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President's Report

After a long cold winter, it's nice to feel warmer weather and sunshine! The **Maitanz** was well attended, with everybody having a good time. I want to thank the kitchen workers—especially **Brigitte** and **Ken**—for their work putting the food together. Job well done! Thanks also to the **Stein Club members** for their generous donation to the Maitanz.

Summer is almost here and people go on vacation and things kind of slow down. We do have our **Annual Picnic** coming up on July 10 at Camp Brockway. This is free to all our members. Hope to see many of our members there because we always have a good time.

Planning continues on the upcoming **Oktoberfest**. There's more information in Klaus's article below. We still need volunteers to help make it run smoothly. This is our only fundraiser, so please help the club make this Oktoberfest a huge success.

Thank you and I'll see you at the Picnic on July 10.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

The Oktoberfest Committee continues to move forward in the planning for this year's **Great Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest** at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, on August 6 and 7. Everything is moving along just great. As I mentioned previously, setup is on Friday, August 5 and tear-down is on Monday, August 8.

There will be fun activities for children and adults as well as great entertainment and food.

The next Oktoberfest Committee meeting is scheduled for June 14 at the Syracuse Turners. The food prices will be set at that meeting so that the food area signage can be completed. If you would like to serve on the Oktoberfest Committee or have suggestions for the 2016 Oktoberfest, please plan to attend this meeting.

If you have any questions I can help you with regarding Oktoberfest, or if you would like additional information about the Committee, please feel free to contact me at 675-8321.

Below is the Entertainment Schedule. The area captains will be in the next *Zeitung*.

2016 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

Saturday August 6

- 12-3 The Bavarian Brothers from Massachusetts
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians—David & Paul Jackman
Face Painting by Jan Jaeger

- 3-4 Edelweiss Schuhplattlers from the Utica Männerchor
- 4-7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
- 7 Daily Raffle drawing
- Sunday August 7*
- 12-3 The Bavarian Brothers from Massachusetts
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians—David & Paul Jackman
Face Painting by Jan Jaeger
The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus
- 3-4 Edelweiss Schuhplattlers from the Utica Männerchor
- 4-7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
- 7 Daily Raffle and Basket Drawing, closing ceremonies

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 June 16 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

If you have any questions about our financial status or con-

CLUB MEETINGS

- Jun 14 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Jun 16 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Jul 19 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Jul 21 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul 10 Picnic, Camp Brockway, 2-6
- Aug 3 Oktoberfest Volunteer Orientation, Long Branch Park, 6
- Aug 5 Oktoberfest setup at Long Branch Park, 10
- Aug 6 & 7 Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
- Aug 8 Oktoberfest tear-down, Long Branch Park, 10
- Okt 22 Weinlesefest (Wine Fest), Liverpool Elks, 6-10
- Dez 4 Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2-6

cerns that I can help you with, please speak with me at any of our meetings, or contact me at 412-1761.

JUNE PARDUE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Swant to remind everyone that if you bring a guest to the July 10 picnic, the guest can join the German American Society for the \$15 guest cost for the picnic, which is a \$10 savings, as the initiation fee is waived. There will be membership applications available at the reception desk. This \$15 offer is for new members only.

And as always, we are looking to add to our German American Society of CNY membership, and taking advantage of the \$15 and no initiation fee offer at the picnic is a great way for your friends or family members to join our great organization. If this is not an option, please have them complete a membership application and forward it along with 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 at any of our events, or on our website at www.germanamericansny.com. Or just give me a call at the number 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.

I look forward to our membership increasing this year.

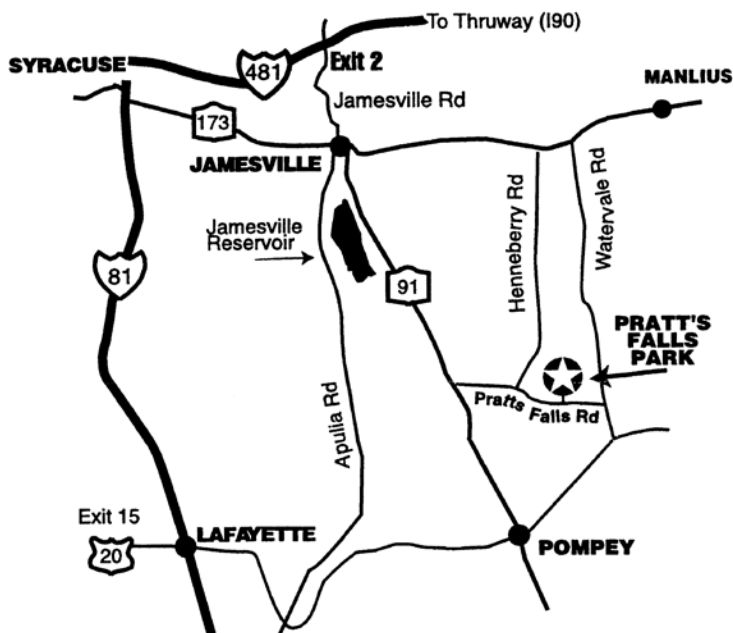
NANCY CRAST, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

Our Maitanz is over, and it was a great time for all. Everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. I want to thank everyone who helped make the May Dance a big success. Also, it was nice to see some members of the Syracuse Turners at our event.

Our next event is the **Annual Picnic** at Camp Brockway on July 10 from 2 to 6. All members are free. Guests pay \$15 and can become members for that \$15. There is a map in this *Zeitung*.

The German American Society will provide the sausages, hotdogs, rolls, sauerkraut, beer, wine, soda, coffee, and water. Members are asked to please bring a dish to pass or a dessert to share.



The Enzian Bavarian Quartet will be providing music for everyone's dancing and listening pleasure. The picnic is always a great time for everyone who attends.

I am asking that the House Committee members be at Camp Brockway by 1 P.M. to assist with setup.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, please give me a call at 491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

This committee has been working very diligently under the leadership of the Chair, Willi Rohrbach, to revise our Constitution and By-Laws. They are now in the process of reviewing the comments from members on the revisions that were provided in May. As soon as everything is reviewed and additional revisions made, a special meeting will be called of the membership for the purpose of reviewing the revisions and discussing them in person. There will be additional information in the next *Zeitung*.

Sunshine Lady

This month I sent a sympathy card to **John Lalande** on the passing of his wife. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his 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*

Crystal Brook Resort Trip

At the last monthly membership meeting, interest was expressed for a weekend trip to Crystal Brook Resort in the Catskill Mountains. If you are interested in the trip and would like additional information, please contact me at 437-6889.

NANCY CRAST

German Student Scholarship Night

Swant to once again thank everyone who attended the **14th Annual German Student Scholarship Night** that was held on April 18 to honor not only the scholarship recipients but also all students of German and their dedicated teachers.

I have continued to receive notes from the scholarship recipients thanking the German American Society for the scholarship and for making them feel so special. The \$800 checks will be going out in July as soon as the required school documentation is received from each student.

A thank-you card was also received both by the Scholarship Committee and the German American Society from Dr. Niemczura, the German teacher at Cicero-North Syracuse High School who retired in 2015, thanking the Scholarship Committee and the German American Society for all we do for the students. She also thanked us for her award which we provided to her commemorating all her hard work over the years with her students and in supporting our organization and the German language and culture.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend a German Student Scholarship Night, why not plan for 2017, our 15th year?

Thank you, and if you have any questions about the scholarship program, or about the Scholarship Committee, or how you can help out, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Oktoberfest Raffle Basket Donations Needed

Selene Smith and Margaretha Micho have volunteered to assemble a basket to raffle off at the Oktoberfest, and are looking for donations. Please contact Helene at 673-1002 or Margaretha at 468-4541 with any questions about the raffle. Any donations can be brought to the June 16 Monthly Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners at 7 P.M.

From the Editor

Since this is June, I resurrected one of the Father's Day articles from a few years ago.

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 with one or more small wagons, *Bollerwagen*, pulled by manpower. In the wagons are beer or wine (according to the region) and traditional regional food, *Hausmannkost*, such as *Saumagen*, *Leberwurst*, *Blutwurst*, vegetables, eggs, etc. Many men will use this day to get very drunk, to the point of having gangs of drunken men roaming the streets singing and carrying on, causing much embarrassment to the more conservative German people 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 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 celebration 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*. 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 *Papis* special day.

So on this Father's Day, do something memorable for your father, the father of your children or grandchildren, or any father you want to honor in a special way.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

Members and Friends

Activities at the Syracuse Turners

The Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, Syracuse, are holding a Belmont Stakes night on June 11 beginning at 6 P.M. It will be a fun night with "horse racing" and a great buffet. The buffet is \$7 and can be paid for that night. The buffet will include sausage, peppers and onions, Buffalo chicken wings with bleu cheese, salt potatoes, Utica greens, Waldorf salad, and dessert. There will also be some beverage specials. Please contact the Syracuse Turners at 471-9851 for more information.

Also, if you are looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner, the Syracuse Turners 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. Please call the Turners at 471-9851 for more information, as they will soon be operating on a summer schedule. Please try to support our friends at the Turners.

Events at the Utica Maennerchor

The Männerchor is holding their chorus concert on Friday, June 10, at 8 P.M. If you would like to know more about this event or 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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