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President's Report

I hope you all had a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to all the members, family, and friends who attended the December 11 Christmas Party. It was well attended and a lot of fun!

We are now at the start of a new year and a great opportunity to enter into many new adventures. Please plan to attend the January 19 General Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 N. Salina St., to share your ideas for future events and how you can help. It will be the installation of the 2023 Officers and Board Members. After our Monthly Membership Meeting there will be time to socialize with your friends in the German American Society as you enjoy the refreshments. This month we will take some time to listen to **Sally Frenza** present information and history on German-made automobiles.

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 January 19 meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

When you read this, I will probably be enjoying the Florida sunshine. While I'm away, please continue to bring in those new members and we will meet our membership goal! I know we can do this! We have great teamwork on our side!

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

Thank you for helping to increase our membership! See you when I return in the spring!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

First, I hope everyone celebrated a Merry Christmas, had a Happy New Year, and enjoyed connecting with family and friends.

Your club was busy planning and participating in community activities during 2022. See the "From the Editor" in this *Zeitung* for more information.

As always, the question is—what would *you* like to see us do in 2023? Share your ideas with the officers or directors, or give your feedback on our Facebook page, or better yet, attend our General Membership Meeting on January 19 and bring your ideas and let us know what you think. Our club can only be as good as *you* want to make it. Please feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances at our Monthly Meetings, or by email at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

I will have a report available at the January 19 meeting for anyone who would like a run-down on our financial status. Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Reminder: Please submit your 2023 annual dues payment by January 31. Dues are \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a household couple where both individuals are active members. Payments can be made at the January 19 Meeting or by mailing in a check. See below for the wording for the check and where to send it.

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday! It was great to see new and old members at the **Christmas Party**. We have at least one new-member application to present at the January 19 General Membership Meeting. During 2022 we voted in 41 new members. Thank you to everyone who continues to promote the Society and recruit new members. Also, please let us know what kind of events and presentations you would like to see this coming year!

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: 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 the *Zeitung* reaches you.

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee/Christmas Party

The December 11 **Christmas Party** held at the Syracuse Turners was a huge success! Having a social hour from 1 to 2 P.M.

CLUB MEETINGS

Jan 19	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 General Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 Installation of Officers and Board Members
Feb 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Mär 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 24	German Student Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
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worked out well, as it gave everyone a chance to find a seat, spend a little time with friends, and have a couple of snacks before dinner (maybe even an adult beverage from the bar). The pork dinner was enjoyed by all as there were many compliments on the dinner and desserts. Thank you to **Dave Gunter** and **Tina Higgins**, who helped in the kitchen along with **Scott Feldman**, who was a great help in organizing the food and getting it out so we could serve it. Thank you also to Scott's wife **Frankie**, who jumped in to lend a hand. **Sally** just kind of oversaw things this time, made the yams, and served. Working in the kitchen is work, but it's fun. Thanks, too, to Turner member **Chip Kraushaar**, who helped with set-up and clean-up. A thank-you to everyone who helped clean off the tables! Such teamwork is wonderful and a very positive reflection on our organization!

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived with gifts for the children up to age 12. We had a good turn-out of children this year and they sure appeared happy with the gifts Santa brought them as seen by the smiles on their faces! (See picture above.)

As usual, the auction was fun and, along with the 50/50 raffle, provided some revenue to help offset the cost of the party. **Eric Gang**, with the assistance of his wife **Katie**, acted as our auctioneer.

The **Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** from Utica performed during one of the band breaks. They ended their performance with a beautiful Austrian folk dance with the lights turned off and using lanterns. Thank you! Your performance was certainly enjoyed by all.

If you would like to be on the House Committee, please let us know at the January 19 General Membership Meeting held at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. Or if you would like more information, just give a call or text to Sally at 315-345-6253. We can use your help and suggestions. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

The following are proposed amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws which will be voted on at the January 19 General Meeting at the Syracuse Turners at 7 P.M. **Please attend this very important meeting to vote on whether to accept these amendments.**

Under Article 5—Membership, Sec. 5—Expulsion, Sub. (1)—Motion to Expel:

Delete: "Members whose dues are in arrears for twelve consecutive months after previous demand by the Secretary to pay shall lose their membership automatically."

Rationale: Article 6—Officers, Sec. 1—Duties of Officers, Sub. (4) Finance Secretary already says that "Members who do not pay their dues by March 15 will automatically be terminated without further notice." So, the sentence in Article 5 that is proposed to be deleted is contradictory and redundant.

Under Article 8—Elections:

In the fourth paragraph **Delete** "All officers and directors are exempt from dues and may succeed themselves in following elections" and **Substitute Therefore** "All officers and directors may succeed themselves in following elections, if nominated in accordance with this article."

Rationale: This was discussed when the dues structure was modified in 2020. Most officers and directors already pay dues voluntarily, and given the financial status of the organization, it doesn't make sense to exempt 15 of our approximately 160+ members from paying dues.

December Presentation

At our December 8 Monthly Membership Meeting our member/Financial Secretary **Nadja Allmann** provided us with information on gingerbread, the most popular confection made every Christmas by so many of us. It can be cut into cookie-shaped gingerbread men or cut into the various shapes needed to construct a gingerbread house. No matter how it is cut or shaped, it proves to be a tasty favorite.

January Presentation

At the January 19 General Membership Meeting, we will have a short presentation on the history of some of the German-made cars that we still see on the market today.

On January 19 we will be also be discussing topics of interest that you, the members, would like to have presented at our Monthly Membership Meetings.

Sunshine Lady

We were recently informed that member **Gracie Schell's** brother, **Paul Teeter**, passed away. A sympathy card was sent to Gracie. Our sincere condolences go out to Gracie and the family and friends of Mr. Teeter. Also, condolences to the family of **Elaine Marschall**, who was the widow of **Kurt Marschall**, who was one of the original founders of the Stein Club.

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

The applications and criteria for the 2023 German Student Scholarship Program will be sent to the four schools in Onondaga and Oswego County who teach German by the middle of January. **Scholarship Night** is planned for April 24 at the Syracuse Turners, so please mark your calendar. If you have never attended this wonderful event, why not make this the year? This is our twenty-first year of awarding scholarships!

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 at sallyzf@aol.com. I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

There are German-American flag pins for sale at \$3 and I will have these items at our meetings. The proceeds go toward the Scholarship program. Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Installation of Officers and Board Members

The Installation of Officers and Board Members needed to be postponed to the January 19 at the 7 P.M. General Membership Meeting. At that time Lifetime Member **Willi Rohrbach** will conduct the installation of the following Officers and Board Members for 2023:

Officers: President, David Gunter; Vice President, Bob Kraus; Treasurer, Jim Heckathorne; Secretary, Sally Frenza; Financial Secretary, Nadja Allmann.

Board Members: Austin Westphal, Susan Foster, Tina Higgins, Bill Nurk, and Frank Heine.

Thank you, Willi, for once again handling the nomination, election and installation of officers and board members for our organization.

From the Editor

This month I will give an overview of 2022. As mentioned by the Financial Secretary, we increased our membership by 41 in 2022. Unfortunately, the following members passed away: **Ronald Dolata, Walter Maier, Larry Crast, Jane Proper, Werner Buchmann, John Geiss, Richard Metz, Edward Loos, and Charles F. Anspach.** We also lost former Secretary **Erika Carneim.** Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences go out to their families and friends.

Last year also saw the German American Society of CNY increase our activities, assuring the community that we are alive and well! In May we held a member and friends' night in conjunction with **Danzer's Restaurant.** It was a lot of fun as we listened to **Al Piatowski** play his accordion while we sampled some of Danzer's German dishes and socialized with other members and friends.

We participated in a small **Oktoberfest** on October 1 that was sponsored by and held at the **Freight Yard Brewery** in Clay. We had an opportunity to sell some T-shirts, hats, and novelties. Any proceeds from our sales were put toward the Scholarship Program.

Our largest event was an **Oktoberfest** on October 15 and 16 at

the Center of Progress Building at the State Fair in conjunction with the **Great New York State Marathon's** charity event. We helped with their concession and food stand, sold German American Society T-shirts, caps, mugs, pins, and some "unique" novelties. We also offered raffles, games, and activities to help fund our great German Scholarship Program. There was a table with Scholarship information including the Scholarship Book. We were able to get the word out to the community that we are moving forward. We also recruited new members. The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers** performed from noon to 4 both days. People were really enjoying the dance floor and having a ball! We had stein hoisting and, of course, the Bier Puppet was there. What a blast! Looking forward to 2023!

Our Society events started with the 2022 German Student Scholarship Night on April 25. We awarded five \$800 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who met the criteria and were chosen by the Scholarship Committee. What a fun-filled night it was with the German dinner, dancing with the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers** and music by **John Besten** and **Ray Sturge.** The acceptance speeches by the recipients were great!

May 22 was the **Maitanz.** This event was well attended and loads of fun. The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers** were there to get people on the dance floor and entertain them. A pork dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

Our **Picnic** was on July 10 at Camp Brockway. Even though it was the middle of the terrible heat spell, people still enjoyed themselves. The Picnic gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy some German games and fun socialization!

Our last event of the year was the **Christmas Party.** (See the House Committee Report for the details.) All-in-all it was a busy year! We look forward to many more memories being made in 2023. Please attend the January General Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners and bring your ideas for what you would like to see us do in 2023.

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? A poem? Just let me know. My contact information is in this *Zeitung*.

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

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The **Syracuse Turners** are now operating on their winter schedule. Please contact them at 315-471-9851 if you would like information regarding joining the Turners, their activities, or their hours and Friday-night dinners.

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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