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President's Report

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. Unfortunately, our attendance has been down over the last few months.

Please plan to attend the **April 16 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 April 16 Meeting at the Syracuse Turners! Thank you for your support.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Well, we only have about another month before we will be traveling back up north. We do miss seeing you all and participating in our Membership Meetings. Our time in Florida really flew by.

While Corrine and I have been gone, I hope you have set a goal for yourselves to bring in new members. 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 May!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

As I have previously reported to our Board, our organization finished 2025 with a modest surplus, which was aided by cultural heritage grants from New York State, two days of great weather for Oktoberfest, and a successful booth at the International Taste Festival. As a cautionary note, we never know if more grants will be forthcoming, we can't control the weather, and the Taste Festival has been canceled for this year. So, as we move forward in 2026, we need to keep thinking of ways to generate revenue and control costs. Any ideas or support you can provide would be enthusiastically welcomed. Come to a meeting and help us out! As always, if you have any questions at all

regarding our club's finances, come to our **April 16 Meeting**, or email me at cnygermansociety@gmail.com.

Liebe GrüÙe!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary

Final call for 2026 dues payments! As there is a delay in dues letters going out, we are extending the deadline another month. 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, April 16. To pay via PayPal or Venmo, please email us to make arrangements. When sending payments for dues, patrons, or ads, please clearly indicate the purpose and the member's name. Checks should be made out to The German American Society of CNY. Applications are available at all meetings, events, or online at www.germanamericanscnyc.com.

As a reminder, members whose dues have not been received will receive a reminder letter and/or email as a final notice. Any individual whose dues have not been received by the end of April will be marked as inactive and will no longer receive a monthly *Zeitung* and other member benefits. If you have questions about your dues payment, please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

As we look forward to warmer weather (hopefully) coming our way soon, we are also looking forward to upcoming events! On Sunday, April 12, from 2 to 4, come join fellow members for bowling at **Flamingo Bowl**. Price is \$14 per person for two hours

CLUB MEETINGS

Apr 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Mai 21	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Jun 18	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Jul 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

April 12	Open Bowling, Flamingo Bowl, Liverpool, 2-4
Apr 27	German Student Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
Mai 2	<i>Maitag</i> Social, Freight Yard Brewing, Clay, 3-?
Jul 19	Annual Picnic, Glen Shelter at Long Branch Park, Liverpool
Dez 13	Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners

of unlimited bowling, including shoe rental. Next, on Monday, April 27, please help us celebrate this year's Scholarship recipients and all students of German at the annual **Scholarship Dinner**. Then on Saturday, May 2, at 3:00 P.M. (stay as long as you want, until 9:00 P.M.) help us welcome spring with a **Maitag** social at **Freight Yard Brewing!** Some snacks will be provided and beverages are available for purchase from the brewery. There will also be a food truck onsite for dinner options. 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.

There are no new-member applications to present this month. We are working on wrapping up this year's dues collections so we can report on current membership. If you have not yet paid your dues, please see the dues information above and reach out if you have any questions. We rely on your membership, meeting attendance, and participation 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. Thank you!
NADJA ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

House Committee

It's almost time for our big event—the German American Society of CNY German Student **Scholarship Night**. The information is in the Scholarship Committee Report in this *Zeitung*.

Community events are being planned as noted in the Financial Secretary's report and will be discussed at the April 16 Monthly Meeting being held at the Syracuse Turners's.

If you would like more information on 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

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

It's hard to believe that Scholarship Night is almost here. The Committee recently convened and, after reviewing each application that met the criteria, the following students will each be a recipient of one of this year's \$1,000 scholarships: **Michael Edsall**, Fayetteville-Manlius; **Hannah Schultz**, Onondaga Central; and **Avery Willis**, Mexico.

The German Student Scholarship Night celebration will be held on April 27 at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, and is open to all, with any student of German, regardless of what grade they attend in school, and their teacher attending at no cost to them. I know I have said it before, but it doesn't seem possible that this will be our twenty-fourth year of awarding scholarships, and I have been fortunate enough to be involved in them all! German Student Scholarship Night is an evening that showcases all the wonderful students of German and is a lot of fun!

The cost for German Student Scholarship Night is \$20, except as mentioned above. If at all possible, reservations with checks made out to the German American Society of CNY with the

German Student Scholarship Night

April 27 · 5 to 9 p.m.

Our
24th
Year!

Syracuse Turners
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Social Hour from 5-6 with Music by John & Ray
Buffet Dinner from 6 to 7

Entertainment at 7
featuring

Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers
and Gracie and Her Cowbells

Award Presentations to Follow

Please attend to honor the wonderful students and to support the future of our German language, heritage, and culture.

Cost: \$20

(No charge for students of German or their teachers.)

Reservations and checks made out to the German-American Society of CNY
by April 20 to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105.
Questions: contact Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253 or sallyzf@aol.com.

number of guests and names need to be mailed to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105, by April 20.

The evening celebration will consist of a social hour with snacks from 5 to 6 with music by **John and Ray**, who are members of the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band**, a buffet dinner from 6 to 7, and entertainment at 7, featuring the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers**, who will not only do some traditional Bavarian folk dances, but also entice some of the attendees to do the pretzel dance with them. It's always a lot of laughs! This year we will also have **Gracie and Her Cowbells**, who will entertain everyone with one of her numbers and also lead a cowbell chorus made up of volunteers who will have an opportunity to show off their bell-ringing skills. What fun!

Keven Quinn, a Scholarship recipient from ten years ago, who now teaches German at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, will say a few words about a great event his students are planning, followed by the Scholarship Awards. Each Scholarship recipient will give a short acceptance speech in German and English. This is always a highlight of the evening and gives the recipients an opportunity to demonstrate their command of the German language. A flyer is printed in this *Zeitung* with all the details. Please add April 27 from 5 to 9 to your calendar for a fun-filled night!

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 past meeting presentation. The presentations help to make the meetings more than just business! Now is the time for you to get those presentation ideas together. 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.

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

Greetings from the *Osterhase*! He's been around since the 17th century, as noted in German folklore. However, his roots go back even further. In German mythology, hares were associated with fertility and renewal, and connected to the pagan goddess of spring. Since hares and rabbits reproduced quickly, they symbolized new life and rebirth. And that somehow evolved into the German children building nests for the *Hase* to lay eggs. Good children got treats while naughty children got nothing. This tradition quickly spread in America as

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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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German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania. It wasn't long before a basket took the place of a nest, and the baskets evolved into what we know today with eggs and treats of all kinds, especially chocolate bunnies! Soon Easter baskets were part of every child's hope for Easter morning across the country, as well as other parts of the world where Easter is celebrated. Another tradition introduced by the Germans!

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*

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