



# Deutsche Zeitung

of the German-American Society of Central New York

## März 2019

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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.**

## President's Report

I hope all our members survived the last few bitter cold weeks.

I was saddened by the fact that very few members attended the February Monthly Membership Meeting. We have been having good attendance up to that point.

Please remember that input from members of the German American Society is needed to continue and build on the success of our organization. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

I hope to see you all at our March 21 Monthly Membership Meeting.

In the meantime stay warm and well.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President, Vice-President/Okttoberfest Report*

## Ein Prosit!

Our Oktoberfest organizational meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 6 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. Please note the **time change to 6 P.M.**

As mentioned at the February 21 Monthly Meeting, it is now time for members who are willing to be committee chairpersons for the 2019 Oktoberfest to step forward. Committee volunteers will be needed, schedules formulated, and other duties completed. All this information will be discussed at the March 19 Organizational Meeting.

I would like to once again thank the **Village of Minoa** for all their help. They will be providing us with a village dump truck to be parked behind the pavilion for us to put our trash in. This will be a savings to our organization on dumpster fees. Also, Minoa will be bringing in additional picnic tables for our event. In addition, Minoa will be contacting their Junior Firemen and Manlius Junior Police organizations to possibly help with parking and cleanup. Personally speaking, every time I meet with the mayor of Minoa and the village clerk, their help and suggestions for our Oktoberfest are unbelievable!

On February 21 I passed out flyers, business cards, and Crystal Brook Resort raffle tickets to the members who were in attendance. I will also be doing this at the Oktoberfest Organizational Meeting and the Monthly Meetings.

I recently met with the manager of **East Syracuse Chevrolet**. They will be providing an extra-large truck for our members and the **Enzian Bavarian Band** to ride on for the promotion of Oktoberfest at the Firemen's Field Days Parade on June 1.

Please plan to attend our March 19, Oktoberfest Planning Meeting at 6 P.M. We will be discussing the various areas at Oktoberfest and who will be chairing them. Some areas may be merged or possibly eliminated if no one steps up to chair that area.

Please note: Any and all ideas and suggestions are appreciated and will be considered for our 2019 Oktoberfest. Just either contact me at 315-635-5174 between 6 and 8 P.M. or bring your ideas to the March 19 Oktoberfest Organizational Meeting or any Monthly Membership Meeting.

Danke Schön!

B. BRUCE BARNES, *Vice President and 2019 Oktoberfest Chair*

## 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 March 21 for a complete report on our financial status.

We are still looking for an individual to take over as Treasurer. So, if you have any questions about our financial status,

### CLUB MEETINGS

Mär 19	Oktoberfest Planning Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Mär 21	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Apr 18	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
Mai 16	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Apr 29	Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9
Mai 11	May Dance, Syracuse Turners, 4-8
Jul 7	Annual Picnic at Camp Brockway
Okt 4&5	Oktoberfest

or if you would like to be considered for the open position of Treasurer, please contact President Dave Gunter at 315-289-8145.

## Financial Secretary's Report

**P**lease 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.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com). Or, just contact me. My contact information is found below.

**Reminder: The 2019 membership dues were due by January 31. If you have not yet paid your dues, please forward them as soon as possible to the address noted above.** The dues for renewing members remain at \$15 a year. In addition to sending your dues, they can also be paid in person at the Monthly Membership Meeting on March 21. 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 the dues were not paid by January 31, 2019, an invoice was to be sent. However, due to unforeseen circumstances the letters did not go out as planned. Therefore, I will contact any members who have not paid their dues. The deadline for paying dues will be extended to March 31, 2019, and must be paid by that date to remain a member in good standing. After March 31, any member who has not paid his or her dues will be automatically dropped from membership without further notice. If any prior member wants to rejoin The German American Society of CNY, he or she must come in as a new member.

**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 at 315-289-6568 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 the phone number above.

Thank you.

AUSTIN WESTPHAL, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

**W**e are still looking for someone to take over as the House Chair. Please contact our President, Dave Gunter, at 315-289-8145 if you are interested.

For more information about what the House Chair does, just call or text **Brigitte Niebuhr**, Former House Committee Chair, at 315-491-2573.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the **May Dance** has been re-scheduled to Saturday, May 11 from 4 to 8 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. There will be more information on the cost, menu, etc. in the April *Zeitung*.

Thank you.

## Sunshine Lady

**C**ard has been sent to our long-time member **Mary Pfaff**, who is in Crouse Hospital. Mary has been a very active member of our organization for many years.

Also, a card was sent to member **Joe Frenza**, Sally's husband, who has been recuperating from back surgery in the rehabilitation unit at the Veteran's Administration Hospital.

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

Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## 2019 Scholarship Program

### Heading for Our 17th Year

**I**t'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 County. 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 set for April 29 at the Syracuse Turners, from 5 to 9 P.M. The cost remains at \$10, with no charge for students of German or their teachers. So mark this day on your 2019 calendar. It will be a fun-filled night for everyone! There will be more information in the April *Zeitung*.

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.

The students are working on their applications now as they must be postmarked by March 16. The Committee is looking forward to another year of great applicants.

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 each. 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](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com).

Thank you all for your support of the Scholarship Program. Also, thank you to our members **Tammy Gondeck** and **Mark Schumacher**, who will once again work with me on the Scholarship Committee.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## From the Editor

**I**want to start with a reminder to anyone who has not paid for their 2019 **Patron** listing in the *Zeitung*, to please send the \$15 check made out to the German American Society of CNY to my attention at The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548. Please add "Patron" on the message line of your check.

Or, you can pay at the March Monthly Meeting. If you have not yet paid, your name will stay on for one more month, but then if not paid by March 31, it will be removed. I would sure hate to lose any of our Patrons. Thanks to the Patrons who have already paid for 2019!

Now, moving on. I thought since that great Irish Festival, St. Patrick's Day, is almost upon us, that I would look into this a little further. It is said that St. Patrick became a Christian in the fifth century and then proceeded to convert the Irish. The legend is that he used a shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the Celts, and it has been the national symbol since. The shamrock plays a leading role in St. Patrick's Day, from leading parades to hats, badges, and, of course, songs.

It is said that we Americans really celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a big way. But, whoa, hold on a minute . . . can it be???? Yes, there is a big celebration in Munich. Green abounds to celebrate St. Paddy! Munich's St. Patrick's Day celebration is one of the largest in Europe. (Those Bavarians love a party!)

Irish people and Irish fans or wannabes have been celebrating in Munich since the 1990s. It started out as a small private celebration and quickly blossomed into a large, two-day festival. In 2014 there was a Parade from Münchner to Odeonsplatz. There was singing and an Irish Mass at St. Michael's Church. The Allianz Arena and the Olympic Tower were bathed in green light. I looked up the Munich celebration on Facebook and I couldn't believe my eyes. The number of people who were watching the parade in Munich and celebrating was unbelievable! The crowd was elbow to elbow. I bet the Hofbräuhaus was jammed to the rafters. Irish jigs or *Schuhplattling*? Have to go find out. Whatever the dance, whatever the beer, whatever the food, I'm sure everyone in Munich will party hearty!

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or any topic that you would like me to write about, or if 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

If you'd like to become a Patron of the *Zeitung* or if you are currently a patron and need to renew for 2019, 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. Please note on the message line that it is for Patron. Thank you to those Patrons who have already renewed.

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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.

## Crystal Brook Resort

Crystal Brook Resort, one of our *Zeitung* advertisers and sponsor of the Oktoberfest 2019 raffle, is having a Bauernball on April 20. According to the information I received from them, the ball started as a rustic peasant's dance, typical of the Tyrolean region of Austria. The people attending the ball dressed in costumes representing the various German-speaking countries. There would be a game played while everyone was dancing to help them forget about what was happening in their everyday life and to enjoy the night of fun.

At the Crystal Brook Bauernball they adorn the dance floor with candies hung from colorful ribbons. The object of the game is to grab a candy while dancing without being caught by the "sheriff". This sounds like a "ball"! (Pun intended!) I experienced this candy game when a few of us were at Crystal Brook for the Halloween Dance a couple years ago. It was so much fun! So, if you have a chance to attend the Bauernball, you will have a great time! Crystal Brook contact information is in their ad on the back of this *Zeitung*.

And congratulations to Crystal Brook Resort as they were voted Best Hotel in Greene County by the First Annual People's Choice Awards of Greene County!

## Events at the Utica Männerchor

For information about the Friday night fish fry and 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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