



# Deutsche Zeitung

of the German-American Society of Central New York

## April 2018

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## President's Report

I am sorry I missed the meeting in March. Due to the death of my brother-in-law, I needed to go to Germany to pay my respects and to spend time helping out my sister.

I look forward to attending the Oktoberfest meeting on April 17, and the Board and Monthly Meetings on April 19.

I will have more to report next month.

Just a reminder that **Scholarship Night** is coming up on April 30. I hope I will see many of you there. There is information in the Scholarship Program article in this *Zeitung* regarding time, place, cost, etc.

WILL KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

Unfortunately, the March Oktoberfest Committee Meeting was canceled due to our wonderful Upstate New York weather.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. All Oktoberfest Committee members, which includes all Board members and others, should attend this meeting as planning is proceeding and your ideas and participation are needed.

Membership on the committee is open to anyone who is a member in good standing of the German American Society. So if you would like to become a committee member, you are welcome to attend the April 17 meeting. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

As noted in the March *Zeitung*, plans for Oktoberfest are moving along. We are now in negotiations for a vendor for the hot kitchen. I also have the entertainment set. In addition, on Saturday, August 4, the military band that everyone enjoyed two years ago will be entertaining at 11 A.M.

The logo for our written Oktoberfest materials and the beer steins has been chosen. There will be more information available on this and other areas at the next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting.

We are still in need of someone to take over the advertising and sponsors for the Oktoberfest. Please contact me as soon as possible if you can help on this.

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 April 19 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

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

There were no new-membership applications submitted during the past month.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their 2018 dues. The 2018 stickers for your membership cards will be in the May *Zeitung*.

Please remember: We are always looking to expand our membership. If you have anyone to propose for membership, 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.germanamericanscnyc.com](http://www.germanamericanscnyc.com). Or just contact me and I will send the application. My contact information is found below.

**Another Reminder:** If you will be away for an extended period, the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you or held until you return. Please contact the Editor to arrange for this complimentary service of the German American Society.

### CLUB MEETINGS

Apr 17	Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7
Apr 19	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Turners, 7
Mai 15	Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Turners, 7
Mai 17	Board Meeting, Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Turners, 7

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 30	Scholarship Night, Turners, 5-9
Mai 12	Maitanz, Turners, 5-9
Jul 8	Picnic, Camp Brockway
Aug 3	Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest Setup, Long Branch Park, Noon
Aug 4&5	Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
Aug 6	Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest Tear-down, Long Branch, 10

Also, if you change your address, please contact me with the latest 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](mailto:hkline8@twcny.rr.com).

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

Our next event is the **Maitanz** on May 12 from 5 to 9 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina St. Dance music and entertainment will be provided by **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet**.

The cost is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children 6 to 12 are \$5 and under 6 are free.

The menu consists of ham, veggies, yams, sauerkraut, red cabbage, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, bread, rolls, coffee, tea, and soda. There will be a cash bar available for the purchase of adult beverages. If you are able to bring a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

Stein Club members need to make reservations through Eric Gang at 315-479-8281. The cost of the Maitanz will be paid by the Stein Club. However, Stein Club members will be responsible for purchasing any beverages not included with the dinner.

Please send your reservations and check made out to the German American Society of CNY by May 8 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205-1928.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, or if you would like to serve on the Committee or help with the Maitanz, please give me a call or text at 315-491-2573.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the Maitanz on May 12.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Committee continues to work on getting the booklet printed. As soon as it is completed, the printed Constitution and By-Laws will be available to all members in good standing.

If you have any questions, please contact Willi Rohrbach, Committee Chair, at [warohrb@gmail.com](mailto:warohrb@gmail.com) or by cell or text at 610-972-4169.

## Sunshine Lady

During the month of March, a sympathy card was sent to **Willi and Virginia Kreuzer** on the passing of Willi's brother-in-law in Germany. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

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*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

We have once again begun to receive orders for commemorative bricks at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, birthdays—these are all great times to purchase a brick or 2 or 3. 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](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 German Student Scholarship Committee met on March 24 and reviewed all the applications that were sent in. It was a very difficult task to choose which candidates would be receiving one of the six \$800 scholarships as all the applicants were wonderful. However, after much review and discussion, the following students were chosen as scholarship recipients: **Blake Battersby**, Baker HS; **Matthew Dai**, Fayetteville-Manlius HS; **Benjamin Iven**, Baker HS; **Anna Miller**, Baker HS; **Paige Miller**, Onondaga Central HS; and **Jack Ryan**, Mexico HS. **Congratulations!**

The wonderful students who applied for a scholarship but are not recipients will also be recognized at German Student Scholarship Night, as the Scholarship Committee feels all students who applied deserve to be recognized for their hard work and devotion to the German language, heritage, and culture.

German Student Scholarship Night is April 30 from 5 to 9 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners, 619 North Salina Street, Syracuse. The cost will be \$10. Students of German, regardless of year in school, and their teachers attend at no charge.

Social hour is 5 to 6; dinner 6 to 7; followed by entertainment and then the presentation of the scholarship recipients. Each scholarship recipient will be giving a short acceptance speech in German and English.

# German Student Scholarship Night

April 30 • 5 to 9 p.m.

Our  
16th  
Year!

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Social Hour from 5 to 6

Dinner from 6 to 7

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*Awards to Follow*

**Klaus Raith** will be playing the zither and **John Beston** will be playing the guitar during dinner

*Menu: Sauerkraut, German potato salad, Bratwurst, franks, tossed salad, dessert, coffee, and tea*

**Cost: \$10**

(No charge for students of German or their teachers.)

Reservations and checks made out to the German-American Society of CNY by April 20 to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105. Questions: contact Sally Frenza at 315-345-6253 or [sallyzf@aol.com](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com).

The dinner menu will be tossed salad, German potato salad, bratwurst, franks, sauerkraut, dessert, coffee and tea. If anyone would like to bring a dessert it will be welcomed.

Many German American Society members have attended this event in the past, and hopefully will attend this year to support the wonderful students of German and their dedicated teachers. It is always a lot of fun and a great celebration of the accomplishments of the students! **Klaus Raith** will be entertaining with his songs and zither accompanied by **John Besten** on his guitar. There will also be a German folk song sing-along. And, of course, the **Enzian Bavarian Folk Dancers** will be there to entertain and do the Pretzel Dance with some of the students and whoever else they can entice onto the dance floor to show off their moves!

Please make reservations by April 20 by sending your checks made out to the German American Society of CNY to: Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend a German Student Scholarship Night, why not plan to attend this year? You will not regret it!

Just a reminder: Please 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 also 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.

If you would like more information about the Scholarship Program or if you would like to help, please contact me by text/call at 315-345-6253, or e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on April 30 for our 16th German Student Scholarship Night!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Committee Chair*

## From the Editor

I received the following information from our member **Robert Oberst**, and I thought it would be of interest to our members.

Robert writes: "While looking for out-of-the-way historic cities in Germany on the web, I came across a very beautiful city named Gorkitz. Most of its buildings were built in the Middle Ages and there was little damage to the town during World War II. It's about fifty miles east of Dresden along the current border with Poland. The former East German government almost leveled the town, but they ran out of money so they left it. Today, with the buildings restored, visiting this place is like going back in time. You should check it out!"

Thank you to everyone who sent in their \$15 to remain patrons of the *Zeitung*. If you would like to become a patron of the *Zeitung* and see your name in print each month as someone who is supporting our monthly publication, just send a \$15 check made out to The German American Society of CNY to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Please add "patron" on the line on the bottom left of your check. Thank you.

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Thank you Robert for this information.

Spring in Germany provides abundant sunshine and beautiful flowers. Cherry and apple blossoms line the historic German roads. People drive along the roads or sail down the rivers and canals to enjoy the wonderful castles, palaces, and medieval towns.

Seats and tables begin to appear outside cafés, bistros, and ice cream parlors. And, of course, the beer gardens are set to go.

The cities, towns, and villages begin their spring celebrations, which range from music to wine and cheese and a lot more merry-making. *Frühjahrs müdigkeit* (spring tiredness) is banned. As usual, the Germans know how to get things rolling! Happy spring!

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? Even some German recipes would be a highlight. Just let me know.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Members and Friends

### Syracuse Turners Frühlingsfest

On April 14 the Syracuse Turners will be having their annual *Frühlingsfest* to celebrate the arrival of spring. There will be a choice of a great Rouladen or ham dinner with all the fixings, including dessert, coffee, and tea. The cost is \$13 and can be paid at the door.

There will be raffles and games of chance. Besides being a lot of fun, this is a fundraiser for the Turners. In these times when so many clubs are struggling, your attendance in support of the Turners will be greatly appreciated. If you would like more information, please contact the Turners at 315-471-9851.

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 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.

Since the *Frühlingsfest* is on April 14, there will be no Friday night dinner on April 13 to enable the room to be set up for the festivities on Saturday.

### Events at the Utica Männerchor

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



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