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President's Report

Looks like we are moving ahead. Please plan to attend our **Annual Picnic** scheduled for September 10 at Camp Brockway. See the write-up in the House Committee Report for more details. Also, the plans for our partnership with Freight Yard Brewing in Clay for the October 14 **Oktoberfest** are being finalized.

Please plan to attend the September 21 **Monthly Membership Meeting** at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for more details on the Oktoberfest. Volunteers are needed for this great event, so please sign up for one of the time slots noted in this *Zeitung*.

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 September 10 **Picnic** and the September 21 **Monthly Membership Meeting**.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Membership, membership, membership! I can't emphasize it enough that we need everyone to push those applications and promote our wonderful organization. Enough said. You have heard it all. Now please get those applications in!

We are now working with Freight Yard Brewing on 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.

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 September 21 **Monthly Meeting**.

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

At our August Meeting, the Board of Directors discussed how the club needs to initiate fundraising possibilities to sustain the viability of our organization. We will also need to discuss possible future cost reductions. These discussions will continue in September, and input from the membership is welcomed.

We are getting ready for the **Oktoberfest** scheduled for Oktober 14. This event will help raise awareness of and funds for our **Scholarship Program**. It is very important to have a successful Oktoberfest as it is a fundraising event. You will make this happen by volunteering. Please see the article on the Freight Yard Brewing Oktoberfest in this *Zeitung*.

As always, please feel free to offer suggestions or ask questions about our club finances at our Monthly Meetings, or by email at cnygerman.society@gmail.com. Thank you!

Please plan to attend the September 21 **Monthly Meeting** for a full report on our financial status.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Please join me in welcoming our two new members, **Peter Schneider** and **Marie Donovan**, both proposed by member **Jackie Schneider-Revette**. We look forward to meeting you!

We are excited to see our members at the upcoming **Picnic** at Camp Brockway on September 10th and **Oktoberfest** with Freight Yard Brewing on October 14. Please contact Jackie Schneider-Rivette at 315-885-4517 and let her know if you can volunteer your time at Oktoberfest to help us make it a great event and raise money for our student Scholarship Fund. We will need people to help direct parking, sell merchandise and snacks, promote 50/50 raffle tickets, and coordinate *Stein* hoisting and the *Bier* puppet! The volunteer times and other information can be found in the Oktoberfest article in this *Zeitung*.

Please continue to encourage 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! 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.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!

We will also have membership applications at the Picnic and a special membership promotion available to those who sign up at there. Please see the House Committee Report for more information. Thank you.

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee

Our next event is the **Picnic** to be held on September 10 from 2 to 6 at Camp Brockway. (Please see the flyer and map in this *Zeitung*.) There's 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, which 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.

CLUB MEETINGS

Sep 7	Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Liverpool Library, 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
Nov 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 Election Night

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 10	Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
Okt 14	Freight Yard Oktoberfest, 2-8
Dez 10	Tentative Date for the Christmas Party

Club Picnic

Sunday, September 10

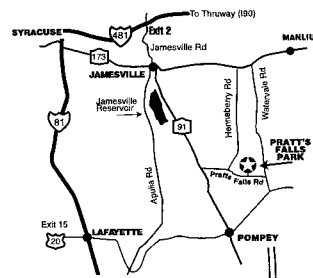
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Camp Brockway

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

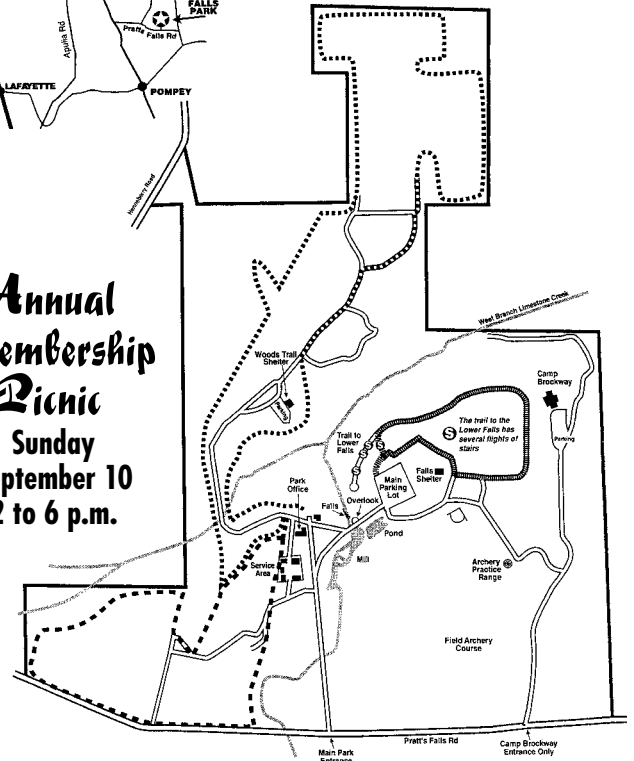
Become a member for the picnic fee for this event only. The fee will carry membership through 2024.

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!*

Please contact Sally by phone or text at 315-345-6253 with the number of people attending and what you're bringing so the correct amount of meats and beverages can be purchased and we have a variety of food from members. The German American Society will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst, red cabbage, sauerkraut, beer, soda, wine, and water.

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 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 September 21 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 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

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

As noted in last month's *Zeitung*, I am once again reminding everyone that our wonderful **Scholarship Program** will be entering its twenty-second year in 2024! We typically not only provide scholarships

but a wonderful, fun-filled evening for not just the scholarship recipients, but all students of German and their teachers at no cost to them. Guests, families, and German American Society members who attend pay a nominal fee.

To continue to administer a program such as this is a costly undertaking for the German American Society. We are planning an event with Freight Yard Brewing as a way to help make the community aware of our organization and to raise funds to help with the Scholarship Program. However, our Scholarship Program could also use your financial support to keep it going strong. If you would like to help, 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 *Tracht* jacket. Also, the most adorable size-3 girl's dress. New German items have recently been added. There are two size-14, beautifully embroidered *Dirndls*, a lovely skirt and blouse, size-10, with a sweater, and several blouses sizes 12 to 16, as well as a white, lace-trimmed apron. Prices are very reasonable and negotiable. German-American flag pins are available for \$3. If you're interested in purchasing any of these items, please just call or text me at the above number. The clothing and pins will also be available for purchase at the Oktoberfest. All proceeds from the sale of the clothing and pins goes to help fund our Scholarship Program.

Thank you for your support!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewing

It's all in the air and Oktoberfest is coming!

As noted above, we are now knee-deep in planning the Oktoberfest in partnership with Freight Yard Brewing on Route 31 in Clay for Saturday, October 14, from noon to 8. The Oktoberfest Committee is moving forward with what will be a fun time for all ages. **The Syracuse Oktoberfest Band**

and Dancers will be performing; *Liehs and Steigerwald's* food truck will be serving German specialties; there will be T-shirts and other merchandise for sale; the *Bier Puppen* will be there to challenge all takers; *Stein* hoisting; a raffle; children's activities; games; and of course, Freight Yard's great beer, including a special Oktoberfest beer.

For a successful Oktoberfest volunteers will be needed. Volunteer times are 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. AND 3 TO 7 P.M. **Contact Jackie Schneider-Revette to sign up for a time slot.** Help will also be needed to help pack up that evening after Oktoberfest is over. Volunteering helps to form a bond with other volunteers that cannot be described!

Several volunteers will be needed to make this a successful venture, so please consider spending some time at the event as a festival volunteer. It will be fun!

More information will be available at the September 21 Monthly Membership Meeting. See you there!

Reminder About Nomination Night

It's not too early to start thinking about running for an Officer or Board Member position for 2024. All Officers are up for nomination, as well as five Board Member positions. To run for office, a member must be a member in good standing of the German American Society of CNY for one year at the time of the election. Nominations will take place at the October 19 Monthly Membership Meeting.

From the Editor

Since we are so close to Oktoberfest time, I thought I would provide a little information on the present-day Oktoberfest in Munich, as well as the history of Oktoberfest.

The Oktoberfest in Munich runs for three weekends in September, but always ends with the first Sunday in Oktober unless the first Sunday is before Oktober 3, which is German Unity Day. German Unity Day is the Anniversary of East and West Germany's reunification in 1990. It is celebrated as the National Day of Germany, and this year extends the Oktoberfest since the first Sunday in Oktober is Oktober the first, and two days short of Unity Day. That gives this year's celebrants two more days to party! I'm sure there are no complaints there! Therefore, the 2023 Oktoberfest in Munich commences on Saturday, September 19, and continues to Tuesday, Oktober 3.

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* through December 31. 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!

For anyone who takes out and pays for a new business or patron ad after Oktober, the ad will run through December 31, 2024.

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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No beer will be served until after the parade where the owners and landlords of the beer tents make their grand entrance atop fancy carriages drawn by horses decked out in all kinds of ribbons and elaborate head and body gear. It is estimated that about 1,000 people participate in the parade with bands, dancers, and others led by *Münchner Kindl*. At noon the Lord Mayor of Munich taps the first keg of Oktoberfest beer inside the Schotthenhamel Tent and yells "O'Zapft is!" (It is tapped) and the beer starts to flow, and the festivities begin.

But how did this wonderful festival that draws people from all corners of the world begin? When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and the Princess of Saxonia, Theresia, were married in Munich on Oktober 12, 1810, a national holiday was declared and the citizens were invited to the five-day wedding festivities celebrated in the fields outside the city's gates. The celebration was so popular that it became an annual festival in Munich with beer stands set up for town folks to quench their thirst. The original beer stands gave way to large beer tents in 1896, and are still part of this elaborate and festive German celebration. Fourteen big tents each accommodate thousands of people seated at picnic tables inside and thousands more outside the tents.

Germany is famous for its beers and its beer-brewing purity laws. There are six breweries highlighted at Munich's Oktoberfest tents. Many revelers arrive at the beer tents in the morning to secure seats for the fun-filled days of drinking, singing, dancing, and eating.

Since the start of Oktoberfest the dates have been changed from the original wedding date in mid-Oktober to September to have more favorable weather to celebrate the two-week-long festival.

Oktoberfest is not just the celebration of the famous wedding, it is a spirit and wonderful feeling between old friends and new friends and family. Strangers become friends when the music and dancing start. It is a warm wonderful feeling that words cannot describe. It gives true meaning to the word *Gemütlichkeit!* Come share the warmth and excitement that only Oktoberfest can provide!

If you are able, to volunteer at the Oktober 14 Freight Yard Brewing Oktoberfest, please contact Jackie Schneider-Revette at 315-885-4517. See the Freight Yard Brewing article above for the times and other information.

When not volunteering, bring your family and friends to enjoy the *Gemütlichkeit*, singing, dancing, laughing, eating, and everything that makes our festival and celebration of our heritage so great. Everyone is Bavarian at Oktoberfest! Enjoy! *Ein Prosit!*

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or anything German, Swiss, or Austrian that you would like me to write about, or if you have an article, recipe, or poem you would like to see in print, please let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

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