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President's Report

First want to thank everyone who attended the **German Student Scholarship Night** on April 25. It was quite a night!

Also, thank you to everyone who has been attending our meetings. We need you all to participate and keep us moving forward. We are looking for ideas for presentations at future meetings. Maybe a history of German immigration, the salt industry, Onondaga Lake, or something along those lines that would be of interest to our members.

We plan to participate in a community event/happy hour at **Danzer's** on May 10 from 4 to 7 P.M. There is further information in the Financial Secretary's Report in this *Zeitung*. What better way to let the community know that we are here and holding events?

Please plan to attend the May 19 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 Board Meeting is scheduled for May 19 at 6 P.M. with the Monthly Membership Meeting to follow at 7.

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 Danzer's on May 10 and at the May 19 Monthly Meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Spring has sprung and we snow-birds are heading back north. It's time to think about my favorite subject: how we can expand our membership. Nadja has scheduled an event with Danzer's to help our members socialize and promote our society. This is a good way to get new members.

So I am once again 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! See you at the May 19 meeting!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Elsewhere in this issue you will read about our recent **Scholarship Night**, where five local high school students of German were honored. Awarding the scholarships is our club's biggest expense and is funded solely by the generosity of our members. If you would like to help in this project we would gratefully accept a dona-

tion of any amount. Just send a check to the address below and note that it is a donation for our Scholarship Program. As always, any time you have questions or suggestions please feel free to email us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

At the May 19 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.

Please send all dues, patron, or advertising payments, invoices, or financial communication to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Thank you.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

We are very excited about the upcoming event at **Danzer's** on **Tuesday, May 10! Join us from 4 to 7 P.M.** for music by **Al Piatkowski** and some delicious German appetizers. Danzer's will prepare some finger foods, including pretzel bites, mini reuben egg-rolls, mini potato pancakes and more! Price is \$10 for members or \$15 for guests and will include a sample pour of a delicious German *Bier!* We will have a section of the restaurant reserved near the music for our group to sit or mingle. Additional food and drinks can be purchased at your own expense. Looking forward to seeing you there! Bring a friend!

We are also holding a **Maitanz** at the Syracuse Turners on Sunday, May 22, from 2 to 6 P.M. See the House Committee Report for more details.

Thank you again to everyone who sent in their dues payments for 2022! At the May meeting I will provide a report about our current membership status. We currently have one applicant to present at the next meeting. Please keep spreading the word about our society and encouraging new potential members to send in their applications! Please also attend upcoming meetings as we need you there to constitute a quorum and vote on the applications.

In addition to the annual events and dances, we are looking to add some activities throughout the year. Please come to a meeting

CLUB MEETINGS

Mai 19	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Jun 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

or email us with suggestions and ideas of activities you would be interested in attending!

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 *Zeitung* reaches you.

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

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 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 N. Salina St. Music and entertainment will be provided by the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers**. It will be a fun night! So be prepared to laugh, sing, dance and share in the great *Gemütlichkeit!*

Back by popular demand: We will be serving our pork dinner, yams, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, salad, veggies, stuffing, coffee, tea, and soda. Please feel free to bring a dessert if you would like. Adult beverages will be on sale at the bar. The cost is \$16 in advance or \$18 at the door. Please send your reservations to Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205 by May 17. Checks should be made out to The German American Society of CNY. No cash through the mail! Call or text Brigitte at 315-491-2573 or Sally at 315-345-6253 with any questions. **Stein Club** members: Your dinner will be covered by the Stein Club. Please call or text Bob Kline at 315-744-2647 by May 17 with your reservation. See you all at the *Maitanz!*

Please try to attend the May 19 Monthly Membership Meeting, at which time we will welcome your ideas and participation in planning for other events in 2022.

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 or Brigitte at the above numbers. We can use your help and suggestions. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card was sent to the family of **Werner Buchmann**, who recently passed away. Werner could be seen at our meetings and social events. He, along with his wife Pat, also volunteered at Oktoberfest. Werner could be found in the kitchen at our last Christmas Party just a few months ago. A sympathy card was also sent to the family of lifetime member **John Geiss**. In years past he could be seen at Oktoberfest, our meetings, and on the dance floor at our social functions. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of these members.



Maitanz!

Saturday, May 22
2 to 6 pm
Syracuse Turners

\$16 for adults in advance (\$18 at the door),
\$5 for children 6-12, under 6 free.
Stein Club members contact Bob Kline at 315-744-2647.
Beverages available at a nominal charge.
Dinner will be pork, veggies, potatoes, yams, sauerkraut,
salad, coffee, tea, and soda. Please bring a dessert if possible.
Dance to the Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers.
Reservations by May 17. Make checks payable to
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Just a reminder: Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to me at 315-468-4541.

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

German Student Scholarship Night

What a night it was! Everyone really appeared to be having a great time. There was so much laughing, cheering, and positive vibes! Words cannot express the feeling that was in the air that night!

The following students will each be receiving an \$800 scholarship: **James Hoehner** and **Lucas Gascon** (Fayetteville-Manlius); **Carolyn Zedack** and **Lauren Salisbury** (Mexico High School); and **Nicholas Toomey** (Onondaga Central).

Congratulations to these fine students! Their picture was taken by **Grace Schell**.

Each recipient of a scholarship gave an acceptance speech in German and English. The great command these students have of the German language is remarkable!

I still have not completely recovered from this wonderful event. To see the students, their friends and family, as well as members of the German American Society all coming together to enjoy the *Gemütlichkeit* that night was something that will not soon be forgotten. When the **Syracuse Liederverein Quartet** was unable to attend due to illness, students, teachers, dancers, and some of our members all joined together to lead the German and American national anthems. It was just so wonderful and gave such a warm feeling to all be together.

Thank you to **John Besten** on guitar and **Ray Sturge** on trumpet for providing music. I even saw a few people dancing as they played. And, of course, the highlight was the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers**.



The students are, left to right, Nicholas Toomey, Lauren Salisbury, Lucas Gascon, Carolyn Zedack, and James Hoehner.

When they had some of the students join them for the pretzel dance it brought the house down. What fun!

One of our former scholarship recipients, **Kevin Quinn**, who is now the German teacher at Mexico High School, addressed the attendees in German and then translated it into English. Everyone enjoyed hearing from him. He had his own cheering section! I remember Kevin from when he gave his acceptance speech as a scholarship recipient. One of his goals was to become a German teacher and he did it!

Thank you to the two members of the Scholarship Committee who helped with this program: **John Besten** and **Tammy Gondeck**. Thank you to the German American Society for providing funding for this program and the Scholarship Night event. Also, member

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Tina Higgins, who came early to help with set-up, Treasurer **Jim Heckathorne**, who manned the check-in desk, and President **David Gunter**, who helped me with the presentations. If I've missed anyone, please let me know and you'll see your name in print next month.

I can't help saying again what a memorable night it was. Some of the parents, students, friends, and teachers came up to me after the event to say how much they enjoyed themselves and what a great thing it is that the German American Society does for these students. I had tears in my eyes because it made me feel so proud to be associated with this organization and to be part of this scholarship program for all twenty years. Thank you for providing me with this opportunity!

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

Will return in June.

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've written and would like to see in print, just let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

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The Syracuse Turners is 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. I will post their summer hours in the next *Zeitung*.

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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