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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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## President's Report

The month of January is over and we cannot complain about the weather. I hope we don't pay for it later.

Our first meeting of the year was not exactly what I had envisioned. We have a lot of work to do this year and the society needs the help of everyone to make for a successful 2017. I am asking everyone and especially the officers and board members to look and see what their role will be in our society. We need to remember that the best interest of our society should come first. We all need to put aside any personal interests and work as a team to help the society push ahead and be the best of the best.

There are many members who work very hard, and we should all be thankful for them. There is always more work to be done and a place for everyone to help out. Please volunteer for one of our committees, volunteer for Oktoberfest, or attend the Monthly Membership Meetings where you can express your ideas regarding current or other possible events. With the cooperation and help of our members, the German American Society will continue to grow.

I want to thank **Carla Martin**, who has volunteered to take over the mailing of the *Zeitung*. Please give Carla any support that she might need.

I urge everyone to come to the next Monthly Membership Meeting on February 16 for an update on what is happening in our organization.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

As the 2017 Oktoberfest Entertainment Chair, I have been working on securing the bands. **The Bavarian Brothers**, the band that was so popular last year, have been hired and they are looking forward to coming back this year.

I am now working on securing other groups to complete our entertainment schedule. I will have more to report next month. Believe it or not, Oktoberfest is only about six months away. There is more news on the Oktoberfest planning in Maureen Doyle's report.

If you have any questions that I can help you with, just give me a call at 315-675-8321.

See you at the February 16 Monthly Membership Meeting!

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.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on February 16 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners 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 contact me at 315-412-1761.

Thank you.

JUNE PARDUE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

A big thank-you to **Nancy Crast** for all her hard work as Financial Secretary. I know we are all so very appreciative for all she has done for the good of our German American Society. Thank you, too, Nancy for all the help provided to me during this transition.

We always welcome new members! Applications for membership can be obtained at our monthly membership meeting

### CLUB MEETINGS

- Mär 14    Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Mär 16    Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6  
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Apr 18    Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Apr 20    Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6  
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 24    Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners
- Jul 9    Picnic at Camp Brockway
- Aug 5 & 6    Great Syracuse Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, Liverpool

or on our website at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com). Send the membership application and a check for \$25 made out to The German American Society of CNY to The German American Society of Central New York, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

Just a reminder that membership dues were due by January 31. If not paid by that date, an invoice will be sent as a reminder. After March 15, any member who has not paid dues will be dropped from membership. If a prior member wants to rejoin she/he must come in as a new member.

If you are planning to be away for an extended period of time this winter, the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you or held until you return. Please contact the Editor to arrange for this complimentary service. Also, 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 dues or membership please contact me at: 315-744-4706 or email at [hkline8@twcny.rr.com](mailto:hkline8@twcny.rr.com).

Thank you

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

At the January General Meeting the number of parties we have each year was discussed. It was decided that at this point we will have three parties: the May Dance, which is in conjunction with the Stein Club; the Picnic; and the Christmas Party. There will be further details in the next *Zeitung*. These parties are in addition to our Scholarship Program, which is run as a separate event. There is further information on the Scholarship Program in this *Zeitung*.

We will be discussing our parties further at the February 16 Monthly Membership Meeting. Please try to attend to obtain the most up-to-date information and to offer any suggestions you may have. In the meantime, 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 315-491-2573 or email [omib21@aol.com](mailto:omib21@aol.com).

Thank you, and I look forward to a great 2017!

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Committee continues to work under the leadership of the Chair, Willi Rohrbach, to revise our Constitution and By-Laws. They will be providing a report at the February 16 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

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.

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

## Installation of Officers

At the January 19 General Membership Meeting Richard Pfaff installed Board Member **Rita Knapp** and Vice President **Klaus Raith**, who were unable to attend the December 8 meeting for their installation.

## Oktoberfest 2017

As noted in Klaus Raith's report above, we are excited to announce that **The Bavarian Brothers** from Massachusetts will be performing at the 2017 Great Syracuse Oktoberfest to be held at Long Branch Park on August 5 and 6 from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Thank you to Klaus, our Entertainment Coordinator, for arranging for them to return. This band was so much fun at the last Oktoberfest.

Also, it's now time to start practicing for The Sam Adams Stein Hoisting Contest. A 1-liter stein is used and it must be full and held out in front of the participant! The national winners last year had times of 7 to 9 minutes for women and 13 to 21 minutes for men. Sam Adams offers great prizes for the national winners. This is a fun event for both the participants and the onlookers. To keep updated on Oktoberfest visit our Facebook page. Please "like" the page.

If you would like to serve on the Committee or have questions regarding Oktoberfest, please contact me at 315-730-7498.

See you all at Oktoberfest!

MAUREEN DOYLE, *Event Coordinator*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner. Why not purchase a brick or 2 or 3 at the Goethe and Schiller Monument for an Easter or Mother's Day gift? 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 online at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.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*

## Scholarship Program

The scholarship applications have reached the schools and I am looking forward to a great Scholarship program

this year. Scholarship Night is set for April 24 at the Syracuse Turners from 5 to 9 P.M. Please plan to attend if at all possible to support the wonderful students of German. Any student of German, regardless of grade in school and their teacher can attend at no cost.

There will be more information in the *Zeitung* in the upcoming months.

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program, please call or text me at 315-345-6253, or by email at sallyzf@aol.com. See you on April 24 for a rewarding and fun event.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## From the Editor

Wh, it's February and love is in the air with the approach of Valentine's Day. Although many people consider German people to be rather cold and stern, they actually are romantic (we know that, right?!?).

*Valentinstag* has only been celebrated in Germany since World War II. In Germany it is an adult-only holiday, so you won't see any of those cute little pink or red "Be Mine" cards that the American children exchange in school. The German cards are strictly meant for adults, and the chocolates that accompany them can be quite provocative.

The Germans also put a little twist on Valentine's Day by adding pigs to their cards. These little pigs are a symbol of luck, but also lust. So for extra luck with the loved one or would-be Valentine, some cards have little pigs holding a four-leaf clover while climbing a ladder on a heart.

Another important item of Valentine's Day in Germany is the big ginger cookies, made in the shape of a heart and decorated with frosting. They usually have a few words written on them such as: *meine Shatzi, Ich liebe dich*, etc.

As Germany is more liberal in matters of sex and erotica than North American countries (I had no idea!), you will also find that some of these cookies may have messages that express more directly the lover's intentions than your usual "I love you!"

So, whatever your intent, I hope that Valentine's Day is romantic and filled with love as you express your feelings to your loved one.

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*

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### Congratulations to Fayetteville Manlius German Students

As noted in the January 4 *Eagle Bulletin*, eight Fayetteville-Manlius High School juniors have recently been inducted into the Fayetteville-Manlius Delta Epsilon Phi German National Honor Society, New York Beta Alpha Chapter. The students are **Nathan Adler, Matthew Dai, Matthew Hasenwinkel, Lucy Lagenberg, Nancy Loh, Nataly Shearer, Rebecca Shyne, and Zachery Taber.**

The German American Society of CNY congratulates these fine students who will be tomorrow's leaders.

### Syracuse Turners

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 P.M. and there's always a special. Please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851 and they will let you know what the special will be.

### Events at the Utica Männerchor

For more information about upcoming events at the Utica Männerchor, located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy, just contact the clubhouse at 315-735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Contact the Zeitung!

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