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President's Report

Once again I was away for our meeting, but the trip to see my grandson graduate from medical college was just too good to miss. Gloria and I had a wonderful time with our grandson. No more trips for a while.

My thanks go to the board while I was away. It is also my turn to thank all the volunteers that made the **Oktoberfest** a success. I do have to thank one couple specially and that is **Janet and John Ott** for their donation of the food for the Cold Kitchen. Also, they provided lunch for the workers who set up the Oktoberfest on August 4. Their donation and dedication to our organization is greatly appreciated.

A lot of work went into this event by quite a few people and my hat is off to them. The crew that helped with setup and tear-down deserves my thanks once more. It is a dirty job, but you always seemed to come through. I do believe we need to talk about a different way to handle this for our future events.

I want to propose that we have a sit-down dinner for the volunteers to be held in the near future. I think it should be someplace where we can have a relaxed time and just enjoy the food and drinks. This will be discussed at the Oktoberfest wrap-up meeting, which is scheduled for September 19 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

I hope to see many of you at our next monthly meeting on September 21.

WILLI KREUZER, *President and Oktoberfest Co-Chair*

Vice President's Report

As noted in Willi Kreuzer's article above, a huge thank-you to everyone who helped out with this year's **Oktoberfest**. It was a great event, which, once again, highlighted our great German heritage, culture, music, dancing, singing, food, and beverages through the awesome *Gemütlichkeit* that was shared by everyone!

The rain on Saturday only lasted a few minutes and did not dampen anyone's fun. While the adults were enjoying themselves, the children were having a wonderful time with the magicians and getting balloon animals. There was also face painting that went over great with the children and some of the adults, too!

As mentioned by Willi Kreuzer, there will be an Oktoberfest wrap-up meeting on September 19. Would all the area captains please bring a list of people who volunteered in each area to use for invitation purposes if the Oktoberfest volunteer dinner is approved?

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the Oktoberfest Committee, the September 19 meeting, and as many members as possible at the September 21 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Thank you again to all who volunteered at 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.

The bills from Oktoberfest have been coming in. I plan to have an **Oktoberfest** report before the end of the year.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on September 21 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

As you know, our big event, the annual **Oktoberfest** was just held at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. It was a fun event and very well attended. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music, the entertainment, the *Gemütlichkeit*, and the good food.

Now, welcome and congratulations to our newest German-American Society of CNY members who were voted into membership at the August Monthly Membership Meeting: **Henrike Eckert, Joshua Felton, Barbara Hartig, William Hartig, Jane Proper, Alan Reichard, Donald Schermerhorn, and Austin Westphal**. We hope our new members will attend our monthly meetings which are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners on N. Salina St. in Syracuse.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a member of the German American Society, applications for new members are available on our website at www.germanamericanscnyc.com or you can give a me call at 315-458-6415. The cost is \$25 for new members and the check should be made out to the German American Society of CNY and sent to The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548 with completed membership application. Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

We had a great **Oktoberfest**. I want to thank everyone for coming. It was a nice change to have **The Old Erie Restaurant** handle the hot food. It gave me a chance to volunteer in other areas, and I enjoyed it.

CLUB MEETINGS

- Sep 19 Oktoberfest Committee Wrap-up Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Sep 21 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Okt 19 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting and Nomination Night, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Dez 3 Christmas Party

As mentioned in the President's Report, there may be a Volunteer Appreciation Party in the fall. More information will be available at the September 21 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Our Christmas party will be 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, or if you would like to volunteer to be on the Committee, just let me know. I can be reached by phone or text at 315-491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Committee Chair, **Willi Rohrbach**, announced at the August 17 Monthly Membership Meeting that there was to be a committee meeting on August 20 at 1 P.M. at the Pfaff's home. The outcome of that meeting will be discussed at the September 21 Monthly Membership Meeting.

A final draft is being completed and will soon be 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.

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

Sunshine Lady

Mia Breu, a long-time member who had been very active in the German American Society in years gone by, passed away on August 22. A card has been sent to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this most difficult time.

Also, a get-well card has been sent to **Margaret Gang**, who took a nasty fall and was recuperating at Elderwood in Liverpool.

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— Heading for Our 16th Year

It's hard to believe that we are now heading into our 16th year of awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Onondaga and Oswego counties. It seems like only a short time ago when I handed out the first scholarships on a snowy evening in April 2003. How the time has flown! The students over the years have headed out into the world as German teachers, scientists, engineers, writers, doctors, lawyers, and physical therapists to name a few of the occupations. It has been a wonderful experience seeing our scholarship program evolve over the years. I am thankful and blessed to have been a part of it from the start, and I look forward to many years to come.

There will be more information in future issues of the *Zeitung* about this year's program. As soon as the date for German Student Scholarship Night is firmed up I will put it in the *Zeitung* so you can mark it on your calendar.

Now, I want to take this opportunity to thank the students from Fayetteville-Manlius High School and their teacher **Kate Stewart**, who volunteered at Oktoberfest. The students had the opportunity to introduce themselves as students of German to people attending the Oktoberfest. The students sold German American flag pins to help fund the Scholarship Program. One of the students, as well as **Olga Shydlonok**, a recipient of a 2017 scholarship, were at the scholarship table to talk with people about the program and to sell pins and the children's German clothing.

The scholarship book, which contains 15 years of the scholarship program, on the scholarship table was viewed by many people. They seemed very impressed and interested in the Scholarship Program. They had a lot of positive comments regarding our program and asked a lot of questions and said how great this program is.

Proceeds from the scholarship donation jars that were located at various points throughout Oktoberfest will also be used to help out the 2018 scholarship program.

Again, thank you to these wonderful young people and their teacher and everyone who stopped by the table, bought a pin, looked at the scholarship book, or made a donation. This program is an investment in our future!

If you have any questions about the scholarship program, please feel free to call/text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com.

Thank you to all.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

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 2 or 3? What a great graduation or birthday 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 germanamericanscnyc.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*

German American Flag Pins

As noted in the Scholarship article, German-American flag pins were sold at Oktoberfest. The pins are \$3 each and can be purchased at any of our events or meetings. 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/text Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253. Thank you.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be appointed at the September 21 Monthly Membership Meeting. If you would like to serve on this committee, please attend the meeting and volunteer.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominations for Officers and Board Members to be presented at the October Monthly Membership Meeting. The slate will then be posted in the November *Zeitung*. Elections are in November.

Please think about helping out as this is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to have a hand in who represents the membership.

From the Editor

As I mingled with people at Oktoberfest, I was thrilled to hear how much fun people were having and what a wonderful event it was. Many people said how much they enjoyed coming to our Oktoberfest as they always feel welcome. I heard such remarks as how relaxed they felt and how great it was to see the members and volunteers all working together in harmony to make everything enjoyable for everyone.

Although many people have already been thanked for their part in Oktoberfest, I feel that there needs to be just two more. They are for the Oktoberfest Co-Chairs, **Willi Kreuzer** and **Klaus Raith**. This is the first year that Willi has had such an active role in the planning. However, Klaus has put together the Oktoberfest umpteen times. These two members oversaw this celebration of our wonderful German Heritage and Culture. The *Gemütlichkeit* that was shared by everyone who attended

the Oktoberfest was just wonderful. And without Willi's and Klaus's leadership and hard work, this would not have been possible. Thank you!

Below is a picture I took at Oktoberfest of a family enjoying their German Heritage.



The Berg family: father Dustin, mother Aleasha, and baby Adeline. Dustin is currently stationed at Fort Drum where he is a helicopter pilot. While deployed to Germany he visited Munich and purchased the Tracht that they are all wearing. Even baby Adeline is wearing a onesie from the Hofbräuhaus!

Back to School in Germany

Although I have used this article in the past, I thought that this would be a good time to repeat it as not only is it back to school time, but there is interest in our membership about this tradition and how we might incorporate it into our German American Society events.

Since this is return to school time all over the world, let's take a look at a tradition in Germany that is really a great way to help the little ones going to school for the first time get rid of that first day anxiety. It's done with a *Schultüte* (school cone), or as it is called in some parts of Germany, a *Zuckertüte* (sugar bag), a paper bag in the form of a big cone.

When the children in Germany and Austria set out for their first day in school upon entering the first grade (kindergarten is considered like

our pre-school) their parents and/or grandparents present them with a big decorated cardboard cone filled with toys, chocolates, candies, school supplies, and various other goodies. Sometimes there are even CDs, books, and even articles of clothing. The children are excited to get the cones, and it makes the first day of school very special for them.

This tradition has reportedly been going on since the 19th century. Why not start this great tradition here in the U.S.? I'm sure the children would love it. Think about it and just look around and you can already see cones filled with goodies. At the NYS Fair, there were cones for sale filled with all kinds of sugary nuts, candies, and other sweet things. Now where do you think the idea for those cones came from? Maybe the same place as Christmas trees, the Easter bunny and several other traditions.

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, 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 now once again operating on their regular Friday night schedule. If you want more information, please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851 and they will let you know what is being served that Friday and what the special will be.

Lucas Winery German Festival

Lucas Winery, one of our *Zeitung* advertisers, 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. The German Festival is an annual event and is a lot of fun. There will be German food, music, dancing, and, of course, that great Lucas wine! Our own Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers will be performing.

Thousand Island Winery Oktoberfest

The Thousand Island Winery, another of our *Zeitung* advertisers, is holding its annual Oktoberfest on Oktober 7 at the winery. Please see the back of this *Zeitung* for the address and contact information for further details. The Oktoberfest is an annual event at the Thousand Islands and is a lot of fun. They will have German food and a variety of wines for sale, as well as music and dancing by our own Enzian Bavarian Band and dancers.

The Old Erie Restaurant

The Old Erie Restaurant, the vendor who provided the hot food at our Oktoberfest, will be having a culinary tour of Germany at their Oktoberfest, which runs from October 1-30. For more information call the restaurant at 315-834-6641.

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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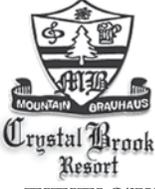
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