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## President's Report

Thank you to everyone who attended our fun-filled July 17 **Picnic at Camp Brockway**. Also, thank you to all the members who have been attending our Monthly Membership Meetings. Your participation and ideas are appreciated and needed to keep us moving forward. We continue to look into ways to 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's happening with our wonderful organization, but have a presentation of interest. In August, **Sally Frenza** will present a brief history of the German singing organizations in the Central New York area.

Please plan to attend the August 18 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners to share your ideas on future events and how you can help. Afterward, there's time to socialize with your friends in the German American Society as you enjoy refreshments.

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 August 18 meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President's Report

Here we go again! New members, new members, new members! We received six new-member applications at the Picnic. Way to go! We need to keep this going. 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!

I know we can do this through teamwork! If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at [chk1205@centurylink.net](mailto:chk1205@centurylink.net). Thank you for helping to increase our membership! See you at the August 18 Monthly Membership Meeting with those membership applications in hand!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

## Treasurer's Report

As your Treasurer, I've mentioned before that we continue to have our expenses exceed our income. We need your ideas and help on once again building up our treasury through fundraising. Do you have any ideas on how to do this? How would you like to see us spending our resources? We encourage all members to think about what our organization should be doing, and how we can best serve our members. Please attend the August 18 Monthly Membership Meeting to provide your input, or send us your thoughts and ideas to the email address below, or message us on our Facebook page.

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](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com). Thank you.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to everyone who came to our **Annual Picnic**! If you missed it this year, we hope to see you next year! We received six membership applications from guests who came to the Picnic. Please join me in welcoming the new members that were voted in during the July 21 meeting: **Ann Marie and Karl Reuss**, family of member **Goldie Erkila**; and **Kathe Dragano, Jutta Fowler, William Ward**, and **Gisela Ward**, all proposed by member **Patty Cobb**. We look forward to getting to know you all!

If you brought a guest to the Picnic who would like to become a member, reach out to us! You can send an email to [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com) or text or call me at 315-450-4655.

We want your ideas! Please come to the August 18 Monthly Membership 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!

Freight Yard Brewery in Clay has asked us to participate in their Oktoberfest scheduled for October 1. If you have ideas on what type of participation you would like to see us provide, please contact us via email at the address above, or come to the August 18 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. and share your ideas.

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](http://www.germanamericanscnyc.com), or by emailing us at [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com).

### CLUB MEETINGS

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

Aug 13	Danzers/Willow Rock Oktoberfest, noon-8
Okt 1	Oktoberfest at the Freight Yard Brewery, Clay
Dec ?	Annual Christmas Party

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](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com) to arrange for this complimentary service. If you change your address, please email [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto: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.

To discuss any of the above areas, or if you have questions regarding your dues or membership, please email [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com).

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*



## House Committee

**T**he Picnic at Camp Brockway was very well attended and a lot of fun. Despite the almost unbearable heat, everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks to **Bob Kraus**, who brought his German games, which were fun and good for some laughs. Thanks, too, to **Jim Heckathorne**, who brought two kegs of the *Bier* that he brewed—a *Märzen* (Oktoberfest), and a *Hefeweizen*. Both brews got very good reviews! The food was good and plenty of it. The band provided a variety of music. The *Gemütlichkeit* was fantastic! As mentioned in the Financial Secretary's report, we also gained six new members at the Picnic. A thank-you goes out to everyone who helped with set-up, clean-up, serving, bringing food and desserts, and many other things. Thank you especially to **Scott Feldman**, **Nadja Allmann**, and **Eric Gang**, who slaved away in the *very warm* kitchen cooking the meat and other hot foods. It was a real family event! We are now looking forward to next year!

Please try to attend the August 18 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

**A**t our July 21 Monthly Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners, **Jim Heckathorne** did a presentation about his and his wife Krisa's experiences of riding their bikes (*Fahrrad*) through the heart of Central Europe, specifically Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The presentation included photos from their trip in the Mosel River valley to the Rhein, around the *Bodensee* (Lake Constance), and along the *Donau* (the Danube) to Vienna. Jim discussed interesting details of the different regions and the adult beverages they are famous for. Thank you so much for taking us on a journey with you! Only thing missing was a taste of the libations.

## Sunshine Lady

**A** sympathy card was sent to the family of Lifetime Member **Richard Metz**, who passed away recently. A card was also sent to the family of **Charlotte Aserian** on her passing. Our sincere condolences are with both the Metz and the Aserian families at this most difficult time.

A birthday card was sent to **Joe Frenza** in celebration of his 90th birthday! Happy birthday and many more!

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

**A**fter receipt of the required documentation for the college to be attended in the fall, each recipient's check was mailed, closing the 2022 Scholarship Program. Just one more thing: As I mentioned in the July *Zeitung*, I am still looking for pictures of the 2022, 20th 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](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com) or text to 315-345-6253. I want to bring our Scholarship Book up to date. If you could add who is in the pictures it would be helpful.

It will not be long before plans for 2023—the 21st year of the Scholarship Program—will be underway. This is a big financial undertaking for our organization, especially now that we do not have an Oktoberfest to raise money to fund our programs. If you would like to help support our Scholarship Program, please feel free to send

a check or money order to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548 with a notation that it is for the Scholarship Program. Any amount would be helpful. Anyone who donates to the Scholarship Program will have her or his name added to the Scholarship Night Program as a donor. If you would like to know more about the Scholarship Program and how you can help, please call or text me at 315-345-6253 or email me at sallyzf@aol.com. I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

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 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

While looking for something to write about this month that has to do with August in Germany, I found a very interesting article on the internet about a Peace Festival in Augsburg, Germany, which is celebrated each year on August 8.

Since 1950, the Peace Festival, also known as the "Augsburg High Peace Festival," which is only celebrated in Augsburg, has been Germany's only municipal public holiday. Augsburg is a city with Roman Catholic roots that once forbade its citizens the right to practice the Christian faith as Protestants.

Now the people of Augsburg, "the City of Peace," demonstrate every year that peace is possible when we set aside our differences and instead focus on what we all have in common. Immigrants from all over the world, with varying religious faiths and practices, make up nearly half of Augsburg's current population. Although the city had an

early history of religious persecution, today the entire city of Augsburg closes shop for the day on August 8 to participate in the city's continued historic peaceful coexistence based on the pursuit of religious freedom. The people of Augsburg extend the right of every individual to practice their faith freely during Augsburg's annual celebration of peace.

For a little history of this holiday, Augsburg was the hub for the growing political conflict left as a result of the Christian Reformation movement in Europe in the early sixteenth century. The Holy Roman Emperor Charles V outlawed the Lutheran church in 1521, but the Lutheran movement continued to flourish until 1529 when Charles declared that Catholicism was to be restored everywhere in Germany. German princes and estate owners loudly and publicly denounced the Emperor's decree. The term Protestant was derived from these protests. In 1531 the Emperor ordered all Lutherans to reunite with the Catholic church, causing increased defiance from the Protestants.

It was not until 1555 that peace was established between the Lutherans and Catholics with the Augsburg Declaration of Religious Freedom, which guaranteed Protestants the right to practice their faith in the city of Augsburg. But this only included Lutheran Protestants; others, such as Calvinists, would be allowed to move to other regions where their faith was more compatible with the beliefs of that region.

In 1629, 74 years after winning the legal right to practice their faith, Lutheran Protestants were again banned from practicing their faith in Augsburg. It was not until the Peace of Westphalia was signed in 1648 that the original 1555 Augsburg Declaration of Religious Freedom was reinstated and their religious freedom was granted.

Protestants organized the first Augsburg High Peace Festival in 1650 to commemorate and demonstrate their commitment to peaceful religious coexistence. Today the festival is an interreligious and intercultural celebration, preceded by a week of cultural events leading up to the holiday on August 8.

Seems like in these trying times, we might all learn from Augsburg's journey of tolerance and acceptance of others and their varied religious beliefs and cultural practices.

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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A Danzers/Willow Rock Oktoberfest is being held on Saturday, August 13, from noon to 8 P.M. at their location on Ainsley Drive in Syracuse. There will be music, food, and drinks. The Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers will perform from 1-4, and Fritz's Polka Band will play from 5 to 8.

The Syracuse Turners is now operating on their summer schedule. Please contact them at 315-471-9851 if you would like information regarding joining the Turners, their activities, or their summer hours.

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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