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## Mai 2014

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## President's Report

It's good to be back in Syracuse. We had a good time down South, even though the weather was not always the best. But no snow!

I hear that the **Bockbierfest** was a good time for all and I am sorry I missed it. The next event is the **Maitanz**. So, put on that *Dirndl* and *Lederhosen* and have a good time dancing around the *Maibaum*! Unfortunately, once again I will not be there. I am going back to my hometown of Mannheim for vacation to see my sister and friends. The *Maibaum* is celebrated in many villages in *Deutschland* and particularly in Bavaria. I am looking forward to celebrating this *auf Deutschland*!

So I hope and wish everybody a good time at the *Maitanz* and I will see you in June.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

Well, we're in full swing for **Oktoberfest 2014** to be held August 16 and 17 at Long Branch Park from 11 A.M.–7 P.M. Setup will be on the 15th and teardown on the 18th.

The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting will be on May 13 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. If you have ideas or are interested in serving on the Committee, please plan to attend the meeting.

## 2014 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

### Saturday, August 16

- Noon–2 The Liverpool Community Band  
& the Deutscher Gesangverein Men's Chorus
- 2–3 Edelweiss Schuhplattler from  
the Utica Männerchor
- 2–5 The Twin Magicians—David & Paul Jackman  
Face Painting by Jan Jaeger
- 3–7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers

### Sunday, August 17

- Noon–2 The Liverpool Community Band  
& The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus
- 2–3 The Edelweiss Schuhplattler from  
the Utica Männerchor
- 2–5 The Twin Magicians—David & Paul Jackman  
Face Painting by Jan Jaeger
- 3–7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
- 7 Raffle and closing ceremonies

It's not too early to start thinking about where you can help out at Oktoberfest as it is only a little over three months away and getting here very quickly. Even though the planning is moving along very well, there is still plenty of work to be done. So if you are interested in helping out, please attend the May 13 meeting.

If you have any questions about Oktoberfest that I can help you with, please just give me a call at 675-8321 or attend the Committee Meeting. Thanks!

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President & Oktoberfest Chair*

## Treasurer's Report

Please attend the next Monthly Meeting on May 15 for a complete report on our financial status. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 622-2658.

Thanks, and see you at the meeting.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

At the April 17 Monthly Meeting we voted into membership **Heidi Sager** and **Linus Ressler**, both of Phoenix and both proposed by Klaus Raith.

I am working on getting the 2014 stickers together for your membership cards. Please attend the May 15 Monthly Meeting to obtain the sticker, or a date when they will be available. They will also be available at all our events as soon as I am able to secure them.

If you have any friends or family members who would like to join our great organization, please have them complete a membership application and send it to me along with their \$25

### CLUB MEETINGS

- Mai 13 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7
- Mai 15 Board Meeting, Turners, 6
- Mai 15 Monthly Meeting, Turners, 7

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mai 17 Maitanz, Liverpool Fire Hall, 2–6
- Jul 6 Picnic, Camp Brockway
- Aug 16 & 17 Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park 11–7

check made out to The German American Society of CNY. My address is: The German American Society, c/o June Pardue, 692 Idlewood Blvd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

Please attend the May 15 Monthly Meeting for a run down on our current membership numbers and any new applications. If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761.

See you at the meeting.

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

Can you believe it's *Mai* already!?

Our next event is the **Maitanz** on May 17 from 2 to 6 P.M. at the Liverpool Fire Hall (see the enclosed flyer). This is the annual event that we have in conjunction with the **Stein Club**. The format is a little different this year. Everyone will be coming at the same time. The Stein Club members will not be paying admission and will get a wrist band for their drinks. The admission for all other adults will be \$10, children ages 5–12 will be \$5, and under 5 are free. There will be beverages available at a nominal charge for non-Stein Club members.

This event will be a covered dish dinner, so please plan to bring a covered dish that would be enough for a few people. The German American Society will provide the ham.

**The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

I would appreciate reservations by May 13. Please make checks payable to: The German American Society of CNY (no cash in the mail), and send to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205. Phone 469-5304 or 491-3573 (cell).

I am asking the House Committee to please be there by 1 P.M. to set up, and to stay after the event for cleanup.

If you would like more information on the House Committee, or if you would like to help out, please let me know.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

Sympathy card was sent to **Willi Rohrbach** on the passing of his father.

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

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Believe it or not, spring is here! 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](http://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.

We will also be asking for help to clean up around the bricks at the monument. If you would like to spend a little time at the monument doing the spring clean-up, please let me know. Any help would be appreciated.

Happy spring!

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

## German Student Scholarship Night

By the time you read this *Zeitung*, another German Student Scholarship Night will have taken place. This is a celebration of not only the students who receive the scholarships, but for all students of the German language. They are our future.

And what a night it was, filled with good food, laughter, and singing. Entertainment was provided by **Klaus Raith** on his zither (singing, too!) and **John Besten** on the guitar. **The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus** led the attendees in the American and German national anthems. They then sang some German folk songs under the direction of **Glenn Armstrong**. As usual, **The Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** brought the house down when they got the scholarship recipients and others up to do “the pretzel dance.” What a great night!

Oh, yes, and we also awarded six scholarships. Two scholarships were funded by our member **Dick Schoeck**. Also included in the other four scholarships was money donated by family and friends of our member **Herb Bauerle**, who passed away last year, along with the funding provided by The German American Society of CNY. The scholarships were originally to be \$750 each. However, when I called Dick to ask about the wording on the certificates for the two scholarships he was funding, he said he wanted to do more. So, after some discussion, it was agreed that his additional donation would be used to raise the six scholarships from \$750 to \$850 each. Thank you so much, Dick, for your ongoing support of our scholarship program. It means so much to our program and the students. The students were so pleased to hear about the increase in the award. From where I stood I could see the happiness on their faces.

Now to the recipients: Jaycie Annable—Onondaga Central, Bryan Junod—Cicero/North Syracuse, Brendan Leung—Cicero/North Syracuse, Jason Palmowski—Onondaga Central, Bryan Schenk—Cicero/North Syracuse, and Emily Soeder—Baker (Baldwinsville).

Congratulations to all of you! The acceptance speeches that were given in German and English were great. I heard comments from our German-speaking members about how well you all did! I was so proud of you!

This was our 12th scholarship year, and what a journey it has been! 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.

I especially want to thank the Scholarship Committee for all their hard work in selecting the scholarship recipients, and

also in helping to make the night a success. The members are **Henry and Mary Pfaff, Sheri Nurk, and Mark Schumacher.** Oh, and I did a little, too. For the first time in twelve years we had a printed program, thanks to Sheri Nurk. It was very nice and people had good things to say about it. One more thank-you goes to **Goldie Erkila** for adding the German flag stripes to the tables. It was very festive! If I have forgotten to thank anyone, just let me know.

German Student Scholarship Night is always a great time and a wonderful way to honor all our students of German and their teachers. If you weren't able to attend this year, why not plan for April 27, 2015?

If you have any questions, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail at [sallyzf@aol.com](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com).

Thank you to everyone who attended the celebration!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## From the Editor

**M**ay Day is a time to celebrate the defeat of winter, the welcoming of *Frühling*. *Maiglöckchen* (May bells) are in bloom, houses and dance halls are decorated with young green grass and flowers, and people sing songs to celebrate this joyous occasion. May is the month that is most sung about by poets and songwriters.

In some areas, a whole village may gather around a Maypole, holding hands, dancing, and drinking (is this a surprise?) and happy to not have to work that day. The traditional Maypole dance starts with long ribbons attached high up on the pole. Each dancer holds the end of a ribbon. The dancers proceed around the pole passing right shoulders, to braid the ribbons over-and-under around the pole.

In Bavaria, May 1 is an especially important day. It has been the custom for centuries to cut a tall and straight tree a day or two beforehand, place it in the middle of the village, and decorate it with a wreath of spring flowers and colorful ribbons. One of the traditions is to try to steal the Maypole of the neighboring village the night before and to hold it for ransom, usually a few kegs of beer (could that be?!). At the same time, the villagers had to make sure their own Maypole was not stolen by their neighbors.

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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Another Bavarian tradition is the *Maibaumkraxeln* (Maypole climbing) contest. In many parts of Bavaria the guys battled to see who could climb up the shaven and polished tree trunk the fastest, a task made even tougher by soaping down the Maypole. The goal was to win the *Brezeln* and *Würste* (pretzels and sausages) that hang on top of the Maypole, and to impress the girls in the crowd. (Another surprise?!)

We won't have a greased pole for anyone to climb, but there promises to be a lot of fun at the May 17 **Maitanz** at the Liverpool Fire Hall. Hope to see you there for some good old-fashioned *Gemütlichkeit*, good food, singing, dancing, and maybe even a *Bier* or *zwei*.

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or anything German, Swiss, or Austrian that you would like me to write about, or if you have an article, recipe, or poem you would like to see in print, please let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Members and Friends

### Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We need your help and participation! **Sängerfest** is coming up next year and we would like to compete. But we can't do this without new members. Some members asked why there have been no concerts over the past year. The answer is that we need you to sing with us to help our chorus to take its place again among the award winners!

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus 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.

The chorus sings not only German songs, but also songs in English, and sometimes other languages. It's really fun! We are currently regrouping and hope to start rehearsals again soon. If you would like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. Rehearsals are typically held on Monday evenings at 7 P.M.

### Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy. You may 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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