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President's Report

Would you believe it? Summer is half over! Where does the time go?

We had a great picnic at **Camp Brockway** and I know everyone had a good time with lots of *Gemütlichkeit*. I want to thank all the kitchen helpers for doing a great job: **Ken Blechl, Margaretha Micho, Anna Bultjer, and Helene Smith**, who kept everything running smoothly. **Helen Blechl** deserves special thanks for tidying up the kitchen afterwards. We missed Brigitte, who was in Germany due to her sister's passing away. But as always, she worked behind the scenes, and we thank her. **Klaus Raith and the Enzian Bavarian Quartet** kept everyone entertained lively, and I thank you for that.

Our **Oktoberfest** is just around the corner. There is still time to volunteer and make this a great couple of days for our Society. A lot of work has gone into the planning and it will be a great time for one and all. So bring your friends, family, and neighbors to join in the fun at Oktoberfest, which celebrates German/Bavarian heritage and culture. Please see the Vice President's article below for more information.

I hope to see everyone at the Oktoberfest!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Oktoberfest is just about here. The Committee has worked very hard preparing for the Great Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, on August 6 and 7.

There will be an orientation for volunteers on Wednesday, August 3 at 6 P.M. at Long Branch Park. So if you are planning to volunteer, please attend orientation if at all possible to view the venue and area where you will be volunteering and to meet the other volunteers. Also, there will be information on some of the volunteer duties. Refreshments will be served.

As I mentioned previously, setup is on Friday, August 5, at noon, and tear-down is on Monday, August 8, at 10 A.M.

There may still be some volunteer opportunities in the kitchen. Call Ken Blechl at 458-6102 for more information.

Oktoberfest will be fun for all. There are activities for children and adults, as well as great entertainment and raffles each day. There will be beer mugs for sale commemorating Oktoberfest, as well as T-shirts in all adult sizes. Several vendors will offer a variety of merchandise for your shopping pleasure.

There will be great food and liquid refreshments available at reasonable prices. Arrangements have been made for a golf cart to be available for those individuals who are unable to walk up the hill to the Oktoberfest area.

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

Below is the Entertainment Schedule. Please note that there have been a couple additions in the 11 A.M.–noon slots on both days.

2016 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, August 6

- 11–noon The Liverpool Community Band
- noon–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

- 11–noon Air National Guard Band
- noon Official Opening Ceremony with Area Dignitaries
- noon–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, Basket Drawing, and Closing Ceremonies

Below is the list of area captains and their contact information. Please contact them if you have any questions about volunteering in their areas:

CLUB MEETINGS

- Aug 18 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Sep 15 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 3 Oktoberfest Volunteer Orientation, Long Branch Park, 6
- Aug 5 Oktoberfest Setup at Long Branch Park, noon
- 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
- Okt 28–30 Bus Trip to Crystal Brook Resort, Round Top
- Dez 4 Christmas Party, Syracuse Turners, 2–6

Money Room: Sue Foster, 488-0480
Tickets: Bob Kline, 458-6415
Setup & Security: Bill Nurk, 487-2472; Eric Gang, 479-8281
Kitchen: Brigitte Niebuhr, 469-5304; Ken Blechl, 458-6102
Beer & Wine: Jim & Ann Jones, 345-4702
Bakery: Harold Smith, 676-3393
Limburger/soda/water: John Ott, 428-8764
Raffle/advertisement/promotion: June Pardue, 412-1761
Parking: Eric Gang, 479-8281
Hospitality/basket raffle: Helene Smith, 673-1002; Margaretha Micho, 468-4541
Grounds Chairman: Bill Nurk, 487-2472

I am looking forward to seeing you all at The Great Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, August 6 and 7 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool.

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 August 18 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 concerns that I can help you with, please speak with me at any of our meetings, or contact me at 412-1761.

I will work to have a report of our Oktoberfest outcome available as soon as all invoices are in and paid, hopefully before the end of the year.

Thank you.

JUNE PARDUE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

There were 2 applications for membership submitted at the Annual Picnic on July 10. They are: **Gloria Trode**, North Syracuse, and **Barbara Clark**, East Syracuse, both sponsored by **Erich and Else Doell**. These individuals will be voted on at the August 18 Monthly Membership Meeting.

We are always looking to expand our membership. Please have anyone you propose for membership 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 any of our events, or on our website at 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

Unfortunately, due to the passing of my sister, I was in Germany and unable to attend the annual membership picnic. I heard that it was a great time for everyone who attended.

There will be preparation of some of the Oktoberfest menu items at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, on August 2 at 11 A.M. If you would like to help, come on down at the scheduled time.

Also, as mentioned in Klaus's report, we may still need some volunteers for the kitchen. Please call Ken Blechl at 458-6102 if you would like to help out.

I encourage all volunteers to attend the volunteer orientation on August 3 at 6 P.M. at Long Branch Park in Liverpool.

Thank you.

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 and making additional revisions. A special meeting will then be called of the membership for the purpose of reviewing the revisions and discussing them in person. There will be additional information in upcoming issues of the *Zeitung* regarding the progress of the Committee.

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

Sunshine Lady

In July I sent a get-well card to **Brigitte Niebuhr**, who has been experiencing some health issues since returning from Germany.

Also, I received a sympathy card from the German American Society on the passing of my brother.

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

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

Crystal Brook Resort Trip

For anyone who has not yet heard, the German American Society of CNY is sponsoring a bus trip to Crystal Brook Resort in the Northern Catskill Mountains. The trip includes bus transportation courtesy of the GAS of CNY, 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, and live entertainment both evenings. There are a limited number of ground level rooms and accommodations for 4.

This trip is open to family and friends at the same price. All are welcome.

The dates are Friday, October 28, to Sunday, October 30. The cost is \$250 per person, all inclusive.

Anyone planning to go on this fun-filled weekend, please send a \$100 deposit by August 15 to Nancy Crast, 242 Roxbury Road, Syracuse, NY 13206-2413.

For more information please contact Nancy Crast at 437-6889 or 447-0814.

German Student Scholarship Program

The scholarship checks have gone out to the 2016 recipients. This draws the 2016 German American Society of CNY scholarship year to a close. However, plans will soon be underway for 2017. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a German Student Scholarship Night, why not plan for 2017, our 15th year? It is a fun night and a great way to honor not only the scholarship recipients, but all students of German and their dedicated teachers.

Thank you, and if you have any questions about the Scholarship Program, 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*

From the Editor

Oktoberfest is here! Below you will find a short history of the Neuschwanstein Castle that appears on our beer mugs and T-shirts, as well as a history of Oktoberfest.

Neuschwanstein Castle was the last castle built by King Ludwig II, who was also dubbed "Mad King Ludwig." The castle was a tribute to King Ludwig II's obsession with medieval chivalry, medieval legend and fairytale castles, an obsession he had since childhood when he was a little prince growing up in a real little castle. King Ludwig II is a fascinating character, and I will write more about him, his obsession with castles, and his link to the composer Wagner in a later *Zeitung*.

Now, about Oktoberfest: When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and Theresia, the Princess of Saxonia, were married in Munich on October 12, 1810, a national holiday was declared and the citizens were invited to the five-day wedding festivities celebrated in the fields outside the city's gates. The celebration was so popular that it became an annual festival in Munich with beer stands set up for town folks to quench their thirst. The original beer stands gave way to large beer tents in 1896, and are still part of this elaborate and festive German celebration. Fourteen big tents each accommodate thousands of people seated at picnic tables inside and thousands more outside the tents.

Germany is famous for its beer and its beer-brewing purity laws. There are six breweries highlighted at Munich's Oktoberfest tents. Many revelers arrive at the beer tents in the morning to secure seats for the fun-filled days of drinking, singing, dancing, and eating.

Since the start of Oktoberfest, the dates have been changed from the original wedding date in mid-Oktober to September

to have more favorable weather to celebrate the two-week long festival.

In Munich, the Oktoberfest usually starts the third Saturday in September with the tapping of the first keg of beer by the mayor of the city to officially open the festivities. However, in America, the dates of Oktoberfest make up a wide spectrum from summer months through Oktober.

Oktoberfest is not just the celebration of the famous wedding, it is a spirit and wonderful feeling between old friends and new friends and family. Strangers become friends when the music and dancing start. It is a warm, wonderful feeling that words cannot describe. It gives true meaning to the word *Gemütlichkeit!* Come share the warmth and excitement that only Oktoberfest can provide at our Oktoberfest scheduled for August 6 and 7 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool.

Next month I will include ten things you probably didn't know about Oktoberfest.

Do you have a 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*

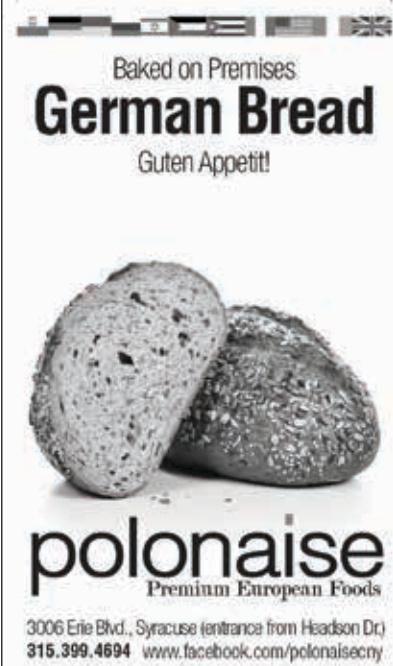
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Syracuse Turners

If you are looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday-night dinner, why not try the Syracuse Turners? They are currently operating on a summer schedule and offering selections from a tavern menu from 5:30 to 8. Call the Turners at 471-9851 for more information on their summer schedule. Please try to support our friends at the Turners.

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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