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President's Report

Great time was had by all who attended the **Maifest**. Many thanks to everyone who provided the delicious refreshments, as well as to those who put it all together. Our "real" *Maibaum* was donated by Klaus Raith.

The **Liederverein Spring Concert** was well received. Look forward to their success in competing at the *Sängerfest* to be held in Poughkeepsie June 8–10, 2012.

Our next **Oktoberfest** meeting will be on Tuesday, June 19, at 7:30 P.M. at the Turners. Ideas and volunteers are needed, as well as donations for the various raffles to be held the weekend of Oktoberfest.

Our next big event will be our **Annual Picnic** at Camp Brockway, July 8, from 2–6. Put it on your calendar as it is an afternoon of fun.

Summer is just around the corner. Celebrate!

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

The entertainment is set for **Oktoberfest** and the schedule is found below. We are also firming up our beer sponsor; the information will be available at the next meeting and in the July *Zeitung*. It's time to start thinking about where you can help out at Oktoberfest. A list of area captains has been completed and will be in the next *Zeitung*, along with the form to fill out to volunteer at the **2012 Great Syracuse Oktoberfest**.

The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting will be on June 19 at 7 P.M. at the Turners. If you have ideas or would like to know more about serving on the Committee, please plan to attend. Or you can call me at 675-8321.

2012 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

Friday, September 21

12–2 Liverpool Community Band
 3–7 Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
 6–6:30 Opening ceremonies and Alphorn playing with our local dignitaries.
 8–11 Kat Tales

Saturday, September 22

12–2 Liverpool Community Band
 3–7 Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers plus the Edelweiss Schuhplattler from Utica

8–11 Under the Gun

Sunday, September 23 is Family Day!

Sponsored by Price Chopper

12–2 Liverpool Community Band and the Syracuse Liederverein Mixed Chorus
 2–5 The Twin Magicians—Dave and Paul
 2:30–5:30 The 18 Grammy Award-Winning Jimmy Sturr and his Orchestra and the Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers
 5:30 Grand Prize Raffle Drawing and Closing Ceremonies

There will also be several door prize drawings throughout the weekend. **Mary Pfaff** has volunteered to put the Basket Raffle together. Please see her note in this *Zeitung*. **Bob Kline** is again in charge of the "Big" Raffle.

See you at the Oktoberfest Meeting on June 19 for more details, or at the Monthly Meeting on June 21—or both!

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice president and Oktoberfest Chair*

Treasurer's Report

For a complete report on our financial situation, please attend the Monthly Meeting on June 21 at 7 P.M. at the Turners.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

As of the June *Zeitung* mailing, we still have 39 unpaid members. We have asked those members to call if sickness or other problems prevail, but have received no

Club Meetings

Jun 19 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7:00
 Jun 21 Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00
 Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7:00
 Jul 17 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7:00
 Jul 19 Board Meeting, Turners, 6:00
 Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7:00

Upcoming Events

Jul 8 Club Picnic at Camp Brockway, 2–6
 Sep 21–23 Oktoberfest, Regional Market, Park Street, Syracuse

response. We have lost a few members to the man upstairs, as well as for health reasons, and will probably assume those others have just forgotten to pay, moved away, or feel the German American Society is just not in the picture for them right now.

On a lighter note, we received two new-membership applications at the May monthly meeting: **George and Irene Sallaway** of Fayetteville, sponsored by **Henry Pfaff**. With the approval of their memberships at the June meeting, we will have a very healthy 200+ members. All remaining 2012 stickers will be in this newsletter.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

Sunshine Lady

Unfortunately, we recently lost another member: **Jean Kokernack**. A sympathy card was sent to her husband, **Edward**, who is also a member. Jean and Ed could be seen at many of our events.

A sympathy card was also sent to **Debbie Thomas** on the passing of her father. Please keep these two families in your prayers as they go through the grieving process.

In addition, **Steve Dreher**, a former member and long-time Liederverein singer and Bavarian folk dancer, also just lost his father. Our condolences go out to Steve and his family.

A get-well card went to **Rudy Stecher**, who had quite a serious operation and is now recuperating. Hopefully he will be home by the time you get this *Zeitung*. I think he could also use a prayer or two.

A birthday card was sent to **Sally Frenza**. And an anniversary card was sent to **Ken Blechl** and his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Please contact me at 468-4541 to report any illnesses, surgeries, deaths, monumental birthdays, or other events that are deserving of a card.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

From the House Committee

Hope everyone who attended our Maitanz enjoyed themselves! Our next festival is our picnic at Camp Brockway on July 8 from 2–6. All members attend free. Guests pay \$15. If they would like to become a new member of the German American Society, their picnic fee will cover the application fee. Members should bring their membership cards with them when attending.

The kitchen will be open from 2–4. We will be serving brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, sauerkraut, red cabbage, and German potato salad. As we have done in past years, we ask everyone to please bring a dish or dessert to pass. **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing, so plan on bringing your dancing shoes. Hope to see you all there!

There will be more information and directions to Camp Brockway in the July *Zeitung*. If you have any questions, please contact me at 469-5304.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Summer is here and I want to make everyone aware that there is still an opportunity to purchase a brick at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. A single brick is \$50, 2 bricks are \$75, and 3 bricks are \$100, with each additional brick being \$30. These bricks can be purchased to honor or memorialize a loved one, friend, organization, etc. Please call me at 451-1848 for further details or to get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or online at germanamericanscny.net.

As you may recall, bricks have been sold to help offset the cost of the Goethe and Schiller Monument Restoration Project that was a joint venture between the German American Society and the City of Syracuse a few years ago.

If you would like to assist with maintaining the area containing the bricks, please let me know or contact **Elisabeth Kallfelz** at 699-8848 or **Bill Nurk** at 487-2472.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past, and to everyone who has purchased bricks.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

Scholarship Committee

Again, thank you to everyone who attended Scholarship Night. The students have started to send in the required documentation and the checks will go out in July. If you have never attended this wonderful event that honors all the great students of German and their teachers, why not make it next year?

If you have questions about the scholarship program, please do not hesitate to contact me at 345-6253 or by e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Oktoberfest Basket Raffle

Will be accepting donations for 6 baskets to be raffled off at our forthcoming Oktoberfest. Tickets will be drawn for two of the baskets each afternoon at 5:30. Also, I would appreciate donations to make up two more baskets—just for our younger generation—to be raffled at the end of Oktoberfest on Sunday, Family Day.

If you have any questions regarding the raffle or what to donate, please give me a call at 437-8746. Thank you so much for helping out, as your donations will make this happen!

MARY PFAFF

Thank You from the Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

The Syracuse Liederverein, an award-winning German Chorus, wishes to thank everyone who attended the May concert held at Trinity Lutheran Church. The chorus sang a variety of music in German and English, some of which will be sung at the **NYS Sangerfest** on June 8, 9, and 10 in Poughkeepsie. Although it was quite warm the afternoon of the concert, the music was well received by all. We even had a sing-along this year. The Social Hour

provided an opportunity for the attendees to talk with the chorus members and make new friends while enjoying a large variety of “goodies”!

In Poughkeepsie, the chorus will be competing against the other German choruses of the **Sängerbund** in the categories of Men’s Chorus, Women’s Chorus, and Mixed Chorus. We want to thank the German American Society of CNY for helping to make this possible by their generous donation, which will help offset our expenses. We are hoping to once again bring home a trophy!

The next concert will be in December. Please try to attend and support the last remaining German chorus in the Syracuse area.

YOUR FRIENDS IN THE LIEDERVEREIN CHORUS

From the Editor

Well, we are just about to celebrate Father’s Day here in America with cookouts, parties, and giving “Dad” a well deserved break from mowing the lawn, taking out the garbage, washing the car, and all the other “thankless” tasks that he performs.

In Germany, Fathers’ Day is celebrated differently from other parts of the world. There are two terms and/or events of an older origin that, while similar in name, have entirely different meanings. *Vatertag* is always celebrated on Ascension Day (the Thursday forty days after Easter), which is a federal holiday. Regionally it is also called men’s day, *Männertag*, or gentlemen’s day, *Herrentag*. It is a tradition to do a males-only hiking tour or day out (sounds like fun, eh, guys?), often pulling a wagon filled with beer or wine (according to the region) and traditional regional food, **Hausmannkost**, such as *Saumagen*, *Leberwurst*, *Blutwurst*, vegetables, eggs, etc. As men tend to do, they will use this day to drink a little too much and roam the streets singing and carrying on. (You don’t hear these kinds of stories about us ladies, do you?). This action can be very embarrassing to the more conservative German people who don’t participate. One of our members from Germany confirmed that this is the way it was when she lived in Germany. After the men got

drunk, it was up to the wives to go and fetch their husbands and bring them home. As much as the children wanted to go along, they were not allowed to see their father in such a state! While in the past a bunch of drunken men may have been amusing, it is no longer viewed as something funny and *Herrentag* may not be as widely celebrated on this day as in the past. Besides, German men today hardly need a holiday excuse to have a few drinks with their buddies!

The Austrian Father’s Day observance, while closer to the American holiday, is still not exactly the same. The date is also in June (on the second Sunday), but the celebration has a slightly more religious connotation, something like a feast day in the Catholic church. Even more than in the U.S., the Austrian *Vatertag* ranks far lower in importance than *Muttertag* (no surprise to us mothers!). The first observance of Father’s Day in Austria was in 1956. Today it is similar to the U.S. Father’s Day in that many Austrians give cards and presents for *Papi’s* special day.

Members and Friends

Erika Carneim will be in Germany visiting family and friends for a couple months. I’m sure she will have a lot to talk about when she returns!

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus is always looking for new singers. You don’t need to be able to speak or understand German to join our group. All you need is a love of singing and the desire to preserve a very important part of German culture: singing.

If you would like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Shop City, and will resume after Labor Day.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Upcoming events at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy:
Jul 20, 21, 22 Bavarian Festival, Fri. & Sat. 5–11 & Sun. 12–6

If you have any questions regarding the Bavarian Festival, contact the clubhouse at 315-735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Your name could be here! \$15 for Patrons, \$10 for Sponsors, for one year. Send your check made payable to the German-American Society of CNY, attn. Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

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