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of the German-American Society of Central New York

## Oktober 2016

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## President's Report

Our only fundraiser is behind us and it was a great success. I once again want to thank everyone for the work well done on the Oktoberfest!

Now that fall is here, we can look forward to our dances and parties that are coming up. The first of our social events is the **Weinlesefest** on October 22, and it would be nice to see many of you attend. The Weinlesefest is something new that we are trying, and I think it will be fun. The Liverpool Elks Club is easy to get to, and there is plenty of parking. See additional information in the House Committee Report.

October is also the month when the slate of members running for office will be presented. Please consider running for office or the Board of Directors. Please see the article later in this *Zeitung* that contains the contact information for anyone interested in running. We need you and your ideas to continue to build on our great organization. The election is in November and the newly elected officers will be installed at the December Monthly Membership Meeting.

Please plan to attend this important Monthly Membership Meeting on October 20. I look forward to seeing you there and at the Weinlesefest on October 22.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

Thanks again to everyone for all the hard work and volunteering on the Oktoberfest!

The Oktoberfest Committee Wrap-up Meeting was very successful. The Committee discussed areas that went well and areas that could use some improvement. There were several ideas presented on how to make next year's Oktoberfest even better. Thank you to all the Oktoberfest Committee Members for their dedication and diligence to our organization!

At the wrap-up meeting I also informed the Committee that I will no longer be able to be the Chairperson of the Oktoberfest. After working in that capacity for several years it is time for me to step down and give someone else the opportunity to run the show. If the new Chair and the Committee wants me to stay on as the Entertainment Chair, I will be happy to do that.

This having been said, it is crucial that there is an Oktoberfest Committee Meeting to select a new Chair for the Oktoberfest as there is some planning that needs to start very soon. The meeting has been scheduled for October 18 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

If you have any questions, or would like to serve on the Committee you can give me a call at 675-8321.

Thank you all.

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

## Treasurer's Report

Just a reminder that all bills and financial communication should be sent to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on October 20 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

The bills for Oktoberfest are coming in and I have been working on getting everything in place. As soon as the remaining bills have been received and paid the report will be done. I am aiming for the end of the year. In the meantime, if you have any questions about our financial status or concerns that I can help you with, please speak with me at any of our meetings, or contact me at 412-1761.

Thank you.

JUNE PARDUE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

At the September Monthly Membership we accepted into membership the following people: **Gloria Trode** and **Barbara Clark**, sponsored by Erich and Else Doell; **Kateri Van-Damme** and **Laford Hessler**, sponsored by Sally Frenza; **Joy Vogt** and **Koii Schuppler**, sponsored by Willi Kreuzer; **Cynthia S. Green**, sponsored by Sally Frenza, and **Carla Martin**, sponsored by Nancy Crast. We want to extend a big welcome to all these new members and we hope to see them at our Monthly Membership Meetings and our events.

There were no new-membership applications for posting this month.

Please remember: We are always looking to expand our membership. If you have anyone to propose for membership, just have the person complete a membership application and forward it along with their \$25 check made out to The German

### CLUB MEETINGS

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| Okt 18 | Special Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7                                   |
| Okt 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Meeting, Nomination Night, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Nov 17 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Meeting, Election Night, Syracuse Turners, 7   |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Okt 22 | Weinlesefest, Liverpool Elks, 6-10     |
| Dez 4  | Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2-6 |

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](http://www.germanamericanscny.com). Or, just give me a call at either of the numbers listed below and I will send an application to you.

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 437-6889 or 447-3547.

Just a reminder, if you are going to be away and would like me to hold the *Zeitung* until you return, please let me know. Also, if you change your address, please contact me so that I can keep the membership list current and ensure that the *Zeitung* reaches you.

I look forward to our membership continuing to grow.

Thank you.

NANCY CRAST, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

The **Weinlesefest**, or wine festival, is coming up at the Liverpool Elks Club on October 22, from 6 to 10. Admission is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Please make out the checks to The German American Society of CNY and mail to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

The cut-off date for reservations is October 18. If you are unable to get your check to me by the cut-off date, please just give me a call at the number below to make a reservation and you can pay at the door. Reservations are important for food-planning purposes.

The **Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. As always, the event will be a lot of fun! We will be serving sandwiches, salads, bratwurst, dessert, coffee, and tea. If you are able to help out with a salad or dessert, it would be greatly appreciated. Just let me know when you send in your reservation. Or you can call me at the number below. There will be a variety of beverages for purchase at the Elk's Club for a reasonable price.

Here is a map to help you to get to the Liverpool Elks Club:



If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, or if you would like to serve on the Committee, please give me a call at 491-2573.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the Weinlesefest!

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The committee continues to work very diligently under the leadership of the Chair, Willi Rohrbach, to revise our Con-

stitution and By-Laws. There will be meeting before our next Monthly Membership Meeting and will give a progress report at the October 22 Monthly Membership Meeting.

When all the proposed revisions have been completed, a special meeting will be called of the German American Society of CNY membership for the purpose of reviewing the revisions and discussing them in person. The next step in the process will be further reviewed at that time.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the By-Laws or revisions, please contact Willi Rohrbach, Committee Chair, at 610-972-4169.

## Sunshine Lady

In September I sent a sympathy card to former member **Menzo King** on the death of his dear companion and adopted son, Tony Bacinski. Menzo and Tony are best remembered for singing in the Syracuse Liederverein Chorus and the Deutsche Gesangverein for several years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Menzo at this most difficult time.

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*

## Crystal Brook Resort Trip

I am sorry to report that the Crystal Brook Resort trip was canceled due to lack of participation. Hopefully some of our members can go to the resort on their own. People who have gone there in the past have said what a great time it is and how well everyone is treated. Please call Crystal Brook at 518-622-3751 or 800-999-7376 to speak with them and make reservations. Some of the members who were scheduled to go on the bus trip have now made reservations and are driving down. Crystal Brook has been a loyal advertiser in the *Zeitung*.

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee was appointed at the September Monthly Membership Meeting. The Chair is Willi Rohrbach (610-972-4169). He will be assisted by Helen Kline (458-6415) and Bob Domachowski (451-1848).

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominations for Officers and Board Members to be presented at the October 20 Monthly Membership Meeting. Please think about volunteering to be a candidate for office and have a hand in who represents the membership. Then give one of the Committee members a call so that your name can be added to the slate of nominations. Or you can be nominated from the floor at the October Monthly Membership Meeting. To be considered for office, you need to be a member in good standing for at least one year.

Please plan to attend the October 20 Monthly Membership Meeting and have a say in what happens in our wonderful organization.

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

It is hard to think about it, but Christmas is not that far off. Why not buy a brick or two or three at the Goethe and Schiller Monument? What a great Christmas gift that would be for a loved one or organization! A single brick is \$50, 2 bricks are \$75, and 3 bricks are \$100, with each additional brick being \$30. 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.

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.

If you have any questions about the monument or the bricks, please give me a call at 451-1848.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

## From the Editor

Just a reminder that October 6 is **German-American Day** in the United States. 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.

Now, a little bit about Halloween *auf Deutsch*. Although Halloween is not a traditional German celebration, almost every youngster knows about it. Even for adults, Halloween has become increasingly popular in Europe, and especially in German-speaking countries. It is not unusual to see Kürbis, pumpkin, and jack-o'-lantern decorations in Austria and Germany by mid-October.

Around Halloween the Austrian town of Retz holds an annual Kürbisfest (pumpkin festival) complete with pumpkins, parties, and a Halloween-Umzug (Halloween Parade). The area around Retz has become known for its pumpkin festival, which is an event for the whole family.

In Berlin and other large German cities, Halloween has become an excuse for all sorts of parties (like we Germans need an excuse for a party!). In 2008, Berlin's Legoland Discovery Centre decided to stretch out the Halloween celebration for 6 weeks (now that's a party!!!). In the two weeks before Halloween, Berlin schoolchildren get out of school for fall vacation and there are all

sorts of parties and excursions leading up to Halloween. There are horror films on TV and in the movie theaters.

Did you know that there is a candy corn connection between Germany and the U.S.? Well, here's how the story goes: Following the American Civil War, Gustav and Albert Goelitz traveled to Illinois to join an uncle who had emigrated in 1834. After Gustav's death, his two eldest sons revived the candy business that he and Albert had founded. The story goes that the Goelitz Confectionery Co. invented the popular Halloween confection known as Candy Corn in the 1880s. Records indicate that Goelitz was making Candy Corn by 1900. That firm's successor, today's Herman Goelitz, Inc. of Fairfield, California, is best known as the maker of Jelly Belly jelly beans.

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

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Members and Friends

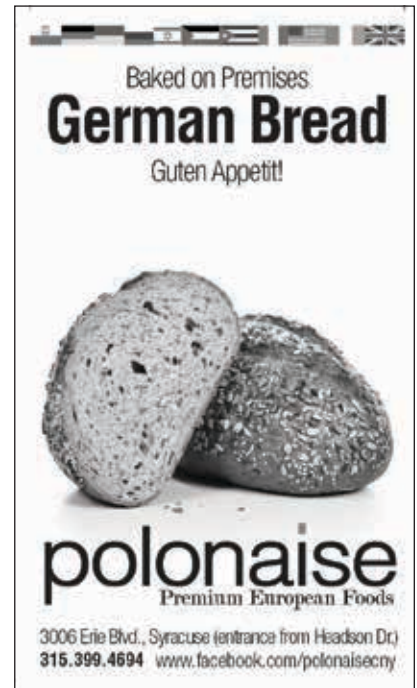
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If you are looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner, why not try the Syracuse Turners? They have really great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a very reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8. There is always a special. Please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 471-9851 and they will let you know 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

On October 6 there will be a German Day Celebration and Liederabend (sing-along) and on October 9 there will be a Sauerbraten Dinner from noon to 4. Also, November 12 is the Schlachtfest Dinner Dance from 6 to 10 with Fritz's Polka Band.

If you would like to know the hours for the German Day Celebration or more about other 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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