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President's Report

Everyone enjoyed our **Maitanz**, including the beautiful **Maibaum** that Klaus Raith and his Bavarian dancers presented to our attendees. The design work looked just wonderful! And getting the attendees involved with weaving the ribbons was just great and very entertaining. Thank you so much for all of your efforts!

Our next event is our **Annual Picnic**, which will be held at Camp Brockway on Sunday, July 7. More details in the House Committee Report. Let's have a great turnout!

Tuesday, June 18, is our Oktoberfest Meeting at the Turners at 7 P.M. Bring your ideas! Thursday, June 20, is our Board Meeting at 6 P.M., followed by our Monthly Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Turners.

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend with family and friends. Summer is just around the corner. Celebrate!

HEINRICH PFAFF, *President*

Vice President's Report

We held our May Oktoberfest Meeting at Long Branch Park. It was just beautiful outside and everything went well with the meeting. The Committee had an opportunity to see how the **Oktoberfest** will be laid out. It's going to be a great one! We still have a few wrinkles to iron out but everything is moving along as planned. The entertainment is just about set. There will be the **Liverpool Community Band** and the **Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers**, as well as activities for the children. We will also have the **Edelweiss Schuhplattlers** performing with us this year.

The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting will be on June 18 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.

See you at the Oktoberfest Meeting or at the Monthly Meeting, or both!

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice president and Oktoberfest Chair*

Treasurer's Report

For a complete report on our financial situation, please attend the June Monthly Meeting on June 20 at 7 P.M. at the Turners.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

There are no new-member applications to report this month.

July is our **Annual Picnic** at Camp Brockway. Besides having a lot of fun, anyone who applies as a new member can do so at the picnic for \$15. Former members who were dropped for non-payment of dues are \$25 to rejoin. If you have any questions about membership or dues, please contact me at 622-9145.

Hope to see you at the next Monthly Meeting on June 20 at 7 P.M. the Syracuse Turners.

MICKEY PALUMBO, *Financial Secretary*

Sunshine Lady

Get-well card was sent to **Ken Blechl**, who is at home now recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

CLUB MEETINGS

Jun 18	Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7
Jun 20	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7
Jul 16	Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7
Jul 18	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 7	Annual Picnic at Camp Brockway, 1-5
Okt 6	Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
Okt 19	Oktoberfest Volunteer Party, Liverpool Fire Hall 5-9
Dez 8	Christmas Party, Liverpool Fire Hall, 2-6

An anniversary card was sent to **Henry and Mary Pfaff** for 50+ years. What a wonderful accomplishment!

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

Shope everyone who attended our **Maitanz** had a good time.

Our next event is the **Annual Picnic** on July 7 from 1–5 P.M. at Camp Brockway. The kitchen will be open from 2–4, serving Sauerkraut, red cabbage, German potato salad, hot dogs, brats, and hamburgers. There will also be beverages, beer, wine, and soda. Members are asked to please bring a dish to pass. There is no charge for members; guests are \$15, children 6–15 are \$5, and children under 5 are free.

The **Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing, so be sure to wear your dancing shoes! For more information, contact Brigitte at 491-2573. There will also be more information and directions to Camp Brockway in the *July Zeitung*.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

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 www.germanamericanscny.com.

As you may recall, bricks have been sold to help offset the cost of the Goethe and Schiller Monument Restoration Project, which 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

Before I write anything more about the scholarships, I need to thank a few people who were left out of my article last month.

First, we all need to thank **Klaus Raith** for suggesting the Scholarship Program many years ago and giving us the opportunity to make this project grow into the wonderful program it is today. Thank you!

Also, I neglected to mention that **Rudy and Emma Stecher's** daughter and son-in-law, **Diane and David Horning**, drove from Batavia to present the scholarship that was given in memory of her Dad and Mom. Thank you for coming to Scholarship Night. I know your Dad and Mom were looking down that night and smiling with pride as you made the presentation.

The scholarship recipients have begun to send in the required documentation for the colleges they will be attending in the fall and the scholarship checks will be sent out in July.

Many students and other attendees of Scholarship Night have sent their thank-you's for a great time, great food, and for making the students feel so special.

Dr. Niemczura, the German instructor at Cicero-North Syracuse High School, wrote a very nice article for the paper published by the school district. She not only congratulated the students from CNS who received the scholarships, but added highlights of the evening and the performances by the **Syracuse Liederverein Chorus** and the **Enzian Bavarian Dancers**, as well as **Klaus Raith** playing the zither. Thank you, Dr. Niemczura, for the kudos!

Again, thank you to everyone who attended Scholarship Night and who helped to put it all together. 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*

Scholarship Committee Award

The German American Society of CNY Scholarship Committee has been awarded Honorable Mention by the North Syracuse Education Association. The letter reads: "Those who nominated you documented your ongoing commitment to our students and our schools. We at the North Syracuse Education Association truly appreciate your efforts and hope you will continue to make a difference in our schools."

The award ceremony will be on June 12 at the NSEA Dinner Meeting. The award presentation will be at 5:30, with dinner to follow.

Although the letter is addressed to the Scholarship Committee, I contacted NSEA and any members of the German American Society who want to attend are welcome. Please just let me know ASAP.

Thank you all!

SALLY FRENZA

From the Editor

Well, we are just about to observe Father's Day here in America. We celebrate it 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 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 40 days after Easter), which is a federal holiday. Regionally, it is also called men's day, *Männertag*, or gentlemen's day, *Herrentag*. It is tradition to do a males-only hiking tour or day out (sounds like fun, eh, guys?). It's a great chance to pull that wagon filled with beer or wine (according to the region) and traditional regional food, *Hausmannkost*, such as *Saumagen*, *Leberwurst*, *Blutwurst*, vegetables, eggs, and so on. As men tend to do, they will use this day to drink a little too much and roam the streets singing and carrying on (Now, you don't hear these kind of stories about us, do they ladies?). This action can be very embarrassing to the more conservative Germans 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 thing. The date is also in June (on the second Sunday), but the celebra-

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tion has a slightly more religious connotation, something like a feast day in the Catholic Church. Even more than in the United States, 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.

So, however you plan to celebrate, make it a special day for the dads you know. Cook out, have a few beverages of choice (nice way to say beers), thank them for all they do as dads, and have fun!

Members and Friends

Erika Carneim will be in Germany visiting family and friends for a couple of 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'd like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. The chorus is currently regrouping and rehearsals will start again in the fall. The chorus typically rehearses on Monday evenings at 7 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church, adjacent to Grant Blvd. and Teall Ave. in Syracuse. So, if you are interested in singing, please give George a call.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy.

June 14 Utica Männerchor Concert at 8 P.M. Why not come early and enjoy the fish fry?

July 19, 20, 21 Bavarian Festival, Fri. & Sat. 5-11, Sun. 12-6. The Enzian Bavarian Dancers have been invited to perform with the Edelweiss Schuhplattlers on Sunday.

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

Contact the *Zeitung!*

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