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President's Report

I first want to thank everyone who attended the *Maitanz* on May 22. It was a great time! See the write-up in this *Zeitung*.

Also, thank you to everyone who has been attending our meetings. We need you all to participate and keep us moving forward. Starting with the June Monthly Membership Meeting, we are going to try to have a presentation each month on areas of interest to our members. June will be German baking, with a homemade Streusel for our tasting pleasure!

We also participated in a community event/happy hour at *Danzer's* on May 10. It was well attended and provided a good opportunity to socialize, not only with other members, but also people who may be interested in joining our organization. What better way to let the community know that we are here, holding events and going strong?

Please plan to attend the **June 16 Monthly Membership Meeting** at 7 P.M. 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.

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 June 16 meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

I'm back up north and you know what I am going to talk about. My campaign is **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!

We initially did very well with getting new members, but that has slowed way down. Let's pick up speed again and get rolling. We have the *Picnic* coming up in July and that would be a great time to ask friends to come along. For the \$20 picnic charge for nonmembers, they can become a member—a \$5 savings on membership which is only available at the picnic. I know we can do this if we all work together! 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 June 16 Monthly Membership Meeting!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

While we do have many members in our club, what we really need are more *active* members. Come to our next meeting,

chime in with your thoughts on what could help the club better serve its members, and enjoy some socializing. If you would like to support our major project—like awarding German student scholarships—please consider making a donation to that effort by mailing us at: German-American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Any amount will help.

At the June 16 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. We are now in the process of planning additional community events to get our name out there. There will be further discussion at the June meeting.

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.

As always, any time you have questions or suggestions please feel free to email us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Thank you.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to everyone who joined us at *Danzer's* on May 10! The music by **Al Piatkowski** was fantastic! The feedback from the event has been positive and we hope to do another social night at *Danzers* in the future. Hope to see you at the next event!

Also, make sure to join us at the next meeting for a brief talk on a delicious German baked good, Streusel! Member **Patty Cobb** will be baking her family recipe of this traditional dessert for us to enjoy!

We have wrapped up our 2022 dues collection. We currently have 137 members, including two new members that were presented and voted in at the May meeting. Please join me in welcoming **Patty Cobb**, friend of member **Richard Resch**, and **Jean Karl**, wife of member **Edward Karl**!

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

CLUB MEETINGS

Jun 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Jul 21	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 17	Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
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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 held, 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* was a great time and fun for all! The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** provided a variety of music for dancing and singing. The highlight had to be the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers**. They really had everyone participating and having a great time! They not only did the traditional Maypole Dance, but others as well and got people up on the dance floor laughing and having a wonderful time. **Gracie Schell** played her cowbells and also had members play a song in a little cowbell choir. It was a million laughs as one of the members just couldn't resist ringing her bell every chance she got, whether it was part of the song or not! What a bell ringing blast!!! The *Gemütlichkeit* was felt by all.

Our senior member, **Bob Gang**, who, by the way, is 104 years young, was there in his *Lederhosen*. He even took a few dance steps with the help of a couple members. What a guy! As always, his wife was there with him supporting him every step of the way. See the picture of Bob above.

We received many complements on the food. I want to thank Presi-

dent **Dave Gunter** and Board Member **Tina Higgins** for working the kitchen. That allowed me the opportunity to be more of a supervisor and to circulate and be sure everyone was enjoying themselves. And from what I saw and heard, they sure were!!! It was the most participation I have seen of the members in a long time! Everyone just seemed so happy. Thank you to the members who brought a dessert to share, and to the Turner Members who attended our event. Last but not least, thanks to Turner member **Chip Kraushaar** for all his help with set-up, clean-up and being there whenever we needed a helping hand. Thanks again everyone for making *Maitanz 22* a special afternoon!

Our next event is the **Picnic** to be held on Sunday, July 17, from 2 to 6 at Camp Brockway, the site we've used for many years. We have an enclosed pavilion so there's no need to worry about the weather. There will be a flyer and a map in the July *Zeitung*. Although there is no charge for members, any guests are \$20, and can become a member for the \$20 fee for this event only. The German American Society will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, *Bratwurst*, beer, wine, and soda. Members are asked to please bring a dish to pass or a dessert to share. To help plan for the food, call or text **Brigitte Niebuhr** at 315-491-2573 and let her know how many people are attending and what you are bringing. The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** will be playing and I'm sure there will be some good German games to play. If anyone has games such as cornhole, feel free to bring them. This will be a fun family afternoon!

Please try to attend the June 16 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 at 315-345-6253 or Brigitte at the above number. We can use your help and suggestions. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

A get-well card was sent to member **Scott Feldman**, who has continued to experience some health issues.

An anniversary card was sent to members **Ken and Helen Blechl**,

who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations from us all!

Just a reminder: Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to me at 315-468-4541. Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

German Student Scholarship Night

Thanks again to all who attended our 20th German Student Scholarship Night! What a night it was! If anyone has pictures from the event that they would like to share, please email them to me at sallyzf@aol.com. I want to bring our scholarship book up to date. If you could add who is in the pictures it would be helpful.

The scholarship recipients are now in the process of sending me the documentation of the school to be attended in fall 2022, and then the checks can go out.

Now, as usual, my monthly pitch about the flag pins and gently used clothing. The German-American flag pins are \$3 and make great 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, a small child's *Bundhosen*, and red-checked 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

This month's topic is Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.

Father's Day in America was founded at the YMCA in Spokane, Washington, in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. The first celebration

was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1920. Her father, who was a Civil War veteran, was a single parent who raised six children. After hearing a sermon about Mother's Day in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should also have a holiday to celebrate them.

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official. But Congress resisted, fearing it would become commercialized (imagine that!). President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but a formal proclamation was not issued. After two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday were defeated in Congress, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal in 1957 accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for forty years while honoring mothers. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, and designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Then, six years later, President Richard Nixon signed it into law. And you know the rest of the story: neckties, cook-outs, etc.

In Germany, Father's Day (*Vatertag*) is celebrated on Ascension Day (the Thursday forty days after Easter) and is a federal holiday. It's also called *Männertag* (men's day), or *Herrentag* (gentlemen's day). This is the day when the men get to do whatever they want. Many of the men pull small wagons, *Bollerwagen*, filled with wine or beer, and have a great time sharing the day and having some great male bonding. Other men like to take a bike ride together. On these excursions *Bier* is allowed, but no sisters, wives, or girlfriends! (I bet the ladies have plans of their own!)

If your father is now in his heavenly home, remember him in thought by talking about him with others or visiting his gravesite. If he is still with you, how about a nice cookout for him, a few *Biers*, and some family fun? Whatever your plans are for Father's Day, make it a day of celebration.

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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