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President's Report

Greetings from Deutschland!

I hope you all had a great time at the **Maitanz**. It was a wonderful celebration over here.

It won't be long now before the **Annual Picnic** at Camp Brockway. You don't want to miss that event!

I hear the **Oktoberfest** plans are moving along real well. See Klaus's report for an update.

We'll be heading back to the States real soon. See you at the June Monthly Meeting!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Well, we're in full swing for the 2014 **Oktoberfest** to be held on August 16 and 17 at Long Branch Park from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Setup will be on August 15 and teardown on the 18th.

The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, June 12 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. If you have ideas or are interested in serving on the Committee, please plan to attend the meeting.

2014 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, August 16

- Noon-2 The Liverpool Community Band
& the Deutscher Gesangverein Men's Chorus
- 2-3 Edelweiss Schuhplattlers from
the Utica Männerchor
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians—David & Paul Jackman
Face Painting by Jan Jaeger
- 3-7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers

Sunday, August 17

- Noon-2 The Liverpool Community Band
& The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus
- 2-3 The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers from
the Utica Männerchor
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians—David & Paul Jackman
Face Painting by Jan Jaeger
- 3-7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
- 7 Raffle and closing ceremonies

It's not too early to start thinking about where you can help out at Oktoberfest, as it is only a little over two months

away and getting here very quickly. This year, each area captain is asked to secure the volunteers for their respective areas. Here is the list of captains and their contact information. Please contact the captains for more information regarding volunteering in their areas:

Money & Tickets: Henry & Mary Pfaff, 437-8746

Setup & Security: Bill Nurk, 487-2472, & Eric Gang, 479-8281

Kitchen: Brigitte Niebuhr, 469-5304, & Ken Blechl, 458-6102

Beer & Wine: Mickey & Pat Palumbo, 622-9145

Bakery: Harold Smith, 676-3393

Limburger/Soda/Water: John Ott, 428-8764

Raffle/Advertisement/Promotion: June Pardue, 412-1761

Volunteers: Henry and Mary Pfaff, 437-8746

Parking: Eric Gang, 479-8281

Hospitality: Helene Smith, 673-1002, & Margaretha Micho, 468-4541

Money Counting: Mary Pfaff, Sue Foster, & Betty Huppmann, 437-8746

Grounds Chairman: Bill Nurk

If you want to volunteer but are not sure where, contact Henry and Mary Pfaff (437-8746). There will also be a volunteer form in the July *Zeitung*.

Even though the planning is moving along very well, there is still plenty of work to be done. So if you are interested in helping out, please attend the June 12 meeting.

If you have any questions about Oktoberfest that I can

CLUB MEETINGS

- Jun 12 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7
- Jun 19 Board Meeting, Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7
- Jul 10 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners 7
- Jul 17 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul 6 Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
- Aug 16 & 17 Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park 11-7

help you with, please just give me a call at 675-8321 or attend the Committee Meeting. Thanks.

KLAUS RATH, *Vice President & Oktoberfest Chair*

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the next Monthly Meeting on June 19 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 see you at the meeting.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

At the May 15 Monthly Meeting we had three applications submitted for membership: **Greta Casselmon** and **Donna Casselmon** of Cicero, sponsored by Mark Schumacher; and **JoAnne Barnes** of Syracuse, sponsored by Bruce Barnes. We will vote on these applications at the June 19 Monthly Meeting.

Just a reminder: Guests who pay \$15 to attend the **Annual Picnic** can join for the \$15 fee. This is the only time new members can submit an application without paying the usual new-member application fee of \$25. The 2015 dues of \$15 will then need to be paid in January.

Or, if you have any friends or family members who will not be attending the picnic but 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

Please attend the June 19 Monthly Meeting for a run-down on our current membership numbers and any new applications.

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761.

See you at the meeting.

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The **Maitanz** is over, and I hope everyone who attended had a good time. There was a wide variety of food to enjoy.

The next event is our **Annual Picnic**, coming up on July 6 at Camp Brockway from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. All members are free, so please bring your membership cards with you. Guests pay \$15 at the door and can become a member for their entry fee. (See the note in the Financial Secretary's Report).

The kitchen will be open from 2 to 4. We will serve Bratwurst, hot dogs, hamburgers, Sauerkraut, red cabbage, and German potato salad. As we have in the past, we ask everyone to please bring a dish to pass. Kids 13 to 18 years old pay \$5. The **Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. The House Com-

mittee should arrive by 12:30 for setup. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

Any questions call Brigitte at 491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

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*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Believe it or not, it is almost summer. I want to make everyone aware that there is still an opportunity to purchase a brick at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. A single brick is \$50, 2 bricks are \$75 and 3 bricks are \$100, with each additional brick being \$30. These bricks can be purchased to honor or memorialize a loved one, friend, organization, etc. Please call me at 451-1848 for further details or get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or online at www.germanamericanscnyc.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.

We also are asking for help to clean up around the bricks at the monument. If you would like to spend a little time at the monument doing clean-up and maintaining the area around the bricks, please let me know. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Happy summer!

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

German Student Scholarship Night

I have received some wonderful thank-you notes from our Scholarship recipients, as well as some great photos, that will be entered in the Scholarship Book. One student even sent a 5x7 photo of us standing in front of the German and American Flags, with Klaus's zither on the right.

This was our 12th Scholarship year, and what a journey it has been! I am honored and pleased to remain active in this cherished event. It hardly seems possible that so much time has gone by and so many wonderful students have been honored over the years.

The students have begun to send in the required college documentation, and it is expected that the \$850 checks will go out in July at the latest to our 6 scholarship recipients.

German Student Scholarship Night is always a great time and a wonderful way to honor all our students of German and their teachers. These students are our future!

If you weren't able to attend this year's Scholarship Night, why not plan for April 27, 2015?

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

I want to say thank you again to everyone who attended the April 28 celebration. Your support of our program is really appreciated.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Members and Friends

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We sang at **Scholarship Night**, and it felt so good to be singing together again. But, to keep going we need your help and participation! **Sängerfest** is coming up next year and we would like to compete. 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 to 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!

We are currently regrouping and hope to start rehearsals again soon. If you would like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. Rehearsals are typically held on Monday evenings at 7 P.M.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

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

From the Editor

This month's topic is Father's Day, June 15. Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.

Father's Day was founded at the YMCA in Spokane, Washington, in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. The first cel-

ebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1920. Her father, who was a Civil War veteran, was a single parent who raised six children. After hearing a sermon about Mother's Day in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should also have a holiday to celebrate them.

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official. But Congress resisted, fearing it would become commercialized (Imagine that!). President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but a formal proclamation was not issued. After two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday were defeated in Congress, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal in 1957 accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for forty years while honoring mothers. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, and designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Then, six years later, President Richard Nixon signed it into law. And you know the rest of the story: neckties, cookouts, etc.

Now, let's fast forward to Germany. In Germany, Father's Day (Vatertag) is celebrated on Ascension Day (the Thursday 40 days after Easter) and is a federal holiday. It is also called Men's Day (*Männertag*), or Gentlemen's Day (*Herrentag*). This is the day when the men get to do whatever they want. Many of the men pull their small wagons, *Bollerwagen*, filled with wine or beer, and have a great time sharing the day and having some great male bonding.



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Changing Roles

Father's Day has been around for more than 100 years. Although the rituals haven't changed much, the role of dads has. Half a century ago, fathers were often aloof authority figures for their children. Seldom were they as close with their children as in this picture from the 1940s of actor Dieter Borsche playing with his sons.



Modern Fathers

Today, men in Germany are more involved with the family than they were a generation ago. They help with household chores these days, which takes some of the pressure off partners and mothers, who often have jobs outside of the home. In a few instances, the roles have even been swapped and the women work, while men stay home, cooking and caring for the children.



"Top Dad"

Being a modern father can even involve special rewards. Eric Freywald, for example—here with his daughter Jette—was named Dad of the Year in 2013. A German company awards

the prize to men who “are there for their children and support their wives.”



New Family Concept

In 2004, Germany changed its adoption laws, extending the right to same-sex couples. Since then, the classic concept of mother-father-child family has been expanded to a family with two fathers, or two mothers.



Once a Year

Regardless if a father is “new,” or gay, single, or a traditional husband and provider: Father's Day is for all dads to celebrate.

So, however you want to celebrate with the fathers in your life, give them the recognition they deserve. And have fun!

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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