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President's Report

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended the **February Monthly Membership Meeting**. We accomplished a lot of business that evening. **Willi Rohrbach** installed the Officers and Board Members who will be serving the German American Society of CNY in 2023. Thank you, Willi! We also voted on the proposed amendment changes. There is an article about the outcome of that vote in this *Zeitung*.

Please plan to attend the **March 16 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. After our Monthly Membership Meeting there is 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 March 16 Meeting!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

So sorry to be missing the frigid temperatures and snow up north, but Corrine and I are enjoying the Florida sunshine. While I'm away, please continue to bring in those new members and we will meet our membership goal! The more members we have the more hands to help out. I know we can do this!

Thank you for helping to increase our membership!

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

See you when I return in the spring!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Reflecting on 2022, club members enjoyed a number of fun activities and events, and it was good to be getting together again frequently. From the perspective of the Treasury, once again the club ran a deficit for the year—we spent about \$4,000 more than we took in, which is unsustainable. What you can *you* do to help? First, keep paying your dues and recruit new active members; consider making a donation to help fund our biggest expense, which is our annual Scholarship program; and finally, get involved and share your time and talents to help us undertake fundraising projects. As always, please feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances at our Monthly Meetings, or by email at cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Reminder: Please submit your 2023 annual dues payment ASAP. Dues are \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a household couple where both individuals are active members.

Dues reminder letters and emails have been sent to anyone whose dues payments have not been received. Anyone whose dues have not been received by the March Meeting will no longer receive the *Zeitung* or be a member of our great organization. If you have any questions about dues, or if you have extenuating circumstances that may interfere with paying your dues, please reach out by email at cnygermansociety@gmail.com or by phone at 315-450-4655.

Please join me in welcoming new member **Nancy Skye**, who was voted into the membership at the February Meeting. We look forward to getting to know you! Thank you to everyone who continues to promote the Society and recruit new members.

If you have anyone to propose for membership, have the person complete a membership application and forward it along with their \$25 check for a single membership or \$40 for a household couple 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*

CLUB MEETINGS

Mär 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Apr 19	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Mai 18	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 24	German Student Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
May 21	<i>Maitanz</i> , Syracuse Turners, 1-6

House Committee

The date for the *Maitanz* has been set for May 21 from 1 to 6 at the Syracuse Turners. Social Hour from 1 to 2 seemed to work out well at the Christmas Party and we will continue that format as it gives people a chance to find a seat, have some snacks, mingle with friends, and maybe even purchase an adult beverage from the bar at a very reasonable price.

The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure, and the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers** will be doing the May Pole Dance. It will be a lot of fun!

More details will be forthcoming in the April and May copies of the *Zeitung*.

If you would like to be on the House Committee, please let us know at the March 16 Membership Meeting held at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. Or if you would like more information about being on the committee, or would like to volunteer 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, *House Committee*

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

At the **February Monthly Membership Meeting** we voted on the proposed amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws that were published in past copies of the *Zeitung*.

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.

This amendment was passed and the redundant sentence in Article 5 will be deleted from the Constitution and By-Laws.

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.

This amendment was defeated and Article 8—Elections will remain in its present form, allowing officers and board members to be exempt from dues and succeed themselves in following elections.

February/March Meeting Presentations

At the **February 16 Membership Meeting**, Sally Frenza presented an interesting overview on the history of German automobiles. The March presentation will be related to St. Patrick's Day. It will be fun!

At the **March 16 Monthly Membership Meeting** we would really appreciate your participation in discussing topics of interest that you, the members, would like to have presented at our Monthly Membership Meetings. Anyone is invited to do a presentation, so don't hesitate to volunteer.

Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card was sent to **Holly Gang** on the passing of her dear husband and our 104-year-old member **Bob Gang**. Bob and his wife Holly could be seen at our functions, out on the dance floor and surrounded by friends, even into his 104th year. Bob was not only a Lifetime Member of the German American Society, and a past singer in the **Arion Singing Society**, but also one of the founding members and President of the **Stein Club**. Whenever you saw Bob at any of our functions, you could be sure he would be wearing two things; his *Lederhosen* and a smile. Bob will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all of us in the German American Society. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to **Francis House**. We have sent a check to Francis House from the German American Society in memory of an unforgettable and wonderful man.

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 have been sent to the four schools in Onondaga and Oswego County who teach German. **Scholarship Night** is planned for April 24, 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! It promises to be another fun-filled night that highlights our great students of German and their wonderful teachers.

In addition to myself, **John Besten** and **Tammy Gondeck** comprise the Scholarship Committee. We have the difficult task of reviewing the applications to ensure they meet the criteria and then going over the information submitted by each qualified applicant to select the recipients of the scholarships.

The German Student Scholarship Night celebration is open to all, with any student of German, regardless of what grade they are in, and their teacher attending at no cost to them. I know I have said it before, but it doesn't seem possible that this will be our twenty-first year of awarding scholarships, and I have been fortunate enough to be involved in them all! German Student Scholarship Night is an evening that showcases our wonderful students of German.

The cost for German Student Scholarship Night will be \$15, except as mentioned above with students of German and their teachers attending at no cost. There will be a social hour with snacks, from 5 to 6, a buffet dinner from 6 to 7, and entertainment at 7 with the Scholarship Awards to follow. Each Scholarship Recipient will give a short acceptance speech in German and English. This is always a highlight of the evening. A flyer will be printed in the April *Zeitung* with all the details.

If you would like to help support our Scholarship Program, please 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/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 my sales pitch: The German clothing has been sold, but there are still German-American flag pins for sale at \$3 each and I will have these items at our meetings and events. The proceeds go toward the Scholarship program. Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Installation of Officers and Board Members

Due to the cancelation of the January meeting, the Installation of Officers and Board Members needed to be postponed to the February 16 Membership Meeting. At that time Lifetime Member and Chair of the Nominating/Election Committee, **Willi Rohrbach**, conducted 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. Bob Kraus, Jim Heckathorne, Nadja Allmann, and Frank Heine were unable to attend the meeting. However all officers and board members were affirmed into their respective offices by a vote of confidence by the members at the meeting.

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

From the Editor

First, here is the recipe for **German Apple Cake** submitted by our member, **Lucy Haag**:

Ingredients

1 cup oil	2 tps cinnamon
3 eggs	1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp vanilla	½ tsp salt
2 cups sugar	1 cup chopped nuts
2 cups flour	4 cups apples, peeled and sliced

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Beat the oil and eggs till frothy and add the vanilla.
3. Add the sugar, flour, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt and mix well.
4. Fold in the nuts and apples.
5. Grease and flour a 9 x 13-inch pan or 2 bread pans. Bake 1 hour.

Frosting: Blend 3 tbsps butter, 1¾ cups confectionary sugar, 1 tsp vanilla, and 8 oz cream cheese and spread on cooled cake. Enjoy!!!

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*. If you would like your patron to be in honor of or memory of someone, please note that. Also, please note Patron on the message line of your check. For current Patrons, please forward your check by March 15 to the address noted above. We look forward to your continued patronage. You can also pay at the March 16 Membership Meeting.

Please contact the Editor at 315-345-6253 or email at sallyzf@aol.com if you have any questions about advertising in the *Zeitung*, or becoming a Patron. Thank you.

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Now, moving on, I thought since that great Irish festival **St. Patrick's Day** is almost upon us, that I would look into this a little further. It is said that St. Patrick became a Christian in the fifth century and then proceeded to convert the Irish. The legend is that he used a shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the Celts, and it has been the national symbol since. The shamrock plays a leading role in St. Patrick's Day, from leading parades to hats, badges, and, of course, songs.

It's said that we Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a big way. But hold on a minute . . . can it be? A big celebration in Munich? Green abounds to celebrate St. Paddy! Munich's St. Patrick's Day celebration is one of the largest in Europe. (Those Bavarians love a good party!)

Irish people and Irish fans or wannabes have been celebrating in Munich since the 1990s. It started out as a small private celebration and quickly blossomed into a large, two-day festival. There is singing and dancing in the streets and an Irish Mass at St. Michael's Church. The Allianz Arena and the Olympic Tower are bathed in green light. I looked up the Munich celebration on the internet. Unbelievable! Green everywhere! People with faces painted like the Irish flag, a parade with Irish costumes, of course led by German "Irishmen" dressed in green and hoisting a mug of beer! It looks like so much fun! The number of people who were watching the parade in Munich and celebrating was unbelievable! I bet the *Hofbräuhaus* was jammed to the rafters. Irish jigs or *Schuhplattling*? Whatever the dance, whatever the beer, whatever the food, I'm sure everyone in Munich will party hearty!

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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Ham and Cabbage Dinner

The Syracuse Turners Honorary Society is holding a ham and cabbage dinner on Sunday, March 19, from 4 to 7 at the clubhouse, 619 N. Salina St. The cost is \$11, which includes ham, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and bread. Dine in or curbside are available. Please call the Turners at 315-471-9851 to reserve your dinner or with any questions you may have. There will also be special St. Patrick's drinks available at the bar.

The Syracuse Turners is now operating on their winter schedule. Please contact them 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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