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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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President's Report

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 continue to let the community know that we are here, holding events and going strong. At the August Monthly Meeting we discussed an opportunity to partner with the charity **Kelleigh's Cause**. There is more information on this in this *Zeitung*.

At our Monthly Membership Meetings we not only keep the members informed about what is happening with our wonderful organization but also presentations of interest. We had so much to discuss related to **Oktoberfest** that the August presentation has been postponed to September, when Sally Frenza will present a brief history of the German singing organizations in the Central New York area.

Please plan to attend the **September 15 Monthly Membership Meeting** at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners to share your ideas on future events and how you can help. After our Monthly Membership Meeting there is time to socialize with your friends in the German American Society and 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 September 15 Meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

At the **August Monthly Membership Meeting** we voted in another new member. We need to keep this going. 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! I know we can do this! We have great teamwork on our side! Thank you for helping to increase our membership!

See you at the September 15 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

We have been presented an opportunity to raise money for our **Scholarship Program** by hosting an **Oktoberfest**. See "Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest 2022" on page 2. Please help us by volunteering to get involved! In addition to workers, we need ideas for things we can do to make this a fun, rewarding, and special event. Let us know if you are available on October 15 and 16 to help. You

can also give us your suggestions at cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Thank you!

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

Thank you to everyone for continuing to recommend new members. At the August meeting we voted in one new member. Please join me in welcoming **Jonathan Mangel**, proposed by member **Colleen Kraus McGuire**! Our current membership count is 143 and we hope to keep the new members coming! 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, or text or call me at 315-450-4655. 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. Since it is so late in the year, the dues paid from now till the end of 2022 will be considered paid for 2023. Applications can be obtained at any meeting or event, on our website at www.germanamericanscny.com, or by emailing us at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

We are very excited for the opportunities coming up for **Oktoberfest** collaborations this year. Please make sure you look at information about plans for participating in **Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewing** in Clay from 2 to 8 on October 1, and the **Oktoberfest at the NYS**

CLUB MEETINGS

Sep 15	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Oct 19	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Nomination Night, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Okt 1	Oktoberfest, Freight Yard Brewery, Clay, 2-8
Okt 15	Oktoberfest, NYS Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building, 11-5
Okt 16	Oktoberfest, NYS Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building, 11-5
Dez 11	Annual Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners

Fairgrounds Center of Progress Building event on October 15 to 16 from 11 to 5. (See the article on the State Fair Oktoberfest in this *Zeitung*). Please come to the September 15 Monthly Membership Meeting to obtain additional information on these two opportunities and to participate in the discussion. At that time your questions can be answered, and if you are able to volunteer, this would be a great time to sign up. We need you to come out and represent the Society and reinvigorate Oktoberfest in Syracuse!

Also, 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.

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*



Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest 2022

It's back! After a two-year layoff we'll once again be hosting the Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, on October 15 and 16 from 11 to 5 in the Center of Progress Building at the New York State Fairgrounds. The Oktoberfest will be held in conjunction with the Great New York State Marathon, which will be bringing over 1500 runners and their families to the fairgrounds that weekend. We will be serving the *Bier*, selling merchandise, and offering activities to help fund our great German Scholarship program. Best of all, we'll all be having a great time. Our own **Syracuse German Oktoberfest Band and Dancers** will be performing from noon to 4 both days!

More details will be coming in the next *Zeitung*. Also, be sure to follow our Facebook page for complete information over the next few weeks. Most importantly, though, we need *your* help! Pulling off this event will take a lot of teamwork from our membership, and *everyone*

can contribute. We will need pourers and servers to man the *Bier* taps, workers to staff our merchandise and information tables, and helpers for games and raffles, as well as for set-up and tear-down. This is *your* club, and everyone can make a big difference by volunteering a few hours of time. If you haven't worked on an event before (and even if you have), this is your chance to get actively involved, have fun, and meet some great people. So please, email us right away at cnygermansociety@gmail.com, message us on Facebook, or call or text me at 315-200-5209, and let us know that you are willing to make a difference.

House Committee

Please try to attend the September 15 **Monthly Membership Meeting**, at which time we will welcome your ideas and participation in planning for other events in 2022.

It looks like the **Christmas Party** has been tentatively scheduled for December 11 at the Syracuse Turners. More information will be available in future *Zeitungs*.

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*

September Presentation

At the September 15 Monthly Membership Meeting **Sally Frenza** will present a brief history of the German singing organizations in Central New York. Please plan to attend the 7 P.M. meeting to listen to this informative talk.

Sunshine Lady

This has been a quiet month with no illnesses or deaths. **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 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 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 the 21st year of the Scholarship Program in 2023 will be underway. This is a big financial undertaking for our organization. We will be participating in an Oktoberfest at the NYS Fairgrounds as noted in the article in this *Zeitung*. This will help with some of our expenses. 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 Oktoberfest and 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-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. The pins and the clothing will also be available at the fairgrounds during Oktoberfest on Oktober 15 and 16.

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be appointed at the September 15 Monthly Membership Meeting. If you would like to serve on this committee, please attend the meeting and volunteer.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominations for five Officers and five Board Members to be presented at the October Monthly Membership Meeting. There can also be nominations from the floor at the Oktober Meeting. Elections are in November.

It is not too early to think about helping out, as this is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to have a hand in who represents the membership. Give some thought to running for an office or board member to assist our organization to remain strong and grow!

From the Editor

Since we are now talking about Oktoberfest, I thought it would be a great time to once again run an article about how Oktoberfest got its start and how it is celebrated in Munich. Well, here's the rest of story:

When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and the Princess of Saxonia, Theresia, were married in Munich on Oktober 12, 1810, a national holiday was declared and the citizens were invited to the five-day wedding festivities celebrated in the fields outside the city's gates.

It's easy to get your name in print in the *Zeitung*. All you need to do is send in the \$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, and your name will appear for a year in the *Zeitung*. Please note "Patron" on the message line of your check. For current Patrons, we look forward to your continued patronage.

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The celebration was so popular that it became an annual festival in Munich with beer stands set up for townfolks to quench their thirst. The original beer stands gave way to large beer tents in 1896, and are still part of this elaborate and festive German celebration. Fourteen big tents each accommodate thousands of people seated at picnic tables inside and thousands more outside the tents.

Germany is famous for its beers and its beer-brewing purity laws. There are six breweries highlighted at Munich's Oktoberfest tents. Many revelers arrive at the beer tents in the morning to secure seats for the fun-filled days of drinking, singing, dancing, and eating.

Since the start of Oktoberfest, the dates have been changed from the original wedding date in mid-Oktober to September to have more favorable weather to celebrate the two-week-long festival.

In Munich the Oktoberfest usually starts on the third Saturday in September with the tapping of the first keg of beer by the mayor of the city to officially open the festivities.

Come on out on Oktober 1 at **Freight Yard Brewery** in Clay and enjoy their Oktoberfest. We will be present to spread the news and let attendees know that the German American Society of CNY is alive and well. Also, your help with the Oktober 15 and 16 Bavarian Oktoberfest at the NYS Fair Center of Progress Building will be greatly appreciated. Our organization is moving forward. Spread the word about these events. We need you!

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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The **Syracuse Turners** summer schedule is coming to an end, and they will be open additional hours as their fall schedule begins. Please contact them at 315-471-9851 if you would like information regarding joining the Turners, their activities, or their hours.

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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