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President's Report

Thank you to everyone for attending and participating in our activities and the Monthly Membership Meetings. The Picnic at Long Branch Park was a lot of fun and well attended. See the Picnic article in this *Zeitung*.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the August 15 **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. We have refreshments afterward and usually a presentation on an interesting subject or possibly a trip taken by one of our members. This month will be a presentation by Treasurer **Jim Heckathorne** on the wine regions of Germany.

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 August 15 meeting! Thanks.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

Hope everyone is enjoying the nice summer weather. It gives us an opportunity to get out and take pleasure in the great outdoors! Upstate/CNY is a wonderful and scenic place to live, as long as the white stuff isn't coming down! We had a perfect day for our annual fun-filled Picnic!

Now, back to business. How are those applications coming along? The Picnic and the event at the Canal Museum gave us the opportunity to talk to people about joining our great organization. **Oktoberfest** will be here before we know it and what an excellent time to get new-member applications! I know we can do this!

If you have any questions or ideas of how to increase our membership, please contact me at chk1205@centurylink.net or speak with me at the August 15 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Thank you for helping to increase our membership!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Fun fact: the dues paid by our members don't cover the basic month-to-month costs of sustaining our club, so we are dependent on other sources of income to balance our budget while hosting member events and awarding scholarships. That income includes proceeds from Oktoberfest, Christmas Market and other outreach events, newsletter advertisers and patrons, and generous donations from members. When we ask

for help in manning events, or ask for donations, please keep this in mind!

I will have a report on our financial status at our August 15 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

We currently have 136 members in good standing. At the conclusion of this year's dues cycle there were 28 individuals removed from the membership list. We have unfortunately also had 2 members pass away this year. We did have a few membership applications from the Picnic, and these will be presented for a vote on membership at the August 15 Monthly Membership Meeting.

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 So-

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Aug 15 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
with a member presentation to follow on
Germany's wine regions |
| Sep 19 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
with a member presentation to follow |
| Okt 17 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
with a member presentation to follow |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Aug 5 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Freight Yard Brewing, 7 |
| Sep 9 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Freight Yard Brewing, 7 |
| Sep 23 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Freight Yard Brewing, 7 |
| Okt 7 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Freight Yard Brewing, 7 |
| Okt 12 | Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewing |
| Okt 13 | Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewing |
| Dez | Christmas Party |

ciety 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 need to be made out to The German American Society of CNY.

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*

Oktoberfest 2024

Freight Yard Brewing! Mark your calendars for Oktoberfest 2024 with **Freight Yard Brewing!** This year's event will be Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. **The Oktoberfest Band and Dancers** will perform both days. Additional activities and entertainment will be planned, plus a food truck and the Freight Yard's great brew!

The Oktoberfest Planning Committee met on July 8 at Freight Yard Brewing to begin discussions for this year's **Oktoberfest!** The topics included food, merchandise, raffles, games, and more! Please consider joining the committee or emailing to the address below to provide your input and suggestions. You can also sign up to volunteer for one or both days or contribute a raffle basket to help raise donations for the Scholarship Program! There are many ways you can support this year's Oktoberfest! Please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com or text Nadja at 315-450-4655.

The next Oktoberfest Committee meeting is scheduled for August 5 at Freight Yard Brewing at 7 P.M. Additional dates for committee meetings can be found in Upcoming Events in this *Zeitung*.

August 15 Meeting Presentation

At the conclusion of our Monthly Membership Meeting on August 15 at the Syracuse Turners, **Jim Heckathorne** will present interesting information on the German wine regions. A lot of the information will be from firsthand tasting experiences that he and **Krysa** gathered during their trip to Germany. You won't want to miss this!

"Wednesday at the Weighlock"

The German-American Society exhibited at the **Erie Canal Museum's Happy Hour** on Thursday, July 31. There was entertainment, a food truck, and a cash bar with beer, wine, and cider from Upstate New York breweries and vineyards like Middle Ages Brewing, Genesee Brewery, Common Roots Brewery, Lake Drum Brewing, Boundary Breaks Vineyard, and Budweiser.

The theme for the July 31st Wednesday at the Weighlock was "Immigration and the Erie Canal," with an emphasis on the contributions of immigrants in the creation of the canal, and the canal's impact on immigration. Some of our members manned a table to distribute information about our organization and upcoming events. This was another great opportunity

to let the community know that the German American Society is here and offering great activities. Community members were informed that all are welcome to join and be part of what we do.

The Erie Canal Museum is located at 318 Erie Boulevard East in Syracuse.

House Committee

The next event planned by the House Committee will be the annual **Christmas Party**. Additional information will be in future issues of the *Zeitung*.

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 to help 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 August 15 Monthly Membership Meeting, with your ideas in hand. Also, this is a good time to volunteer to help out at the upcoming Oktoberfest scheduled for Oktober 12 and 13 at Freight Yard Brewing. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Annual Picnic

The German-American Society held its **Annual Picnic** on July 21 at the Glen Shelter at Long Branch Park. Approximately 50 members and guests enjoyed a beautiful day and shared a lunch of grilled Bratwurst, burgers, and dogs with all manner of sides and sweet treats. Refreshments included sodas, water, wine, and a couple of kegs of homebrewed *Bier*. German music played while attendees competed in cornhole, ladder ball, and other lawn games. Thanks to all who came out, and especially to our members who helped plan, set up, man the grills, and make donations. It was a great time! Pictures to follow next month.

Sunshine Lady

During the past month things have been pretty quiet.

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

As the 2024 Scholarship Program has come to an end, we can now look forward to the year ahead and the 23rd year of our Scholarship Program in 2025.

We will be participating in fundraising events this year, such as the Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewing to help fund the Scholarship Program. Learn more about our fundraising 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!

However, to administer a program such as this is a costly undertaking for the German American Society. Our Scholarship

Program needs your help to keep it strong. If you would like to help support our Scholarship Program 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 regular pitch! I currently have the following German clothing for sale: three pair of *Lederhosen*, a couple women's blouses, and a few men's shirts. 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 call or text me at 315-345-6253. The clothing will also be at the Oktoberfest.

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 continued support!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

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 has not received by now, your name may no longer be included as a Patron of the *Zeitung*. Please send your checks in. We need your continued support to keep the *Zeitung* going.

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From the Editor

Since we were in the midst of the 2024 Olympics at the time I wrote my "From the Editor" this month, I thought it would be interesting to write about how Germany has done at the Olympics in past years.

Germany first entered the Summer Olympics in Athens in 1896, and the Winter Olympics in St. Moritz in 1928. Between the Summer and Winter Olympics Germany has participated in 510 different sports. They have won 343 gold medals, 231 at the Summer Olympics and 112 at the Winter Olympics; 362 silver medals, 259 at the Summer Olympics, and 104 at the Winter Olympics; and 350 bronze medals, 281 at the Summer Olympics, and 70 at the Winter Olympics.

Germany's top sports are: Canoe and Kayak, 38 Gold, 24 silver, and 26 bronze; Equestrian, 34 gold, 19 silver, and 18 bronze; Rowing, 27 gold, 20 silver and 15 Bronze; Luge, 24 gold, 14 silver, and 10 bronze; Athletics, which includes such sports as Track (Hurdles, Steeplechase, and Relay), Road Events (Marathon and Walk), and Field Events (High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, and Javelin Throw) 23 gold, 46 silver, and 44 bronze.

Let's watch and see what the Paris Summer Olympics brings. I don't know about you, but my eyes have been glued to the TV watching these wonderful athletes from around the world competing and delivering unbelievable performances!

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*

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