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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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Please note: the December Monthly Membership Meeting is scheduled for 12/12. As we have done in the past, it is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday because of the Christmas Holiday.

President's Report

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at our recent **Oktoberfest**. It was a lot of fun and gave members of the community an opportunity to see we are here and moving forward.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the November 21 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. The meeting is a great time for you to present your ideas and suggestions for activities, fundraisers, and meeting presentations.

Please remember: If you need anything that I can help you with, please feel free to contact me at 315-289-8145. The German American Society of CNY is here to support its members.

See everyone at the November 21 Monthly Membership Meeting!
DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

Well, it's getting cold outside, and you know what that means—the snow will soon be flying and we Snowbirds will be heading south. But before that, I sure would like to see some membership applications come in. The **Christmas Party** is coming up on December 8, and that would be a great time to invite friends and maybe get some new members. We are a great group!

If you have any questions or ideas of how to increase our membership, please contact me at krausrobert156@gmail.com or speak with me at the November 21 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Thank you for helping to increase our membership!
BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Thanks to everyone who helped plan, set up, and staff our **Oktoberfest** that was held at **Freight Yard Brewing**, as well as those who donated basket raffles, supplies, or clothing; it's truly appreciated. Despite the rainout on the second day, we had a lot of fun and were still able to clear some funds toward our German Student Scholarship Program. We're already looking ahead to next year's event!

I will have a report on our financial status at the November 21 Monthly Membership Meeting. As always, feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances at the Monthly Meetings or by email at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's **Oktoberfest!** It was a successful event and everyone I talked to was having a wonderful time! We look forward to next year! The next event that will enable us to raise money for our **Scholarship Program** will be the **Christmas Market** at **Freight Yard Brewing** the first weekend in December. We will be working on coordinating our participation. If you have interest in being part of this discus-

sion and event, please let us know. We will share more information about the Christmas Market when it is available.

Please join me in welcoming new member **Brian Shanahan!** Brian was presented and voted into membership in October after we met him at Oktoberfest. We look forward to getting to know you. We currently have 142 members. Please continue to encourage your circles to join the Society! The strength of our Society depends on the participation of all our members, so we hope to see everyone at upcoming meetings and events!

I would like to start reminders for 2025 membership dues. If you are planning to be away for the winter months, please consider submitting your dues payment before you depart. Membership dues are \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a household couple where both individuals are already active members. Payment can be submitted by mail, at upcoming meetings or events, or electronically upon request. Please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com with questions or to make arrangements for dues payment.

If you have anyone to propose for membership, have the person complete a membership application and forward it along with the \$25 payment for a single membership or \$40 for a household couple to The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548, or by email to cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Applications can be obtained at any meeting or event, on our website at www.germanamericanscnycny.com, or by email. Checks need to be made out to The German American Society of CNY. Thanks!

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

October Meeting Presentation

At the conclusion of our 7 P.M. Monthly Membership Meeting on October 17 there were great musical selections by an a capella group, **HarmonEssence**, that Board Member **Jackie Schneider-Rivette** is part of. All the musical numbers were great, but the number that really stood out was the three women members signing "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B"! The Andrews Sisters would have been proud! Thank you, HarmonEssence!

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Nov 21 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Election Night |
| Dez 12 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Installation of Newly Elected Officers and Board Members |
| Jan 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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| Dez 8 | Annual Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 1-6 |
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CHRISTMAS PARTY!

of the German-American Society of CNY

December 8
from 1 to 6 P.M.
at the
Syracuse Turners Club

\$20 for members
\$25 for non-members

Children under 17 free

Entertainment by
The Syracuse Oktoberfest Band

Enjoy a delicious roast pork dinner.
Adult beverages for purchase at the bar.

If possible, please bring
an item for the raffle.

Checks and RSVP by December 2 to
Sally Frenza
4 Commodore Circle
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For more info, call/text
Sally at 315-345-6253

House Committee

The annual **Christmas Party** is quickly approaching, scheduled for Sunday, December 8, from 1 to 6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina St., Syracuse. There will be a social hour from 1 to 2 to give everyone a chance to get there, find a seat, spend a little time with friends, and have a couple of snacks before dinner. There are adult beverages for sale in the bar. We are planning a pork dinner for 2 P.M. **The Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure from 2 to 6. **The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** from Utica will be celebrating with us and entertaining with a few of their folk dances.

The cost for the pork dinner is \$20 for members of the German American Society and \$25 for non-members. There is no charge for children under 17. Reservations are requested by December 2 with a check made out to the German American Society of CNY. If there isn't time for the check to reach Sally before the party, please call or text her at 315-345-6253 with your reservation and you can pay at the door. If time allows, reservations and checks can be sent to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105.

If you would like to bring an appetizer to add to the social hour or a dessert for dinner, or if you have any questions about the Christmas Party, please contact Sally at the above number.

Santa and Mrs. Klaus will arrive with gifts for the children up to age 12 who are children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews of German American Society members. Please have the names, relationship, and ages of the children who will be attending the party as well as what they like to Sally Frenza by November 18 to allow Santa's elves ample time to get the gifts together and wrapped. The information can be called or sent via text to Sally at the above number. The children's information will then be forwarded to Santa.

As usual, we will be having an auction with **Eric Gang** once again acting as our great auctioneer. So please, if you are able, con-

sider bringing something for the auction. It can be that beer stein you've been looking to get rid of, knick-knacks, a bottle of wine, baked goods, Christmas decorations, or just anything you think will sell. The auction is also a lot of laughs and a good way to bring in a little revenue.

If you would like more information about being on the House Committee, or if you would like to volunteer to help at the Christmas Party, please contact Sally at the above number. We can use your help to make the Christmas Party a great one!

See you at the November 21 Monthly Membership Meeting, with your ideas in hand! Also, this is a good time to volunteer to help out at the Christmas Party!

One last thing: a big **Thank You** to **Jackie Schneider-Revette**, who has agreed to serve on the House Committee. Welcome Jackie!

SALLY FRENZA, BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, and JACKIE SCHNEIDER-RIVETTE, *House Committee*

Oktoberfest 2024

Thank you to everyone who helped plan and make sure **Oktoberfest** was successful. A special thank-you goes to **Nadja Allmann** who did a fantastic job heading up the Oktoberfest Committee. Planning Oktoberfest took a lot of dedication from all involved to make it run well, and Nadja made it happen! Thank you to all the students of German from Fayetteville-Manlius, Baldwinsville, and Onondaga Central, who volunteered with face-painting, helping the kids with pumpkin decorating, mingling with people, passing out information, and selling pins. They helped in so many other ways, too. And they said they had fun!

Thank you to **Freight Yard Brewing** for once again allowing us to partner with them for this great event in support of our Scholarship Program. It means so much! The weather cooperated on Saturday. However, we had to move everything inside the brewery on Sunday because of the rain. Still, the Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers continued to entertain and get people up to dance and enjoy themselves. It was a wonderful weekend!

Again, thank you to everyone who helped out by volunteering, donating baskets for the raffle, selling raffle tickets, manning the games, stein hoisting, selling our products, and on and on... You are great! See you next year! Photos to follow in the December *Zeitung*.

Sunshine Lady

During the past month, we lost Lifetime Member **Karl Lutz**, whose business, **Karl Lutz Monuments**, has been a dedicated advertiser in support of the *Zeitung* for many years.

Rolf Ziemer also recently passed away. Rolf continued to attend meetings and events until just a few months ago.

Our condolences go out to the families and friends of these recently departed members.

Just a reminder: Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to me at 315-468-4541. Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

23rd German Student Scholarship Program

We are now looking forward to the 23rd year of our Scholarship Program in 2025.

Learn more about our fundraising events by attending the monthly meetings, following the event information in the *Zeitung*, and following our Facebook page at German American Society of CNY. Please consider volunteering at these events. Not only is it fun, but it will be helping to make our fundraising events successful!

To administer our Scholarship Program is a costly undertaking for the German American Society. We need your help to keep it strong. If you would like to help through a personal donation, please send a check or money order to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548, with a notation that it is for the Scholarship Program. Any amount would be helpful.

Since we are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, donations are tax deductible. If you would like to know more about the Scholarship Program and how you can help, please call or text me at 315-345-6253 or email me at sallyzf@aol.com. I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Now my sales pitch. There is still some gently used German clothing for sale: two pair of men's *Lederhosen*, and a few other items. The German-American flag pins are always available at our meetings and events for \$3. If you're interested in purchasing any of the items we have for sale, please just call or text me at the above number or speak with me at any of our monthly meetings. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Program.

Thank you for your continued support!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Election Night

At the October Monthly Meeting, **Willi Rohrbach**, Nominating Committee Chair, presented a slate of officers and board members for the election. This year's election will take place at the November 21 Monthly Membership Meeting. The slate is as follows: President—David A. Gunter; Vice-President—Robert Kraus; Treasurer—Jim Heckathorne; Secretary—Sally Frenza; and, Financial Secretary—Nadja Allmann; two-year Board Members—Austin Westfall, Susan Foster, Frank Heine, Tina Higgins, and Bill Nurk.

Even though all candidates are running unopposed, a vote will still need to be taken to make the election official. Please plan to attend the November 21 Monthly Membership Meeting to vote and congratulate the incoming 2025 officers and board members.

From the Editor

With November upon us and the start of the holiday season, we are provided with an opportunity to thank our armed

forces members both past and present for helping to maintain peace in our unsettled world and preserve our freedom. Please take advantage of **Veteran's Day**, 11/11, to say "Thank You" to a vet and thank him or her for their service. Actually, any time you see a vet is a good time to say thanks.

November also brings us **Thanksgiving**, when families and friends gather to give thanks for their many blessings and the opportunity to celebrate together and to watch a Thanksgiving Day Parade and football on TV. Also, please remember in your thoughts the many servicemen and -women who are separated from their families during Thanksgiving. May they be protected from harm and be able to return to their families very soon.

Now for a few words about a typical "Thanksgiving" in Germany. First of all, the Germanic *Erntedankfest* (harvest festival of thanks) is primarily a rural and a religious celebration. When it is celebrated in larger cities, it is usually part of a church service and not anything like the big traditional family holiday in America. Although it is celebrated locally and regionally, none of the German-speaking countries observes an official national Thanksgiving holiday on a particular day as in the U.S. However, during harvest time, visitors to German churches will find a large amount of fruits, vegetables, sheaves of grain, and also baked goods, as decorations around the altars. Visitors to market places and fairgrounds will oftentimes find *Erntefeuer* (harvest fire) and other festivities to celebrate *Erntedankfest*.

In the wine regions, *Winzer* (vintners) will present their new wines and allow for a public wine-tasting. (Yum!). A **Bauernmarkt** (farmers' market) will allow visitors to purchase the freshest produce available, while the more immediate culinary needs are attended to in a *Festzelt* (party tent), where various breads and sweet confections, as well as various *Würste* and other foods, and maybe some great German beers, would be available. For, after all, what is a German celebration without beer???

Do you have a German, Austrian, or Swiss topic you would like me to write about? Or do you have an article you have written or found and would like to see in print? Or even a recipe? Just let me know. My contact information is in this *Zeitung*.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

It's easy to get your name in print in the *Zeitung*. All you need to do is send in the \$20 check made out to the German American Society of CNY to the Attention of the Editor at The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. If you would like your patron ad to be in honor of or memory of someone, please note that. Also, please note "Patron" on the message line of your check. Thank you to our current Patrons. It is now time to think about continuing your support in 2025. Please send your checks for \$20 to the address noted above. We need your continued support.

Please contact the Editor at 315-345-6253 or email at sallyzf@aol.com if you have any questions about advertising in the *Zeitung* or becoming a Patron. Thank you.

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