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Please note: If we have inclement weather on the day of any of our scheduled meetings or events, please call either President Dave Gunter at 315-289-8145 or the Syracuse Turners at 315-471-9851 to find out if the meeting or event is canceled.

President's Report

I want to once again thank the members who continue to support our great organization by attending our Monthly Meetings and participating in our events. As you are aware, the February meeting needed to be canceled due to our inclement weather. Hopefully we won't see snow and ice that lasts for days like that again this winter. But this is Upstate New York! Let's hope spring ushers in nice weather!

Please plan to attend the **March 20 Monthly Membership Meeting** at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners to obtain the latest information on our upcoming events and to share your ideas on activities, fundraisers, etc. We will have our usual refreshments afterward for you to enjoy while socializing with your friends.

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. Hope to see you all on March 20!

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Well, I understand that Upstate New York has gotten buried in snow and ice. I can't say that we miss it! However, we do miss seeing you all and participating in our membership meetings. Our time in Florida is flying by and it will only be a couple months till we are back with you all.

While Corrine and I are down here in Florida, I would like to ask that you set a goal for yourselves 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 people to help out at our events! We need new members to keep us going strong.

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

Now that winter is halfway (?) over, we can start looking forward to our spring and summer events. First off, we'll be selling treats at the **International Taste Festival** on April 12 from 11 A.M. to 8 P.M. to raise funds for our **Scholarship Program**. It's a great event with lots of delicious food and fun entertainment, so plan to stop by and say hello; even better if you come in *Lederhosen* or *Dirndl*!

As always, if you have any questions at all regarding our club's finances, come to our March 20 Meeting, or email me at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

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 e-mail cnygermansociety@gmail.com with questions.

Members whose dues have not yet been received should have received a reminder letter and/or email. Per the Society Bylaws, individuals who do not pay dues by March 15 will be removed from membership. If there are extenuating circumstances as to why your dues have not been paid, please contact me to discuss any issues.

We received an application for membership from **Peter**

CLUB MEETINGS

- Mär 20 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Meeting presentation: *Fasching*
- Apr 17 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Mai 15 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Apr 12 International Taste Fest, New York State Fairgrounds, 11-8
- Apr 28 German Student Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
- Aug 3 Annual Picnic at Long Branch Park

Amos, who joined us at the January Meeting. Due to the cancelation of the February Meeting we will present Peter for membership at the March Meeting. We currently have 142 members in good standing. I will provide an update after the close of this year's dues cycle. 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. 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. Payments can also be made by Venmo or PayPal upon request. Please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com with questions or payment requests.

Thanks!

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee

Unfortunately, due to a lack of positive responses regarding a **May Dance**, no plans will be made for this year. Please keep it in mind for 2026. Let's not let this event go by the wayside!

As mentioned in the February *Zeitung*, **Jim Heckathorne** has once again reserved a spot for our **Annual Picnic** at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. Please add Sunday, August 3, to your calendar to spend a fun-filled afternoon with your fellow members, family, and friends. The picnic will be here before we know it.

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!

Just a reminder: **German Student Scholarship Night** is being held on April 28 from 5 to 9 at the Syracuse Turners. This is a great evening spent honoring the Scholarship recipients for 2025, as well as all students of German and their teachers.

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

March Meeting Presentation

Since the February Meeting needed to be canceled due to our "wonderful" weather, **Sally Frenza** has agreed to do the presentation on *Fasching* at the **March 20 Monthly Meeting**, even though *Fasching* ends on Shrove Tuesday, March 4. However, the *Fastnachts* (German donuts) unfortunately will not be making it to the meeting. There will still be our usual sandwiches and beer or soda, and maybe some other goodies, so please plan to attend.

Sunshine Lady

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

MARGARETHA MICHO, *Sunshine Lady*

23rd German Student Scholarship Program

Hard to believe that **Scholarship Night** is getting here so quickly. So please add April 28 from 5 to 9 to your calendar. There will be a social hour with snacks from 5 to 6, then dinner at 6 and entertainment at 7, followed by the Scholarship Awards. Each recipient will give a short acceptance speech in German and then translated into English. If you have never attended this wonderful event, why not make this the year? There will be additional information in the April *Zeitung*.

The applications and information on criteria have gone out to the schools with a return date of March 19. The Scholarship Committee will then meet and review the wonderful applications and choose the recipients, who will be notified by April 1.

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. Thank you to the individuals who have already shown their support for this very important program with a personal donation. People who donate will be noted in the Scholarship Night program.

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 fundraising events successful!

As always, here's my sales pitch. I still have a few articles of gently used German clothing left for sale. There are a couple pairs of *Lederhosen* and a few articles of ladies' clothing. 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

Since March has St. Patrick's Day, below is a little about how this day is celebrated in Germany.

It is said that we Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a big way. But there is also a big celebration in Munich. Green abounds to celebrate St. Paddy! Munich's St. Patrick's Day celebration is one of the largest in Europe. (Those Bavarians love a party!)

Irish people and Irish fans or wannabes have been celebrating in Munich since the 1990s. It started out as a small private celebration and quickly blossomed into a large, two-day festival. In 2014 there was a Parade from *Münchner* to *Odeonsplatz*. There was singing and an Irish Mass at St. Michael's Church.

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. If you have not already done so, please send your checks for \$20 to the address noted above. We need your continued support to keep the *Zeitung* going. If the \$20 donation for Patron isn't received by April 18, your Patron ad may be taken out of the *Zeitung*. Please don't let this happen.

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The Allianz Arena and the Olympic Tower were bathed in green light. I looked up the Munich celebration on Facebook and I couldn't believe my eyes. The number of people who were watching the parade in Munich and celebrating was unbelievable! The crowd was elbow to elbow. I bet the *Hofbräuhaus* was jammed to the rafters. Irish jigs or *Schuplattling*? Whatever the dance, whatever the beer, whatever the food, I'm sure everyone in Munich and other parts of Germany will party hearty in 2025!

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 *Tag der Kranken*, not just for one day, but whenever we hear about a sick friend or family member? A card, phone call, text, or visit really cheers up an ill or recuperating person.

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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Call the Syracuse Turners at 315-471-9851 to get details about their hours of operation, menu, and events. They have a lot of events planned for 2025. You can also get information on how to join their organization, as well as how to rent their dining room or bowling alley for a special occasion.

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