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## President's Report

Thank you to everyone for attending and participating in our activities and the Monthly Membership Meetings. The event at the **Canal Museum** gave us a chance to let community people who attended know that we are here and continue to promote our German heritage and culture. We are now looking forward to our **Oktoberfest** on October 12 and 13 in partnership with **Freight Yard Brewing**. See the article in this *Zeitung* for more details.

Just a reminder that September 19 is the **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. If you would like to do a presentation, just let one of the officers know what your presentation topic will be and which meeting you would like to present it at.

Please remember: If you need anything that our organization 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 September 19 Membership Meeting! Thanks.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

I can't believe that summer has come to an end and we will soon be seeing the trees turning their beautiful autumn hues. This gives us an opportunity to get out for a walk 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!

Now, back to business. How are those applications coming along? **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 krausrobert156@gmail.com or speak with me at the September 19 Monthly Membership Meeting. Thank you for helping to increase our membership!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

## Treasurer's Report

Our club's finances are sustained largely through fundraising events and also generous donations from many of our members and friends. Our biggest opportunity is coming up next month at our **Oktoberfest**, October 12 and 13. There are many ways you can help—by letting us know that you'll gladly volunteer to pitch in and work at the event, by donating items

for our raffle baskets, by spreading the word, by sharing our Facebook posts, and by coming to our September 19 meeting where we'll be talking about final Oktoberfest details. Don't wait to be asked! Step up and get involved! As always, 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).

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

We received six new-member applications at the **Picnic** and the applicants were voted into membership at the August Monthly Membership Meeting. Please join me in welcoming **Ronnie Revette, John Donovan, Alexandra Kraus, Kaylee Rose, Kailyn Kraus, and Diane Drawbaugh**.

We currently have 141 members in good standing. 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 should be made out to The German American Society of CNY.

If you will be away for an extended period of time, the

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Sep 19 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>with a member presentation to follow |
| Okt 17 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>Nomination Night                     |
| Nov 21 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>Election Night                       |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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|--------|--|
| 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 8  | Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners 1-6                  |

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NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

## Oktoberfest 2024

**W**ark 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 continues to discuss and plan for food, merchandise, raffles, games, and more! Please consider joining or emailing 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](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com) or text Nadja at 315-450-4655.

The next **Oktoberfest Committee Meeting** is scheduled for September 23 at Freight Yard Brewing at 7 P.M. We are getting down to the wire now, so please consider volunteering or making a donation.

Thank you for your support helping not only with our wonderful Scholarship Program, but also helping to preserve and promote our German heritage and culture.

## August 15 Meeting Presentation

**A**big thank-you goes to **Jim Heckathorne**, who presented interesting information and fun facts on the German wine regions. A lot of the information came from first-hand tasting experiences that he and **Krysa** gathered during their trip to Germany.

## House Committee

**T**he next event planned by the House Committee will be the **Annual Christmas Party**, scheduled for Sunday, December 8, from 1 to 6 at the Syracuse Turners. So please mark the date on your calendar. It is always a fun event as anyone who attended last year can attest to. 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 September 19 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*

## Sunshine Lady

**D**uring the past month one of our long-time members, **Emily Bachmann**, passed away. In years past Emily could

be seen enjoying herself at many of our events, especially the dances and the Christmas Party. A card was sent to her family expressing our sincere condolences. She will be remembered fondly by her family and friends.

A get-well card was sent to **Brigitte Niebuhr**, who is recuperating at home following a recent stay in the hospital.

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

**W**e are now looking forward to 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 or corporate 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.

Please remember that there will be German clothing for sale at the Oktoberfest. As of now, there are 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. Any questions, please call or text me at 315-345-6253. Your donations will be thankfully accepted! You can bring the clothing to the September 19 Monthly Membership Meeting or call me at the above number to make arrangements for pickup.

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*

## Nominations for Officers and Board Members

**Y**es, it's that time again. It's not too early to think about taking a more active role in what happens in our great organization. Nominations will take place at the Oktober 17 **Monthly Membership Meeting**. To be considered a candidate for the Board or an Officer position for 2025, a member needs to be a member in good standing for at least one year at the time of the election. This year's election for 2025 Board and Officers will take place at the November 21 **Monthly Membership Meeting**.

The Nominating Committee will be formed at the Septem-

ber 19 Monthly Membership Meeting. If you would like to serve on this committee, please attend the meeting and volunteer.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominations for Officers and Board Members to be presented at the October Monthly Membership Meeting.

Please think about helping out as this is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to have a hand in who represents the membership.

## From the Editor

Since this is return-to-school time all over the world, let's take a look at a tradition in Germany that's really a great way to help the little ones going to school for the first time get rid of that first-day anxiety. It's done with a Schultüte (school cone), or as it is called in some parts of Germany, a *Zuckertüte* (sugar bag), a paper bag in the form of a big cone.

When the children in Germany and Austria set out for their first day in school upon entering the first grade (kindergarten is considered like our pre-school) their parents and/or grandparents present them with a big, decorated cardboard cone filled with toys, chocolates, candies, school supplies, and various other goodies. Sometimes there are even books and articles of clothing. The children are excited to get the cones, and it makes the first day of school very special for them. This tradition has reportedly been going on since the nineteenth century.

And now a little information on Oktoberfest. When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and the Princess of Saxonia, Theresia, were married in Munich on October 12, 1810, a national holiday was declared and the citizens were invited to the five-day wedding festivities celebrated in the fields outside the city's gates.

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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The celebration was so popular that it became an annual festival in Munich with beer stands set up for town folks to quench their thirst. The original beer stands gave way to large beer tents in 1896, and are still part of this elaborate and festive German celebration. Fourteen big tents each accommodate thousands of people seated at picnic tables inside and thousands more outside the tents.

Germany is famous for its beers and its beer-brewing purity laws. There are six breweries highlighted at Munich's Oktoberfest tents. Many revelers arrive at the beer tents in the morning to secure seats for the fun-filled days of drinking, singing, dancing, and eating.

Since the start of Oktoberfest, the dates have been changed from the original wedding date in mid-October to September to have more favorable weather to celebrate the two-week-long festival.

Oktoberfest is not just the celebration of the famous wedding, it is a spirit and wonderful feeling between old friends and new friends and family. Strangers become friends when the music and dancing start. It is a warm wonderful feeling that words cannot describe. It gives true meaning to the word *Gemütlichkeit!* Come share the warmth and excitement that only Oktoberfest can provide!

If you are able, please volunteer at the Oktober 12 and 13 Oktoberfest in partnership with Freight Yard Brewing. There will be signup sheets at the September 19 Monthly Membership Meeting. See the Oktoberfest article above for more information or attend the September 19 Monthly Membership Meeting.

When not volunteering, bring your family and friends to enjoy the *Gemütlichkeit*, singing, dancing, laughing, eating, and everything that makes our festival and celebration of our heritage so great.

Everyone is Bavarian at Oktoberfest! Enjoy! *Ein Prosit!*

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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