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## President's Report

I want to thank everyone who has continued to attend our Monthly Meetings. We are now in the midst of planning our **Annual Picnic**, scheduled for September 10 at Camp Brockway. See the write-up in the House Committee Report for more details.

Please plan to attend the **August 17 Monthly Membership Meeting** at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. We will not only discuss the Picnic, but also progress on the scheduling of our **Oktoberfest** in partnership with Freight Yard Brewing in Clay.

We welcome any suggestions that you may have 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 August 17 Meeting!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President's Report

You must be getting tired of me going on each month about the need to increase our membership. But it's a fact that we need to get new members. I cannot stress enough how we each need to help promote our Society through proposing our friends and family members for membership.

We are now working with **Freight Yard Brewing** on putting together an **Oktoberfest**. This will take a lot of volunteers. And where do they come from? Our membership! So please, if you are able, volunteer for this event.

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 at the August 17 Monthly Meeting!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

## Treasurer's Report

At our **July Board of Directors** meeting the difficult decision was made to cancel planning for the Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest in conjunction with Keileigh's Cause. The decision was made after much discussion about taking on such a large event, which would involve a very large cash investment on our part. This Oktoberfest had been proposed as a fundraising opportunity, but our investment in this large event at the Amphitheater would have been more than we could handle given our current financial situation.

Without a large fundraising event, the club may now need to make some difficult choices about future cost reductions, or come

up with other fundraising possibilities. Speaking of which, we are in the process of planning an **Oktoberfest** on a smaller scale with Freight Yard Brewing in Clay. We participated last year and it was a lot of fun and helped us to raise some money. More information at the August 17 Meeting and in the September *Zeitung*.

Please plan to attend the August 17 Monthly Meeting for a full report on our financial status.

As always, you can feel free to offer suggestions or ask questions about our club finances at our monthly meetings or by email at [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com).

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

We have two new-member applications to present at this month's meeting: **Peter Schneider** of Clay and **Marie Donovan**, also of Clay, both proposed by member **Jackie Schneider-Revette**. Please join us at this month's meeting to vote in our new members!

Also, please continue to encourage members in your circle of family and friends 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! We also want to hear from you about activities and events you would be interested in attending with the club!

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](http://www.germanamericanscnyc.com), or by emailing us at [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com). Don't forget to follow our CNY

### CLUB MEETINGS

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
Okt 19	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 Nomination Night

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 10	Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
Okt 14	Freight Yard Oktoberfest
Dec 10	Tentative date for the Christmas Party

# Club Picnic

Sunday, September 10

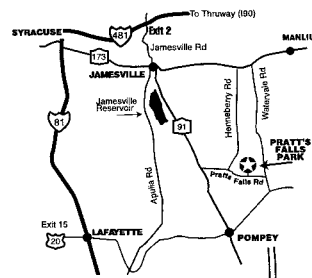
2 to 6

Camp Brockway

No charge for members.  
\$25/person or \$40/domestic couple.

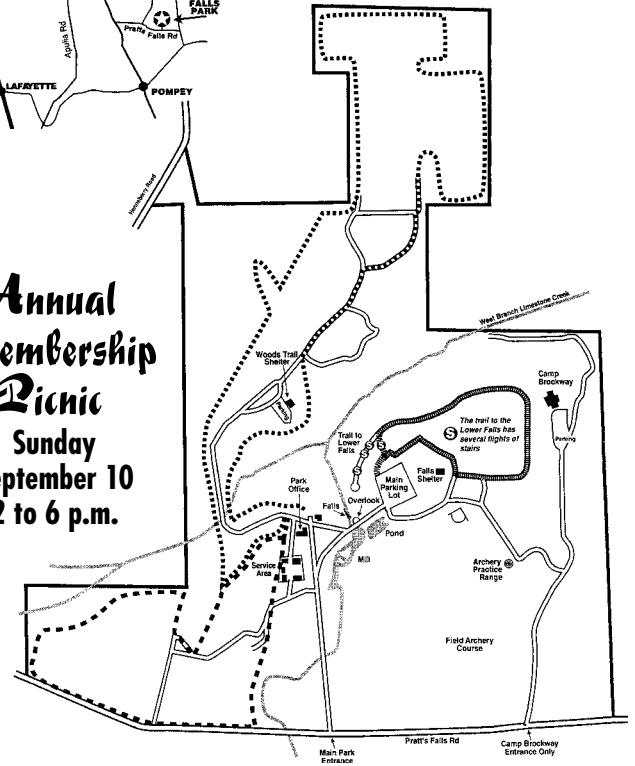
Become a member for the picnic fee for this event only. The fee will carry membership through 2024.

The German American Society will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst, beer, wine, soda, and rolls. Members are asked to please bring a salad or a dessert to share.



## Directions to Camp Brockway

**Annual  
Membership  
Picnic**  
Sunday  
September 10  
2 to 6 p.m.



Call or text Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253 to let her know how many people are attending and what you're bringing so she can plan for the food and drinks.

Games, raffle, German music, and fun!

Come enjoy the *Gemütlichkeit!*

German American Society Facebook page and let us know what kinds of information and content you would like to see posted! Thank you.

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

## House Committee

Our next event is the Picnic to be held on September 10 at Camp Brockway. (Please see the flyer and map in this *Zeitung*). There is no charge for members in good standing. There is a fee of \$25 per guest or \$40 for a domestic couple. Guests can become members for the picnic fee. The fee will cover membership for the rest of 2023 and also for 2024. This deal is only offered at the Picnic. There will be applications available at the Picnic.

Please contact Sally by call or text at 315-345-6253 with the number of people attending and what you are bringing, so the correct amount of food and drinks can be purchased and we have a variety of food from members. Also, as always, we are looking for people to help set up and cook. So if you are able to do either of these tasks, please let Sally know.

There will be fun games, a raffle, and some great *Gemütlichkeit*. There will be CDs of German music for your enjoyment. We tried this a couple of years ago and it worked out very well.

Come join the fun on September 10! Won't be the same without ya!

If you would like to be on the House Committee, please let us know at the August 17 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 at our events, just give a call or text to Sally at the above number. We can use your help and suggestions. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

## 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 just volunteer at the Monthly Meeting, give the topic, and what month you would like to do your presentation. No experience necessary as 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, or suggest a topic, so don't hesitate to volunteer.

## Sunshine Lady

Sympathy card was sent to member and longtime Board Member **Susan Foster** on the passing of her husband, **Brian**. Our sincere condolences are with Susan and her family at this most difficult time.

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 Scholarship Program

I am once again reminding everyone about our 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, and their teachers, as well as many guests.

However, to administer a program such as this is a costly undertaking for the German American Society. We are planning an event with **Freight Yard Brewery** as a way to help raise

funds to help with the Scholarship Program. But our Scholarship Program could use *you* to keep it going 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, here comes the sales pitch! I have a donation of a man'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 in purchasing any of these items. There are still a few pins left, too, at \$3 a piece!

Thank you for your support!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewing

As noted above, we are now in the process of planning an Oktoberfest in conjunction with **Freight Yard Brewing** in Clay. The Oktoberfest Committee has met and is going full speed ahead.

Please attend the **August 17 Monthly Membership Meeting** to get further details. Several volunteers will be needed to make this a successful venture, so please consider spending some time at the event as a festival volunteer.

## From the Editor

This month I decided I would write about a couple of events that go on in Germany in the summer. The first is the *Berliner Bierfestival*, which was started in 1997. When people think about large beer festivals in Germany, the first thing that pops up is Munich's Oktoberfest. However, the Berliner Bierfestival that takes place the first weekend in August is also huge.

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 ad to be in honor of or in 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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This free festival offers 300 brewers from 87 different countries and 2400 different variations of *Bier!* (Oh my!) It is estimated that about 1 million people attend this event over the three-day weekend.

The festival is held at the Karl Marx Allee in the middle of Berlin, where it is hailed as having the longest beer garden in the world, and holds the official Guinness World Record for such.

After sampling some of the many, many beers (how would you even know where to start?), it's time for music and dancing. There are 18 stages for music, ranging from regional bands, covers, and *Schlager*, a type of European popular music focusing on love and feelings. Imagine what tons of people who have sampled some of the world's best beers would look like dancing until midnight each of the three days! I think it means tons of fun and *Gemütlichkeit!*

The second event is the *Elbjazz Festival*, which was organized in 2010 and takes place in June in Hamburg's port area. It offers jazz, blues, and soul along the Elb, and is one of the biggest jazz festivals in Germany. There are 50 international musical acts; something to appeal to everyone. The acts can be found on stages at unique and unusual venues in Hamburg's port area, from the shipyards to the majestic Elbphilharmonie Concert Hall, Hamburg's newest cultural landmark.

To add to the unique maritime festival, special launch boats transport festival attendees between the different venues. Imagine the ambiance of that! Wonderful and varied music along with beautiful views of a great port city. What a memorable adventure this would be! I'm ready, how about you?

I hope you enjoyed reading this month's "From the Editor," as much as I enjoyed researching these events and putting the huge amount of information into short written form for you.

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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