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President's Report

Well, it's good to be back. We had a great time with our granddaughters in California, but all good things come to an end after a while.

The **Annual Picnic** was well attended and it went well. I believe we all had a good time. There was a lot of food and great desserts. My thanks goes out to everybody who made this all possible. Thanks again, and I look forward to next year.

Our next big event is, of course, the annual **Oktoberfest**. Things are moving right along, but there is still work to be done. We are in need of more volunteers. With everyone's help we will have a great event! So roll up your sleeves, volunteer, and add to the success of the **2017 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest**.

There is a 6:00 P.M. meeting on August 1st at Long Branch Park for all the volunteers to get familiarized with the park and how the setup is done. I hope to see many of you there. Next stop: Oktoberfest.

WILLI KREUZER, *President and Oktoberfest Co-Chair*

Vice President's Report

As noted in Willi Kreuzer's article above, we are still in need of volunteers for the Oktoberfest. As he also mentioned, there will be a meeting of all volunteers at Long Branch Park on Tuesday, August 1, to review the layout and where each booth and area to be worked is located. If you are volunteering, please plan on attending.

Good news: **The Old Erie Restaurant** from Weedsport will be handling the hot kitchen this year. They are known for their German dishes and will be serving up a great menu at Oktoberfest at reasonable prices.

Long Branch Park Oktoberfest setup will be August 4 at 12 noon. If you are able to lend a helping hand it would really be appreciated.

Once again, here is the 2017 Oktoberfest entertainment lineup:

2017 Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, August 5

- 11-noon The Harmony Katz Barbershop Chorus
- Noon The Opening Ceremony and Alphorn playing contest with our local dignitaries
- Noon-3 The Bavarian Brothers from Massachusetts and The Enzian Bavarian Folk dancers
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians, David and Paul Jackman and face painting by Outback Steak House in the children's tent
- 3-4 The Edelweiss Schuhplattler from the Utica Männerchor
- 4-7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
- 7 Raffle Drawings

Sunday, August 6

- 11-noon The Harmony Katz
- Noon-3 The Bavarian Brothers from Massachusetts and The Enzian Bavarian Folk dancers
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians, David and Paul Jackman and face painting by Outback Steak House in the children's tent
- 3-4 The Edelweiss Schuhplattler from the Utica Männerchor
- 4-7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
- 7 Raffle Drawings and Closing Ceremony

If you have any questions about the entertainment schedule or Oktoberfest, I can be reached at 315-675-8321. Thank you, and I look forward to a great Oktoberfest!

KLAUS RAITH, *Oktoberfest Co-Chair and Entertainment Chairman, 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 August 17 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

At our **Annual Picnic at Camp Brockway** we received the following applications for membership: **Austin Westphal**, Liverpool, proposed by Richard Pfaff; **Jane Proper**, Syracuse, proposed by Helen Kline; **Joshua Felton**, Syracuse, proposed by Brigitte Niebuhr; **Alan Richard**, Central Square, proposed by Klaus Raith; **Henrike Eckert**, Kirkville, proposed by Richard Pfaff; and **Donald Schermerhorn**, Kirkville, proposed by Helen Kline. These applicants will be voted on at the August 17 Monthly Membership Meeting.

If you know of anyone who would like to join the German American Society, new member applications are available at our Monthly Membership Meetings, at Oktoberfest, any of our other events, or on our website at www.germanamericanscnyc.com, or you can give me a call at the number below and I can send an application to you for the person you are sponsoring. The cost for a new member is \$25. The check should be made out to the German American Society of CNY and sent along with a completed membership application to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

CLUB MEETINGS

- Aug 1 Oktoberfest Volunteer Meeting, Long Branch Park, 6
- Aug 17 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Aug 4 Oktoberfest Setup, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, Noon
- Aug 5&6 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
- Aug 7 Oktoberfest Tear-Down, Long Branch Park, 10

Hopefully everyone who has paid their 2017 dues has received a "17" sticker. If not, please contact me at the number below.

Just as a reminder, if you are going away for an extended period of time and would like your *Zeitung* held until you return, please contact the Editor. Or if you will be away for an extended period of time the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you. Just contact the Editor to arrange for this complimentary service of the German American Society. Also, if you change your address, please contact me with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and that the *Zeitung* reaches you.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, your dues, or membership, please contact me at 315-458-6415 or email at hkline8@twcny.rr.com. Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Committee Chair **Willi Rohrbach** announced at the July 20 Monthly Membership Meeting that there will be a Committee Meeting on August 20 at 1:00 P.M. at the Pfaff's home. As the deadline for any comments has passed, the Committee will be able to review the comments submitted by members on the proposed revisions. A final draft will then be completed and distributed to the membership for review. Then a date for a special meeting will be provided at which time the By-laws will be voted on. There will be more information on the special meeting in the near future.

If you have any questions, direct them to Willi Rohrbach at warohrb@gmail.com, or call Willi at 610-972-4169.

Sunshine Lady

Sent out two get-well cards, one to **Henry Beck** and the other to **Carol Petroff**. We hope these members will be back on their feet soon and feeling much better.

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—Our 15th Year!

The 2017 Scholarship recipient checks have gone out to the students. At Oktoberfest there will be Scholarship donation jars at various locations. Any monetary donations will be greatly appreciated, and will go towards the 2018 program. Also, there are German American flag pins for sale at all of our events, including Oktoberfest. They are only \$3 and will help out our wonderful scholarship program.

I have received a donation of some beautiful children's Dirndls and Lederhosen as well as other clothing. These clothes will be sold at Oktoberfest for reasonable prices, and the proceeds will go toward our Scholarship Program. There will also be children's books in German and a German game that will be available free of charge.

If you have any questions about the program, or if you would like to volunteer at the Oktoberfest Scholarship table, please feel free to call or text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com.

Thank you to all.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

From the House Committee

We had a great Picnic. I want to thank everyone for coming and for bringing those delicious salads and desserts. I hope everyone had fun.

A special thank-you goes to **Anna Bultjer**, **Margaretha Micho**, **Jonathan Fitzgibbon**, and **Josh Felton** for the good job they did in the kitchen cooking the food and getting it out, as well as cleaning up the kitchen.

Here are a couple of pictures from the Picnic. The first is our most senior member **Bob Gang**, who is 99 years young, dancing with his wife **Holly**.



The next picture is some of the youngsters who were there with their grandparents, **John and Sue Besten**. In the background are their parents as well as **Margaretha Micho** and **Anna Bultjer** selling raffle tickets.



It was a fun day. I already have Camp Brockway booked for July 8, 2018. Hopefully you can attend.

Our next party will be our **Christmas Party** in December. More information will be coming out in the next couple of months.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, please call or text me at 315-491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

The Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest 2017

The 2017 Oktoberfest Committee, which is now being co-chaired by Willi Kreuzer and Klaus Raith, is moving ahead with plans to have a great Oktoberfest on August 5 and 6 from 11-7 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. As noted in the Vice President's Report, the entertainment has been confirmed, which guarantees two fun-filled days for all.

As noted above, we still need volunteers in some of the areas. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please immediately call either Willi Kreuzer at 315-472-3507 or Klaus Raith at 315-675-8321.

This year's Oktoberfest logo is the colorful Bavarian Crest, which will be on the commemorative beer steins and in the Oktoberfest advertising.

If you are volunteering, please plan to attend the August 1 meeting at Long Branch Park to obtain the layout details, expectancies for volunteering, and so on for Oktoberfest.

Thank you.

WILLI KREUZER AND KLAUS RAITH, *Oktoberfest Co-Chairs*

Oktoberfest Basket Raffle

We will once again be having a Basket Raffle on Saturday, August 5, and Sunday, August 6, at Oktoberfest. The baskets will be displayed at the Courtesy Booth. Raffle tickets on the baskets will be sold at the basket display. For more information, please contact Margaretha Micho at 315-468-4541.

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Summer is here and it is time to think about installing additional bricks at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. Why not buy a brick or two or three? What a great graduation or birthday gift 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, including Oktoberfest.

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*

German American Flag Pins

As noted in the Scholarship article, we continue to sell the German-American flag pins. The pins are \$3 each and can be purchased at any of our meetings or events, including Oktoberfest. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these pins goes to the Scholarship Program. What a great way to display pride in our heritage while also helping fund the German Student Scholarship Program!

If you would like more information about purchasing pins just call or text Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253. Thank you.

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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From the Editor

Since our Oktoberfest is coming up very shortly, let's take a look at how Oktoberfest first got started.

When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and the Princess of Saxonia, Theresia, were married in Munich on Oktober 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.

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. And for the German American Society, the 2017 dates are August 5 and 6.

In Munich, Oktoberfest usually starts on 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 October.

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 the Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest scheduled for August 5 and 6 from 11-7 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. Enjoy the German food and liquid refreshment, have a dance, sing a song, and enjoy festivities that have their roots so many years ago. See you there!

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

If you are looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday-night dinner, why not try the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street in Syracuse? They have great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a very reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8. They are currently operating on a summer schedule, so please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851 and they will let you know if dinner is being served that Friday and what the special will be.

Lucas Winery German Festival

Lucas Winery, one of the *Zeitung* sponsors, is holding its annual German Festival on September 21 at the winery. Please see the back of this *Zeitung* for the address and contact information for further details. If at all possible, please support this sponsor. The German Festival is an annual event and is a lot of fun. There will be German food, music, and dancing and, of course, that great Lucas wine!

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.

Contact the *Zeitung!*

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