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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 a community event/happy hour at **Danzers** in May. The best way to keep up on what's going on is to attend the Monthly Membership Meetings.

Please plan to attend the April 21 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, April 21, 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.

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 April 21 Monthly Membership Meeting. And, don't forget, April 25 is our **20th German Student Scholarship Night**. Please plan to attend. There is more information in the Scholarship article in this *Zeitung*.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

Spring has sprung and it's time to think about how we can expand our membership. Nadja is working on a community event with **Danzers** to help our members socialize and promote our Society. This is a good way to get new members. So, I'm asking each and every member to keep those applications coming in. Let's make 2022 a banner year for growth! As I've mentioned before, 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

At the April 21 Monthly Membership Meeting, I will provide up-to-date information on our financial status. We will also discuss where we are heading as an organization.

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 now wrapping up this year's dues collection. The strength of our organization comes from our members, and we hope that everyone will maintain their membership and actively participate in the coming year!

In addition to the annual events and dances, we are looking to add some additional activities throughout the year. We hope that these events will allow members to socialize, promote the society, and entice new members to join! Active members will receive a discounted price to enjoy the activity and refreshments, and guests will be welcome to join as well for an additional cost.

I hope everyone will join us for **Social Night/Happy Hour at Danzers** on Tuesday, May 10, from 4 to 7 P.M. Come and have some snacks and drinks while German music is played by **Al Piatkowski!** We are still working out details with Danzers and more information is to come at April's Membership Meeting and the May *Zeitung*.

CLUB MEETINGS

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 10	Happy Hour, Danzer's, 4-7
Mai 22	Maitanz, Syracuse Turners, 2-6
Jul 17	Picnic, Camp Brockway

If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities you would like to see held, please come to a Monthly Membership Meeting or email us!

No new-member applications have been received and no new members were proposed 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 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 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.

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

Our *Maitanz* is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, from 2 to 6 at the Syracuse Turners. Please try to attend the April 21 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

A get-well card was sent to **Scott Feldman**, who is recuperating from two surgeries. A card was also sent to our Secretary and *Zeitung* Editor **Sally Frenza**, who is recuperating from a right reverse shoulder replacement. A third card was sent to **Werner Buchmann**, who was recently hospitalized. We wish these members a speedy recovery!

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

The Scholarship Committee has met and, after reviewing the great applications for this year, have chosen the following

German Student Scholarship Night

April 25 · 5 to 9 p.m.

Our
20th
Year!

Syracuse Turners
619 N. Salina St. · Syracuse, NY
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Social Hour from 5 to 6

Dinner from 6 to 7

Entertainment at 7

featuring

Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers

John Besten and Ray Sturge Instrumental,
and the **Syracuse Liederverein Quartet**

Award Presentations to Follow

Please attend to honor the wonderful students and to support the future of our German language, heritage, and culture.

*Menu: tossed salad, Bratwurst,
franks, Sauerkraut, German potato
salad, dessert, coffee, and tea*

Cost: \$15

(No charge for students of German or their teachers.)

Reservations and checks made out to the German-American Society of CNY
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students to be the recipients of the five \$800 scholarships from the German American Society of CNY. *Fayetteville-Manlius*: **James Hoehner** and **Lucas Gascon**; *Mexico*: **Carolyn Zedack** and **Lauren Salisbury**; *Onondaga Central*: **Nicholas Toomey**. Congratulations to these fine students!

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! Each recipient of a scholarship will give an acceptance speech in German and English. This always amazes me at the great command the students have of the German language!

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, and entertainment at 7, with the Scholarship Awards to follow. A flyer with the details is included in this *Zeitung*. This year, **Keven Quinn**, who received a scholarship a few years ago, will address the attendees at Scholarship Night. Kevin is now a German teacher at Mexico High School.

Entertainment will be provided by **John Besten** and **Ray Sturge** on their instruments prior and during dinner. There may even be an *Alphorn* present. The **Syracuse Liederverein Quartet**

will sing a few German numbers and lead us in the German and American national anthems. And, of course, what we all look forward to—the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers** doing a few traditional folk dances, ending with the pretzel dance, which is always a crowd pleaser, as the dancers get the scholarship recipients and others up to dance!

Please plan to attend this fun-filled night where we honor not just the scholarship recipients, but all students of the German language and their teachers. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call or text me at 315-345-6253 or email me at sallyzf@aol.com.

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 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

Let's look at Easter in Germany. *Ostern auf Deutschland* is not only a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but also a time for fun and celebrating spring. It is a time for coloring eggs, preparing special meals, and eating chocolate *Osterhasen*.

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. It is now time for the current advertisers to renew. We look forward to another year in partnership with you in 2022.

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Homes in Germany are filled with clay bunnies, spring flowers, and Easter eggs hung from branches. The tradition of using eggs and bunnies for Easter originates from pagan worship where they were symbols of fertility and new birth and used to celebrate the coming of spring. Children blow out eggs from their shells and paint them with different colors and designs on Good Friday. They then leave the eggs in a basket for the Osterhase to find and hide around the house for Easter morning. The children then hunt for the eggs and find not only the eggs, but many times chocolate bunnies and even some presents. It is then off to church to celebrate the true meaning of Easter.

Another unique custom in some villages of Germany is the *Osterfeuer* (Easter fire) which is lit on Easter night. For the fire, all the Christmas trees are gathered and burned in a special place, making a huge bonfire, clearing away the last signs of winter and preparing for the bountiful spring. The event is now more of a social gathering and an excuse to get together and celebrate over a beer (like there needs to be an excuse!).

The German people also have a big Easter dinner either on Easter Sunday or Monday. Lamb, chicken, and eggs are just a few of the dishes served to not only celebrate Easter but also the end of Lenten fasting.

However you choose to celebrate this most holy day, have a *Frohe Ostern!*

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or any topic that you would like me to write about, or if you have an article you have written and would like to see in print, just let me know.

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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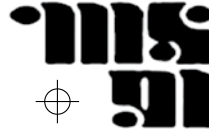
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