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President's Report

Thank you to everyone who has been attending our Monthly Membership Meetings. Your participation and ideas are needed to keep us moving forward. We continue to look into ways to better let the community know that we are here, holding events and going strong. At our Monthly Membership Meetings we not only keep the members informed about what is happening with our wonderful organization, but we have a presentation of interest.

Please plan to attend the July 21 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 the meetings.

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 July 17 Picnic and the July 21 Meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

As you all know by now, my campaign is "new members." So, I'm 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 have the Picnic coming up on July 17 and that would be a great time to ask friends to come along. For the \$20 charge for non-members 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!

Hope to see you at the July 17 Picnic and the July 21 Monthly Membership Meeting with those membership applications in hand!

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

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Our organization is running a financial deficit this year-to-date, as the dues alone do not cover the expenses of the organization and the activities we offer. We must think creatively on fundraising efforts! All suggestions are welcome! Consider coming to our next meeting on July 21 at 7 P.M. and participating in discussions about ways to raise funds. I will also provide an update on our financial status.

Just a reminder: All invoices, member applications, and any payments should be mailed to us at: 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

I would like to thank **Patty Cobb** for baking a delicious *Apfelkuchen mit Streuseln* for the last meeting! It was delicious! I had fun looking up information about *Strudel* and *Streusel* and I hope everyone that was there learned as much as I did about the two desserts. At next month's meeting we look forward to hearing from **Treasurer Jim Heckathorne** about his bike tour through German wine country!

Please join me in welcoming new-member **Beverly Loverock!** She was proposed by **Sally Frenza** and voted into the membership at June's meeting. We look forward to getting to know Beverly!

We want your ideas! Please come to a meeting or email us with suggestions of activities you would be interested in doing with the club and with ideas or topics for presentations at future meetings. If there is something you would like to present or show, let us know!

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.germanamericanscnyc.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.

CLUB MEETINGS

Jul 21	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Aug 18	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Sep 15	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 17	Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
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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*

House Committee

Our next event is the **Picnic** being 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. See the flyer and map on page 3. Although there is no charge for members, 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. The members are asked to please bring a dish 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** is playing, and I'm sure there will be some fun games to play. If anyone has a game such as cornhole, feel free to bring it. This will be a fun family afternoon!

Please try to attend the July 21 **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*

July Meeting Presentation

At our July 21 Monthly Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners at 7 P.M., **Jim Heckathorne** will talk about his experiences riding a bike (*Fahrrad*) through the heart of central Europe, specifically Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The presentation will include photos from his trips in the Mosel River Valley to the Rhein, around the *Bodensee* (Lake Constance), and along the *Donau* (the Danube) to Vienna, and will provide interesting facts about these different German-speaking regions. Please join us for this talk and our usual post-meeting refreshments.

Sunshine Lady

Sympathy card was sent to member **Monika Loerzel** on the passing of her daughter. Our sincere condolences are with Monika at this most difficult time.

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

I'm still looking for pictures of the 2022 German Student Scholarship Night. If anyone has pictures from the event that they would like to share, please email them to me at sallyzf@aol.com or text to 315-345-6253. I want to bring our Scholarship Book up to date. If you could note who is in the pictures it would be helpful.

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; and a small child's *Bundhosen*, red checkered shirt, suspenders, and vest, as well

as a couple 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

Since America celebrates its independence on July 4 each year, I thought this would be an ideal time to once again write about a German who helped gain that independence and about his many other contributions to the military.

When you think of a German who made a huge contribution, the name **Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben** comes to mind. Since I was familiar with the name but not a lot of the history, I consulted the Internet. Friedrich Wilhelm was born on September 17, 1730, in Magdeburg, Duchy of Magdeburg, Kingdom of Prussia, Holy Roman Empire. He was the son of Royal Prussian Engineer Capt. Baron Wilhelm von Steuben and his wife Elizabeth von Jagvodin. He was both a Prussian and later an American military leader.

Von Steuben served as Inspector General and Major General of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. When he viewed the troops, he found that they were lacking the skills needed to fight the enemy effectively. He is credited with teaching the essentials of military drills, tactics, and discipline. When George Washington appointed him temporary Inspector General, he met with the troops and found that there was no order or standard for the layout of the encampment, and no standards for sanitation. He established rules that were followed for one and a half centuries.

When Congress appointed von Steuben Inspector General, he noted that the internal administration had been neglected, and no books were kept for supplies, clothing, or men, thus allowing for thievery. He enforced strict recordkeeping, which resulted in considerable savings to the Army. He also drafted a progressive training program for the soldiers, which included musket and bayonet training. This strict training resulted in the Revolutionary soldiers winning many battles and was a large reason why Americans won their independence. Von Steuben wrote *Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States*, known as "the blue book." This was used by the U.S. Army until 1814, and it affected drills and tactics until the Mexican-American War of 1846.

Von Steuben became a U.S. citizen by act of the Pennsylvania legislature in March 1784, and later by the New York authorities in 1786. After settling in Manhattan and New Jersey, he came to Upstate New York and settled on a small estate in Oneida County near the city of Rome. The land was granted to him for his military service. He lived there until he died on November 28, 1794. He was buried in a grove at what became Steuben Memorial State Historic Site.

In September many cities across the United States celebrate Von Steuben Day. Participants march, dance, wear German costumes, and play German music. Millions of people attend nationwide. The former men's singing society, the **Syracuse Deutschesangverein** sang many times at the celebration that was held in Steuben, NY. The German-American Steuben Parade that is held annually in New York City is one of the largest parades in the city and is traditionally followed by an Oktoberfest in Central Park as well as celebrations in Yorkville, Manhattan, a German section of NYC. The Von Steuben Parade in Chicago was even featured in the film *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

There are several towns named after von Steuben, as well buildings including the Von Steuben Metropolitan High School in Chicago. There is a statue of von Steuben in Lafayette Square, just north of the White House, in Washington, DC. There have also been portrayals of

Club Picnic

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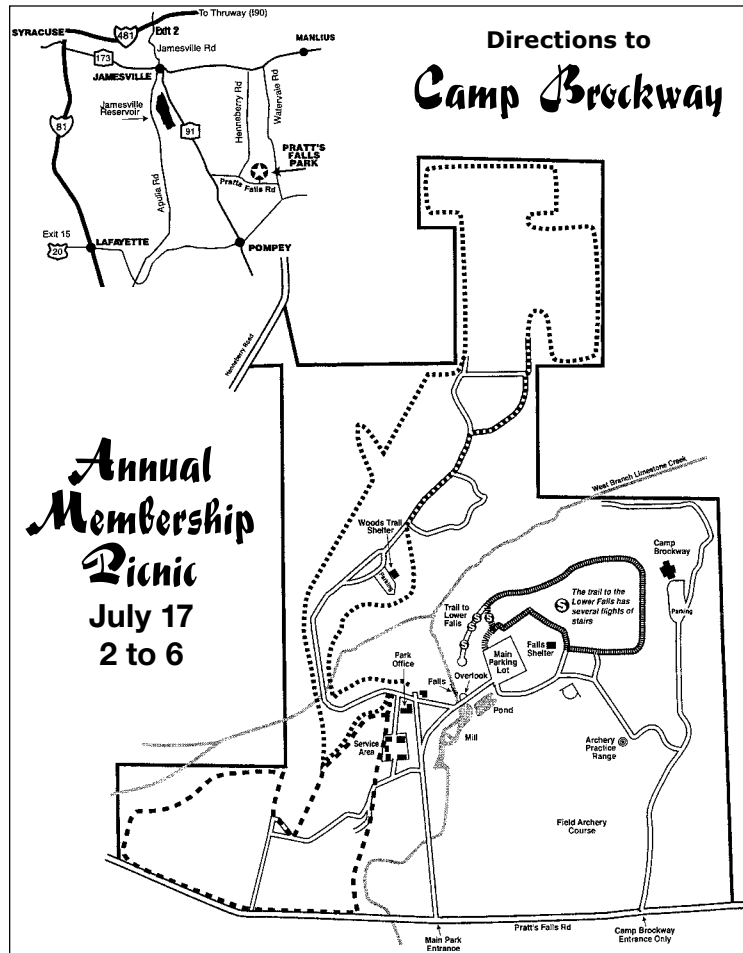
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There is a map to Camp
Brockway in this Zeitung.



von Steuben in U.S. media, including the 1979 miniseries *The Rebels*, the 1984 miniseries *George Washington*, and others. Von Steuben was a large part of our American history and should be thanked for his contribution to our freedom today. Where would the U.S. Army and our country have been without his many contributions?

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. Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, Editor

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