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ing our club's finances, come to our March Meeting, or email me at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

Liebe Grüße

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

President's Report

Sooray! The Syracuse Turners now has heat. Beginning with the March meetings, we will now be back at the Turners.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to attend the Monthly Meetings. Attending the meetings not only provides members with information on what is happening and planned for our great organization, but also gives everyone a chance to present ideas and offer suggestions.

Please plan to attend the March 19 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. to obtain information on upcoming events. Also, there will be refreshments 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 at the March 19 Monthly Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners! Thank you for your support.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*



Vice President's Report

Well, I understand that Upstate New York was recently 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 of 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 keep our organization strong as we forge into the future! See you in the Spring!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

First things first: Please pay you 2026 dues as soon as possible! Our dues help us pay at least a portion of the costs of keeping the Club running. Secondly, consider attending our upcoming events (scholarship dinner, bowling outing, *Maitag*, happy hours, picnic, etc.). Getting to know your fellow members and participating in our activities will help you get the most out of your dues! As always, if you have any questions at all regard-

Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you everyone who came out for the **Fasching Party** at Freight Yard Brewing on February 21! It was a fun and festive event and we're hoping to do it again in 2027! See the picture in this *Zeitung* of some of our members and others, as well as the music men **Alpine Al and Munich Mike**.

At the February meeting the group discussed planning additional member gatherings and socials. We are reaching out to **Bullfinch Brewing** to try to set up a Saturday in March for members to gather and enjoy some beverages and learn about the

CLUB MEETINGS

- Mär 19 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, 7
- Apr 16 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
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- Mai 21 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Apr 27 German Student Scholarship Night,
Syracuse Turners, 5-9
- Jul 19 Annual Picnic at Glen Shelter, Long Branch Park,
Liverpool
- Dez 13 Christmas Party at Syracuse Turners

brewery. Even though we have not heard back from them at the time this *Zeitung* went to press, we will try to have information regarding Bullfinch at the March 19 Monthly Meeting. We will also be working with **VanHassler Brewing** on a *Maitag* celebration at the beginning of May. In addition, one of our members is setting up another fun bowling day at **Flamingo Bowl** sometime in April. Further information on these events will be available in the April *Zeitung* and at our March 19 and April 16 Monthly Membership Meetings. Also, keep an eye on your email and Facebook for updates! If you have suggestions for events or would like to assist with planning, please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

Final call for 2026 dues payments! We are working on wrapping up this year's dues collections so we can report out on current membership. As a reminder, members whose dues have not been received will receive a reminder letter and/or email as a final notice. Due to not having a January meeting we will extend the dues payment period to March 31. If you haven't already, please take a moment to renew your membership. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals and \$40 for a household couple. You can pay by mail or at the next Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 19. To pay via PayPal or Venmo, please email us at the address below to make arrangements. When sending payments for dues, patrons, or ads, please clearly indicate the purpose and the member's name. Any individual whose dues have not been received by March 31 will be marked as inactive and will no longer be a member in good standing and will not receive a monthly *Zeitung* and other member benefits.

If you have questions about your dues payment please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com. We rely on your membership, attendance at meetings, and participation in our events to keep our organization strong.

Finally, please continue to encourage others to join the Society. To propose a new member, please have them complete an application and mail it with their payment to: The German American Society of CNY PO Box 5548 Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Checks should be made out to The German American Society of CNY. Applications are available at all meetings, events, or online at www.germanamericanscny.com.

If you have any questions about your dues, please contact me at the number below. Thank you!

NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee

The **Scholarship Night** is planned for April 27 from 5 to 9 at the Syracuse Turners. Please add this date to your calendars.

Community events are being planned as noted in the Financial Secretary's report and will be discussed at the March 19 Monthly Meeting being held at the Syracuse Turners.

If you would like more information about being on the House Committee, please contact Sally at 315-345-6253. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA, BRIGITTE NIEBUHR (member emeritus), and JACKIE SCHNEIDER-RIVETTE, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

A thinking-of-you card has been sent to **Brigitte Niebuhr**, who is home recuperating from a recent hospitalization. Brigitte is one of our longtime members and had been very active up until a few years ago.

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

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

German Student Scholarship Program

The applications and criteria to apply for a 2026 German Student Scholarship have gone out with a turnaround date of March 19 for the applications to be postmarked. The Committee and I look forward to once again reviewing the wonderful applications that will be coming in from the high school seniors who meet the scholarship criteria. Please mark April 27, 2026 on your calendar for the 24th Annual German Student Scholarship Night to be held at the Syracuse Turners. This is a fun evening with dinner, music, the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers**, and, of course, the highlight of the evening, the presentation of the 2026 German Student Scholarship recipients. There will be more information at the March 19 Monthly Meeting and in the April *Zeitung*.

I want to thank everyone who participates in our fundraising efforts to help support the Scholarship Program. If you would like to help keep our Scholarship Program going strong through a personal donation, please send a check or money order made out to The German American Society of CNY. Any amount would be great. Mail your donation 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 contact me. I can be reached at 315-345-6253 or email at sallyzf@aol.com. I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about the Scholarship Program.

Please note: There is an opening on the Scholarship Committee. If you are interested in filling this vacancy, or if you would like additional information, please contact me at the above number. Thank you everyone for your continued support!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*



Meeting Presentation Opportunities

A big thank-you goes out to everyone who provided a meeting presentation in 2025. The presentations help to make the meetings more than just business! Now is the time for you to get those presentation ideas together for 2026. These presentations are a great way for you to highlight your interests, talents, and family activities, so please don't hesitate to volunteer or offer your ideas for a presentation at our meetings or by emailing cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

Sally Frenza finally gave the presentation on *Fasching* at the February 19 meeting. Please see the picture of the meeting presentation above. Masks and beads for all!

The rest of 2026 is open, so step right up and don't be shy! We are a forgiving audience! Thank you!

From the Editor

What great Irish Festival, St. Patrick's Day, is almost upon us. It is said that St. Patrick became a Christian in the fifth century and then proceeded to convert the Irish. The legend is that he used a shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the Celts, and it has been the national symbol since. The shamrock plays a leading role in St. Patrick's Day, from leading parades, to hats, badges, T-shirts, and, of course, beer glasses and many songs, such as "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "Oh, Danny Boy."

It is said that we Americans really celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a big way. Coleman's in Syracuse has already had its Green Beer Sunday and is already building up to the big day on March 17. But hold on a minute! Can it be!? Yes, there is 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. (We all know how 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. Many times there is a big parade with singing and then an Irish Mass at St. Michael's Church. The Allianz Arena and the Olympic Tower may be 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 in past years and celebrating was unbelievable! The crowd was elbow to elbow. I bet the *Hofbräuhaus* was jammed

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, and a reminder that 2026 Patron ad payments need to be mailed to the above address as soon as possible to keep your name in print. We need your continued support as well as support from new Patrons to keep the *Zeitung* going strong.

Please contact the Editor at 315-345-6253 or email at sallyzf@aol.com if you have any questions about advertising in the *Zeitung*, becoming a Patron, or to check on the status of your 2026 payment. Thank you.

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to the rafters! Irish jigs or *Schuplattling*? After a few beers, does it matter? Whatever the dance, whatever the beer, whatever the food, I'm sure everyone in Munich will party hardy and have a great time!

Here's a recipe for Traditional Irish Soda Bread:

Ingredients

4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1¾ cups buttermilk

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C).
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, and salt.
3. Gradually add the buttermilk, stirring until a soft dough forms.
4. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead gently for a minute.
5. Shape the dough into a round loaf and place it on a lightly floured baking sheet.
6. With a sharp knife, score a deep cross into the top of the loaf.
7. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the bread is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.
8. Allow the bread to cool on a wire rack until cool before slicing. Enjoy!!!

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or any topic that you would like me to write about, or if you have an article you have written and would like to see in print? Just let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

Members and Friends

Looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner? Why not try out the Syracuse Turners? They have really great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a very reasonable price. There is always a special. Just give the Syracuse Turners a call at 471-9851 and they will let you know what the Friday night special is. They can also provide you with information on joining their great organization.

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