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President's Report

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year surrounded by family and friends!

We are now entering a new year and preparing for a wonderful 2025 for our great organization. And what better way to start the new year than by attending our Monthly Membership Meeting on January 16 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. The Officers and Board Members elected in November 2024 will be installed as the usual installation needed to be moved up to January. The meeting is also a great time for you to present your ideas and suggestions for activities, fundraisers, and meeting presentations for 2025, and to socialize with your fellow members.

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 January 16 Monthly Membership Meeting!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

I hope everything is going well for you all up there in snow country. Miss seeing you and participating in our membership meetings, but I don't miss the weather!

While Corrine and I are down here in Florida, I would like to ask that you try to bring in new members. If each member brings in just one person, what a great boost that would be to our membership! New members bring new ideas and more helping hands.

If you have any questions or ideas of how to increase our membership, please contact me at kraus193701@gmail.com. Thank you for helping to increase our membership! See you in the spring!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to all our Members and Friends!
DID YOU KNOW?

1. that over the past five years our Club has awarded over \$17,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors?
2. that the Club spends more money holding meetings, subsidizing member events, buying supplies, and distributing this *Zeitung* than it collects in dues from members?
3. that, as a result, our Club relies on generous donations and on the hard work of a core group of members on fundraising activities (Oktoberfest, Christmas Market, and Taste Festival)?

During this coming year, please consider volunteering to help at an event, or making a donation to our decades old Scholarship Program. If you have any questions at all regarding our

finances, come to our January Meeting, or send an email to cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyful holiday season. Thank you to everyone who helped out at the **Freight Yard Christmas Market** and for those who came out to enjoy the event! Proceeds from our participation will be used toward our Scholarship Program.

Reminder: It's time for 2025 dues payments. Dues are \$25 per individual and \$40 for a household couple that are both established members. Payments can be made by check or cash, in person at upcoming meetings and events, or by mail. Payments can also be made by Venmo or PayPal upon request. Please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com with questions. If you will be away for the winter please remember to submit your dues payment before you leave!

Please join me in welcoming new member **Jeff Schneider!** He was presented and voted into membership at December's meeting. We look forward to getting to know you. We currently have 142 members. Unfortunately, we had two members pass away in December. Please refer to the Sunshine Lady's report for additional information.

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 anyone 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.

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Jan 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Installation of Newly Elected Officers & Board Members
Meeting Presentation by Members |
| Feb 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Mär 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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| Apr 28 | German Student Scholarship Night |
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Checks need to be made out to The German American Society of CNY. Thanks!

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee

The Annual Christmas Party held on Sunday, December 8, at the Syracuse Turners was well attended and a lot of fun! The Syracuse Oktoberfest Band provided some great dance music as well as traditional and fun Christmas music. The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers from Utica once again celebrated with us and entertained with a few of their folk dances. The Christmas lantern dance was a hit!

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived with gifts for the children who anxiously waited for their names to be called. It was so much fun to watch the happy smiles on the children's faces as they opened their gifts.

As usual, we had a fun-filled auction led by our auctioneer Eric Gang. The auction was a lot of laughs and helped to bring in revenue to help offset the cost of the party.

A huge thank-you goes to Dave Gunter, Jackie-Schneider-Rivette, and Tina Higgins, who helped in the kitchen, allowing Sally to spend more time making sure everything ran according to plan and that people were having a good time. Thank you to Syracuse Turner member Gary Bacon, who opened up early for the kitchen crew to get started on the food prep. Thank you also to Colleen and Cady Kepler, who greeted everyone at the door and attended to the financial end. To everyone who brought those scrumptious desserts and those who helped out in so many ways, you are certainly appreciated! It made the day feel like a family event and brought such happiness. Oh, and the children sure appreciated Santa and Mrs. Claus! If I missed anyone, please just let me know.

If you would like more information about being on the House Committee, or how you can help out at our events, please contact Sally at 315-345-6253. We need all the help we can get!

SALLY FRENZA, BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, and
JACKIE SCHNEIDER-RIVETTE, *House Committee*

January Meeting Presentation

For the month of January, let's have a group discussion on events in our own lives that happened in 2024. It could be a review of a wonderful vacation, a family event such as a wedding, monumental birthday, or something else of interest to the group; just anything you would like to share. If you have pictures or props to go along with what you want to talk about, bring them on. This will be fun and will give us an opportunity to see each other apart from being German American Society members.

Sunshine Lady

I am sorry to report that since the last Zeitung in December, two more members have passed away: Irving Candee and Paul Theis. Although Irving was unable to attend our events in the past few years, he was happy to be able to previously attend our annual Oktoberfest. He was very proud of his German Heritage. Paul joined the German American Society as a result of being a singer in The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus. He enjoyed reading the Zeitung and keeping up on all our events. Our sincere condolences, thoughts, and prayers go out to the families and friends of these two members.

In addition to Irving and Paul, the following members also passed away in 2024: Jack Mulvey; Willy Bechteler; Jim Kozlowski; Eric "Ricky" Lorenz; Karl Lutz; and Rolf Ziemer.



The German American Society mourns the loss of all these members.

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

We are now looking forward to the 23rd year of our Scholarship Program in 2025. The applications and information on criteria are going out to the schools this month. Doesn't seem possible that it's Scholarship time already! German Student Scholarship Night will be on April 28 this year, so please add this date to your calendar. If you have never attended this wonderful event, why not make this the year?

As I have mentioned several times in the past, the Scholarship Program is a costly undertaking for the German American Society. If you are able, a donation in any amount would be appreciated to help keep the Scholarship Program going strong. If you would like to help 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. 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.

We also have fundraising events throughout the year to help fund the program. You can learn more about these events 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 our


events. Not only is it fun, but it will be helping to make our fund-raising events successful!

As always, here's my sales pitch. I still have a few articles of gently used German clothing left for sale. Also, 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, please just call or text me at the above number or speak with me at any of our monthly meetings. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Program.

Thank you for your continued support!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the Editor

his month I'd like to highlight the events that we held in 2024:

In April we participated in the **International Taste Fest**, which enabled us to raise money toward our Scholarship Program. It also gave the community a chance to see that the German American Society of CNY is alive and well. Also, our first bowling event, organized by one of our Board members, was held. It was well attended and a lot of fun as members, family, and friends tried out their bowling skills. Hopefully there will be another one in 2025. The highlight in April was our **22nd Annual German Student Scholarship Night**, where we honored our scholarship recipients as well as all students of the German language and their teachers. The 2024 Scholarship recipients were **Ainsley Bigelow** from Mexico High School and **Jack Keeney** from Fayetteville-Manlius High School. They both gave a wonderful speech in German and then English and were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for the college or university they planned to attend in the fall of 2024. The celebration also included dinner, music, and folk dancing. What fun!

It's easy to get your name in print in the *Zeitung*. All you need to do is send in a \$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! It is now time to renew for 2025. Please send your checks for \$20 to the address noted above. We need your continued support to keep the *Zeitung* going.

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The German American Society held its **Annual Picnic** on July 21 at the Glen Shelter at Long Branch Park. Members and guests enjoyed a beautiful day with great food and, of course, wine and home-brewed *Bier* made by one of our members. Attendees competed in cornhole, ladder ball, and other lawn games, while German music played in the background. Tons of fun!

In October we held our **Oktoberfest** in partnership with Freight Yard Brewing. Saturday was a great day with people enjoying the opportunity to participate in our German culture through food, drink, and entertainment by the Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers. Sunday was a rainy day, but the Fest was moved inside the brewery and enjoyed by those who were brave enough to venture out in the terrible weather. People also had a chance to meet some of the great students of German during both days as they volunteered to help out. Oktoberfest helped to raise money toward the Scholarship Program.

December brought the **Bavarian Christmas Market**, held in partnership with Freight Yard Brewing. It afforded us the opportunity to once again raise money toward the scholarship program and also to make the community aware of our presence. The information regarding the Christmas Party is in the House Committee Report.

Thank you to everyone who help with and attended our events. If you have not volunteered or attended our events in the past, please plan to make 2025 the year you become more active.

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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