, Carl Clos, Heidemarie Pietsch, David J Geinitz, Debbie Busch Thomas, Lauren Salisbury, Thomas Stadtmiller, Charles Haag, and Lucy Haag!** We look forward to getting to know you! Join us at the next meeting on November 17th or at any of our upcoming events!

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



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NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

## November Presentation

After our November 17 Monthly Membership Meeting while we are enjoying our refreshments, **Gracie Shell** from the **Edelweiss Schuhplattler of Utica Männerchor**, will be giving a German dance lesson. It will be a lot of fun and will give us an opportunity to get to know each other on a different level (ha, ha!). Please try to attend the meeting and take advantage of the opportunity to learn some new moves!

## Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card was sent to the family of **Edward Loos**, who recently passed away. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Also, our former member **Erika Carneim** passed away recently in Tennessee, where she had moved a few years ago to be closer to her son. Erika was a presence at our social events and also coordinated the volunteers for our Oktoberfest for a number of years. At one point she served as Secretary of our organization. Erika was a lover of the arts and could be seen many times at the Syracuse Opera. As requested in her obituary, our condolences were sent electronically.

**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 under way. This is a big financial undertaking for our organization. Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at the **Freight Yard and the NYS Fairgrounds Oktoberfest**. Thanks to you, these events raised money to help support our wonderful Scholarship Program.

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.

The only German clothing left for sale at this point is a woman's large size navy blue boiled wool sweater vest and a child's *Bundhosen*, red-checked shirt, suspenders, and vest, which look to be about a size 4. There are German-American flag pins for sale at \$3 and they make great add-on gifts or a stocking stuffer. I will have these items at our meetings. Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Election Night

**Willi Rohrbach** presented the following slate for 2023:  
**Officers:** *President*, David Gunter; *Vice President*, Bob Kraus; *Treasurer*, Jim Heckathorne; *Secretary*, Sally Frenza; *Financial Secretary*, Nadja Allmann. **Board Members:** Austin Westphal, Susan Foster, Tina Higgins, Bill Nurk, and Frank Heine. Even though everyone is running unopposed, a vote needs to be taken at the November 17 Monthly Membership Meeting. Please attend the meeting and cast your vote.

## Prison City Holiday Market

Prison City is once again holding their Holiday Market at 251 North St., Auburn, on December 3 from noon to 8 and December 4 from 11 to 4. There will be food and drinks for sale as well as 50+ craft vendors and the

Rev Theatre Company Performers. Some of our members attended and helped out last year and it was loads of fun.

## From the Editor

This month I am featuring a very interesting article on the fall of the Berlin Wall submitted by member **Jack Bligh**.

The most significant event of my diplomatic career occurred on November 9, 1989. My wife and I were watching West German TV in our home in Königswinter, across the Rhine from Bonn, then the site of the US Embassy in the Federal Republic of Germany. (I was Minister-Counselor at the American Embassy in Bonn from 1985 to 1992). Suddenly, images of East Germans streaming through The Wall appeared. Surprised? Yes, as was almost everyone else. In the following days, my work brought me in contact with a number of West German business leaders. To a person, no one had expected the opening during their lifetime and I think that I saw a tear or two in the eyes of some. The impact on my work was not overnight, but we would soon add USG commercial operations in East Berlin and Leipzig, and a lot of my work and of others on the Country Team went to ensuring that American companies would have a fair shot at the privatization of state-owned companies in the East.

Not many saw the days leading up to November 9 as the beginning of the end of the DDR, but at least one did. On a Monday evening in late October, 1989, I accompanied Ambassador Vernon Walters to West Berlin. Mondays were the days of the *Wir sind das Volk* (We are the people) demonstrations in East German cities, especially in Leipzig.) The Ambassador, our Minister in West Berlin, Harry Gilmore, and I were guests at a dinner hosted by West Berlin governing Mayor Walter Momper.

During that dinner an aide came in and whispered something to Mayor Momper, who arose and announced that the East German military, which had been prepared for confrontation, had not fired on or interfered with that evening's demonstration in Leipzig. I was seated next to Momper's predecessor, Eberhard Diepgen, who said, "Das ist das Ende der DDR."

Thank you, Jack, for submitting this firsthand account of what it was like being in Germany during this momentous time.

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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