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President's Report

Well I'm back, and now it's back to reality. Taking time off for a month was good for the soul and body. April is behind us and so is the cold weather. Hope the saying comes true: April showers bring May flowers.

Last week we had our annual **Scholarship Night** and I believe everybody there had a good time. I want to thank Sally and the Committee for a great job well done. Hopefully we will continue this great tradition.

Maitanz is coming up, and hopefully a lot of our members will be there. It should be a nice time. Klaus Raith is bringing the Maibaum, so we all can dance around it.

Just one more thought: We need more volunteers for the various committees, and in order to keep this organization going, people need to be involved. Oktoberfest is our only fundraiser and to be successful many volunteers are needed.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Maitanz on May 16 and the Monthly Meeting on May 21.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Everything is moving along great with the **Oktoberfest** planning. The 3rd Oktoberfest Committee Meeting that was held on April 14 went very well and a lot of business was taken care of. We will further discuss the food and prices at a future meeting.

The entertainment is set and the schedule will be in a future *Zeitung*. The tents are taken care of and other areas are being firmed up. I'm still working on getting a German vendor.

We're going to sell glass steins with our logo on them. They are all set and at the Monthly Meeting a picture of what the stein will look like was shown. I wore one of the new T-shirts to the meeting: an outline of the dancers on the front and the German and American flag on the back. Very nice!

So, as you can see, things are falling into place, but there's still a lot to do.

The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 19 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 May 19 Committee Meeting.

Also, please plan to attend the Maitanz on May 16, and the Monthly Meeting on May 21 at 7 P.M. at The Syracuse Turners.

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

Treasurer's Report

From now on, all bills and financial communication can be sent in c/o Bruce Barnes at 27 Water Street, Baldwinsville NY, 13027. Any additional questions, please reach out to me at 635-1624.

Please attend the May 21 Monthly Meeting for a complete report of our finances. I will provide the financial statement and this is your opportunity to obtain information on our status.

Thank you.

BRUCE BARNES, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Two new members were voted into the German American Society of CNY at the April 16 Monthly Meeting. They are **Diane E. and Daniel K. Daley** of Syracuse (proposed by Nancy Crast). Welcome to our two newest members!

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. Applications are available online at www.germanamericanscnycny.com or at any

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Mai 19 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Mai 21 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Jun 16 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Jun 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mai 16 | Maitanz, Liverpool Fire Hall, 6-10 |
| Jul 12 | Picnic, Camp Brockway |
| Aug 15 | Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, Liverpool 11-7 |
| Aug 16 | Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, Liverpool 11-7 |
| Sep 12 | Oktoberfest Staff Party, Liverpool Fire Hall |
| Dez 13 | Christmas Party, Liverpool Fire Hall |

of our events. My address is: The German American Society, c/o June Pardue, 692 Idlewood Blvd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761 or speak with me at the May 21 Monthly Meeting.

Thanks.

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

Our next event is the **Maitanz** on May 16 at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 6 to 10 P.M. This dance is held in conjunction with the Stein Club. There is no admission or additional cost for the Stein Club members. For non-Stein Club members, adult admission is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Kids under 10 are free and kids ages 10 to 18 are \$5.

I am asking that everyone please bring a covered dish to pass if at all possible, or a dessert. We are not allowed to use the stove, so if you bring a dish that needs to be served warm, please be sure it is hot when it gets to the fire hall. The German American Society will also be providing some of the main food. There will be beer, wine, soda, and bottled water available for a small donation.

The **Enzian Bavarian Quartet** is playing for your entertainment and dancing pleasure. Also, the **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** will be here for the Maypole Dance for everyone's entertainment.

Please send reservations with checks made out to the German American Society of CNY by May 13 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

In April we lost one of our Lifetime Members, **Ernst Franz Reith**. Our sincere condolences go out to his family.

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 MICHO, *Sunshine Lady*

Scholarship Committee

Well, another Scholarship Night is over, and what a night it was! Everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. Each student's acceptance speech in German and English was wonderful! From the looks on the faces of our German-speaking members and the teachers, these students could not have done a finer job.

This was our 13th Scholarship year, which I said was lucky 13, and I am honored and pleased to have participated in this cherished event for all 13 years. It hardly seems possible that so much time has gone by and so many wonderful students have been honored over the years.

This year we awarded eight \$800 Scholarships. A big thank-you goes out to our member **Dick Schoeck**, who sponsored three of the scholarships. He has been very supportive of the Scholarship Program over the past several years, and it is truly appreciated by the German American Society and the students.

Below is a picture of Scholarship recipients **Paige Carter** and

Kevin Quinn with **Dr. Niemczura**, the German teacher from Cicero-North Syracuse High School, taken by Robert Crabtree, Vice President of the North Syracuse School Board:



The recipients this year are, in alphabetical order: **Maya Bryant**, Baker High School; **Evan Carr**, Fayetteville-Manlius; **Paige Carter**, Cicero-North Syracuse High School; **Robert Crews**, Onondaga Central; **Andrew Koch**, Onondaga Central High School; **Kevin Quinn**, Cicero-North Syracuse High School; **Maura Roach**, Mexico Central High School; and **Victoria Towndrow**, Mexico High School.

I want to thank Scholarship Committee members **JoAnne Barnes** and **Mark Schumacher** for their help in selecting the recipients of the scholarships. It was not an easy task and I thank them for their participation. JoAnne also helped me prepare the pre-dinner snacks and Mark assisted at the registration table.

There are also some "non-Scholarship Committee members" who were a big help: **Henry Pfaff** and **Nancy Crast** worked at the reception table checking people in; **Brigitte Niebuhr** came early and set up the snack table. **Mary Pfaff** also lent a hand on the snack table.

In addition to helping Henry Pfaff, Nancy Crast also purchased the German and American flags that were on the tables. Thank you, Nancy, for your kind contribution.

Now let's move on to the entertainment. Thank you to **Klaus Raith** for playing his zither and **John Besten** for playing along on his guitar. Everyone said how much they enjoyed the music. And, the **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** are always a big hit. There was a lot of fun and laughs when the Pretzel Dance was done with the participation of some of the attendees.

This year the **Syracuse Liederverein** was a rather eclectic group comprised of members of the chorus, members of the **Utica Männerchor**, and even some of the students. Klaus Raith supplied the music. Thank you to everyone who participated! It was fun and enjoyed by all. And, of course, thank you to everyone who attended.

If I missed anyone with my thank-you's, please let me know and I will acknowledge you next month.

I have started to receive thank-you notes and I will review them in next month's *Zeitung*. Some of the parents came up to me after the awards were given and people were preparing to leave to let me now how much they enjoyed the night and what a great tribute the German American Society gives to these students. One person said that he had no idea that something like this goes on and how wonderful it is.

If you were unable to attend this year, please mark April 25, 2016, on your calendar and plan to attend next year. German Student Scholarship Night is always a great time and a wonderful way to honor our students and their teachers. These students are our future.

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*

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 is finally here! 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 online at our www.germanamericansny.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

My monthly article will return next month.

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*

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Gregory Sheppard at St. Stephen 5/17

The Arts and Music Festival at St. Stephen presents: Gregory Sheppard with the Seneca String Quartet. Distinguished bassist Gregory Sheppard is a Syracuse native and has sung in operas, recitals, and concert halls throughout the United States and Europe, including Carnegie Hall. The Seneca String Quartet are former members of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra.

All are welcome on Sunday, May 17, at 4 P.M. Following the program there will be a reception. A free-will offering will be taken. St. Stephen Lutheran Church is located at 873 Dewitt Street, Syracuse, NY.

For more information or for directions to St. Stephen, please call the church office at 479-9912 or visit the website at www.ststephensyracuse.org.

Friday Night Dinner

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. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8 P.M. 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

Thank you to those chorus members who sang at Scholarship Night on April 27 at the Syracuse Turners! 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.

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