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## President's Report

Well, I'm back from my vacation in Germany. Gloria and I had a great time again visiting my hometown of Mannheim. What a great city that is, with parks, beaches on the Rhine, and our own TV tower. I am always happy to go back home.

The Oktoberfest has come and gone, and it turned out to be a great success. My hat is off to all the volunteers and everyone who helped to make it happen. I know there are always concerns and hiccups, and we will work on them to make the next Oktoberfest even better.

Our next important task at hand is the election of officers and board members. We established a nominating committee at the September meeting and there is more information on this committee later in this *Zeitung*. Give some thought to how you can become involved in your organization.

I want to welcome the new members to the society that were voted in at the September Monthly Membership Meeting. Happy to have you on board!

I hope to see many of our members at the next Monthly Meeting on October 15 at the Syracuse Turners.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the Oktoberfest Wrap-up Meeting on September 15. There were a lot of positives expressed regarding the Oktoberfest. Also, some of the areas where changes need to be made were reviewed.

I would like to have a meeting on October 13 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners to continue our discussion regarding areas where we can make some positive changes for next year. This meeting will be for the **Oktoberfest Committee only**.

Also, just a reminder that the Monthly Membership Meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. Please plan to attend if at all possible as it is nomination night.

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information on Oktoberfest, please contact me at 675-8321.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President, Honorary President & Oktoberfest Chair*

## Treasurer's Report

Please attend the next Monthly Meeting on October 15 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

Anyone who has outstanding bills related to Oktoberfest, please forward them to me as soon as possible to enable me to get them paid and the Oktoberfest report completed. I would like to have the report done in the next couple of months.

All bills and financial communication can be sent to my attention at: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

If you have any additional questions or need to speak with me, please reach out to me at 635-5174 after 3 P.M.

Thanks and see you at the October 15 Monthly Membership Meeting.

BRUCE BARNES, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

The following applicants were approved for membership at the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting: **David Porter** of Syracuse, **Jenna Barnes** of Syracuse, and **Linda Barnes** of Baldwinsville, all proposed by Bruce Barnes; **Christina Burr** of Fayetteville, proposed by Karl Wuerstin; **Robert Hayden and Susan Hayden** of Marcellus, proposed by Cheryl Maier; **Sherrri Pardue** of Baldwinsville, proposed by June Pardue; **Joshua Belser** of Pulaski, proposed

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Okt 13 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7   |
| Okt 15 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting & Nominations, Syracuse Turners 7 |
| Nov 19 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting & Elections, Syracuse Turners, 7  |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dez 13 | Christmas Party, Liverpool Elks Club, 2-6 |
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by Nicole Raith; **Bob Graham** of Syracuse, proposed by Dave Gunter; **Helen Blechl** of North Syracuse, proposed by Ken Blechl; and **Thomas Dussing and Deanna Dussing** of Syracuse, proposed by Willi Kreuzer. Welcome to all our new members!

Our membership is now at a wonderful 188.

We also had the following applications presented at the September 17 meeting: John (Jack) Bligh of Manlius, proposed by Sally Frenza; Robert Oberst of Syracuse, proposed by Sally Frenza; CRL Kraus of Jordan, proposed by Sally Frenza; Danny Liedka of East Syracuse, proposed by Sally Frenza; Brian A. Bower, of Jordan proposed by Bob Kline; and Carl Bloss of Manlius, proposed by Bruce Barnes. These applications will be voted on at the October Monthly Membership Meeting.

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 my attention along with their \$25 check made out to The German American Society of CNY. The address is: The German American Society of CNY, Attention: June Pardue, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

Applications can be obtained at any monthly membership meeting or any of our events, or on our website at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com).

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761.

See you at the next monthly meeting.

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

The Oktoberfest Volunteer Party is over. The attendance was down from prior years, but those who attended appeared to enjoy themselves. The Enzian Bavarian Quartet provided authentic German music for everyone's enjoyment.

The next event will be the Christmas Party on December 13 at the Liverpool Elks Club from 2 to 6. Please mark the date on your calendar. There will be additional information on the party in the next *Zeitung*.

Also, there is some potato pancake mix and Bratwurst that was not used for Oktoberfest. Please call me at 491-2573 to get the prices and make arrangements to obtain what you want.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, please give me a call at the number listed above.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

Thank-you card was received from our member **John Lalande II**, thanking us for our expression of sympathy on the passing of his mother. Again, our condolences to the family.

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

Well, it's autumn already. Hard to believe, isn't it? I just want to remind everyone 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 that was a joint venture between the German American Society and the City of Syracuse a few years ago.

We also are asking for help to do a fall clean up around the bricks at the monument. If you would like to spend a little time at the monument doing the clean-up and maintaining the area around the bricks, please let me know. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

## German Student Scholarship Program

I have received two additional thank-you's from the 2015 Scholarship recipients. Each of the students thanked the German American Society for supporting them and in recognizing their hard work. They noted how the study of German has influenced their life.

I am so proud to be a part of this great program. Thanks again to the Scholarship Committee who make this program work and to everyone who supports it.

If you weren't able to attend this year's Scholarship Night, why not plan for April 25, 2016?

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

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee was formed at the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting and are: **Willi Rohrbach**, Chairperson, phone 610-972-4169; **Helen Kline**, phone 458-6415; and **JoAnne Barnes**, phone 247-4394. They will be putting together a slate of nominations for Officers and Board Members to be presented at the October Monthly Membership Meeting that will be posted in the *Zeitung*. Elections are in November.

If you would like to run for office, or if you would like to nominate one of our members for office, please contact any of the committee members. The Oktober Monthly Membership Meeting also allows for nominations from the floor.

Please think about helping out as this is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to have a hand in who represents the membership.

## From the Editor

Since October 6 is **German-American Day** in the United States, I thought it would be a good time to mention a little about this celebration. The holiday, which celebrates German-American heritage, commemorates the date in 1683 when 13 German families from Krefeld, near the Rhine, landed in Philadelphia. These families subsequently founded Germantown, Pennsylvania, the first German settlement in the original thirteen American colonies. Originally known under the rubric of "German Day," the holiday was celebrated for the first time in Philadelphia in 1883, on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the settlers from Krefeld; and similar celebrations developed later in other parts of the country. The custom died out during World War I as a result of the anti-German sentiment that prevailed at the time.

The holiday was revived in 1983 when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6 as German-American Day to celebrate and honor the 300th anniversary of German-American immigration and culture to the United States. On August 6, 1987, Congress approved S.J. Resolution 108, designating October 6, 1987, as German-American Day. It became Public Law 100-104 when President Reagan signed it on August 18. A proclamation (#5719) to this effect was issued October 2, 1987, by President Reagan in a formal ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, at which time the President called on Americans to observe the Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Here are the names of a few famous German-Americans and their contributions: General Friedrich von Steuben, General George Washington's Chief of Staff; Levi Strauss, originator of Levi's jeans; John D. Rockefeller, an American Industrialist and philanthropist; Lou Gehrig, New York Yankee superstar; Charles Schultz, cartoonist and originator of "Peanuts"; L. Frank Baum, author of "The Wizard of Oz"; Lawrence Welk, accordionist, band leader, and famous for *The Lawrence Welk Show*; Conrad Veidt, Hollywood film maker; Fred Astaire, actor and famous dancer; Henry J. Heinz, founder of H. J. Heinz Company; Dwight D. Eisenhower, World War II Commanding General in Europe and U.S. President.

This is only a sampling of famous individuals of German heritage. The contributions of Germans and the German influence is everywhere.

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holi-

day, 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*

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus like to start up again and is 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! For more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282.

### *Friday Night Dinner*

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### *Events at the Utica Männerchor*

Okt 8 German Day Celebration/Liederabend/Ham Dinner, 6-9

Nov 14 Schlachtfest Dinner Dance, 6-10

If you would like to know more about upcoming events at the Utica Männerchor, located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy, just contact the clubhouse at 735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

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