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of the German-American Society of Central New York

Dezember 2015

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President's Report

Happy Belated Thanksgiving! I wish and hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends. My family certainly had a good day.

Since there is no meeting in December, we are looking forward to our annual Christmas party. I hope to see many of you there.

We had our election of Officers and Board Members at the November meeting, and I welcome all the elected members. The result of the election is found later in this *Zeitung*. Please give them your support and cooperation in the coming year.

December is a busy month with Christmas coming. So if I don't see you at the Christmas party, I wish everyone a **Merry Christmas, Fröhliche Weihnachten, und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr!**

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

It was wonderful to see so many of our members at the Monthly Membership Meeting on November 19 when the 2016 Officers and Board Members were elected. Let's try to keep that kind of attendance up for the coming year! The best way to know what's happening with our organization is to attend the meetings.

Not much new to report on the 2016 Oktoberfest scheduled for August 5 & 6 at Long Branch Park. I continue to work on securing a band. I have been checking into several options and I hope to have something lined up in early 2016.

If you have any questions about the Oktoberfest or the 2016 Oktoberfest Committee, please contact me at 675-8321 or talk with me at any of our meetings.

Hope to see you all at the December 13 Christmas Party at the Liverpool Elks Lodge, and the January 21 General Meeting at the Syracuse Turners for the Installation of Officers and Board Members.

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

Treasurer's Report

Well, the year is coming to an end, along with my tenure as Treasurer of the German American Society

of CNY. In January there will be the installation of officers, and **June Pardue** will be your new Treasurer. I wish June the best in her new role.

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 before June takes office.

Please attend the General Meeting on January 21 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

All 2015 bills and financial communication should be sent to: 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 call me at 635-5174 after 3 P.M.

Thanks, and see you at the January 21 General Membership Meeting, and hopefully at our Christmas Party on December 13.

BRUCE BARNES, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Our membership is now at 192. Let us all look forward to a great 2016 with our membership continuing to grow!

Starting in January, **Nancy Crast** will be taking over as Financial Secretary. Please lend her your support.

If you have any friends or family members who would like to join our great organization, please have them complete a membership application and forward it along with

CLUB MEETINGS

- Dez There is no Board or Monthly Meeting in Dezember
- Jan 21 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
 General Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dez 13 Christmas Party, Liverpool Elks Lodge,
 3730 Cold Springs Road, Baldwinsville, 2-6

their \$25 check made out to The German American Society of CNY to: The German American Society of CNY, 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.

Also, the 2016 membership dues are due in January. The dues for renewing members remain at \$15/year. The dues can be paid in person at the January General Meeting, or paid by check made out to the German American Society of CNY (please add annual dues in the message portion of your check) and sent to the above noted address.

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761. The contact information for incoming Financial Secretary, Nancy Crast, will be found in the January *Zeitung*.

See you at the Christmas Party on December 13!

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

Our Christmas Party will be December 13 from 2–6 P.M. at the Liverpool Elks Lodge (phone 622-2348) in Baldwinsville on Route 370, 3730 Cold Springs Road, by the bridge, right by the river. *See map.* The cost for adults is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children under 10 are free and ages 10–18 are \$5. **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

We will have a pork loin dinner with all the fixings including yams, veggies, potatoes, rolls/bread, coffee, tea, and other dishes, which is all included in the price of the meal. If you are able, we would appreciate any dessert donations.

Also, Santa will come for the children ages baby to 12 years old. Please let me know the name and age of the child by December 10. I can be reached at 491-2573 or e-mail at omib21@aol.com

As usual, there will be an auction. Any auction donations are welcome. The auction is always a lot of fun and laughs.

To make a Christmas Party reservation, please send checks made out to the German American Society of CNY by December 10 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

If you have any questions about the party or the House Committee, please give me a call or send an e-mail.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party!

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

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*

Election Results

First, a big Thank-You to **Willi Rohrbach**, Nominating/Election Committee Chair, and his committee members **Helen Kline** and **JoAnne Barnes** for a job well done. Thank you, too, to the members who have stepped forward to lead our great organization through 2016.

Below are the results of the 11/19 election:

Officers

President—Willi Kreuzer

Vice President—Klaus Raith

Treasurer—June Pardue

Secretary—Sally Frenza

Financial Secretary—Nancy Crast

Board Members

Bill Nurk

Ken Blechl

Dick Schoeck

Sue Foster

Bruce Barnes

The newly elected Officers and Board Members will be inducted at the General Meeting scheduled for January 21.

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Well, it's almost Christmas. 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. What a great Christmas gift this would make!

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.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

German Student Scholarship Program

There will be more about the 2016 Scholarship Program in the January *Zeitung*.

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, or about the Scholarship Committee, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*



From the Editor

It's the most wonderful time of the year, as the song goes. Christmas shows on TV and carols on the radio started well before Thanksgiving. Black Friday is over and we're trying to decide what to do, what to buy, where to go, and what to prepare for Christmas dinner, among all the other stressors. But it's a great time of year. We get together with friends we seldom see, spend time with our families creating new memories, and share laughs and sometimes shed a few tears for those we miss, and we have holiday cards and e-cards to send.

This is also a time of year to reflect on what Christmas really means and why we celebrate. Sometimes it feels like the real reason for the season is lost in the flurry of shopping, baking, and cooking in preparation for the big day. So, as we prepare to celebrate, let's take a minute or two to reflect on what this event that we prepare for weeks ahead of time means, and what we are really celebrating. I'm sure we have all heard people say that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Whatever your beliefs or background, take the time to celebrate with family and friends, and start by attending the German American Christmas Party on December 13.

I have often told the story of how "Silent Night" came about, and I thought it would be a very fitting addition to my comments for this month.

Assistant Pastor Josef Mohr had written a poem about the night when angels announced the birth of the long-awaited Messiah to shepherds on a hillside. He decided those words he had written would make a good carol for his congregation the following evening at their Christmas Eve service. The one problem was that he didn't have any music to which that poem could be sung, or a working church organ to play the music. So the next day Mohr went to see the church organist, Franz Xaver Gruber. Gruber only had a few hours to compose the music for the poem, but on Christmas Eve in 1818 in Oberndorf, a village near Salzburg, in the small church of St. Nicholas, "Silent Night" was first sung accompanied by a guitar. That carol has become one of the most sung and most meaningful carols of the Christmas season. Many churches light individual candles and turn off the lights on Christmas Eve and for the ending of the service sing "Silent Night" as it was written, in German:

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Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knab' im lockigen Haar
Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh!*

Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr!

Do you have a topic you would like me to write about? Or do you have an article you have written and would like to see in print? Just let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

Members and Friends

Liverpool Chamber of Commerce Christmas Luncheon

You're invited to attend this annual luncheon at the Outback Steakhouse on Route 31 in Liverpool (near 481) on December 15. Cost is \$16. Get your reservations in by December 11 by calling June Pardue at 412-1761 or the Chamber at 457-3895.

Friday Night Dinners

Looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner? Why not try out the Syracuse Turners? They have really great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a very reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8 and there's always a special. Please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 471-9851 and they will let you know if dinner will be served that evening and what the special will be. There is also a special libation offered at the bar to go along with the dinner special of the night.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

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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