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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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## President's Report

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who continues to attend and participate in our activities and the Monthly Membership Meetings.

Please plan to attend the March 21 Meeting at 7 P.M. as it is 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. See the article in this *Zeitung* about the March Meeting Presentation by **HarmonEssence**.

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 March 21 Meeting!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President's Report

Heard you had some snow up north. While I'm away enjoying the beautiful Florida weather, please continue to bring in those new members and we will meet our membership goal!

I noticed that the applications have slowed down. I know I mention it every month, but please once again put a push on those applications. We have good events coming up this year and new blood helps with the planning and submission of new ideas. I know we can do this!

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at [chk1205@centurylink.net](mailto: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

As a club, we are continuing to take steps to ease the financial pressures on our organization by cutting costs and by pursuing additional revenues. For 2024 the Board of Directors reviewed the **Scholarship Program** in detail and the financial obligation that it involves. After much discussion the Board ultimately agreed that we would proceed again this year, as we have for over 20 years. If you are able,

please consider making a donation toward this program, as it is the main vehicle for us to give back to our community, and is a great event for us, the student recipients, and all students of German and their teachers. We have participated in some activities over the past year to raise revenue to assist with this program, however, we could still use your help.

As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at our get-togethers this year. Our next **Monthly Membership Meeting** is scheduled for March 21 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners with great entertainment to follow at 7:30. Please feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances at our Monthly Meetings, or by email at [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com). Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to those who have submitted their 2024 dues! Reminder letters have been sent to anyone whose dues have not been received. If you have not submitted dues please send payment by March 15th or pay at the next Meeting! If dues are not paid by that date you may be dropped from membership. 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](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com) by March

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Mar 21 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>Entertainment by HarmonEssence at 7:30 |
| Apr 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7   |
| Mai 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7   |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Apr 29  | 22nd Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9 |
| Mai 19  | Maitanz, Syracuse Turners, 1-6                |
| Juli 21 | Picnic at Long Branch Park, Liverpool         |
| Okt     | Oktobertfest at Freight Yard Brewing          |
| Dez     | Christmas Party                               |

15 with questions, extenuating circumstances you may have or to make arrangements for dues payment.

There were no new members to present in January. We currently have 160 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! 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](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com). Applications can be obtained at any meeting or event, on our website at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com) or by email. Checks can be made out to The German American Society of CNY.

We also need to start thinking now about staffing and plans for **Oktoberfest 2024** in partnership with **Freight Yard Brewing!** It will be here before we know it. Please attend our Monthly Membership Meetings to keep up to date on progress and how you can help, especially by volunteering your time and talent.

**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](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com) to arrange for this complimentary service. If you change your address, please email [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com), or contact the Editor with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and that the *Zeitung* reaches you. Thanks!

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

## March 21 Meeting Presentation Will Be Great!

At the March Monthly Membership Meeting there will be great musical selections by an a capella group, **Harmon-Essence**, that **Board Member Jackie Schneider-Revette** sings with. HarmonEssence is a 4-part a capella group that sings a variety of styles: do-wop, country, Irish folk, Latin jazz, blues, and traditional American tunes. They have never been able to settle on a particular style.

The group has performed at churches, nursing homes, parties, the East Syracuse American Legion, and Riley's Restaurant, and will be performing for us at 7:30 P.M. on March 21 after the business portion of our 7 P.M. Monthly Membership Meeting.

Please attend as you won't want to miss this great group!

## House Committee

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our events and activities in 2023. We now need to work on plans for the **Maitanz**, which has been scheduled for May 19 at the Syracuse Turners. Thanks to **Treasurer Jim Heckathorne** for securing July 21 for our **Annual Picnic** to be held at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. There will also be a **Christmas Party** in December. Additional information will be available in upcoming issues of the *Zeitung*.

Please see the article on Scholarship Night for information about this great event.

What other activities would you like to see? Please bring

your ideas for additional events and activities 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.

See you at the March 21 Monthly Membership Meeting with your ideas in hand! Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

## Sunshine Lady

This past month we lost one of our former officers, **Jim Kozlowski**, who was not only our Treasurer, but provided help in securing donations and products for our annual Oktoberfest in past years. Plus he made the best Danish pastry! Our sincere condolences go out to Jim's family and friends at this difficult time.

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

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## Scholarship Program Enters Its 22nd Year

We're now in 2024, and working on our wonderful Scholarship Program, which is now entering its twenty-second year! We typically provide not only 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 have gone out to the area high schools who teach German and have started to come in. The turnaround date is March 18. Any applications postmarked after that date will not be considered for a scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting in a few weeks to review the applications and determine the scholarship recipients. German Student Scholarship Night is planned for April 29 at the Syracuse Turners. If you have never attended this wonderful event, why not make this the year? A flyer with all the details will be included in the Scholarship article in the April *Zeitung*.

As I have mentioned in the past, and as noted in the Treasurer's Report in this *Zeitung*, that 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 me at [sallyzf@aol.com](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com). I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

I have started to receive additional donations of German

clothing to sell in support of the Scholarship Program. Three pair of *Lederhosen* with the tags on are now added to the mix as well as a new man's shirt. There are also a couple of blouses. So if you're cleaning out your closet and have German clothing that is in good shape, consider donating it to the German American Society. Please clean any donations prior to donating them. If you have any questions, please contact me at the number noted above in this report.

The German-American flag pins are always 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 go to help fund our Scholarship Program.

Thank you for your support!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## From the Editor

**W**e will soon be welcoming St. Patrick's Day, an Irish tradition. What about Germany on this festive day? Although it may not be celebrated to the extent that it is in Ireland or the U.S., the Irish living in Germany do celebrate *Sankt Patrickstag* with their German friends. (After all, isn't everyone Irish on St. Patrick's Day? Just go to Syracuse's famous Coleman's Irish Pub and you will see tons of people enjoying their green beer!) Many German pubs take advantage of the celebration to sell more beer and whiskey. (I'm sure there's no problem with that!)

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 who have renewed for 2024. If Patron payment is not received by March 25, your name will no longer be included as a Patron of the *Zeitung*. Please send your checks in. We need your continued support.

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

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March is special in Switzerland, where the first Sunday in March is *Tag der Kranken* (Day of the Ill). The Swiss observation started in 1939 when Dr. Marthe Nicati, who specialized in tuberculosis cases, felt that a day needed to be created to further better relations between the ill and the healthy. She also wanted to create a better understanding of the needs of the sick. This "Day of the Ill" is celebrated on the first Sunday in March with visits to hospitals, media awareness campaigns, and a speech by the Swiss Federal President. Each year has a theme to raise awareness and get people out to visit ill friends and family members.

Why don't we all observe this, not just for one day, but whenever we hear about a sick friend or family member? A card, phone call, or visit really cheers up an ill or recuperating person.

Spring is on its way and in Germany spring provides abundant sunshine and beautiful flowers. Cherry and apple blossoms line the historic German roads. People drive along the roads or sail down the rivers and canals to enjoy the wonderful castles, palaces, and medieval towns. Seats and tables begin to appear outside cafés, bistros, and ice cream parlors. And, of course, the beer gardens are set to go.

The cities, towns, and villages begin their spring celebrations, which range from music to wine and cheese, and a lot more merrymaking. *Frühjahrs müdigkeit* (spring tiredness) is banned. As usual, the Germans know how to get things rolling! Happy Spring!

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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