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President's Report

I want to wish everyone *ein Glückliches Neues Jahr*. Gloria and I spent a wonderful Christmas season with family and friends, and I hope you all had an opportunity to do the same.

I was happy to see so many of our members, families, and friends at the Christmas Party. It was great!

With a new year comes a new season of fun and *Gemütlichkeit*, and I am looking forward to it.

In January our General Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. It is also the installation of the officers elected at our November Monthly Meeting. Hopefully I will see many of you at the meeting.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

I have discussed the dates for the 2015 Oktoberfest with the Parks and Recreation Department and we will have Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, at Long Branch Park. We will set up on Friday and tear down on Monday. I'm happy to have the dates firmed up so that now we can move on with planning for our great event.

I will post the date of the 1st Oktoberfest Committee Meeting in the next *Zeitung*.

If you would like to serve on the Oktoberfest Committee, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please give me a call at 675-8321.

See you 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. Hopefully I will have a complete report of the Oktoberfest revenue.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 622-2658.

Thanks. 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 2015 membership dues are due. They remain at \$15 for renewing members. Last January at the General Meeting an Amendment to The German American Society of CNY Constitution and By-Laws was passed and stated that all annual dues must be paid by January 31 of the membership year. If the dues are not paid by that date, an invoice will be sent by the Membership Committee reminding any unpaid member that his or her membership dues are past due, and that the dues must be paid by March 15 in order to remain a member in good standing. After March 15, any member who has not paid his or her dues will be automatically dropped from membership without further notice. If any prior member wants to rejoin The German American Society of CNY, he or she must come in as a new member.

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761 or ask me at the General Meeting on January 15.

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Jan 15 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
General Meeting & Installation of Officers,
Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Feb 19 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Apr 27 | Scholarship Night |
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From the House Committee

Swant to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Party on December 14. We had a great turnout and everyone looked like they were having a good time. Klaus's band kept people moving.

There were a lot of laughs during the auction. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Eric Gang for another great job as our auctioneer. This year's auction was a huge success.

Thank you also to the House Committee who did a wonderful job in getting everything ready, including decorating the tables. I appreciate your help.

I'm looking forward to much success in 2015.

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*

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 MICHÓ, *Sunshine Lady*

Installation of Officers and Board Members

The following Officers and Board Members will be installed at the January 15 General 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, and Bruce Barnes

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. Donations may be sent to The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Please note on your check 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.

The Scholarship Applications will be going out in February. At this time the number of scholarships to be awarded and the monetary amount for each has not been decided.

Scholarship Night is Monday, April 27, 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

While 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.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 once again participated in the Holiday Extravaganza at Long Branch Elementary School. The event had a delay due to snow, but the Extravaganza went on!

Klaus Raith, Gracie Schell, and I provided the students of grades K-6 a glimpse into Christmas in Germany. It was great fun. As usual, the students kept us on our toes.

Here are some of the activities we did with the students: Klaus started out by having one or more of the students in each group point to Germany on a world map. He described the Christmas Eve custom in Bavaria of the cannon being shot off and then skiing down the mountain holding a torch. (Sounds much more impressive than the luminaries we put out!)

Gracie told the students about Christmas Eve in Austria and finally seeing the tree when the parlor door was opened. (That must have been real exciting!)

I told the story of the candy cane, and each student was given a candy cane when they were getting ready to leave the room. They also learned how to say Merry Christmas *auf Deutsch*.

The students listened and heard about German customs and traditions and sang a few carols, some in German. Klaus Raith brought his zither, and the students

really enjoyed watching him play and taking a look at an instrument they may never have heard of or seen before. By the time each group of students left the room, they had a candy cane in hand and *Frohe Weihnachten* on their lips.

Thank you Gracie and Klaus for continuing with me in this venture. It is a great way for the German American Society to reach out to the community.

SALLY FRENZA

From the Editor

Since I generally write about events in Germany, I thought that this month Austria would be highlighted, as every winter they host hundreds of balls. The balls are usually opened by a Polonaise, which is a slow, stately dance of Polish origin. There are then speeches, a midnight quadrille (a sort of square dance performed by couples) and the crowning of the Belle of the Ball.

The most famous ball is the Viennese Opera Ball, where the members of high society, along with a crowd of high-society wannabees, dance and socialize the right way." (Are all the other wonderful balls the "wrong way"?)

There are sparkling balls held everywhere in Austria. Many balls are sponsored by professional groups ranging from confectioners to hunters, pharmacists, coffee house owners, and engineers. The ball season officially ends in February with an array of carnival balls (*Fasching* is near!). The balls go on until early morning, and it is said that if the Fairy Godmother was Austrian, she never would have dreamed of telling Cinderella she had to be home by midnight!

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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Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We really need your help and participation! *Sängerfest* is coming up this year and is being held in Utica in June. 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, and time is getting short.

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!

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

The Utica Männerchor will be holding a *Fasching* on February 14 from 6 to 10 P.M. Fritz's Polka Band will be playing.

For more information about *Fasching* or any other upcoming events at the Utica Männerchor, located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy, just contact the clubhouse at 735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Patrons & Sponsors Please Note: If you want to continue with your sponsorship of the *Zeitung*, please forward the \$15 check made out to The German American Society of CNY to the Editor with a note on the check that it's for your 2015 sponsorship. Thank You!

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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