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## President's Report

I want to thank everyone who attended the **German Student Scholarship Night** on April 24 at the Syracuse Turners. It was a great night enjoyed by all. See the article in this *Zeitung* for further details.

With the nicer weather we are starting to think about upcoming events for 2023.

Please plan to attend the **May 18 Membership Meeting** at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. At that meeting, **Financial Secretary Nadja Allmann** will present some of the highlights of her recent trip to South Korea.

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 May 18 Meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President's Report

Our time in sunny Florida went by way too quickly and it won't be long before we see you all again. When we return, I hope to see some new members. The warmer weather is upon us now and our events are starting up, including the **Maitanz** on May 21 and a possible **Oktoberfest** in the fall. So, let's get together and push those applications! I know we can do this!

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 all soon!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

## Treasurer's Report

At the **April Monthly Meeting**, the possibility of an **Oktoberfest** celebration this year was again reviewed. **Jim Heckathorne** recently spoke with **Dan Gustafson**, the representative with **Kelleigh's Cause/Marathon**. He was informed that they are still waiting for their permit from Onondaga County for use of the Amphitheater in October. If we—as a club—want to participate again with an Oktoberfest, we need somebody to step up and take charge. The first step would be a meeting with Dan to work out the arrangements, and then to establish our own committee and assign tasks. Lots to do...

This festival would be a good opportunity to raise funds for the club's major charitable endeavor: our annual **Scholarship Program**. However, putting on a quality event will require lots and lots of help with planning, coordination, and execution. Keep an eye on the *Zeitung* in coming months and when you see requests for assistance, please answer the call and be willing to share your time and talents for this good cause. 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](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com). Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to all who submitted their dues payments! The *Zeitung* Editor and I will be updating the membership/ mailing list this month. So, if you have not paid your dues you will be dropped from both the membership and the mailing list. The strength of our society depends on the participation of all our members, so if you just forgot to pay your dues, contact me. Your dues need to be sent in immediately.

We hope to see you at upcoming meetings and events and we welcome your suggestions and ideas! As noted above, we are working on an **Oktoberfest** in the fall. There are other opportunities in the talking stages to get our organization out there in the public eye.

We have no new members to present this month. 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.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com) or by emailing us at [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 the *Zeitung* reaches you.

Thank you.

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

## 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 so we will continue that format as it

### CLUB MEETINGS

Mai 18	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Jun 15	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Jul 20	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21	<i>Maitanz</i> , Syracuse Turners, 1-6
Sep 10	Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6

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. The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers** will be there to entertain you with a few of their dances, including the Maypole dance. It will be a lot of fun!

The menu will be ham and all the fixings, as well as soda, coffee, tea, and desserts. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Children ages 10 to 15 are \$10 and under 10 are free.

Please send your reservation and check to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105 by May 16. Please note "Maitanz" on the message line of your check.

If you would like to be on the House Committee, please let us know at the **May 18 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*

## May Meeting Presentation

At the **May 18 Monthly Membership Meeting** Nadja Allmann will do a presentation on her recent trip to South Korea. I'm sure it will be fascinating and very educational. You won't want to miss it!

At that 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

We recently lost one of our Complementary Members, **Margaret Ranz**, the wife of our former Board Member **Walter Ranz**, who passed away in 2008. They were both supporters of our organization and could be seen dancing and laughing at many of our functions. They are now once again together.

Just a reminder: Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, anniversaries, etc., to me at 315-468-4541.

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## Our 21st Scholarship Night

What a wonderful celebration the April 24 German Student Scholarship Night was! Everyone really was having a great time as noted by the smiles, laughter and cheers! Words cannot express how I feel about this German Student Scholarship Program. I have been involved for all 21 years. It seems like only yesterday when the first three \$500 scholarships were awarded on a snowy April night and here we are in the 21st year, awarding five \$1000 scholarships. Where has the time gone? In today's world when there is so much talk about the decline of the younger generation, on April 24, our students shone and proved that there are so many wonderful kids who deserve a ton of praise! It renews our faith in where our country is headed!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the event and to all the people who helped make this wonderful night happen: the kitchen crew **Tina Higgins**, **Jackie Schneider-Revette**, and **Dave Gunter**; **John Besten** and **Ray Sturge** for the instrumentals; **The Syracuse Liederverein Quartet**, who sang the *German National Anthem* and led us in *The Star Spangled Banner*, as well as singing a selection of German songs; and **The Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers**, who both entertained everyone with three traditional German dances, but also got the students up on the dance floor and involved in the Pretzel



# Maitanz!

Sunday, May 21  
1 to 6 pm  
Syracuse Turners

\$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers,  
\$10 for children 10-15, under 10 free.

Ham dinner and all the fixings,  
including dessert, soda, tea, and coffee.  
*Syracuse Oktoberfest Band* from 2 to 6.  
*Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers* will  
perform the Maypole Dance.

Reservations by May 16. Make checks payable to  
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Dance, which brought roars of laughter and a lot of picture-taking! Thank you, too, to Turner member **Chip Kraushaar**, who helped me set up the room, get organized, clean up, and do a lot of the heavy work that I can't do. Thank you, Chip, for help this year and in years past. I'm not sure who did all the table cleaning, etc., but whoever you are, I appreciated your help.

Thank you again to the German American Society of CNY who backs this program and enables it to go on every year. A huge thanks to the Scholarship Committee's **John Besten** and **Tammy Gondeck**, who worked with me to review the wonderful applications that met the criteria and choose the recipients of the 2023 Scholarships. This year's recipients are: **Elizabeth Conklin**, Baker High School; **Tucker Donath**, Mexico High School; **Clara Lear**, Fayetteville-Manlius High School; **Ruthie Taber**, Fayetteville-Manlius High School; and **Alexa von Holtz**, Mexico High School. Each student will receive a \$1000 scholarship.

Each recipient gave an acceptance speech, first in German and then in English. Their command of the German language was commendable! I could not have been prouder of these stellar students if they were my very own children!

I also owe a thank-you to **Kevin Quinn**, who was a past Scholarship Recipient and is currently a German teacher at Mexico High School. He addressed the German Student Scholarship Night attendees first in German and then in English, just as he had done years ago when he accepted his scholarship.

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. Since we are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, donations are tax deductible. 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. Watch for photos in the next *Zeitung!*

Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

As spring evolves around us, it is once again time to do a cleanup at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. Please attend the May 18 Meeting to obtain additional information on the monument cleanup date.

As you may recall, the Goethe and Schiller Monument Restoration Project was a joint venture between the German American Society of CNY and the City of Syracuse a few years ago. The area around the monument is paved with bricks that were purchased to commemorate family members, events, organizations, and other areas. The monument is located in Schiller Park on the north side of Syracuse.

## From the Editor

If you attended the April 24 German Student Scholarship Night and have any pictures you would like to share, please forward them to me at 315-345-6253 or sallyzf@aol.com. I would like to include them in the Scholarship Book.

Would you like your *Zeitung* sent via email rather than getting a paper copy in the mail? If so, please let me know at sallyzf@aol.com. If there is a large enough positive response, it may be able to start this summer.

May 14 is Mothers' Day, and a time to honor the person who brought us into this world or chose to be our mother through adoption or deep friendship. If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother with you, take this time to spend some time with her, send flowers, or give a call to express your appreciation for all she's done for you and to say those important words "I love you!" If your mother is now in her heavenly home, why not lay flowers on her grave, talk about her with friends and family to remember the good times and share a few laughs or tears? Happy Mother's Day to all mothers here on earth and beyond.

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 paid-up Patrons, thank you for your continued support!

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Now a little bit about a Bavarian celebration. May 1 is an especially important day there. In Bavarian villages it has been the custom for centuries to cut a tall and straight tree a day or two before May 1, place it in the middle of the village, and decorate it with a wreath of spring flowers and colorful ribbons. One of the traditions is to try to steal the Maypole of the neighboring village the night before, and to hold it for ransom, usually a couple of kegs of beer (could that be?!). At the same time, the villagers had to make sure their own Maypole was not stolen by their neighbors.

Another Bavarian tradition is the *Maibaumkraxeln* (Maypole climbing) contest. In many parts of Bavaria the guys battled to see who could climb up the shaven and polished tree trunk the fastest, a task made even tougher by soaping down the Maypole. The goal was to win the *Brezeln* and *Würste* (pretzels and sausages) that hang on top of the Maypole, and to impress the girls in the crowd.

Please plan to attend the *Maitanz* on May 21 from 1 to 6 at the Syracuse Turners to see **The Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers** entertain you with the Maypole Dance.

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*

## Seeking German Speakers

Emma Ticio, a professor of Spanish and linguistics at Syracuse University, is currently working on retrieving information and participants from different linguistic communities in the Syracuse area for a linguistic map project to document and preserve its linguistic richness. She is looking for two German speakers who are at least forty-five years old and have immigrated from Germany, Austria, or Switzerland, and have lived in the Syracuse area for a minimum of five years. Each speaker will be interviewed for a maximum of two hours in a public space and will be compensated at \$25 an hour for their participation in the interview. For more information, contact Emma Ticio at mticioqu@syr.edu or <https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/j/3737109557>.

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The Syracuse Turners continue to serve dinners and tavern food on most Friday nights from 5:30 to 7:30. Please contact them if you would like information regarding joining the Turners, their activities, or their hours and Friday-night dinners. Their number is 315-471-9851.

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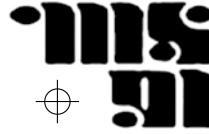


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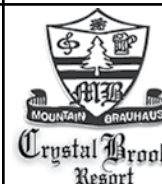


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