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President's Report

It looks like summer is here! It's time to work on some warm-weather activities and ways to make our summer enjoyable for everyone.

Please plan to attend the **July 20 Membership Meeting** at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. At that meeting, we welcome any suggestions for future activities or monthly meeting presentation ideas.

If you need anything that I can help you with, please feel free to contact me at 315-289-8145. The German American Society of CNY is here to support its members.

I hope to see everyone at the July 20 Meeting!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

Okay, here I go about membership again. I cannot stress enough how we each need to help promote our society through proposing our friends and family members for membership. We had a great start in the past, but the membership applications have almost come to a halt!

As I have mentioned many times, if each member would propose just one person for membership, we would meet our membership goal. I'd like to see us really work on membership. With the participation of new members comes more people to help with events and activities. New blood brings new ideas!

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. Thank you for helping to increase our membership! See you all at the July 20 Meeting!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

So far this year our organization has incurred expenses that exceed our income by over \$5,000, which is in large part a result of our **Scholarship Program**. As I have previously stressed, to keep this organization viable we need to increase our income through fundraising or seriously curtail our expenses, which could affect our college scholarship program. See the **Oktoberfest 2023** article in this issue to see how you can help.

We must all work together to raise funds to keep this wonderful 127-year-old organization moving forward with the goal of promoting our German heritage and culture. 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

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of their summer! At this time the Society has 149 members in good standing. We have no new members to present this month. As we get together with family and friends, please consider encouraging your circles to

join the society! The strength of our society depends on the participation of all our members, so we hope to see everyone at upcoming meetings and events as well!

At previous meetings there has been discussion about informal society gatherings to bring members together to socialize without a formal meeting or agenda. On Friday, July 21, from 5-7, the **Syracuse Turners** will be offering a tavern menu of clams, pulled pork, salt potatoes, and beans. We have rented part of the hall as a space for our members and their family and friends to come and enjoy each other's company and some yummy food and drinks! There is no cover charge to attend and food and drink will be available for individual purchase. We hope you consider stopping by even if it's just to say "hi" to friends.

Please attend the **July 20 Monthly Membership Meeting** and share information on any additional locations you would be interested in for future social nights!

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!

We hope to see everyone at upcoming meetings and events and we welcome your suggestions and ideas! A member is still needed to take charge of the October 14 & 15 **Oktoberfest** in partnership with **Kelleigh's Cause/Marathon**. See the article below about Oktoberfest. Also, it looks like we will again be at the **October 7 Oktoberfest** 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. Thank you.

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

CLUB MEETINGS

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
Sep 21	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 21	Social Gathering at the Syracuse Turners, 5-7
Sep 10	Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
Oct 7	Freight Yard Oktoberfest



House Committee

As noted in the June *Zeitung*, 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! See the photos above.

Our next event is the **Picnic** on September 10 at Camp Brockway. There will be more information in the August *Zeitung*.

Over the summer we hope to get together for some informal activities as mentioned in the Financial Secretary's report. If you have ideas for some activities please attend the **July 20 Monthly Membership Meeting**. We would love to hear your ideas. Let's have a fun-filled summer!

If you would like to be on the House Committee, please let us know at the July 20 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*

Oktoberfest 2023

Here is the good news about our plans for **Oktoberfest 2023**: We have a date! October 14 and 15, 2023. And we have a location! Lakeview Amphitheater. We have a great opportunity to raise funds to support our Scholarship Program!

Now for the not-so-good news: Despite repeated calls for members to help plan and execute the event, to date only two people have volunteered to serve on a planning committee, and no one has stepped forward to chair the Oktoberfest.

Unless we get a group of people willing to see this through we cannot put on an Oktoberfest this year and the opportunity that we have this year (zero cost to us for the site and parking) will likely never present itself again. Please don't assume that someone else will take care of this. Let us know (cnygermansociety@gmail.com) that you can help **YOUR** club out on this event!

At the June 15 Monthly Membership Meeting **Jim Heckathorne** did a very interesting presentation on the trip he and Krysa recently took to Sweden. His talk and slide show were great! Thank you so much Jim!

Meeting Presentations

Do you have an interesting hobby or recent event that you would like to highlight at one of our meetings? All you need to do is volunteer at the next **Monthly Meeting**, give the topic, and say what month you would like to do your presentation. Your participation is greatly appreciated. No experience necessary since we are an informal friendly group.

Or if you have a topic you would like to know more about, please bring it up and someone will do a presentation on it. Anyone is invited to do a presentation, so don't hesitate to volunteer.

Sunshine Lady

A sympathy card was sent to member **Brigitte Niebuhr** on the passing of her husband, **Gunter**. In years past he was seen at many of our parties and events helping out and enjoying the German music.

A sympathy card was also sent to member **Joseph Frenza** on the passing of his 102-year-old sister.

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

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

Our Scholarship Program

The 2023 German American Society Scholarship recipients will soon be heading off to college to begin the next chapter in their journey through life. We wish them the best and hope we hear about their college days.

We have a wonderful Scholarship Program that will be entering its twenty-second year in 2024! We not only provide scholarships but a wonderful, fun-filled evening for not just the scholarship recipients, but all students of German, their families, their teachers, as well as many guests.

However, to administer a program such as this is a costly undertaking for the German American Society. Hopefully we will be participating in an Oktoberfest this year to help fund our program. However, our Scholarship Program also 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! Thank you!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the Editor

We've been having some warm and sometimes hot weather here in Central New York these last few days. Nice weather for a picnic or backyard cookout. Let's see what happens in Germany during this time of year.

The average temperature in Germany during the month of July is usually in the low to mid 70s, with an occasional rise above or dip below these temperatures. In Germany, nice sunny days and mild temperatures call for a *Picnick*.

So let's get started. First we must gather up the food. Let's take *der Schinken* (ham), *die Bonbons* (sweets), *der Yoghurt* (yogurt), *der Käse* (cheese), *die Brötchen* (rolls), *die Frucht* (fruit), *die Schokolade* (chocolate), *der Salat* (salad) and, of course, *Bier, Wein, und Wasser*.

The weather is great today so we jump in our Volkswagen and head out on our adventure. Since we are in Hamburg, let's head out to Hiroshimapark in Kiel near Hamburg. The grass is green and there are so many beautiful trees. What a day! We spread out our blanket on the nice cool ground and set out our wonderful picnic foods. After we have our fill, including some liquid refreshments, have discussed all the various topics we enjoy, kicked around the soccer ball, and have sung a few folk songs, it's time to pack up the leftovers (which isn't much) and gather everyone in the trusty Volkswagen and head home.

As the sun is setting and we are back home relaxing, we think about our wonderful day, full of *Gemütlichkeit*, and reflect on how lucky we are to have spent time with those we love doing the things we love to do in our beautiful natural surroundings. *Wunderbar!* Maybe next *juli* we can expand our horizons and head to a different part of Germany, perhaps Bayern, and do some hiking and mountain climbing. So let's start thinking about where we'd like to go and where we'd like to stay. It will be fun and something to look forward to.

Do you have a topic you would like me to write about? Or do you have an article you have written and would like to see in print? Just let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

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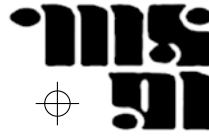
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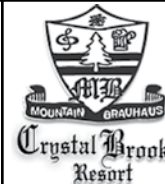


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