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Please Note: If we have inclement weather on the day of any of our scheduled meetings, please call either President Willi Kreuzer at 315-472-3507 or the Syracuse Turners at 315-471-9851 to find out if the meeting is canceled. Apologies go out to anyone who went to the Syracuse Turners on December 14 only to be told that the meeting was canceled.

at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners 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*

President's Report

January is just about over, and I hope everyone survived the brutal cold spell, then the warm weather, and then another cold spell. But that's Central New York for you!

Now we're ready to work on our new year of events.

We had our first **Oktoberfest** meeting and things are starting to move. The desire is there to continue with our Oktoberfest celebration and I support that to the fullest. Several new ideas were thrown around and we will be working on them in the next few Oktoberfest meetings. What we need is people to get involved and attend the meetings, and input ideas or solutions for a successful fest.

For the members who get out of this cold for a while, enjoy wherever you're going, and come back refreshed and renewed.

Please attend the February 15 Monthly Meeting being held at the Syracuse Turners at 7 P.M. We need participation and for members to step forward with ideas and suggestions. See you at the meeting!

WILL KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

The January 16 **Oktoberfest Committee Meeting** went well. There were several great ideas presented and planning has started. Our next meeting will be on February 13 at the Syracuse Turners at 7 P.M.

One area where a volunteer is still needed is for the sponsors and advertising. If you can help out with this it would be greatly appreciated. Just contact me at the number below for additional information.

If you have any questions that I can help you with, or if you would like more information on the Oktoberfest Committee, especially in the area of the sponsors and advertising, just give me a call at 315-675-8321.

Thank you!

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 February 15 Monthly Membership Meeting

Financial Secretary's Report

Welcome and congratulations to our new member **Jeanine Nolan**. We hope you will enjoy your membership in our organization. Hopefully, you will be able to participate in some of our fun events.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their 2018 dues!

Reminder: The 2018 membership dues were due January 31.

If you have not paid your dues, please send to the address below immediately or pay in person at the February 15 Monthly Membership Meeting. The dues for renewing members remain at \$15 a year. Checks need to be made payable to the German American Society of CNY (please add annual dues in the message portion of your check).

If dues are not paid, an invoice will be sent out on February 15 reminding any unpaid member that his or her membership dues are past due, and that the dues must be paid by March 15 in order to remain a member in good standing. After March 15, any member who has not paid his or her dues will be automatically terminated without further notice. Any terminated member must reapply as a new member.

Please remember: We are always looking to expand our membership. If you have anyone to propose for membership,

CLUB MEETINGS

- Feb 13 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Feb 15 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Mar 13 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Mar 15 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 30 Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
- Mai 12 Maitanz, Syracuse Turners
- Jul 8 Picnic, Camp Brockway
- Aug 4 & 5 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, Liverpool

just have the person complete a membership application and forward it along with their \$25 check made out to The German American Society of CNY to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

Applications can be obtained at any Monthly Membership Meeting or any of our events, or on our website at www.germanamericanscny.com. Or just contact me. My contact information is found below.

Another Reminder: If you will be away for an extended period of time this winter, the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you. Please 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.

To discuss any of the above areas or if you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 315-458-6415 or by e-mail at hkline8@twcny.rr.com.

Thank you in advance for your help and co-operation.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

The House Committee events for 2018 will include a **Mai-Tanz, Picnic, Oktoberfest Volunteer Party and Christmas Party**.

Oktoberfest and Scholarship Night are handled separately. Information on Oktoberfest is in the Vice President's Report and Scholarship Night is in the Scholarship Program article. There will be more information on all our events in future issues of the *Zeitung*.

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.

Thank you, and I look forward to a great 2018 with a lot of fun events!

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Constitution and By-Laws of the German American Society of CNY were approved at the special meeting held immediately following the January General Meeting on January 18. A printed booklet is now in the works and will be available to members at a later time.

If you have any questions on the Revised Constitution and By-Laws, contact Willi Rohrbach, Committee Chair, at warohrb@gmail.com or by cell or text at 610-972-4169.

Sunshine Lady

During the month of January a get-well card was sent to **Gloria Kreuzer** as she recovers from surgery after suffering a fractured wrist.

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*

Installation of Officers

At the January 18 General Meeting the following 2018 Officers and Board Members were installed:

Officers: President—Willi Kreuzer, Vice President—Klaus Raith, Treasurer—Richard Pfaff, and Financial Secretary—Helen Kline.

Board Members: Bruce Barnes, Ken Blechl, Susan Foster, Dave Gunter, and Bill Nurk.

Secretary Sally Frenza was absent and will be installed at the February 15 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Congratulations to Fayetteville-Manlius Students

On November 28 Fayetteville-Manlius High School juniors **Julia Gerardi, Timothy Kaiser, Jordan Krouse, Rachel Palladino, Paige Pepling, Allison Ritter, Angela Wu, and Helen Ziobrowski** were inducted into the Fayetteville-Manlius Delta Epsilon Phi German National Honor Society, New York Beta Alpha Chapter.

Membership in the National German Honor Society requires a junior or senior class standing, three or more years of German with a minimum average of 90%, an overall minimum grade-point average of 75%, and participation in a minimum of five extracurricular German-related activities.

Congratulations to all these great students and their teacher **Kate Stewart** from the German American Society of CNY!

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation, birthdays—these are all great times to purchase a brick or two or three at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. What a wonderful 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 at 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 been sent to the schools. We will now prepare to celebrate our 16th year of the Scholarship Program.

German Student Scholarship Night will be on April 30 from 5 to 9 at the Syracuse Turners. Please plan to attend if at all possible to support the wonderful students of German and their dedicated teachers. It's always a lot of fun and a great celebration of the accomplishments of the students!

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.

I still have some of the donated children's clothing 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 are gently used. Money raised from the sale of these items will also benefit the Scholarship Program.

There will be more information regarding Scholarship Night in the March and April *Zeitungs*.

If you would like more information about the Scholarship

Program or if you would like to help out, please contact me by text or call at 315-345-6253, or e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Committee Chair*

From the Editor

Correction to the January 2018 *Zeitung*: Olga Shydlonok's name was inadvertently omitted in the article about the 2017 Scholarship Recipients. Olga attended Fayetteville-Manlius High School and now attends Syracuse University.

I'm still looking for someone to take over the mailing of the *Zeitung*. If you're interested in taking on this job, please contact me at 315-345-6253 and I will provide you with additional information about this task.

Now, moving on, I thought I would resurrect the article that I used in the past regarding *Fasching*.

Fasching Is Germany's Biggest Bash!

Most people would probably say that the Munich Oktoberfest is the biggest bash in Germany. However, the greatest fest is none other than *Fasching* or *Fastnacht*, Germany's Mardi Gras. This is often referred to as Germany's foolish or silly season. There are thousands of costume balls and dances all over Germany. All events start at 11 minutes past the 11th hour on November 11th. Although it remains low key for the first few weeks, the action really gets started seven weeks before Easter.

The Thursday before Ash Wednesday is known as *Welberfastnach* or Women's Carnival Night. On this day, the women dress up like old ladies and go door to door pulling jokes on people, especially politicians. (Way to go girls!!!) The women are allowed to cut off the tie or kiss (or both) any man within their reach! During *Fasching* it is also tradition in many areas for the women to capture the local *Rathaus* (city hall) and take over the city key. The following Monday is known as *Rosenmontag* (Rose Monday). During this day there are parades and carnival floats. *Faschingdienstag* (Carnival Tuesday) is the last day of *Fasching* and when most of the festivities happen. Usually workers get the afternoon off to celebrate.

In Munich from 2 to 5 P.M. on *Faschingdienstag*, the *Viktualienmarkt* pedestrian area is turned into a party zone. At night there are gala balls, the biggest held at the *Bayerischer Hof*. The Bavarians refer to *Fasching* as the "season of fools." Some people dress in costumes and ski down hills. It is a great time of the year to be able to dress up in costumes, act like a fool, have a great time, and nobody cares! (I think I would really like that!)

Munich also features donuts (*Fastnachts*) during *Fasching*. They can be found everywhere! (See the recipe at the end of this article.) The story goes that in pre-Christian Europe it was cus-

tomary to choose a man to be the "sacred king" of the tribe for a year. When his year in office was up, he would be sacrificed and his blood returned to the soil to ensure a successful harvest. The method of choosing the sacred king was the King's Cake. A coin or bean would be placed in the cake before baking and whoever got the slice with the coin or bean was the chosen one. (I think that would have been a good time to go on a diet of no cake!) In recent times, the King's Cake idea has evolved into donuts, and no more sacrifices.

Below is a recipe for *Fastnachts* (German donuts) usually made on Shrove Tuesday to use up the lard before Lent.

1 cup lukewarm milk
1 fresh yeast cake
¾ cup soft butter
2 tablespoons sugar
6 eggs
6 cups flour
2 teaspoon salt

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm milk and set aside. Sift flour and salt into a large bowl. Make a hole in the center and pour the dissolved yeast and all other ingredients into the hole. Mix till no longer sticky. Cover and let rise in a warm place till doubled. Punch down and let rest for 10 minutes. Roll out about ¼-inch thick and cut out the donuts with a round cutter (not the regular donut cutter with the hole in the middle). Let the donuts rise for about 20 to 30 minutes. Fry in deep fat till light brown. Drain on paper towels, then while hot, roll in sugar. Enjoy!

Do you have a German, Austrian, or Swiss topic you would like me to write about? Or do you have an article you have written or found 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? 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 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

The Männerchor is having their annual *Fasching* on Saturday, February 24, with music by **Fritz's Band**. The cost is \$20, which includes a ham dinner at 6, followed by music and dancing. The dance without dinner is \$10. Reservations by February 21.

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.

Just a reminder that if you want to continue as a 2018 patron of the *Zeitung*, please send in your \$15 check to the editor at the contact information in this *Zeitung*. If your check is not received by March 15, you will no longer see your name in the *Zeitung* as a sponsor. Thank you.

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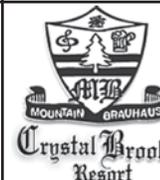
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