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President's Report

It was very happy to hear that the Maitanz was such a success. It's nice to know that everyone had a great time, and I am sorry I missed it. My thanks and congratulations go to **Brigitte and Ken and all the members** who put a lot of effort into making this a great party. Again, my thanks!

Now to our upcoming **Oktoberfest**, only a couple months away. A lot of work still needs to be done. The Oktoberfest Committee is working hard to make this a great event, but for that we need more members to sign up to volunteer to help those two days. For instance, we need help in the children's tent. I'm thinking teenagers would be nice for that. Also, we need someone to run the 50/50 raffle.

I would encourage members who are willing to help to come to the next Oktoberfest Committee meeting on June 19 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners and sign up for where you would like to help.

I will be holding a clean-up day at the Goethe and Schiller Monument on June 9 at 10 A.M. The monument is located in Schiller Park on Syracuse's Northside. Go up 3rd Street off Butternut Street and you will see the monument. We will be cleaning and weeding around the bricks, so please be sure to bring some gardening gloves. If you would like more information, just give me a call at 315-472-3507 or 315-877-2237. Many hands will make for a shorter work time.

See you at our next Oktoberfest meeting on June 19 or our Monthly Membership meeting on June 21, each held at the Turners at 7 P.M. or on clean-up day, June 9, at Schiller Park.

In the meantime, enjoy the warm weather. We sure waited long enough for it!

WILLI KREUZER, *President and Oktoberfest Co-Chair*

Vice President's Report

The Oktoberfest planning is really moving along. The entertainment is set and the schedule is found below. There's still work to be done and volunteers are needed. Our next Oktoberfest Committee meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. If you would like to serve on the committee, please come to the meeting.

Saturday, August 4

- 11-12 42nd Infantry Division Band
- 12 Opening Ceremonies & Alphorn Playing Contest with our local dignitaries
- 12-3 The Enzian Bavarian Band & Dancers
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians, David & Paul Jackman
- Free Face Painting by Outback Steakhouse
- 3-4 The Edelweiss Schuhplattler from the Utica Männerchor
- 4-7 The Bavarian Brothers from Massachusetts
- The Enzian Bavarian Dancers

Sunday, August 5

- 12-3 The Bavarian Brothers from Massachusetts
- The Enzian Bavarian Dancers
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians, David & Paul Jackman
- Free Face Painting by Outback Steakhouse
- 3-4 The Edelweiss Schuhplattler from the Utica Männerchor

- 4-7 The Enzian Bavarian Band & Dancers
- 7 Raffle Drawing & Closing Ceremonies

This year, each area captain is asked to secure the volunteers for their respective areas. Here is the list of captains and their contact information. Please contact the captains for more information regarding volunteering in their areas:

- Money & Tickets:* Bob Kline, 315-458-6415
- Setup & Security:* Bill Nurk, 315-487-2472; Eric Gang, 315-479-8281
- Beer & Wine:* Eric Gang, 315-479-8281
- Bakery:* Rita Knapp, 315-668-6438
- Limburger/Soda/Water:* John Ott, 315-350-6500
- Basket Raffle:* Margaretha Micho, 315-468-4541
- Ads/Promotion:* Willi Kreuzer, 315-472-3507; Klaus Raith, 315-675-8321
- Hospitality:* Gloria Kreuzer, 315-472-3507
- Scholarship Table:* Sally Frenza, 315-345-6253
- 50/50 Raffle: ???*
- Money Counting:* Susan Foster, 315-488-0480; Richard Pfaff, 315-437-8746
- Grounds Chairman:* Klaus Raith, 315-345-6253
- Steins & Gate Greeter:* Bruce Barnes, 315-635-5174
- Children's Tent: ???*

You will note that there are two areas without a captain. If you can possibly take on one of these volunteer opportunities, or if you have any questions about Oktoberfest, please contact me at 315-675-8321 or attend the June 19 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting.

This is our only fundraiser, so please, everyone do your part to help out at Oktoberfest. We can't do it without you!

CLUB MEETINGS

- Jun 19 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Jun 21 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Jul 17 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Jul 19 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Jul 8 Picnic at Camp Brockway, 2-6
- Aug 3 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest Setup, Long Branch Park, noon
- Aug 4 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
- Aug 5 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 12-7
- Aug 6 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest Tear-Down, Long Branch Park, 10

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all you at our next Oktoberfest meeting on June 19 or our Monthly Membership meeting on June 21, each held at the Turners at 7 P.M.

One last item: We will be having a party for the Oktoberfest volunteers. The date and details will be in the next *Zeitung*.

KLAUS RAI TH, *Vice President,*
Oktoberfest Co-Chairman 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 June 21 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners 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

We have four new-membership applications this month: **Werner and Patricia Buchmann, Michael Currie, and Sherry Mace**, all of Liverpool. These applications were proposed by **Sally Frenza**. They will be voted on at the June 21 Monthly Membership meeting.

If you know anyone who is interested in joining our German American Society you can request an application at our Monthly Membership meeting, online at www.germanamericanscny.com, or just give me a call. 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.

Just a reminder: If you are bringing a guest to the picnic on July 8, that person can become a member for the \$15 picnic charge.

Another reminder: If you are going to be away for an extended period of time and would like the *Zeitung* held until you return, please contact the Editor. Or if you would like the *Zeitung* forwarded to you, please contact the Editor with the mailing information.

Also, if you change your address or phone number, 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.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

I want to thank everyone who attended the **Maitanz**. It was a great party! Thank you also to the members of the **House Committee** who helped make this a special evening, and to everyone who brought those tasty desserts. As usual, **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet and Dancers** really livened things up.

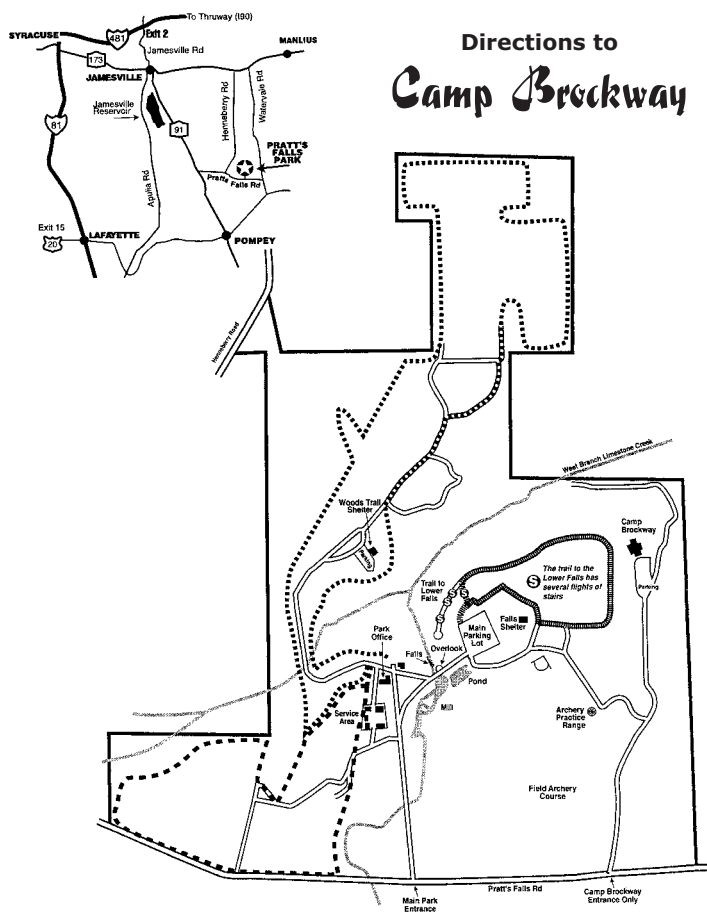
Our next event is our picnic on July 8 from 2 to 6 at Camp Brockway. All members are free, so please bring your membership cards with you. Children 12 and under are also free; 13 to 18 pay \$5; and adult guests pay \$15 at the door and can become a member for that fee. (This is the only time that we wave the \$10 initiation fee). In December the yearly membership dues of \$15 will need to be paid.

The kitchen will be open from 2:30 to 4:30. We will serve bratwurst, hot dogs, hamburgers, sauerkraut, red cabbage, and German potato salad. As we have done in the past, we ask everyone to please bring a dish to pass or a dessert.

The Enzian Bavarian Quartet will be playing so don't forget your dancing shoes!

The House Committee should arrive by 1:00 for setup and to get

the food going. If you have any questions about the House Committee or if you would like to help out with the picnic, call or text me at 315-491-2573.



Thank you and see you July 8 for a fun-filled day!

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

It was a quiet month with no activity to report.

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 MICH O, *Sunshine Lady*

Scholarship Program

Thank you again to everyone who attended the April 30 German Student Scholarship Night. It was a wonderful evening spent honoring not only our Scholarship recipients, but also all students of German and their teachers who are charged with the task of promoting and preserving our German heritage, culture, and language.

A big thank-you goes both to the **Board of Directors**, who approved the funding for five of the awards plus the dinner and other expenses, and to our member **Dick Schoeck and his wife Dianna**, who donated a scholarship in honor of Dick's parents. Also, thanks again to the singers, the dancers, and to **Klaus Raith, John Besten, and Ray Sturge** for the entertainment.

Not to get too sentimental here, but I have been blessed to be involved with the Scholarship Program for all 16 years. I am so proud of the many students who received scholarships over the years, as well as all students of German. I cannot think back over the years or look at our Scholarship Night album without becoming tearful. I am so proud. These young people are our future!

Again, thank you to everyone who attended and the many people

who helped to make this Scholarship Night a great one! Many people came up to me as they were leaving to say what a wonderful night it was and how much fun they had. They also thanked the German American Society for providing this wonderful night and opportunity to the students and teachers. They said they never expected such a tribute to the students and teachers.

I will be having a Scholarship table at Oktoberfest again this year with information about the Scholarship Program. If you are interested in helping out with this, or if you have any questions about the program, please feel free to call/text me at 315-345-6253 or by email at sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Spring is here, and it's time to think about installing additional bricks at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. Why not buy a brick or two or three? 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.

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.

Our President, **Willi Kreuzer**, is holding a monument clean-up day on Saturday June 9. Please see his report in this *Zeitung* for further details. All are welcome to help out.

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

Just a reminder that the German American Society is selling flag pins to help with the Scholarship Program. The flag pins, which have a German and American flag, 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!

I also still have a few pieces of children's German clothing left for sale including dresses and boy's Lederhosen, as well as a couple pair of men's Lederhosen.

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

From the Editor

Here is a resurrected article!

In Germany, Fathers' Day is celebrated differently from other parts of the world. There are two terms and/or events of an older origin that, while similar in name, have entirely different meanings. *Vatertag* is always celebrated on Ascension Day (the Thursday 40 days after Easter), which is a federal holiday. Regionally it is also called men's

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day, *Männertag*, or gentlemen's day, *Herrentag*. It is tradition to do a males-only hiking tour or day out with one or more small wagons (*Bollerwagen*) pulled by manpower. In the wagons are beer or wine (according to the region) and traditional regional food (*Hausmannkost*) such as *Saumagen*, *Leberwurst*, *Blutwurst*, vegetables, eggs, and so on. Many men will use this day to get very drunk, to the point of having gangs of drunken men roaming the streets singing and carrying on, causing much embarrassment to the more conservative German people who don't participate. One of our members from Germany confirmed that this is the way it was when she lived in Germany. After the men got drunk, it was up to the wives to go and fetch their husbands and bring them home. As much as the children wanted to go along, they were not allowed to see their father in such a state! While in the past a bunch of drunken men may have been amusing, it is no longer viewed as something funny and *Herrentag* may not be as widely celebrated on this day as in the past. Besides, German men today hardly need a holiday excuse to have a few drinks with their buddies!

The Austrian Father's Day observance, while closer to the American holiday, is still not exactly the same thing. The date is also in June (on the second Sunday), but the celebration has a slightly more religious connotation, something like a feast day in the Catholic Church. Even more than in the U.S., the Austrian *Vatertag* ranks far lower in importance than *Muttertag*. The first observance of Father's Day in Austria was in 1956. Today it is similar to the U.S. Father's Day in that many Austrians give cards and presents for *Papis* special day.

So on this Father's Day, do something special for your father, the father of your grandchildren or any father you want to honor.

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? Or even a recipe? Just let me know. My contact information is in this *Zeitung*.

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, 619 N. Salina St.? 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. Please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 315-471-9851 to be sure they will be serving that Friday night, as they will be operating on a summer schedule starting after Memorial Day.

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