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President's Report

The Holiday Season is almost upon us. People are busy with their preparations or visiting family. That is why I missed the November meeting. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving *und auch ein Fröhliches Weihnachtsfest und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr!*

I hope to see many of you at our annual **Christmas Party** on December 14.

Since there is no meeting in December, I look forward to the New Year and a new season of fun and *Gemütlichkeit*.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

As I noted last month, we will be purchasing new grills to enhance our food productivity at **Oktoberfest** and to ensure that the customer lines move along in a more timely manner. Right now we are just waiting on the old grills to be assessed for credit against our purchase of the new grills.

Discussion with Parks and Recreation regarding the dates for Long Branch have determined that we will have either the first or third weekend in August for our 2015 Oktoberfest. As soon as I know for sure, I will note it in the *Zeitung*.

The first Oktoberfest Committee Planning Meeting will be coming up in the next few months. If you would like to serve on the Committee, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please give me a call at 675-8321.

See you at the **Christmas Party** on December 14 and at the General Meeting on January 15.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President, Honorary President & Oktoberfest Chair*

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the General Meeting on January 15 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 622-2658.

Thanks and have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you at the General Meeting.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

There are no new-membership applications to post this month.

If you have any friends or family members who would like to join our great organization, please have them complete a membership application and send it to me along with their \$25 check made out to The German American Society of CNY. My address is: The German American Society, c/o June Pardue, 692 Idlewood Blvd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Just a reminder: The year is quickly coming to an end, and it's time to think about paying your 2015 membership dues. They are due on January 1, and need to be paid no later than January 31 to keep your membership current. If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761.

See you at the Christmas Party on December 14 and the January 15 General Meeting!

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The next event is our **Christmas Party** on Sunday, December 14, at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 2 to 6. Dinner will be ham, veggies, potatoes, and salad. We will be a little short on desserts, so it would really be appreciated if you're able to please bring a dessert to share.

Admission to the party is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children 10 to 15 pay \$5 and children under 10 are free. Please send reservations with a check or money order by December 7 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205. For more information, call me at 491-2573.

Please call or email me (omib21@aol.com) the ages and names of children from babies to 12 years old by December 4 as Santa will be bringing them a surprise!

We will also be having our annual auction. If you are

CLUB MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE: There is no Board or Monthly Meeting in December

Jan 15 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
General Meeting & Installation of Officers,
Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dez 14 Christmas Party, Liverpool Fire Hall, 2 to 6

able to contribute it would be great. Donations can be baked goods, crafts, a Christmas item, or anything you wish to bring. The auction is always a lot of fun and helps us raise a few dollars to help offset the cost of the party.

The Enzian Bavarian Quartet will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. I hope to see you all at the party!

I would like the House Committee to be at the Fire Hall by 1 P.M. for setup.

Just a reminder: Our activities are open to the public, so feel free to invite your family members and friends.

Any questions about the House Committee or our activities, please give me a call at 491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

This month I am sorry to report that our long-time member, Board Member, and singer, Helen Allman, has passed away. Condolences were given to her family at the hour of remembrance hosted by her son Julius on November 20.

Also, our prior member and former Board Member John Holihan passed away on November 21.

Please contact me at 468-4541 to report any illnesses, surgeries, deaths, anniversaries, monumental birthdays, or other events deserving of a card.

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

Election of Officers and Board Members

The following Officers and Board Members were elected at the November 20 Monthly Meeting:

Officers:

President—Willi Kreuzer
Vice President—Klaus Raith
Treasurer—Jim Kozlowski
Secretary—Sally Frenza
Financial Secretary—June Pardue

Board Members:

Bill Nurk
Ken Blechl
Dick Schoeck
Sue Foster
Bruce Barnes

These individuals will be installed at the January 15 General Meeting.

Thank you to everyone who turned out and voted at the November 20 Monthly Meeting!

Scholarship Committee

I have been informed that the Board of Directors has recommended that a scholarship be created in **Helen Allman's** name. The scholarship will be funded partly by the German American Society, and partly by donations from members and friends. So, if you would like to donate for this scholarship, please send your donation to The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Please note that it is a scholarship donation in honor of Helen Allman.

Also, I will be contacting the Scholarship Committee members around the first of the year to confirm their continued involvement on the Committee.

Scholarship Night will be Monday, April 27, 2014 at the Syracuse Turners. There will be more information at a later time.

Please contact me with any questions at 345-6253 or sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Committee Chair*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

It's hard to believe, but Christmas is almost here! Why not purchase a brick or two or three at the Goethe and Schiller Monument? What a great Christmas gift that would be for a loved one or organization! A single brick is \$50, 2 bricks are \$75, and 3 bricks are \$100, with each additional brick being \$30. Please call me at 451-1848 for further details or to get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or online at germanamericanscny.com.

As you may recall, bricks have been sold to help offset the cost of the Goethe and Schiller Monument Restoration Project that was a joint venture between the German American Society and the City of Syracuse a few years ago.

If you have any questions about the monument or the bricks, please give me a call.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

Holiday Extravaganza at Long Branch Elementary School

The German American Society has once again been invited to participate in the Holiday Extravaganza at Long Branch Elementary School. The event will be on Thursday this year, December 11, from 9 A.M. to approximately 3 P.M. It's a great opportunity to tell the students about some German traditions and to have them participate in singing Christmas songs in German. Klaus Raith brings his zither, and the students really enjoy watching him play and taking a look at an instrument they may never have heard of or seen before. Gracie Schell, Klaus, and I usually sing a couple of carols.

The day starts with coffee and bagels at 9 and the first segment is at 9:30. Each segment is about 20 minutes long and includes students from K to 6, each at their own individual time. Lunch is provided by the school.

If you are interested in participating in this fun day, or would just like more info, please contact me at 345-6253 or e-mail sallyzf@aol.com. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA

Syracuse Pops Chorus Concert December 7

Enjoy the sounds of the season in a concert of inspiring Christmas music by the talented Syracuse Pops Chorus. Please invite your friends and family to attend the concert being held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 873 Dewitt Street, Syracuse, on Sunday December 7 at 4 P.M. There will be a reception following the concert. Suggested donation

is \$10 for adults; children are free. For additional information, please call the church office at 479-9912.

From the Editor

It's the most wonderful time of the year, as a famous Christmas song says. The Christmas shows on TV and carols on the radio started even before Thanksgiving was here. Black Friday has passed and we are all now up to our elbows in thinking about what to do, what to buy, where to go, what to prepare for Christmas dinner, and all the other stressors that we feel this time of year. But it is also a great time of year: We get together with friends we may not see often, spend time with our families creating new memories and discussing Christmases that have passed and the people who were there, sharing laughs and sometimes shedding a couple of tears for those we miss. We have cards to write and send either by snail or e-mail to let people know we're thinking about them and wish them Holiday greetings.

This is also a time of year to reflect on what Christmas really means and why we celebrate. Sometimes it feels like the real reason for the season is lost in the flurry of shopping, baking, and cooking in preparation for the big day. So as we prepare to celebrate, let's take a minute or two to reflect on what this event that we prepare for weeks ahead of time means, and what we are really celebrating.

Whatever your beliefs or background, take the time to celebrate with family and friends, and start by attending the German American Christmas Party on December 14.

I was reading through a book the other night called *The Joys of Christmas*, which is a collection of all kinds of Christmas facts and traditions. I came across this Christmas trivia and thought it would be fun. Now, don't peek at the answers!

1. Which state has a town named Santa Claus?
(a) Vermont, (b) Colorado, (c) Maine, or (d) Indiana
2. What color is Santa's belt? (a) Green, (b) Red, (c) Black, or (d) White
3. Who gave Santa the nickname Kris Kringle?
(a) Charles Dickens, (b) Martin Luther, (c) Charles Schulz, or (d) Grover Cleveland

Your name could be here! \$15 for Patrons, \$10 for Sponsors, for one year. Send your check made payable to the German-American Society of CNY, attn. Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

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4. What do they call Santa Claus in Chile? (a) Old Man Christmas, (b) Señor Santa, (c) Claus the Good, or (d) El Claus
5. What is the rabbit's name in the holiday TV special "Frosty the Snowman"? (a) Roger, (b) Hocus Pocus, (c) Thumper, or (d) Peter

Wasn't that fun? The answers are found later in this *Zeitung*.

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*

Members and Friends

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We really need your help and participation! Sängerfest is coming up next year and is being held in Utica. We would like to be a part of it as we have so many times in the past. But we can't do this without new members. Some members asked why there have been no concerts over the past year. The answer is that we need you to sing with us to help our chorus take its place again among the award winners!

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus is always looking for new singers of all ages. You don't need to be able to speak or understand German to join our group. All you need is a love of singing and the desire to preserve a very important part of German culture: singing. The chorus sings not only German songs, but also songs in English, and sometimes other languages. It's really fun!

If you would like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. We would like to begin our Monday evening rehearsals again soon.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy. You may contact the clubhouse at 735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Answers to the Christmas trivia:
1:d; 2:c; 3:b 4:a; 5:b. How did you do?

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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