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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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## President's Report

I would just like to say that the *Zeitung* is a little late as our editor was under the weather and is just getting back to health to work on it. I want to thank Sally for the great job she does every month to get the *Zeitung* out and also make it enjoyable to read.

We are working to get the **Oktoberfest** going and more help is needed. Volunteers are still needed for just about everywhere. So please think about where you can help.

In the meantime we had a good turnout at our **Annual Picnic**. The weather was great, the band was lively, and the food was plentiful. My thanks to **Ken** and **Brigitte** and all the helpers who made it great. Job well done!

As I told the Board at the June meeting, Gloria and I are moving to Florida sometime in the fall, and I will no longer be president. I will work for the club as long as I am here. Thanks to everyone who made the last few years enjoyable and for all the help I received.

I will miss the club and its members, but we need to make the move.

Thank you and hope to see you at the meetings.

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 is still work to be done and volunteers are needed. There will be a special Oktoberfest Committee Meeting at Long Branch Park on July 31 at 6 P.M. If you would like to serve on the committee, please come to the meeting. Setup for Oktoberfest is Friday, August 3, at noon at Long Branch Park.

### 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 them for more information regarding volunteering in their areas:

*Money & Tickets:* Bob Kline, 315-458-6415

*Setup & Security:* Bill Nurk, 315-487-2472;

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*Grounds Chairman:* Klaus Raith, 315-345-6253

*Steins & Gate Greeter:* Bruce Barnes, 315-635-5174

*Children's Tent:* Dave Gunter, 315-289-8145

There will be a Stein Hoisting Contest hosted by Sam Adams Beer on Saturday and Sunday and Outback Steakhouse will have face painting in the children's tent.

If you have any questions about Oktoberfest, please contact me at 315-675-8321 or attend the July 31 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting at Long Branch Park at 6 P.M.

This meeting is an opportunity for the volunteers to meet each other, see the area where they will be working in, get informa-

### CLUB MEETINGS

- Jul 31 Special Oktoberfest and Volunteer Meeting, Long Branch Park, 6
- Aug 16 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6  
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Aug 3 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest Setup, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, 12
- Aug 4 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, 11-7
- Aug 5 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, 12-7
- Aug 6 Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest Tear-Down, Long Branch Park, Liverpool, 10

tion on rules for volunteering, and learn about the volunteer field kitchen, which will have food available for volunteers.

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

One last item: We will be having a party for the Oktoberfest volunteers on Saturday, September 15 at the Cicero American Legion Post 787. In order to be eligible for the party, the volunteer needs to work a minimum of 4 hours. Each area captain will have sign-in sheets to record the volunteer's name, address, telephone number, and times worked. If a volunteer wants to bring a guest to the party, the cost will be \$20, which will include the meal plus wine and beer, coffee, tea, and soda. Please, no children under the age of 14. The menu and other details will be in the August *Zeitung*.

KLAUS RAITH, *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 next Monthly Membership Meeting on August 16 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

July 8 was a wonderful day at **Camp Brockway** with good food, good music, and wonderful people to chat with. The beautiful weather was a welcome bonus.

We also had three membership applications: **Bill Dewey**, Syracuse, and **Joanne Hujar**, Liverpool, both proposed by **Willy Bechteler**, and **Pavao (Paul) Milkovic**, Liverpool, proposed by **Ken Blechl**. These applications will be presented at the July 19 Monthly Membership Meeting and posted in the August *Zeitung* for voting at the August 16 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Our next major event, as you know, is **Oktoberfest** on Saturday, August 4, from 11 to 7, and Sunday, August 5 from 12 to 7. We hope to see you at Long Branch Park. We will need help doing a variety of jobs, so if you are able, please volunteer a few hours.

At the June 21 Monthly Membership Meeting we voted into membership **Werner and Patricia Buchmann**, Liverpool; **Michael Currie**, Liverpool; and **Sherry Mace**, Liverpool. These applications were proposed by **Sally Frenza**.

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.germanamericansociety.org](http://www.germanamericansociety.org), 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 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](mailto:hkline8@twcny.rr.com).

Thank you.

HELEN KLINE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

I want to thank everyone who attended and helped out at the July 8 picnic at **Camp Brockway**. Everyone appeared to be having a great time. The food was good, and the salads and desserts that our members brought really added to the array of food available. The music provided by the **Enzian Bavarian Quartet** was lively.

As you are all aware, our next event is **Oktoberfest** on August 4 and 5 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. See the Vice President's report for details.

The hot kitchen is being handled by two vendors—**The Brauhaus III** and **Café 119**. The cold kitchen will be handled by **John Ott** and his crew. There will be a field kitchen for the volunteers to provide a lunch during their working hours.

If you have not already done so, please consider volunteering. There will be a **Volunteer Party** on Saturday, September 15 from 2 to 6 at the Cicero American Legion Post 787. See the Vice President's report for more details.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

This month a sympathy card was sent to the family of **Ed Hill**, one of our long-time members. Ed and his late wife **Jennie** used to head up the cold kitchen at **Oktoberfest**. At our parties they were constantly on the dance floor. Ed and Jennie are missed by the many members who remember them and all the fun-filled times we spent together. Ed and Jennie are now once again together for eternity.

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 MICHO, *Sunshine Lady*

## Scholarship Program

We will be having a **Scholarship Table** at Oktoberfest again this year with information about the Scholarship Program. There will be some gently used children's clothing as well as a couple pair of men's Lederhosen. There will also be German American flag pins for sale. Proceeds from the sale of the clothing and pins as well as donation jars that will be placed at various spots at Oktoberfest will be deposited in the Scholarship Fund.

If you are interested in helping out with the Scholarship Table or selling pins, 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](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com).

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

The warm weather 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 451-1848 for further details or to get a form.

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.

Applications will be available at the Courtesy Booth at Oktoberfest. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event.

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*

## From the Editor

Here is an article about **Oktoberfest**.

Neuschwanstein Castle was the last castle built by King Ludwig II, who was also dubbed "Mad King Ludwig." The castle was a tribute to King Ludwig II's obsession with medieval chivalry, legends, and fairytale castles, which he had since he was a young prince growing up in a very small castle. King Ludwig II is a fascinating character, and I will write more about him and his obsession with castles and his link with the composer Wagner in a later *Zeitung*.

Now, about Oktoberfest: When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and the Princess of Saxonia, Theresia, were married in Munich on Oktober 12, 1810, a national holiday was declared and the citizens were invited to the five-day wedding festivities celebrated in the fields outside the city's gates. The celebration was so popular that it became an annual festival in Munich with beer stands set up for townfolks to quench their thirst. The original beer stands gave way to large beer tents in 1896, and are still part of this elaborate and festive German celebration. Fourteen big tents each accommodate thousands of people seated at picnic tables inside and thousands more outside the tents.

Germany is famous for its beer and its beer-brewing purity laws. There are six breweries highlighted at Munich's Oktoberfest tents. Many revelers arrive at the beer tents in the morning to secure seats for the fun-filled days of drinking, singing, dancing, and eating.

Since the start of Oktoberfest, the dates have been changed from the original wedding date in mid-Oktober, to September to have more favorable weather to celebrate the two-week long festival.

In Munich, Oktoberfest usually starts on the third Saturday in September with the tapping of the first keg of beer by the mayor of the city to officially open the festivities. However, in America, the dates of Oktoberfest make up a wide spectrum from summer months through Oktober.

Oktoberfest is not just the celebration of the famous wedding; it is a spirit and wonderful feeling between old friends and new friends and family. Strangers become friends when the music and dancing start. It is a warm feeling that words can't describe.

If you'd like to become a patron of the *Zeitung*, please send a \$15 check made out to The German American Society of CNY to the editor with a note on the check that it's for your 2018 Patron Sponsorship. You will then see your name in print here each month.

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It gives true meaning to the word *Gemütlichkeit!* Come share the warmth and excitement that only Oktoberfest can provide at our Oktoberfest scheduled for August 6 and 7 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool.

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 North Salina Street in 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. 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.

### Lucas Winery German Festival

Lucas Winery, one of the *Zeitung* advertisers, is holding its annual German Festival on September 16 from 12:30 to 4:30 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! Come and join in the fun as 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 October 6 from 12 to 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 Thousand Island Winery 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**.

### Events at the Utica Männerchor

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.



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