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President's Report

Thank you to everyone who attended our last meeting where we had a great discussion on plans for the future. We plan to participate in some community events and build on what we did in 2021. Please plan to attend the **March 17 Monthly Membership Meeting** at the Syracuse Turners to share your ideas on future events and how you can help. Our meetings also provide a time to socialize with your friends in the German American Society as we serve refreshments after each Monthly Membership Meeting.

The next **Board Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 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 to hear more about plans for 2022.

We are still looking for someone to serve out the remainder of the one-year term that is available due to the unexpected resignation of one of our Board Members. 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, or would like more information on what is involved in being a Board member, 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 at the March 17 meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

Greetings from the land of sunshine! I will be back to snow country in the spring when the weather is nicer than what I heard the North has been getting lately.

While I am away, please keep those membership applications coming in. Let's make 2022 a banner year for growth! If each Member proposes just one person for membership, we will meet our goal!

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

It's been a rough couple of years for many of us, but hopefully things will be back to "normal" soon. Over the past year we have had some good discussions about how we can best sustain the organization, but we really need all members to get involved and offer their thoughts. What would you like to see from the German-American Society? What can you do to help make the club a vibrant, sustainable group? Come to the March 17 meeting and get involved!

At the March 17 **Monthly Membership Meeting**, I will provide up-to-date information on our financial status.

If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to email us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

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.

Thank you.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to those who have sent in dues payments for 2022! We are still waiting for some additional dues payments to be received to wrap up this year's dues collection.

Annual dues are \$25 per individual and \$40 per couple. Per the Society Bylaws, an invoice letter was sent out to any

CLUB MEETINGS

Mär 17	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Apr 21	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Mai 19	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 25	German Student Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
Mai 22	Maitanz, Syracuse Turners
Jul 17	Picnic, Camp Brockway

member whose dues were not received by February 15. If you received that letter, please submit your dues payment by March 15. Anyone whose dues have not been received by March 15 will sadly be removed from the membership list and lose associated benefits, including receiving the *Zeitung* in the mail monthly. The strength of our organization comes from our members, and we hope that everyone will maintain their membership and actively participate!

No new-member applications were received or proposed at the February meeting. Please get any new-membership applications in so they can be presented and voted on at the March meeting!

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

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.

I also wanted to mention that I have contacted **Danzers** regarding the possibility of having a member social night at their restaurant sometime this spring. This will be further discussed at the March 17 Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners.

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

As mentioned in last month's *Zeitung*, we are in the process of planning a *Maitanz*, scheduled for May 22. Please try to attend the March 17 Monthly Membership Meeting at which time we will welcome your ideas and participation in planning the *Maitanz* and any suggestions for other events in 2022. Your ideas and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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*

Sunshine Lady

Sympathy card has been sent on the passing of member **Jane Proper**. Jane attended our meetings and events for

many years. Jane was also a long-time member of the Syracuse Liederverein Chorus, raising her beautiful soprano voice at many concerts, Oktoberfests and Sangerfests over the years. Our condolences to Jane's family and friends, especially her dear friend and companion Austin Westphal.

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

I want to thank the **Board of Directors** for approving the funding for the Scholarship Program. The scholarship applications have gone out to the schools. The completed applications with required documents must be postmarked by March 16 to be considered. The Committee then reviews the applications and the recipients are chosen and notified. The Scholarship Committee members are **John Besten, Tammy Gondeck**, and I.

The German Student Scholarship Night is scheduled for Monday, April 25, from 5 to 9 at the Syracuse Turners. The celebration is open to all, with any student of German, regardless of what grade they are in, and their teacher attending at no cost to them. I know I have said it before, but it doesn't seem possible that this will be our twentieth year of awarding scholarships, and I have been fortunate enough to be involved in them all! I have been discussing ideas for something special with the Committee for this great celebration! If you have not already done so, please add this event to your 2022 calendar. It is an evening that showcases our wonderful students of German.

The cost for German Student Scholarship Night will be \$15, except as mentioned above with students of German and their teacher attending at no cost. There will be a social hour with snacks from 5 to 6, a buffet dinner from 6 to 7, entertainment at 7, with the Scholarship Awards to follow. Each Scholarship recipient will give a short acceptance speech in German and English. This is always a highlight of the evening. A flyer will be printed in the April *Zeitung* with all the details.

Now, as usual, my monthly pitch about the flag pins and gently used clothing. The German-American flag pins are \$3 and make get add-on gifts for any occasion. I have them at our meetings and they will also be available at any of our functions. There is also some gently used German clothing for sale, including a woman's large-size navy blue, boiled wool vest, a couple of white blouses, and a small child's *Bundhosen*, red checkered shirt, suspenders, and vest, as well as a couple of pairs of men's *Lederhosen* 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.

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the Editor

Wednesday has passed and put an end to *Fasching* in Germany for this year, but let's take a look at what *Fasching* represents.

Most people would probably say that the Munich Oktoberfest is the biggest bash in Germany. But it is none other than *Fasching*, or *Fastnacht*, Germany's Mardi Gras, that takes the prize. *Fasching* is often referred to as Germany's foolish or silly season. There are thousands of costume balls and dances all over Germany. All events start at 11 minutes past the 11th hour on November 11. Although it remains low key for the first few weeks, the action really gets started seven weeks before Easter.

The Thursday before Ash Wednesday is known as *Welberfastnacht*, or Women's Carnival Night, when women dress up like old ladies and go door to door pranking people, especially politicians. (Way to go girls!!!) They're allowed to cut off the tie of or kiss (or both) any man! (I've heard that one of the German teachers in our area is great at tie-cutting!) It's also tradition in many areas for women to capture the local *Rathaus* (city hall) and take over the city key. The following Monday is known as *Rosenmontag* (Rose Monday). During this day there are parades and carnival floats. *Faschingdienstag* (Carnival Tuesday) is the last day of *Fasching* and when most of the festivities happen. Usually, workers get the afternoon off to celebrate.

In Munich from 2 to 5 P.M. on *Faschingdienstag* the *Viktualienmarkt* pedestrian area is turned into a party zone. At night there are gala balls, the biggest held at the *Bayerischer Hof*. The Bavarians refer to *Fasching* as the "season of fools." Some people dress in costumes and ski down hills. It is a great time of the year to be able to dress up in costumes, act like a fool, and have a great time.

Also, we will soon be welcoming St. Patrick's Day, an Irish tradition. What about Germany on this festive day? Well, it is not celebrated to the extent that it is in Ireland or the U.S., but the Irish living in Germany do celebrate *St. Patrickstag* with their German friends. After all, isn't everyone Irish on St. Patrick's Day? Many German pubs take advantage of the celebration to sell more beer and whiskey. (I'm sure there's no problem with that!)

March is special in Switzerland where the first Sunday in March is *Tag der Kranken* (day of the ill). The Swiss observation started in 1939 when Dr. Marthe Nicati, who specialized in tuberculosis cases, felt that a day needed to be created to further better relations between the ill and the healthy. She also wanted to create a better understanding of the needs of the sick. This "Day of the Ill" is celebrated on the first Sunday in March with visits to hospitals, media awareness campaigns, and a speech by the Swiss Federal President. Each year has a theme to raise awareness and get people out to visit ill friends and family members.

Why don't we all observe this *Tag der Kranken*, not just for one day, but whenever we hear about a sick friend or family member? A card, phone call, or visit really cheers up an ill or recuperating person.

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 nights, including a tavern menu, their great fish, and usually a dinner special. Please contact them if you would like information regarding joining the Turners or their activities, or to check on their Friday dinners by calling 315-471-9851.

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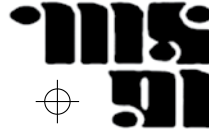
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