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Just a reminder: The December Board and Monthly Membership Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday, December 8. This change was made a few years ago and only applies to December.

President's Report

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving! Thank you to all the members who attended the November Monthly Membership Meeting. We had some of our new members attend the meeting and introduce themselves: **Lucy and Chuck Haag** and **Jackie Schneider-Revette**. Welcome!

Please plan to attend the December 8 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 the installation of the **2023 Officers and Board Members**. After the meeting there's time to socialize with your friends in the German American Society as you enjoy refreshments. This month we will take some time to discuss how Christmas is celebrated in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, so please bring your stories with you. Also, if your families celebrated the Old World traditions they brought to this country as you were growing up, please bring those stories too. It will be fun.

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 December 8 Meeting. Also, the **Christmas Party** is scheduled for December 11 from 1 to 6 at the Syracuse Turners. There's more information in this *Zeitung*.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

Five more Members were voted in at the November Monthly Meeting. 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!

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

See you at the December 8 Monthly Membership Meeting with those membership applications in hand! And on December 11 at the **Christmas Party!**

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

First, I hope everyone celebrated a happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed connecting with family and friends. Your club has been busy planning activities (see other articles in this issue), but as always, the question is—what would *you* like to see us do? Share your ideas with the officers or directors, or give your feedback on our Facebook page, or better yet, attend our Monthly Membership Meeting on December 8 and bring your ideas and let us know what you think. Our club can only be as good as *you* want to make it. Please feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances at our Monthly Meetings, or by email at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

I will have a report available at the Monthly Membership Meeting for anyone who would like to know our financial status. Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

I am wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season! If you're looking for gifts for family and friends, consider some German American Society merchandise! We have T-shirts, pint glasses, commemorative steins, pins, and hats! We will have items available at the next meeting on December 8 and the Christmas Party on December 11, or you can email to make arrangements.

I am looking forward to the **Gingerbread Gallery** on December 17 and hope to see you there! Members are to meet at 11 A.M. at the Canal Museum for a tour of the gingerbread display and discussion with our member **Derrick Pratt**, who works at the Canal Museum. We also get a special rate of \$5 for admission to the museum.

Reminder: Please submit your 2023 annual dues payment by January 31. Dues are \$25 for an individual or \$40 for a household couple. Payments can be made at the December and January meetings and events or by mailing in cash or a check.

Thank you to everyone who continues to promote the Society and recruit new members. At the meeting in November, we accepted five new members to the Society. Please join me in welcoming **Patrick and Bridget Kraus, Daniel and Deb DeLorenzo, and Christine DeLorenzo**. We look forward to getting to know you!

If you have anyone to propose for membership, have the person complete a membership application and forward it along with their \$25 check for a single membership or \$40 for a couple, 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.germanamericanscnycny.com or by emailing us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

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

CLUB MEETINGS

Dez 8	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, Installation of Officers and Board Members, 7
Jan 19	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dez 11	Annual Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 1-6
Dez 17	Gingerbread Gallery, Erie Canal Museum, 11
Apr 24	German Student Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners

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!

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 email cnygermansociety@gmail.com, or contact the Editor with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and that *Zeitung* reaches you.

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee/Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is coming up quickly, scheduled for December 11 at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, from 1 to 6. There will be a social hour from 1 to 2 to give everyone a chance to find a seat, spend a little time with friends, and have a couple of snacks before dinner (maybe even an adult beverage, as the bar will be open with reasonable prices). We are planning a pork dinner with all the sides for 2 P.M., including dessert, tea, and coffee. 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 out there on the dance floor!

The cost for the pork dinner is \$20 for members or \$25 for non-members. There is no charge for children under 16. Reservations are requested by December 5 with a check or money order made out to the German American Society of CNY. Reservations and checks need to be sent to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive with gifts for the children under the age of 13 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 December 5 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.

We will also be having our auction as in the past during the first band break. 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. **Eric Gang** will once again be the auctioneer. The **Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** from Utica will be doing a few dances during the second band break. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive on the third band break.

If you have any questions about the Christmas Party, please come to the December 8 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. 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 text to Sally at the above number. We can use your help and suggestions. Thank you.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

The following are proposed amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws which will be voted on at the January General Meeting.

Under Article 5—Membership, Sec. 5—Expulsion, Sub. (1)—Motion to expel:

Delete: "Members whose dues are in arrears for twelve consecutive months after previous demand by the Secretary to pay shall lose their membership automatically."

Rationale: Article 6—Officers, Sec. 1—Duties of Officers, Sub. (4) Finance Secretary already says that "Members who do not pay their dues by March 15 will automatically be terminated without further notice." So, the sentence in ARTICLE 5 that is proposed to be deleted is contradictory and redundant.

Under Article 8—Elections:

In the fourth paragraph **Delete** "All officers and directors are exempt from dues and may succeed themselves in following elections" and **Substitute therefore** "All officers and directors may succeed themselves in following elections, if nominated in accordance with this article."

Rationale: This was discussed when the dues structure was modified in 2020. Most officers and directors already pay dues voluntarily, and given the financial status of the organization, it doesn't make sense to exempt 15 of our approximately 160+ members from paying dues.



November Presentation

After our November 17 Monthly Membership Meeting our members **Gracie Shell** and her partner **Karl Wuerstin** from the **Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** of the **Utica Männerchor**, gave a German dance lesson. Everyone appeared to be having fun as evidenced in the photos above. Members sure learned some new moves! It was really enjoyable to watch.

Thank you Gracie and Karl for the fun!

Sunshine Lady

We were recently informed that our member **Charles F. Anspach** had passed away earlier in the year. A card has been sent to his family. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and friends.

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 the applications for the 2023 German Student Scholarship Program will be sent to the four schools in Onondaga and Oswego County who teach German. The applications and criteria will go out after the first of the year.

Scholarship Night is planned for April 24 at the Syracuse Turners.

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 looks to be about a size 4. These items will be part of the auction at the Christmas Party. 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 and the party. Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Installation of Officers and Board Members

The following Officers and Board Members for 2023 were voted in at the November 17 Monthly Membership Meeting. **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.

Willi Rohrbach will install the 2023 Officers and board Members at the December 8 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Thank you, Willi, for once again handling this for our organization!

It's easy to get your name in print in the *Zeitung*. All you need to do is send in the \$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 and your name will appear for a year in the *Zeitung*. Become a Patron now and the \$20 will carry you through 2023. Please note Patron on the message line of your check. For current Patrons, please forward your check by 12/31/2022. We look forward to your continued patronage.

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From the Editor

I was recently asked by one of our members about possibly putting recipes in my *From the Editor* section. So this month I decided to add one of my mother's recipes that I now make every year for the holidays—the beloved German cookie, sand tarts.

2½ cups sugar	4 cups flour
2 cups butter	pecan halves
2 eggs, well beaten	cinnamon sugar
1 egg white, slightly beaten	

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cream the butter and sugar. Slowly add flour, working it in well. Add the eggs and mix thoroughly. Chill overnight, then roll out thin on a lightly floured board. Cut out cookies using whatever shape cookie cutter you like and place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Brush the cookies with the egg white and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar, then press a pecan half onto each cookie. Bake for 10 minutes.

This recipe can make quite a few cookies, depending on the size of the cookie cutter. I will have a few of these on a tray along with the others for the auction at the Christmas Party on December 11.

I thought it would be fun to repeat a little trivia quiz I found in a book called *The Joys of Christmas*, a collection of all kinds of Christmas facts and traditions. Now don't peek at the answers that are found below!

Which state has a town named Santa Claus? (a) Vermont, (b) Colorado, (c) Maine, or (d) Indiana

What color is Santa's belt? (a) green, (b) red, (c) black, or (d) white

Who gave Santa the nickname Kris Kringle? (a) Charles Dickens, (b) Martin Luther, (c) Charles Schulz, or (d) Grover Cleveland

What do they call Santa Claus in Chile? (a) Old Man Christmas, (b) Señor Santa, (c) Claus the Good, or (d) El Claus

What is the rabbit's name in the holiday TV special "Frosty the Snowman"? (a) Roger, (b) Hocus Pocus, (c) Thumper, or (d) Peter

Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr!

See you at the December 11 Christmas Party!

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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The Syracuse Turners are now operating on their fall schedule. Please contact them at 315-471-9851 if you would like information regarding joining the Turners, their activities, or their hours and Friday-night dinners.

Answers to the Christmas trivia: 1.d; 2.c; 3.b; 4.a; 5.b. How did you do?

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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