



# Deutsche Zeitung

of the German-American Society of Central New York

## Dezember 2018

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**Please note: Please call either the Syracuse Turners at 315-471-9851 or President Dave Gunter at 315-289-8145 if you are not sure whether there will be a meeting due to inclement weather.**

**Also, please note that our Monthly Board and General Membership Meetings are on December 13, which is the 2nd Thursday due to the upcoming Christmas holiday.**

## President's Report

I thought I was all done writing reports, but my departure was delayed once more.

Even though the weather was not the best, we did have a meeting in November. A lot of changes were being discussed and I wish the Club the best. I am leaving on November 28 and hope to leave the snow behind me.

I would encourage the membership to support your new officers and at the same time keep the German heritage strong. *Viel Glück und Alles Gute für Eure Zukunft!*

WILLI KREUZER, *Outgoing 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 am sorry that I was unable to attend the November meeting. However, I plan to have an **Oktoberfest** report before the end of the year.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on December 13 for a complete report on our financial status. In the meantime, if you have any questions 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

We welcome the new members who joined the German American Society of CNY this year. We need our new members to get involved, and we look forward to seeing them at our functions and meetings.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a member of the German American Society, applications for new members are available at our events and meetings, on our website at [www.germanamericanscnycny.com](http://www.germanamericanscnycny.com), or you can give a me call at 315-458-6415. The cost is \$25 for new members. 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.

There are only a few days left in 2018. With that in mind, it's time to start thinking about paying your 2019 membership renewal dues. To renew your membership, just mail your check for \$15 to the address noted above. Please note "Membership 2019" on the line on the lower left-hand corner of your check. Dues need to be paid by January 31, 2019.

Also, if you are going to be away and would like the *Zeitung* held until your 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.

Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

### CLUB MEETINGS

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|--------|--|
| Dez 13 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting,<br>Installation of 2019 Officers and Board<br>Members, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Jan 17 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>General Membership Meeting,<br>Syracuse Turners, 7   |

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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| Apr 29  | Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9 |
| Okt 4&5 | Oktoberfest                              |

## From the House Committee

Our last social event of 2018 was the **Annual Christmas party, which was held at the Syracuse Turners on Sunday, December 2. There will be an article about the party in the next Zeitung.**

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 at the number noted above.

Thank you.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, etc., to me at 315-468-4541.

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

## 2019 Scholarship Program: Heading for Our 17th Year

It's hard to believe that we are now heading into our 17th 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.

The date for Scholarship Night is tentatively set for April 29, so mark this day on your 2019 calendar. If you have never attended this wonderful event, please try for 2019. It is a night that honors not only the scholarship recipients, but all students of the German language and their teachers.

Just a reminder: I have a limited amount of children's German clothing left for sale, as well as a couple pair of adult *Lederhosen*. There are also the German American flag pins for sale at \$3 a pin. The pins can be purchased at any meeting or event. Proceeds from the sale of the clothing and pins go to help the Scholarship Program.

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program, or if you would like to help out or purchase clothing or pins, please feel free to call or text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com. I also have pins available at our meetings and events.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Oktoberfest 2019

The 2019 German American Society of CNY Oktoberfest organization and planning is well underway. Arrangements have been made regarding two big changes:

1. The 2019 Oktoberfest dates have been moved to October 4 and 5 (Friday and Saturday).
2. We are relocating our Oktoberfest 2019 to Minoa Village Park. The Park offers a large pavilion that will house everything we have to offer, including such things as hot

and cold food, beverages, mugs, entertainment, vendors, and more, all under one roof.

The opening ceremony will be on October 4 at 5:30 P.M. with the Mayor of Minoa, **William Brazill**, tapping the first keg. Our County Executive, **Ryan Mahon**, has also been invited. Entertainment for the evening of October 4 will be **The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers**. Saturday entertainment will be noted in the next *Zeitung*.

On June 1, 2019, the German American Society will be in the **Minoa Fireman's Parade**. This will be a great opportunity for our Society to be "visible," to really "shine," and to promote our upcoming **Oktoberfest** and to attract new members. The membership will be able to see the park pavilion set up and in use. I am asking the membership to think about participating in the parade. It should be a lot of fun!

The first Oktoberfest Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. If you would like to be on the Oktoberfest Committee, please plan to attend.

I am asking that each member ask her/himself "What can I do?" to make our 2019 the best Oktoberfest yet!

Thank you.

B. BRUCE BARNES, *2019 Oktoberfest Chair*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Hard to believe that Christmas is so close! Why not buy a brick or two or three? What a great Christmas 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 [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com).

Our member and new **President, Dave Gunter**, is now in charge of installing the bricks and maintaining the brick area around the monument. If you have any questions in this area, just give Dave a call at 315-289-8145.

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 Committee

At the October 18 Monthly Membership Meeting, the following nominees were elected into office for 2019:

**Officers:** President—Dave Gunter; Vice President—Bruce Barnes; Treasurer—Richard Pfaff; Secretary—open; Financial Secretary—Austin Westphal.

**Board Members:** Eric Gang; Bob Kline; Brigitte Niebuhr; Helen Kline; Sally Frenza.

Also, **Carl Bloss** and **Monika Loerzel** were confirmed to complete the remaining time on the two Board positions available due to Bruce Barnes and Dave Gunter needing to vacate their Board positions when they ran for office.

Please plan to attend the December 13 **Monthly Membership Meeting** at the Syracuse Turners at 7:00 P.M. for the **Installation of Officers and Board Members**.

As you will note above, there is an open position for Secretary. If you are interested in taking on this responsibility, please contact our newly elected President, Dave Gunter, at 315-289-8145. If you would like more information regarding the duties of the Secretary, please contact our current secretary, Sally Frenza, at 315-345-6253.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Willy Rohrbach at 610-972-4169.

## From the Editor

Before I start on the article for this month, I want to inform you that I am once again looking for someone to take over the mailing of the *Zeitung*. If the whole mailing task is not possible, at least help sealing the *Zeitung* and putting on the labels would be greatly appreciated. I do have one member who can periodically assist me, but if I can have a backup or two it would be great. Contact me at 315-345-6253 if you can help. Thank you!

This month I would like to write a little about the 200th year of one of the best known and loved Christmas carols, *Stille Nacht*. This carol was sung for the first time on Christmas Eve in 1818 by Joseph Mohr, Assistant Priest and Franz Xaver Gruber, a school teacher and parish organist. Herr Gruber set the poem composed by Joseph Mohr to music on that very Christmas Eve.

As the organ at the church in Oberndorf, which is just a few miles from Salzburg, was not working, the two men stood by the crib of the baby Jesus after mass and sang the beautiful *Stille Nacht* with only guitar accompaniment. Little did they know that this sweet lullaby about peace and hope would become one of the most sung and popular Christmas carols of all times, capturing the hearts of millions of people through the ages.

If you'd like to become a Patron of the *Zeitung* or if you are currently a patron and need to renew, please send your check for \$15 to the attention of the Editor at The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

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There is a big celebration under way for its 200th anniversary. Themed walks and musical hikes with actors in period costumes lead the participants through the time when Gruber lived. The *Stille Nacht Museum*, which is actually Gruber's former home, opened in September, and will be part of the ongoing celebration. The original guitar that Mohr played on that Christmas Eve in 1818 is on display.

There is also a chapel built on the spot in Oberndorf where Mohr and Gruber first sang *Stille Nacht*. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to visit this memorable spot on Christmas Eve? I have tears in my eyes and a warm feeling just thinking about it. For more information on the celebration, please see the December/January issue of *German Life*.

So, to one and all, *Frohe Weihnachten und ein frohes Neues Jahr!*

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

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 7:30. They are now once again operating on their regular Friday-night schedule, except when there are special events. If you would like more information on the Friday-night dinners please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851. Please try to support our friends at the Turners.

## Events at the Utica Männerchor

The Utica Männerchor and Dammenchor are holding their **Christmas Concert** on December 7. Please call the club at the number listed below for more information.

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

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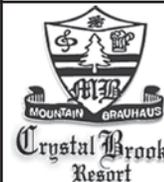
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