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President's Report

Swish and hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with family and friends. I also want to thank everyone who continues to attend and participate in our Monthly Meetings.

We are now entering a new year which will afford us the opportunity to expand our organization through increased membership, activities, and member participation. However, these things cannot be accomplished without your involvement.

Please plan to attend the January 18 **Monthly Membership Meeting** at 7 PM at the Syracuse Turners. As we were not able to install the new Officers and Board Members at the December Meeting, the installation will take place in January.

The January meeting is also a great time for you to present your ideas and suggestions for activities, fundraisers, and meeting presentations for 2024. We have refreshments after the Monthly Meeting, which gives everyone an opportunity to socialize with their fellow members.

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 January 18 Monthly Membership Meeting!
DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

So sorry to be missing the frigid temperatures and snow up north, but Corrine and I are enjoying the Florida sunshine. While I'm away, please continue to bring in those new members and we will meet our membership goal!

I want to thank everyone who has worked on submitting applications to grow our organization. Keep it up! I know we can do this!

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at chk1205@centurylink.net.

Thank you for helping to increase our membership! See you when I return in the spring!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Shope everyone celebrated a Happy New Year, and that 2024 is a good year for our members and our club. As we enter the new year, I want to remind everyone to please send in their dues payments (see Financial Secretary report). In addition to being current on dues,

we need our members to take an active role in the club, whether it's helping out at events, making financial contributions, or coming to meetings to offer suggestions on the direction of the organization.

Please feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances at our Monthly Meetings, or by email at cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Sappy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyful holiday season. As we enter 2024 we also enter the time for submitting membership dues for the year. I would like to remind everyone that the 2024 membership dues were due December 31, 2023. 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. If you would like to add a spouse or household partner under the household couple dues, please make sure to submit a new-member application as well. All new members must be presented and voted into membership per the society bylaws. Payment can be submitted by mail, at upcoming meetings and events, or electronically upon request. Please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com with questions or to make arrangements for dues payment.

At the December meeting we presented and accepted 8 new members! Please join me in welcoming **Jason Dewey, Matthew Dewey, William Dewey, Elisabeth Gerecke, Tracey Girard, Garry Schneider Sr., Garry Schneider Jr. and Diane Stadtmiller!** We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and events!

As of the end of December 2023 the Society has 163 members. In 2023 there were 16 new members that joined. Unfortunately, there were 7 members that passed away last year (and 13 members who did not renew). Please continue to encourage your circles to join the society! The strength of our society depends on the participa-

CLUB MEETINGS

Jan 18	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Feb 15	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Mär 21	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 29	22nd Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
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tion of all our members, so we hope to see everyone at upcoming meetings and events!

If you have someone 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.germanamericanscny.com or by email. Checks can be made out to The German American Society of CNY.

Reminders: If you will be away for an extended period of time, the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you. Please contact the Editor at 315-345-6253 or sallyzf@aol.com to arrange for this complimentary service. If you change your address, please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com, or contact the Editor with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and that *Zeitung* reaches you. Thanks!

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee

The Annual Christmas Party, held on Sunday, December 10, at the Syracuse Turners was a huge success! We had approximately 120 people in attendance, counting the band and children. It was so much fun! Everyone was laughing and really enjoying themselves. It was great to see happy people participating in the 12 days of Christmas! I was laughing so hard when the group with the “5 Golden Rings” stood up with their arms like rings I could hardly sing “a partridge in a pear tree”! The other days sang their parts, too, and it was just so amazing to see and hear everyone having so much fun! Plus, the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** added in instrumentals. What fun!

The **Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** from the Utica Männerchor added a lot with their dances and encouraging people to get up on the dance floor. I even got up and realized that I do still have dancing feet! The Syracuse Oktoberfest Band sounded great and went along with all the fun.

I especially want to thank our Treasurer **Jim Heckathorne** and his wife **Krysa**, who manned the door along with Financial Secretary **Nadja Allmann**, who sold Christmas ornaments as well as provided membership applications. (We did gain one new member as a result of the party.) The kitchen crew did a fantastic job of putting on a wonderful meal. The crew included President **Dave Gunter**, **Lucy** and **Chuck Haag**, and Board Member **Tina Higgins**. They were so organized that I really didn't need to do much this time. **Chip Kraushaar** from the Turners was so helpful with setup, clean-up, and anything extra that needed to be done. I really appreciated the members and friends who just pitched in and helped with doing things like cleaning off tables. Our auction, led by auctioneer **Eric Gang**, created a lot of laughs and brought in revenue to help offset party expenses. And, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus (Board Member **Brigitte Niebuhr**) were there to the delight of the children. Thank you, thank you, thank you, one and all for helping to make this the best Christmas Party in a long time. Can't wait for next year!

We now need to think about what events and activities you would like to see in 2024. Please bring your ideas to any of our meetings or call or text Sally at 315-345-6253.

If you would like more information about being on the House Committee, or if you would like to volunteer at any of our events, please let us know at any Monthly Membership Meeting, at any

event, or by giving a call or text to Sally at the above number. We can use your help and suggestions.

Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

Grohes neues Jahr! I hope everyone had a Happy New Year!

During 2023 we had 7 members pass away: **Fritz Kuchinski**; **Bob Gang**, our oldest member at 104; **Margaret Ranz**; **Gunter Niebuhr**; **George Oehling**; **Henry Pfaff**; and **Carl Bauder**. There were also the following family members who passed away: **Paul Teeter**, brother of **Gracie Schell**; **Elaine Marschall**, widow of member **Kurt Marschall**; **Chris Foster**, husband of Member and Board Member **Susan Foster**; and **Angela Frenza Young**, sister of **Joseph Frenza**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of those who passed away.

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

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

Scholarship Program Enters Its 22nd Year

We are now in 2024 and starting to get ready for our wonderful Scholarship Program that is now entering its twenty-second year! We typically not only provide scholarships, but a wonderful, fun-filled evening for not just the Scholarship recipients, but all students of German and their teachers at no cost to them. Guests, families, and German American Society members who attend pay a small fee.

The Scholarship applications will be going out in the next couple of weeks to the area high schools who teach German. As I've mentioned in the past, to continue to administer our Scholarship Program is a costly undertaking for the German American Society. Our Scholarship Program could use your financial support. If you would like to make a 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 at sallyzf@aol.com. I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

There is another way you can help. If you are cleaning out your closet and have any German clothing in good shape, please consider donating it to the German American Society, as any proceeds from the sale of these items will go to help support the Scholarship Program. Please clean any donations prior to donating them. Any questions, please contact me at the number noted in this report.

Good news! Almost all of the previously donated German clothing has been sold. Just have a couple blouses left. The German-American flag pins are available at our meetings and events for \$3. If you're interested in purchasing any of these items, please just call or text me at the above number. All proceeds from the sale of these items goes to help fund our Scholarship Program.

Thank you for your support!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the Editor

Ein Gesundes und Glückliches Neues Jahr!

Here is a list of our 2023 activities and events, followed by pictures: German Student Scholarship Night, the *Maitanz*, our

Annual Picnic, Oktoberfest and Christkindlmarket in partnership with Freight Yard Brewing, and our Christmas Party. What a year!

Overall, the German American Society of CNY had an active year in 2023 and we look forward to continuing into 2024 with both club and community activities. Our name is out there and the community knows we are here!

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss or Austrian holiday, tradition, or anything German, Swiss, or Austrian that you would like me to write about, or if you have an article, recipe, or poem you would like to see in print, please let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*



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