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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 **April 18 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. We have refreshments after the monthly meeting and a presentation on an interesting subject or possibly a trip taken by one of our members. See the article in this *Zeitung* about the April Meeting Presentation by **Willi Rohrbach** on "Life Amongst the *Pennsylvanisch Deutsch*."

We also have a fun afternoon of bowling on April 28 and, of course, our great **Scholarship Night** on April 29. If at all possible, please plan to attend these events.

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 April 18 Meeting!
Thanks.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Well, our time in sunny Florida is winding down. It sure flew by quickly!

I will be back for the May 16 Meeting. I'm hoping to see many of you there with membership applications in hand! We have good events coming up this year and new blood helps with the planning and submission of new ideas, as well as more volunteer hands making for easier work! 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 May!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Over the past year we have participated in activities to help raise revenue for our **Scholarship Program**. However, this is a costly program and we can still use your help. 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. Any amount will help.

As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at our get-togethers this year. Our next **Monthly Membership Meeting** is scheduled for April 18 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners with a presentation and refreshments to follow.

I will have an update on our financial status at the Monthly

Meeting. Please feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances or by email at 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 do so ASAP or reach out and we can make a plan for payment. 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.

There were no new members to present in March. We currently have 159 members. An update will be provided on members in good standing as soon as available. Individuals who have not paid 2024 dues by our next Monthly Meeting on April 18 will be removed from the membership list. 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,

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Apr 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners 7
with presentation to follow |
| Mai 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Jun 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Apr 28 | Bowling at Flamingo Bowl, Liverpool, 2-4 |
| Apr 29 | 22nd Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9 |
| Mai 19 | <i>Maitanz</i> , Syracuse Turners, 1-6 |
| Jul 21 | Picnic at Long Branch Park, Liverpool |
| Okt | Oktobertfest at Freight Yard Brewing |
| Dez | Christmas Party |

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.

As I mentioned in the March *Zeitung*, the **Oktoberfest 2024**, in partnership with **Freight Yard Brewing**, will be here before we know it. Your help is needed to make this a successful event. 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 or to volunteer to be on the Oktoberfest Committee, which will be formed soon.

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 the *Zeitung* reaches you. Thanks!

NADJA E. ALLMANN *Financial Secretary*

April 18 Meeting Presentation: Life Amongst the *Pennsylvanisch Deutsch*

Willi Rohrbach, one of our Board Members, will do a presentation on being brought up and living amongst the *Pennsylvanisch Deutsch* (Pennsylvania Deutsch). Willi's experiences will give us insight into his family, friends, and community life in the Pennsylvania Deutsch Community. There will be Shoo Fly Pie provided, a staple amongst the *Pennsylvanisch Deutsch*.

Please attend the April 18 Membership Meeting as you won't want to miss this great presentation!

House Committee

Thank you to everyone who has attended and supported our past events and activities. We now need to work on plans for the *Maitanz*, which has been scheduled for May 19 at the Syracuse Turners. There will be dinner, dancing, and a lot of fun! The details will be in the May *Zeitung*. If you would like to help with this event, please call or text Sally at 315-345-6253. The House Committee will welcome you.

Thanks to **Jim Heckathorne**, our Treasurer, our **Annual Picnic** will be held on July 21 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. There will be additional information in upcoming issues of the *Zeitung* and at our Monthly Membership Meetings.

Please see the article on Scholarship Night in this *Zeitung* 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 April 18 Monthly Membership Meeting, with your ideas in hand. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

Hope everyone had a great Easter holiday!

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

The Scholarship Committee has met and reviewed the applications. **Ainsley Bigelow** from Mexico High School, and **Jack Keeney from Fayetteville-Manlius High School** are this year's recipients, and will each receive a \$1,000 Scholarship. Congratulations to them both!

The German Student Scholarship Night celebration will be held on April 29 at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina St., and is open to all, with any student of German, regardless of what grade they attend in school, and their teacher attending at no cost to them. I know I have said it before, but it doesn't seem possible that this will be our twenty-second year of awarding scholarships, and I have been fortunate enough to be involved in them all! German Student Scholarship Night is an evening that showcases our wonderful students of German and is a lot of fun!

The cost for German Student Scholarship Night remains at \$15, except as mentioned above. Please RSVP with the number of people attending and your check by April 18 to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105. If there are any questions, please contact Sally at 315-345-6253. There will be a social hour with snacks from 5 to 6, a buffet dinner from 6 to 7, and entertainment at 7 featuring the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers**, who will not only do some traditional Bavarian folk dances, but also entice some of the attendees to do the "pretzel dance" with them. It is always a lot of laughs! The Scholarship awards follow the entertainment. Each Scholarship recipient will give a short acceptance speech in German and English. This is always a highlight of the evening. A flyer is printed in this *Zeitung* with all the details.

As I have mentioned in the past, and as noted in the Treasurer's Report in this *Zeitung*, 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.

German Student Scholarship Night

April 29 • 5 to 9 p.m.

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Reservations and checks made out to the German-American Society of CNY by April 18 to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105. Questions: contact Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253 or sallyzf@aol.com.

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 for my regular pitch! 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 women's 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 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 go to help fund our Scholarship Program.

Thank you for your support, and see you on April 29!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Bowling Night April 28 at Flamingo Bowl

Arrangements have been made with **Flamingo Bowl**, 7239 Oswego Road in Liverpool, for a fun-filled afternoon of bowling for German American Society members and their families and friends on April 28. This event is open to all. The cost is \$12 per person, which includes use of shoes and bowling balls, as well as unlimited bowling from 2 to 4.

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 may 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 if you have any questions about advertising in the *Zeitung*, or becoming a Patron. Thank you.

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Please RSVP by April 21 to our Facebook page at German American Society of CNY or cnygermanamericansociety@gmail.com with name, contact information, and number of people attending or any questions you may have. This event will be so much fun and a great way to socialize and spend a Sunday afternoon! Hope to see you there!

From the Editor

Spring is here, so let's take an imaginary trip through beautiful Germany. The weather in Germany can be unpredictable. The weather in April may change from sun to rain or hail showers in a couple of hours. So bring those layers, waterproof shoes, a scarf, and pack wet-weather gear. The average temperature is going to be between 39 and 47 degrees, depending on where we go, so be prepared.

We have landed in Frankfurt, so let's attend its annual spring festival, or Dippemess. It is one of the largest folk festivals in the Rhine region. The fair dates back to the 14th century when it was a medieval market for pottery. We can shop for ceramic bowls and pots (called *dibbes* in the Frankfurt dialect). We can go on the roller coaster and watch the fireworks at night. What a fun day!

And let's go southwest to Stuttgart's Spring Fair, or the Stuttgarter Frühlingsfest. Here we can go on carnival rides, visit food stalls, and drink lots of German beer (hooray!!!). We can shop at the expansive Trader's Market, where over 50 local artisans set up stalls selling their crafts, including textiles, art, leather goods, spices, jewelry, and more. We will need a lot of euros for this.

And of course, Munich. Munich may be most famous for its fall Oktoberfest, but the springtime Frühlingsfest is a city-wide party which is lovingly known as "the little sister of Oktoberfest." The Munich Spring Fair is a two-week event that brings out the entire city to celebrate the warming weather and blossoming flowers. Just as with Oktoberfest, local beers are one of the highlights of the festival, and we can be assured that there will be plenty to enjoy. (Another hooray!!!)

Time to head back to the airport and home. We had so much imaginary fun that it almost felt real!

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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