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President's Report

There is only one way to say it: What a great **Oktoberfest** we had! I believe a great time was had by everyone. My thanks go out especially to all the volunteers that made this Oktoberfest one of the best.

One of the highlights that all the visitors seemed to enjoy especially were the dancers, both our own **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** and the group from Utica. The children of the **Utica Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** naturally stole the show, and we should all be proud of them. Please come back again next year!

The hard work by a few paid off. But now we have to work on how we can improve the minor incidents that caused a few headaches. One thing is for sure: More volunteers are needed to set up and tear down the equipment. It seems that it is always the same people doing this work. I would like to see more people come forward and pitch in to help. Even this task can be fun. You get to know people and even learn some new things.

Please attend the September Meeting and start thinking about possibly running for office or for the Board. You'll find more information regarding the nominating committee and elections later in this *Zeitung*.

Hope to see you all at the September 18 Monthly Membership Meeting!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

I don't know where to start in thanking everyone who volunteered at our **Great Syracuse Oktoberfest**. The Area Captains and their crews, the many people who volunteered for the setup and tear-down, wherever you volunteered, **Thank You** from the bottom of my heart!

The weather was with us and we had a great festival. It was just wonderful to see everyone coming together to make this the best Great Syracuse Oktoberfest in recent years! Our attendance was up and everyone really seemed to be enjoying themselves. It will probably be about two months before the results are in on how much money we made to help support our many projects like the **Scholarship Program**, and donations to such organizations as the **Food Pantry** and other charitable organizations, so please be patient.

I would like to have an Oktoberfest wrap-up meeting on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 at the Syracuse Turners. Please plan to attend so we can discuss what we did well and where we can make some improvements for next year. So if you have ideas, please join us. You don't need to be on the Committee to come and voice your opinion and ideas.

Thanks again to all, and I hope to see you at the September 16

Wrap-Up Meeting and the September 18 Monthly Membership Meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the next Monthly Meeting on September 18 at 7:00 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 see you at the meeting!

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

We had 6 applications for membership posted in the July *Zeitung*: **Shantella Ellick**, Syracuse; **Steve Schneid**, Rome; **Helga Beck**, Skaneateles; **Aaron Stukey**, Syracuse; **Sylvia Herrmann**, Syracuse; and **Janet Hamly-Ott**, Syracuse. Since we didn't have a Monthly Membership Meeting in August, these applicants will be voted on at the September 18 Monthly Membership Meeting.

We also had applications from the Oktoberfest that will be posted in the October *Zeitung* and voted on at the November Monthly Membership Meeting.

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.

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Sep 16 | Oktoberfest Wrap-Up Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7:00 |
| Sep 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:00
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7:00 |
| Okt 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:00
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7:00 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Okt 11 | Oktoberfest Volunteer Party, Liverpool Fire Hall, 6-10 |
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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

Oktoberfest is over and what an **Oktoberfest** it was! We were so busy in the kitchen we hardly had time to breath. I would like to thank all the Kitchen Volunteers. Many of the Volunteers worked more hours than their scheduled shifts to move the food lines along as quickly as possible and get people served. Thank you so much!

Now, to thank all the Volunteers in all areas for their help, the German American Society of CNY is having a **Volunteer Party** on October 11 from 6 to 10 at the Liverpool Fire Hall. Volunteers are free, but if you bring a guest, there is a \$12 charge in advance or \$15 at the door.

Reservations are a must for volunteers and their guests. If you are bringing a guest, please send a check or money order to Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, New York 13205 by October 6. The checks or money orders need to be made out to: The German American Society of CNY.

Entertainment and dancing is being provided by **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet**. So unpack those dancing shoes, because it will be a great night of singing, dancing, and fun.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, please give me a call at 491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Volunteer Thank-You Party

As noted in the House Committee report above, the Volunteer Staff party is October 11. **Erika Carneim** is in charge of getting the tickets out to the volunteers. If you volunteered at least four hours at the Oktoberfest, and you have not received your ticket by October 1, please contact Erika at 463-4304.

Thank you, Erika, for taking on this task once again!

Oktoberfest Raffle

This year's raffle was handled by **June Pardue**, with assistance from **Bruce Barnes** and his daughter, **JoAnne Barnes**. Bruce was out in the crowd every minute selling raffle tickets, dressed in his authentic Bavarian outfit. His daughter JoAnne was at the table where the drum of tickets was, dressed in her beautiful *Dirndl* and pushing those raffle tickets.

Now for the winners: 1st prize was \$500, won by Tom Kearney of Camillus; 2nd Prize was \$300, won by Lisa Jacobson of Manlius; and 3rd Prize was \$200, won by Kathleen Denham of Syracuse. Congratulations to our raffle winners!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who purchased tickets, and to June, Bruce, and Joanne!

Sunshine Lady

This was a quiet month. Hopefully our members will continue to stay healthy.

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

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Well, our August Oktoberfest is over, and it's almost autumn already. Hard to believe, isn't it? I just want to remind everyone 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 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, which 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 do a fall clean-up around the bricks at the monument. If you would like to spend a little time at the monument doing the clean-up and maintaining the area, please let me know. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please call me at 451-1848.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

German Student Scholarship Program

It took me a while, but I updated the Scholarship Book with all the pictures and notes from the **2014 Scholarship Night**. It should only have taken me about a half hour, not two. But I stopped and looked at each picture and re-read every note, letter, and certificate that we have received over the last twelve years of our program. I'm not ashamed to say that I had tears running down my cheeks as I reviewed everything. I am so proud of what we do for the students.

Anyway, I placed the book at the end of the Hospitality Booth at Oktoberfest. It really received a lot of attention. People seemed very impressed at this wonderful Scholarship Program we have for the graduating students of German. I spent quite a bit of time discussing the Scholarship Program with the individuals looking at the book. People seemed very interested in the program, and they had a lot of positive comments regarding our program and asked a lot of questions.

Thanks again to the Scholarship Committee who make this program work and to everyone who supports it. One of our past Scholarship recipients sought me out in the crowd to let me know how she was doing and that she is continuing her German studies in college. Isn't this what it's all about?

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.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be appointed at the September 18 Monthly Membership Meeting. If you would like to serve on this committee, please attend the meeting and volunteer.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominations for Officers and Board Members to be presented at the October Monthly Membership Meeting. Elections are in November.

Please think about helping out as this is a great opportunity

for anyone who would like to have a hand in who represents the membership.

From the Editor

Help Needed for the Zeitung

I first want to thank **Henry and Mary Pfaff** for all their help over the years in getting the *Zeitung* folded, labeled, and off to the post office so everyone can read their paper each month. I write and edit, but without the help of Henry and Mary, the paper would not make it to your mailbox. But sadly, they have decided that it's time to retire.

So, that leaves a big void that needs to be filled. If you have the time to help get the paper out, please let me know. The Board agreed at the last Board Meeting that the *Zeitung* will be folded at FedEx Office before it's picked up. That's one part of the job done, so the remaining tasks will be to pick up the *Zeitung* after the printing and folding, check the labels for accuracy, put them on the *Zeitung*, sort by ZIP code, and take the papers to the post office where they are sent out bulk mail.

If you have some free time, please consider helping out. The organization really needs your assistance. Contact me at 345-6253 if you have the time.

Oktoberfest

Our **Great Syracuse Oktoberfest** is over. It was wonderful to see how the members and friends, both young and not so young, pulled together to make this Oktoberfest so great. Thanks to everyone.

I know that there have already been a lot of thank-yous, but I want to add one more. I'm sure we all agree that a special **Thank You** should go to **Klaus Raith**, who, for the umpteenth time, oversaw this celebration of our wonderful German heritage and culture. The *Gemütlichkeit* that was shared was just wonderful. And, without Klaus's leadership and hard work, this would not have been possible. As Klaus would say, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart!" This one's for you!

Back to School in Germany

Since this is return to school time all over the world, I decided to take a look at a tradition in Germany that is really a great way to help the little ones going to school for the first time get rid of that first-day anxiety. It's done with a *Schultüte* (school cone), or as it is called in some parts of Germany, a *Zuckertüte* (sugar bag). This is a paper bag in the form of a big cone.

When the children in Germany and Austria set out for their

first day in school upon entering the first grade (Kindergarten is like our pre-school) their parents and/or grandparents present them with a big decorated cardboard cone filled with toys, chocolates, candies, school supplies, and various other goodies. Sometimes there are even CDs, books, and even articles of clothing. The children are excited to get the cones, and it makes the first day of school very special for them.

This tradition has reportedly been going on since the nineteenth century. Why not start this great tradition here in the U.S.? I'm sure the children would love it. Think about it and just look around and you can already see cones filled with goodies. At the NYS Fair, there were cones for sale filled with all kinds of sugary nuts, candies, and other sweet things. Now, where do you think the idea for those cones came from? Maybe the same place as Christmas trees, the Easter bunny and a lot of other things.

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*

Members and Friends

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We sang at **Oktoberfest** and it felt so good to be doing it 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 7:00.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

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

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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