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President's Report

Believe everyone had a good time at the **Maitanz**. Klaus Raith and his band and dancers entertained us with music and a beautiful maypole dance. It was really nice to see this. A big thanks also to **Brigitte Niebuhr** and her helpers for all the prep and work to make this dance a success. They deserve our thanks.

Our next event is the annual **Members Picnic** at Camp Brockway scheduled for July 12. I invite everybody to come and enjoy themselves at this beautiful setting. It is your free event as a member of the Society. Maybe you want to bring a guest. New members are always welcome and guests can join the German American Society for their \$15 picnic admission.

Summer is coming and things kind of slow down some, but there is still work to be done to get ready for the **Oktoberfest**. See the Vice President's report below.

Please see what you can do to help out.

See you at the Monthly Meeting on June 18 and at the July 12 Picnic.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Everything is moving along great with the **Oktoberfest** planning. The 4th Oktoberfest Committee Meeting that was held on May 12 went very well and a lot of business was taken care of. We will further discuss the food and set the prices at the next meeting. Next month I will list all the area captains and their phone numbers so you know who to call to set up your volunteer opportunities. Here's the entertainment schedule:

2015 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, August 15

Noon-2 The Liverpool Community Band
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 16

Noon-2 The Liverpool Community Band
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
7 Raffle and Closing Ceremonies

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 June 16 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 Committee Meeting on June 16.

Also, please plan to attend the Monthly Meeting on June 18 at 7 P.M. at The Syracuse Turners for a report on all our activities.

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. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to me at 635-1624.

Please attend the June 18 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 and ask any finance related questions.

Thank you.

BRUCE BARNES, *Treasurer*

CLUB MEETINGS

Jun 16 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7
Jun 18 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Jul 14 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7
Jul 16 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 12 Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
Aug 15 Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
Aug 16 Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
Sep 12 Oktoberfest Staff Party, Liverpool Fire Hall
Dez 13 Christmas Party, Liverpool Fire Hall

Financial Secretary's Report

We have 3 new-member applications to vote on at our June Monthly Meeting. They are: **Pauline DeMartino** of Liverpool (proposed by Rickard Schoeck) and **Andrew and Gregory Crast** of Syracuse (proposed by Nancy Crast).

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.germanamericanscny.com or at any 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 June 18 Monthly Meeting.

Thank you.

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The **Maitanz** is over and I hope everyone had a good time. I thank the band, the dancers, and everyone who helped. You did a good job.

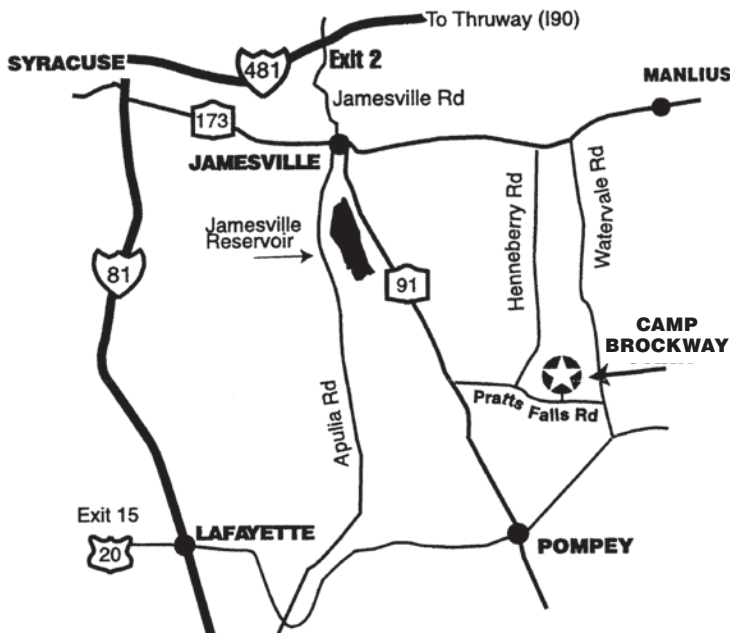
Our **Annual Picnic** at Camp Brockway is coming up on July 12 from 2 to 6. All members are free. Guests pay \$15 and can become a member for their entrance fee that day.

We ask our members to please bring a covered dish or dessert and your own serving utensils. We are serving Bratwurst, hot dogs, hamburgers, red cabbage, Sauerkraut, potato salad, and all beverages. **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing.

I am asking that the House Committee please be at Camp Brockway by 1 P.M. so we can get things going. Directions to Camp Brockway are found below.

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 or speak with me at the June 18 Monthly Meeting.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*



Sunshine Lady

Sent a note to **Jim Kozlowski** on his "retirement" as Treasurer, thanking him for his years of service.

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 MICHU, *Sunshine Lady*

Jim Kozlowski Honored

A plaque was awarded by the German American Society to **Jim Kozlowski**, our former Treasurer, for all his years of dedicated service. As Jim was unable to attend the **Maitanz** to accept the plaque, Brigitte Niebuhr accepted it on Jim's behalf. The plaque reads: "In grateful appreciation for your many years of dedication, hard work, loyalty, and friendship. German American Society of CNY."

Brigitte recently met with Jim and presented him with the plaque as shown in the photo below.



Scholarship Committee

Want to once again thank everyone who attended **Scholarship Night** and to everyone who helped make it happen. Last month I left off **Bruce Barnes's** name in my thank-yous. He spent quite a bit of time in the kitchen cutting up the desserts and getting them ready to serve. So, a belated thank you, Bruce!

And thank you again to **Richard Schoeck**, who continues to be a great monetary supporter of our Scholarships. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I continue to receive thank-you notes from teachers and students. **Kate Stewart**, the German teacher from Fayetteville-Manlius High School, wrote, "Thank you and the other members of the German American Society for the nice evening Monday night. My student Evan is very appreciative of that stipend." **Dr. Mary Ann Niemczura**, the German teacher from Cicero-North Syracuse High School wrote, "Thank you and all the members for a wonderful, wonderful evening!" Dr. Niemczura also posted information regarding Scholarship Night, our organization, and her students on her blog. What a great way to let others know about the German American Society of CNY and this wonderful scholarship program!

There are also thank-yous from some of the recipients about

how appreciative they are of being awarded a scholarship and what a fun night it was. They also appreciated the opportunity to meet and talk with so many people from the German American Society. One student even called us "amazing."

The students have started to send in their college confirmations, a requirement to receive the scholarship award. The deadline for the confirmation is July 1. As soon as all the confirmations are received, the checks will be sent to the students made out to the student and his/her college.

If you were unable to attend this year, please mark May 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

Sam 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

Summer will be here before you know it! 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 to get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or on-line 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, which 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

Since this is June, I resurrected one of the Father's Day articles from a few years ago:

In Germany, *Vatertag* is celebrated on Ascension Day. Regionally, it is also called men's day (*Männertag*), or gentlemen's day (*Herrentag*), and involves a males-only hiking tour or day out with one or more small wagons (*Bollerwagen*) filled with beer or wine and traditional regional food (*Hausmannkost*), such as *Saumagen*, *Leberwurst*, *Blutwurst*, vegetables, and eggs. There's usually much drunkenness, singing, and carrying on. After the men get drunk, it's up to the wives to go and bring their husbands home. While a bunch of drunken men may have been amusing in the past, it's no longer considered funny and *Herrentag* isn't as widely celebrated as it was in the past.

The Austrian Father's Day observance, while closer to the American holiday, is still not the same thing. Celebrated on the second Sunday in June, the celebration has a slightly more religious connotation, but ranks far lower in importance than *Muttertag*. It's similar to the U.S. Father's Day in that many Austrians give cards and presents for *Papi's* special day.

If you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or any topic you'd 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

Friday Night Dinner

Looking for a nice friendly Friday-night dinner? How about the Syracuse Turners? They have great fish and other offerings on the menu, all at a reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8 and there's always a special. Please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 471-9851 and they will let you know if dinner will be served that evening and what the special will be.

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We would like to start our chorus up again, but it can't happen without you.

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 in the fall.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

For more information about the upcoming events at the Utica Maennerchor, located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy, just contact the clubhouse at 735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica.

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