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President's Report

Just a quick reminder of a couple of events coming up: November is when the new officers and board members are elected. I encourage the membership to attend the November meeting to cast their vote and meet the candidates. Your support is appreciated, since a lot of work is ahead of us for next year.

On a lighter side, we have our **Annual Christmas Party** coming up. See the details in the House Committee Report in this *Zeitung*. Again, a lot of work also goes into making the Christmas Party a success. **Brigitte Niebuhr**, our House Committee Chair, would appreciate some assistance with the party. This is your opportunity to step up and help out our organization.

Hope to see you at the November 16 Monthly Membership Meeting and also at the December 10 Christmas Party!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

As mentioned above, I hope to see you all at the November 16 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for **Election Night**.

In the meantime, if you have any questions that I can help you with, please feel free to give me a call at 315-675-8321.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President and Honorary President*

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.

I believe the bills from Oktoberfest should be in by then. I hope to have an Oktoberfest report at the next Monthly Membership Meeting on November 16.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting for a complete report on our financial status. 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 events or contact me at 315-437-8746.

Thank you.

RICHARD PFAFF, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Welcome and congratulations to **Tammy and Mark Gondeck**, our newest members of the German American Society! We hope to see them at many of our meetings and functions. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Syracuse Turners on North Salina Street at 7 P.M. The only exception to this meeting schedule is in December when the meeting is the second Thursday.

Our next event is our **Annual Christmas Party**, which is always a fun event. Please see the House Committee Report for complete details.

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the German American Society, please just have them fill out and sign an application, which can be obtained at our Monthly Membership Meetings, any of our events, or on our website at www.germanamericanscnycny.com. You can also contact me at hkline8@twcny.rr.com or 315-458-6415. The completed application along with the \$25 check made out to The German American Society of CNY needs to be sent to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

Just a quick reminder that membership dues need to be paid by December 31. The dues remain at \$15 for current members and need to be sent to our PO box as noted above.

Also, if you are going to be away and would like the *Zeitung* held until you return, please contact the Editor.

Or if you will be away for an extended period of time this winter, the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you. Just contact the Editor to arrange for this complimentary service of the German American Society.

In addition, if you change your address, please contact the Financial Secretary with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and that the *Zeitung* reaches you.

If you have any questions about the above information, membership, or dues, please contact me as noted above.

Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

Help Needed!

First would like to apologize for the *Zeitung* arriving so late in October. Unfortunately, I was not notified until October 10 that the person who took over the mailing a few months ago was unable to continue. With the help of our wonderful member **Nancy Crast**, who had originally set up our new program

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Nov 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Election Night, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Dez 14 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Installation of Officers, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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| Dez 10 | Christmas Party, Elks Club, Liverpool, 2-6 |
| Apr 30 | German Student Scholarship Night |

with the post office, guiding me along the way, the *Zeitung* finally went out.

However, I do need someone to take on this task on a monthly basis. The mailing involves picking up the *Zeitung* at FedEx, already printed and folded, sealing it, using the USPS program to confirm the mailing list for the labels, printing the labels and putting them on the *Zeitung*, and taking them to the post office. Please contact me if you are interested in lending a hand, or would like additional information. My contact information is found on page 3 of this *Zeitung*.

Your help will be greatly appreciated!
Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

From the House Committee

Our next social event is our **Christmas Party**, scheduled for December 10 from 2 to 6 P.M. at the Elks Club, Route 370, Liverpool. Admission is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children under 5 are free and children 6 to 15 are \$5. Please send reservations and checks payable to the German American Society of CNY as well as the age and sex of any children up to age 12 by November 30 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

Santa will be visiting with gifts for the children up to age 12, so please don't forget the information on any children when you send in your reservation.

The Enzian Bavarian Quartet will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

As usual, we will have a fun auction with **Eric Gang** serving as our auctioneer. So if you can, please bring something to auction off. We always have great baked goods and adult beverages, as well as other items in the auction. Anything is welcome.

The menu will be roast pork, stuffing, apple sauce, potatoes, baked yams, veggies, salad, coffee, and tea. If you can bring a dessert to pass, it would be greatly appreciated.

There will be soda and adult beverages for sale by the Elks Club at reasonable prices.

Hope to see you all there!

If you have any questions about the party or the house committee, please contact me by phone or text at 315-491-2573. You can also e-mail me at omib21@aol.com

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Committee Chair, **Willi Rohrbach**, announced at the October 19 Monthly Membership Meeting that the Constitution and By-Laws have been completed and will be distributed to the members in attendance at the November 16 Monthly Membership Meeting. The date for a special meeting will be scheduled at that time. This will be a meeting for discussion and a vote. No additional changes will be made.

Any questions need to be directed to Willi Rohrbach at warohrb@gmail.com. Or call Willi at 610-972-4169.

Sunshine Lady

Get-well card was sent to **Emily Bachmann**, who is now at home recuperating from recent surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Please contact me at 315-468-4541 to report any illnesses, surger-

ies, deaths, anniversaries, monumental birthdays, or other events that are deserving of a card.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

Scholarship Program

German Student Scholarship Night is being scheduled for April 30. If you have never attended this wonderful event, please try for 2018. It is a night that honors not only the scholarship recipients, but all students of the German language and their teachers.

There will be more information on the German Student Scholarship Program in future issues of the *Zeitung*.

Also, please remember to buy the German American flag pins to benefit the Scholarship Program. They are only \$3 and can be purchased at any of our meetings or events. Christmas isn't that far off, and the pins make great stocking stuffers.

I still have some of the children's clothing that had been donated for sale. Please call me at the number below if you are interested and I will let you know what is left. There is also a pair of men's *Lederhosen* that have never been worn, size 32/34, and another men's pair that is gently used.

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program, the clothing for sale, or if you would like to help out on the committee or at German Student Scholarship Night, please feel free to call/text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com.

Thank you and see you at the November 16 Monthly Membership Meeting!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

November is here already which means that Christmas is just around the corner. Why not purchase a brick or 2 or 3 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 315-451-1848 for further details or to get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or on our website at 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.

If you have any questions about the monument or the bricks, please give me a call at 315-451-1848.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, under the Chair Willi Rohrbach, has presented the following slate of nominations for 2018:

Officers: President—Willi Kreuzer; Vice President—Klaus Raith; Treasurer—Richard Pfaff; Secretary—Sally Frenza; Financial Secretary—Helen Kline.

Board Members: Bruce Barnes; Ken Blechl; Susan Foster; Dave Gunter; Bill Nurk.

Please plan to attend **Election Night** held at the November 16 Monthly Membership Meeting scheduled for 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

From the Editor

November is upon us. The fall leaves are a thing of yesterday as we head into the start of the holiday season. With the coming of November, we are provided with an opportunity to thank our armed forces members both past and present for helping to maintain peace in our unsettled world and preserve our freedom. Please take advantage of **Veteran's Day**, November 11, to thank a vet for his or her service. Actually, any time you see a vet is a good time to say thanks. You don't need to wait for a special day.

November also brings us **Thanksgiving**. This is the time for us to reflect on the many positive things that have happened to us over the past year and to count our blessings. At many family gatherings, before the blessing is said or one morsel of food is touched, each person at the table, including the children, tell one thing that happened over the past year they are thankful for. It really puts a positive spin on the day, and makes us all think about our many blessings. We live in a free country; we have a roof over our heads and food to eat; friends and family. This time of year also reminds us that while we are giving thanks for what we have, there are many people who are less fortunate. Why not donate to the food pantry either through food, money, or labor, so that others can have a good Thanksgiving meal; or invite someone to dinner who may have no one to share the day with; or take a Thanksgiving meal to someone you may know who is housebound? These deeds are real blessings not only to those who need them, but to those who are the givers.

Also, please remember in your thoughts and prayers the many service men and women who are separated from their families during Thanksgiving. Ask that they are protected from harm and are able to return to their families very soon.

Now for a few words about Thanksgiving across the pond. Thanksgiving in German Europe has a long tradition, but one that is different in many ways from that in America. First of all, the Germanic *Erntedankfest* (harvest festival of thanks) is primarily a rural and religious celebration. When it is celebrated in larger cities, it is usually part of a church service and not anything like the big traditional family holiday in America. Although it is celebrated locally and regionally, none of the German-speaking countries observes an official national Thanksgiving holiday on a particular day as in the U.S. However, during harvest time, visitors to German churches will find a large amount of fruits, vegetables, sheaves of grain, and also baked goods, as decorations around the altars. Visitors to market places and fairgrounds will oftentimes find *Erntefeuer* (harvest fire) and other festivities to celebrate this occasion.

In the wine regions, *Winzer* (vintners) will present their new

wines and allow for a public wine-tasting. (Yum!). A *Bauernmarkt* (farmers' market) will allow visitors to purchase the freshest produce available, while the more immediate culinary needs are attended to in a *Festzelt* (party tent), where various breads and sweet confections, as well as various wursts and other foods, and maybe some great German beers, would be available. For, after all, what is a German celebration without beer???

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss or Austrian holiday, 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.

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

Syracuse Turners

The Syracuse Turners will be holding their *Annual Gemütlichkeit* on the evenings of November 3 and 4 at their clubhouse located at 619 North Salina Street, Syracuse. There will be a great Sauerbraten dinner both nights, with the option of fried fish on Friday and ham on Saturday. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8, and the cost is \$11 in advance or \$13 at the door. There will be raffles, games, and a lot of fun and laughs that last beyond dinnertime.

Please try and support our friends at the Turners.

Also, if you are looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner, why not try the Syracuse Turners? They have great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8. They are now once again operating on their regular Friday night schedule. However, with the advent of the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year holidays, there will be limited hours on some Fridays. If you would like more information, please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851 and they will let you know if dinner will be served that Friday and what the special will be.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church 26th Annual Sauerbraten Dinner

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, located at 873 Dewitt Street, Syracuse, will be holding its 26th Annual Sauerbraten Dinner on November 5 from 12 to 3 P.M. at the church. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 12, and under 6 are free.

For more information, please call the church office at 315-479-9912.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

For information about the Friday night fish fry or other upcoming events, just contact the clubhouse at 315-735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Thank you to the patrons who paid their \$15 to remain a 2017 *Zeitung* Patron. For those of you who did not send in your \$15 check, your name has been removed. If you would like your name to once again appear in the *Zeitung*, please send the \$15 check to the editor and made out to the German American Society of CNY with a note on the check that it is for being a patron.

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