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of the German-American Society of Central New York

## März 2015

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## President's Report

February! Did everyone have enough of that month? The weather was just terrible, with all the snow and cold. The weather also canceled our February Monthly Meeting. The Board was able to reschedule and met on February 26. The Board approved my appointment of **Bruce Barnes** as our new Treasurer and **Rita Knapp** as member of the Board of Directors. Please welcome them both and give them your support.

The **Bockbierfest** at the Liverpool Fire Hall is coming on March 21 (please see the House Committee Report later in this *Zeitung* for details), and I wish for everyone to have a good time. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend, but I will be thinking of you all. I am leaving for South Carolina and I'll be back in April. Therefore, I also will be missing the March meeting, but it will be in good hands with our Vice President conducting the meeting.

I want to encourage you all to attend the Monthly Meetings to obtain the most up-to-date information on what is happening with the German American Society. Why not also think of volunteering for the various committees that make our society work? Help is always appreciated.

So stay warm, think Spring, and I will see you in April!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

Everything is moving along great with the **Oktoberfest** planning. The first Oktoberfest Committee Meeting that was held on February 17 went very well and a lot of business was taken care of.

The entertainment is set, the tents are taken care of, and other areas are being firmed up. I'm working on getting a German vendor. We're going to sell glass steins with our logo on them. Buy a stein and get a domestic beer free. We plan to have a sample of our T-shirt available for view at the next Monthly Meeting. So, as you can see, things are falling in to place, but there's still a lot to do.

The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 17 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

If you would like to serve on the Oktoberfest Committee, or if you have any questions or suggestions, give me a call at 675-8321, or just come to the March 17 meeting.

Also, please plan to attend the Monthly Meeting on March 19 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

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

## Treasurer's Report

A special thank-you should be given to **Jim Kozlowski** for all his hard work and dedication as Treasurer for the German American Society. Because of his commitment, this has been a smooth transition into the position of Treasurer. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the auditing committee for a job well done. Because of their team effort, along with the assistance of my daughter, **JoAnne Barnes**, I feel confident to move forward and serve you all to the best of my capabilities as Treasurer for the German American Society.

From now on, all bills and financial communication can be sent in care of Bruce Barnes at 27 Water Street, Baldwinsville NY, 13027. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to me at 635-1624.

Please attend the March 19 Monthly Meeting for a complete report of our financial status.

Thank you!

BRUCE BARNES, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

At the rescheduled Monthly Meeting on February 26, the Board voted to accept **Larry Crast** (proposed by **Nancy Crast**) as a member of the German American Society of CNY. Welcome Larry!

If you have any friends or family members who would like

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Mär 17 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7:00                         |
| Mär 19 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:00<br>Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7:00 |
| Apr 14 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7:00                         |
| Apr 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6:00<br>Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7:00 |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mär 21 | Bockbierfest, Liverpool Fire Hall, 6-10  |
| Apr 27 | Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9 |

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 now past due. Letters were sent out to members who had not paid their dues. The dues 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 dropped automatically 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. So, if you haven't paid your dues, please send them to me immediately to remain in good standing.

I want to thank the members who have already sent in their 2015 dues.

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761 or speak with me at the March 19 Monthly Meeting.

Thanks!

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, THE BOCKBIERFEST HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SATURDAY, MARCH 21.**

Our next event is the Bockbierfest on March 21. It is being held at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 6 to 10 P.M. **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing. Admission will be \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Kids under age 10 are free, and kids ages 10 to 18 are \$5. The menu will be Bockwurst, hot dogs, potatoes, salad, vegetables and dessert. Bockbier, beer, wine, soda, and bottled water will be available for a small donation.

Please send reservations with checks made out to The German American Society of CNY by March 17 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, or if you would like to serve on the House Committee, please give me a call at 491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

This was a quiet month with no cards going out.

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

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## Help Needed to Contact Our Advertisers

The *Zeitung* is in need of someone to contact our advertisers for their renewal for 2015. It would involve sending out invoices and keeping track of who has renewed. If you can take on this responsibility I would really appreciate it. Please give me a call at 345-6253 as soon as possible if you can volunteer for this job.

Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship applications have gone out to the schools. At this point, the number of scholarships or the amount of each of these scholarships has not been determined. Any donations toward the scholarship to honor our members who passed away in 2014 should be made out to the German American Society of CNY and sent to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Please make a notation on the check that it is for the Memorial Scholarship.

Scholarship Night will be on Monday, April 27, at the Syracuse Turners, from 5 to 9 P.M., so please mark this event on your calendar. There will be a dinner, entertainment, and of course, awards. It is a fun night and a great way to honor all students of the German language. Any student of German can attend at no cost. There will be more information on Scholarship Night in the April *Zeitung*.

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

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Committee Chair*

## Children Needed

I am in the process of starting a children's dance group. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or know of a child who would like to participate in the Enzian Bavarian Children's Folk Dancers and learn the wonderful traditional dances of Bavaria, please give me a call at 675-8321 for more details. Children of all ages are welcome.

KLAUS RAITH, *Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Spring will be here before you know it. Yes, the first day of spring is only a couple weeks away. Time to start thinking about purchasing 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 on-line at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://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*

## From the Editor

**Want to start with a reminder to anyone who has not paid for their 2015 PATRON listing in the *Zeitung*, to please send the \$15 check made out to the German American Society of CNY to me at my address as noted in the *Zeitung*, or you can pay at the March Monthly Meeting. If you did not pay by the end of February, your name will stay on for one more month, but then, if not paid in March, it will be removed. Thanks to the Patrons who have already paid for 2015.**

Now, moving on: I thought that since the great Irish Festival of St. Patrick's Day is almost upon us, I would look into it a little further. It is said that St. Patrick became a Christian in the fifth century and then proceeded to convert the Irish. The legend goes that he used a shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the Celts, and it has been the national symbol since. The shamrock plays a leading role in St. Patrick's Day, from leading parades to hats, badges, and of course, songs.

It is said that we Americans really celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a big way. But, whoa, hold on a minute...can it be? Yes, there is a big celebration in Munich! Green abounds to celebrate St. Paddy! Munich's St. Patrick's Day celebration is one of the largest in Europe. (Those Bavarians love a party!)

Irish people and Irish fans—or wannabes—have been celebrating in Munich since the 1990s. It started out as a small private celebration and quickly blossomed into a large, two-day festival. In 2014 there was a Parade from Münchner to Odeonsplatz. There was singing and an Irish Mass at St. Michael's Church. The Allianz Arena and the Olympic Tower were bathed in green light. I looked up the Munich celebration on Facebook and I couldn't believe my eyes. The number of people who were watching the parade in Munich and celebrating was unbelievable! The crowd was elbow to elbow. I bet the Hofbräuhaus was jammed to the rafters! Irish jigs or Schuhplattling? Have to go find out. Whatever the dance,

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whatever the beer, whatever the food, I'm sure everyone in Munich will party hardy!

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or any topic that you would like me to write about, or if you have an article you have written and would like to see in print, just let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Members and Friends

Looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday-night dinner? Why not try out the Syracuse Turners? They have really great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a very reasonable price. There is always a special. Just give the Syracuse Turners a call at 471-9851 and they will let you know what the Friday-night special is.

### **Syracuse Liederverein Chorus**

We have been asked to again sing at Scholarship Night on April 27 at the Syracuse Turners. Let's plan on doing it! Some nice German folksongs for all to enjoy.

Although it looks like we won't make it to Sängerfest this year, we sure would like to start up again. 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**

In celebration of their 150th Anniversary, the Utica Männerchor is raffling a 2015 Volkswagen Jetta. There will be only 1,250 tickets sold. They are \$30 apiece or 2 for \$50. The drawing will be on October 2, 2015, or sooner if all the tickets are sold before that date.

For more information about the raffle 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.

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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