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President's Report

Important Meeting Notice: If the weather is really bad and you are wondering if a German American Society Meeting is still on, please contact the Syracuse Turners at 471-9851 to get the answer.

Our next event is our **Bockbierfest** to be held Sunday, March 10 at the Liverpool Fire Hall. See the House Committee article and the enclosed flyer for more information. Let us again have a great turnout as we always have a lot of fun!

Oktoberfest 2013 is already on the agenda. Please submit your ideas to our Chairperson Klaus Raith or our other Officers or Board members as listed in our *Zeitung*. The fest will be at Long Branch Park in Liverpool, Sunday, October 6. As always, we appreciate your volunteer time.

Enjoy St. Patrick's Day on March 17 and Easter on March 31!

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

Please Note: There will be an Oktoberfest Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. If you were a member of the Committee last year, I would like to have your help again for the 2013 Oktoberfest. If you have never served on the Committee but would like to, either come to the meeting or call me at 675-8321 with any questions.

We will be celebrating not only **Oktoberfest** on October 6 from 12 to 7 at Long Branch Park, but also **German-American Heritage Day**. So, please come out for the meeting and bring your ideas.

See you at the Oktoberfest Committee Meeting on March 19!

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President & Oktoberfest Chair*

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the March 21 Monthly Meeting for an update on our financial status.

As always, if you have any questions about our finances, please let me know. I can be reached at 622-2658.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

There were no new-membership applications this month. And, unfortunately, the weather forced us to cancel the February meeting. Membership renewals are still arriving, although there are about forty members who have not paid their 2013 renewal. The 2013 tabs will be available at the **Bockbierfest** and at the next Monthly Meeting as well as the other meetings and events. If you are a Life Member you will not receive a tab. As stated

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Mär 19 | Oktoberfest Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M. |
| Mär 21 | Board Meeting, Turners, 6 P.M.
Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M. |
| Apr 16 | Oktoberfest Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M. |
| Apr 18 | Board Meeting, Turner, 6 P.M.
Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7 P.M. |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mär 10 | Bockbierfest, Liverpool Fire Hall,
2:30-6:30 P.M. |
| Apr 29 | Scholarship Night, Turners, 5-9 P.M. |

in our by-laws, all complimentary memberships need to be reviewed before issuing a 2013 complimentary membership.

Please note: There will be no other notice sent out to members who have not paid their \$15 dues. If dues are not paid by March 31st, you will no longer receive the *Zeitung*, and will be charged \$25 for renewal.

Dues can be paid either in person at the Bockbierfest or at the March 21 Monthly Meeting, or sent to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

If you have any questions, please ask me at the meeting or call me at 622-9145.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

Sunshine Lady

Unfortunately, we lost another member in February, **Ruth Kegel**. A card was sent to her husband, **Philipp**, who is also a member. Ruth and Phil were often present at our social events and volunteered at Oktoberfest.

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

Our **Bockbierfest** is coming up March 10 at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 2:30 to 6:30 P.M. We will be serving *Bockwurst*, hot dogs, **Sauerkraut**, potato salad, coffee, and tea. *Bier*, wine, and soda will be available for a small fee. If you are able, would you please bring a dessert to pass? It would really be appreciated.

Admission is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children 5 to 10 years old are half price in advance, and under 5 get in free. **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 8 TO: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse NY 13205. My home phone is 469-5304, cell 491-2573. All checks need to be made out to The German American Society of CNY.

Hope to see you all there for the eating, singing, dancing, and afternoon of fun sharing our great German *Gemütlichkeit!*

Any questions, or to find out more about the House Committee and what we do, or to join us, please give me a call.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR

Want to Get Away from It All?

Interested in some time away with friends and family? At our meetings we have been discussing a possible trip to the **Crystal Brook Resort** at Round Top. If you are interested in this, please contact me at 345-6253. I will take the names and pass them on to the organizer of the trip. Oh, by the way: If you are interested in organizing this fun getaway, please let me know that, too. I have the contact information for the resort as well as a calendar of activities. It looks like a real fun place.

SALLY FRENZA

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Applications and Criteria have gone out to the area German teachers to distribute to their students.

This will be our 11th Scholarship year, and I am honored and pleased to remain active in this cherished event. It hardly seems possible that so much time has gone by and so many wonderful students have been honored over the years.

Please mark April 29 on your 2013 calendar for Scholarship Night at the Syracuse Turners from 5 to 9. If you have never attended, why not make this the year your first?

There will be a dinner as usual, as well as entertainment and the awards ceremony. It is always a great time and a wonderful way to honor our students and their teachers. There will be more information in the April *Zeitung*.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail sallyzf@aol.com

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the Editor

Swant to take this opportunity thank everyone who has continued to read the *Zeitung* and let me know what they think about the contents of each issue. It is really refreshing to receive positive feedback from you. Please keep it coming! If you have an article you would like to see in the *Zeitung*, or if you have a topic you would like me to write about, please let me know. Also, if you can see ways to improve the *Zeitung*, please let me know that, too.

Easter in Germany

Since Easter is almost here, let's take a look at how it is celebrated in Germany, and what German customs have become part of our own celebration. Like many of our Christmas customs, Germany is also considered the birthplace of such Easter icons as the *Osterhase* (Easter Bunny). German children were told of an *Osterhase* who hid eggs and chocolates for them to find on Easter morning. Immigrants to America, particularly in Pennsylvania, brought the tradition with them and it spread in America.

Germans also hollow out eggs by making a pin-hole in the end of each and blowing out the contents. These eggs are then beautifully decorated and hung from shrubs and trees during Easter week.

Another unique custom in some villages of Germany is the *Osterfeuer* (Easter fire). All the trees from the previous Christmas are gathered and burned in a special place, making a huge bonfire,

clearing away the last signs of winter, and preparing for a bountiful spring.

Easter Monday is also a holiday in Germany. In some villages, especially in southern Germany, people go out for a candlelit parade called *Emmausgang* early in the morning to remember the walks that Jesus made after his crucifixion and resurrection.

However you choose to celebrate this most holy day, have a *Frohe Ostern!*

Members and Friends

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

The Liederverein Chorus is an award-winning chorus that is always looking for new singers of all ages. 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'd like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. The chorus is currently in the process of regrouping and soliciting new members. When rehearsals resume, they will be on Monday evenings at 7 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Shop City, adjacent to Teall Avenue and Grant Boulevard in Syracuse. During our regrouping and soliciting process, we will be holding rehearsals on an as-needed basis, since we will continue to sing whenever and wherever we are requested, such as at Scholarship Night.

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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