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President's Report

Although I was not able to attend the **Maitanz**, I understand that it was a lot of fun. See the article in the House Committee Report.

At the May meetings we discussed ways to get together in an informal manner over the summer and have some fun. Maybe meeting at the Turners on a Friday night for one of their activities. Even a cookout at one of our members' homes. Just something to help us stay connected over the summer as this year's **Picnic** isn't until September.

Please plan to attend the June 15 Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. At that meeting, **Treasurer Jim Heckathorne** will present some of the highlights of his recent trip to Sweden. We sure have some world travelers!

If you have any questions or suggestions for activities 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 June 15 meeting.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

We're back! I attended the May Board and Monthly Membership Meetings after going to the Turners a week early! Guess I was really anxious to get back into the swing of things. Ha ha! At the meeting I discussed the need to once again get going on the membership.

I brought some information to the meetings that I discussed on the German Society that I belong to in Florida. Are they ever active! There is something going on constantly. I'd like to see us work on membership and then get the new members to participate and help out with activities. New blood brings new ideas. Let's get together and push those applications! 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 all at the June 15 meeting.

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

I have no new information from **Dan Gustafson**, the representative with **Kelleigh's Cause/Marathon**. It appears that he may still be waiting for their permit from Onondaga County for use of the amphitheatre in October. If we—as a club—want to participate again with an Oktoberfest, we need somebody to step up and take charge. The time is getting short to plan and hold an Oktoberfest. So, if they get the permit, we will need to hustle to get everything done.

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. Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to all who submitted their dues payments! Those members who are not current with their dues have been dropped from both the membership and the mailing list. The strength of our society depends on the participation of all our members.

We hope to see everyone at upcoming meetings and events and we welcome your suggestions and ideas! As noted above, we are working on an **Oktoberfest** in the fall with **Kelleigh's Cause/Marathon**. Also, it looks like we will again be at the Oktoberfest on October 7 at the **Freight Yard Brewery** in Clay. We were there last year and had a ball, along with raising money for the Scholarship Program. We are looking for more opportunities 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, 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

CLUB MEETINGS

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
Aug 17	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 16	Syracuse Turners Steak Bake, 5-7 and Cornhole Tournament, 6:30
Sep 10	Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
Okt 7	Freight Yard Oktoberfest

that the membership list is kept current and that the *Zeitung* reaches you. Thank you.

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee

Although the *Maitanz* was not as well attended as some of our other events, it was a lot of fun! The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** sounded great, and had people up and dancing. The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers** did the maypole dance as well as a few other dances for the enjoyment of all.

Members **Bob and Helen Kline** celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary at the *Maitanz*. It was so special seeing them dance while the members made a circle around them on the dance floor! Happy anniversary Bob and Helen, and many more!

There were many compliments on the ham dinner, and there was enough left over for people to take home. There was also a dessert table with lots of take-outs. If anyone has pictures from the *Maitanz*, please send them to me and I'll include them next month. My info is below.

Our next event is the **Picnic** on September 10 at Camp Brockway. There will be more information in future copies of the *Zeitung*. It will be a fun time!

Over the summer we hope to get together for some informal activities, as mentioned in the President's report. See the article in this *Zeitung* about an event coming up at the Syracuse Turners. If you have ideas for some activities, please attend the June 15 Monthly Membership Meeting. We would love to hear your ideas. Let's have a fun-filled summer!

If you'd like to be on the House Committee, please let us know at the June 15 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*

June Meeting Presentation

At the June 15 Monthly Membership Meeting **Jim Heckathorne** will do a presentation on his recent trip to Sweden. 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

A get-well card was sent to member **Brigitte Niebuhr**, who was recently hospitalized. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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!

Thank you again to the German American Society of CNY who backs this program and enables it to continue each year. In case you missed the information in the May *Zeitung*, 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 \$1,000 scholarship.

As I promised in the last *Zeitung*, here are pictures from that wonderful event! The pictures are thanks to member **Gracie Schell** and **Elizabeth Conklin's Mom, Marie**.



Our Scholarship Program needs your help to keep it strong. 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.

Okay, now a sales pitch: Looks like I'm back in the clothing business! I have some donations of men's *Lederhosen*, shirt, hat, and jacket. Also, the most adorable size-3 girl's dress. I will bring these items to our meetings. You can also contact me if you're interested. There are still a few pins left, too!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

If you are on the north side of Syracuse and have a few moments, why not visit the monument? As you may recall, the monument restoration 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

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.

Fathers' Day is celebrated on June 18 this year, and it will be here before we know it. Below is a repeat of an article about Fathers' Day in Germany and Austria.

In Germany, Fathers' Day has two terms and/or events of an older origin that, while similar in name, have entirely different meanings.

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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Vatertag (fathers' day) is always celebrated on Ascension Day (the Thursday 40 days after Easter), which is a federal holiday. Regionally it's also called *Männertag* (men's day) or *Herrentag* (gentlemen's day). It is tradition to do a males-only hiking tour or day out with one or more small wagons (*Bollerwagen*), pulled by manpower. In the wagons are beer or wine (according to the region) and traditional regional food. Many men will use this day to get very drunk to the point of having gangs of drunken men roaming the streets singing and carrying on, causing much embarrassment to the more conservative German people who don't participate. The wives then have to go fetch their drunk husbands and bring them home. No children are allowed to go. Let's face it, German men today hardly need a holiday excuse to have a few drinks with their buddies, sing, and have a great time!

The Austrian Fathers' Day observance, while closer to the American holiday, is still not exactly the same thing. The date is also in June on the second Sunday, but the celebration has a slightly more religious connotation, something like a feast day in the Catholic church. Even more than in the U.S., the Austrian *Vatertag* ranks far lower in importance than *Muttertag*. The first observance of Fathers' Day in Austria was in 1956. Today it is similar to the U.S. Father's Day in that many Austrians give cards and presents for *Papi's* special day.

So on this Father's Day do something memorable for your father, or any father that you want to honor in a special way. If your father is in his heavenly home, perhaps you can take some flowers and visit the cemetery. Or maybe have a cookout and hoist a few in remembrance of fun times you shared.

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*.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

Members and Friends

Steak Bake and Cornhole Tournament

On June 16 the Syracuse Turners is holding a Steak Bake from 5 to 7 with a Cornhole Tournament to start at 6:30 at their club at 619 North Salina Street, Syracuse. It is open to all. The cost for the dinner is \$17 for Turner members or \$20 for nonmembers. I'm sure the food will be as great as always. It will be a fun-filled evening! Call the Turners at 315-471-9851 to make your reservation and get any additional details. You can also get details on other events and how to become a member.

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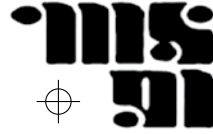


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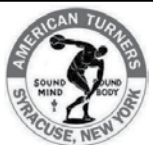
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