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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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Please note: The December Board and Monthly Membership Meetings are being held on the 2nd Thursday, December 14. This change is for December only.

President's Report

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and that you celebrated with family and friends.

Now it's beginning to look like Christmas. We have already had some snowfall and slippery roads. But this is Syracuse, so what do you expect?

The German American Society elections are over and we will be installing the new officers and board members at our December 14 meeting. Please attend if possible.

The year is coming to an end and, looking back, we had quite a busy and successful year. My thanks go out to the many people that worked hard to make all of this happen. Again, thank you! I'm looking forward to the New Year.

People again will need to step forward in order to make next year's plans happen. One place in particular is the mailing of the *Zeitung*. I appreciate the work that Sally is doing while a permanent member is found that is willing to take this task over. If you would like to help us out with this, contact Sally and she will be more than willing to help you to get started. Her contact information is on page 3.

I hope to see you all at the December 10 **Christmas Party** and the December 14 Monthly Meeting.

In the meantime, I want to wish everyone a **Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein Glückliches und Gesundes Neues Jahr!**

Prosit Neu Jahr!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Willi mentioned that people are needed to step forward to help out next year. I would like to ask that you consider helping with the Oktoberfest. I know it seems kind of early, but someone is needed to start the advertising right after the first of the year to be sure we get into the event calendars and publications for 2018.

If I don't see you at either the December 14 meeting or the December 10 **Christmas Party**, I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 have completed the Oktoberfest Report and briefly discussed it at the November Monthly Meeting. It now needs to be audited and then it can be presented in more detail.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on December 14 for a complete report on our financial status. In the meantime, if you have any questions about our finances 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

It is that time of year to remind our current members that the \$15 membership dues are due by January 1, 2018. Please send your \$15 check made out to the German American Society of CNY to: German-American Society Of Central New York, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Please write "Dues" on the line on the lower lefthand corner of your check.

You can also pay your dues in person at the December 14 Monthly Membership Meeting at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina St., Syracuse.

Another reminder: If you plan to be away for an extended period of time, the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you. 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 know of anyone who is interested in joining the German American Society please just have them fill out and

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Dez 14 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting and Installation of Officers, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Jan 17 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
General Membership Meeting and Vote on the Constitution and By-Laws, 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, Syracuse Turners, 5-9 |

sign an application which can be obtained at our monthly membership meetings, any of our events, or on our website at www.germanamericanscny.com. Also you can 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 and sent to the above-noted PO Box.

On a happier note, please plan to attend our annual fun and festive **Christmas Party** on December 10 from 2 to 6 P.M. to be held at the Liverpool Elks Club on Route 370. There is more information in the House Committee Report. I hope to see you there.

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

Thank you!

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

Help Needed

As I mentioned in the November *Zeitung* and Willi mentioned in the President's Report, I need someone to take over the task of mailing the *Zeitung* on a monthly basis. It involves picking up the already folded *Zeitung* at FedEx at Northern Lights, sealing it, using the USPS program to confirm the mailing list for the labels, printing the labels, and putting the labels on the *Zeitungs* 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*.

Thank you! Your help will be greatly appreciated!

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 in Liverpool. Admission is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children under 5 are free and children 6 to 15 are \$5. If you have not yet made your reservations, please contact me as soon as possible to make arrangements. 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 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

The reservation date has been extended to December 5.

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, applesauce, potatoes, baked yams, veggies, salad, coffee, and tea. If you can bring a dessert 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**, provided the members present at the November 16 Monthly Membership Meeting with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws Draft for review. Anyone who did not attend the November 16 meeting can obtain a copy by contacting Willi at warohrb@gmail.com or by phone at 610-972-4169.

The Constitution and By-Laws will be reviewed and any questions answered at the January 17 General Membership Meeting. A vote on whether to accept the Constitution and By-Laws as written will be taken at that meeting. Areas can be discussed prior to the voting, but no additional changes can be made.

This is very important to our organization. Please make every effort to attend the January 17 meeting and place your vote. You must be present to vote. There are no absentee ballots allowed.

Sunshine Lady

Please contact me at 315-468-4541 to report any illnesses, surgeries, 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, 2018. 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.

The Scholarship applications and criteria will be sent to the schools after the first of the year. The students and teachers can feel free to contact me with any questions about the Scholarship Program. There will be additional information about the Scholarship Program and Scholarship Night in future copies 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 sallyz@aol.com.

Thank you and see you at the December 14 Monthly Membership Meeting!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

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 www.germanamericanscny.com. Bricks purchased during the winter months will be installed in the spring/summer of 2018.

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*

Election Results

The following Officers and Board Members were elected at the November 16 Monthly Membership Meeting:

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; and Bill Nurk.

These Officers and Board Members will be installed at the December 14 Monthly Membership Meeting.

From the Editor

I am going to deviate a little from my typical writing about German customs to write about us.

Christmas is getting close. You can tell by the frantic shoppers pouring into the stores or clicking away on line. They are all trying to get that perfect gift at just the right price. The shows on TV and carols on the radio started even before Thanksgiving. We are now preoccupied with thinking about what to buy, where to go, what to prepare for Christmas dinner, and all the other stressors that we feel this time of year. But it is also a great time of year. We get together with friends we may not see often, spend time with our families creating new memories, attend numerous parties, put on a few pounds (oh wait, this isn't great!) and just enjoy what the season has to offer. We also may shed a few tears thinking about the Christmases that we spent with loved ones and friends who may no longer be with us. We remember the laughs we shared and the things we did, and we realize how fortunate we were to have had those times with people we loved. We have cards to write or send through snail mail, email, Messenger, or Facebook to let people know we are thinking about them and wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 means, and what we are really celebrating. Maybe attend

Just a reminder to all the great patrons of the Zeitung: 2017 is coming to a close. So anyone who has not yet paid for 2018 and would like to continue as a patron, please send your \$15 check to: The German American Society, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548 with a notation that it is for being a patron.

If anyone else would like to become a patron and see your name in each issue of the Zeitung, please follow the instructions regarding your \$15 check. New patrons are welcomed with open arms!

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a Christmas Eve candlelight service, sing Christmas carols, or just remember that first Christmas night so long ago.

Now to change gears a little bit, a few years ago I put the following quiz in the *Zeitung*. I had found it as I was reading through a book called *The Joys of Christmas*, which is a collection of all kinds of Christmas facts and traditions. I thought it might be fun to repeat it and see how many of you remember the answers. If this is your first time, good luck!

Which state has a town named Santa Claus? (a) Vermont, (b) Colorado, (c) Maine, or (d) Indiana

What color is Santa's belt? (a) Green, (b) Red, (c) Black, or (d) White

Who gave Santa the nickname Kris Kringle? (a) Charles Dickens, (b) Martin Luther, (c) Charles Schulz, or (d) Grover Cleveland

What do they call Santa Claus in Chile? (a) Old Man Christmas, (b) Señor Santa, (c) Claus the Good, or (d) El Claus

What is the rabbit's name in the holiday TV special Frosty the Snowman? (a) Roger, (b) Hocus Pocus, (c) Thumper, or (d) Peter

Wasn't that fun? The answers are found later in this *Zeitung*. I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Why not continue your celebrating by attending the German American Society Christmas Party on December 10 at the Elks Club from 2 to 6? All the details are in the House Committee article above.

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.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

Members and Friends

Syracuse Turners

If you are looking for a place to have a nice friendly Friday night dinner, why not try the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, Syracuse? 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 operating on their regular Friday night schedule. However, with the Christmas and the New Year holidays, there may 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.

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.

Answers to the Christmas trivia: 1:d; 2:c; 3:b 4:a; 5:b.
How did you do?

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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