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President's Report

The September Monthly Membership Meeting was well attended, which pleased me very much. Of course, the main topic of discussion was our wonderful **Oktoberfest**. Once again, I would like to commend the chairpersons and all the volunteers. Some suggestions for improvements were made, and these will be worked on at future meetings.

Please consider running for the Board or as an Officer. Information on the Nominating Committee is found later in this *Zeitung*.

See all you volunteers at the **Volunteer Party** on October 11.

Please attend the Monthly Membership Meeting on October 16 for nominations.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Again, thank you to everyone who volunteered at our **Great Syracuse Oktoberfest**. Please attend the **Volunteer Thank You Party** on October 11 at the Liverpool Fire Hall. It will be a lot of fun.

We had a very good Oktoberfest Wrap-Up Meeting. Our strong points were discussed as well as areas in need of some improvement to make the 2015 Great Syracuse Oktoberfest even better than this year.

We hope to have the Oktoberfest financial report available very soon.

See you at the October 11 Volunteer Thank You Party!

Also, please try to attend the October 16 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7:00 at the Syracuse Turners.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President,*
Honorary President & Oktoberfest Chair

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the next Monthly Meeting on October 16 at 7:00 at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 622-2658.

Thanks, and see you at the meeting!

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

We had 6 applications for membership posted in the July *Zeitung*: **Shantella Ellick**, Syracuse; **Steve Schneid**, Rome; **Helga Beck**, Skaneateles; **Aaron Stukey**, Syracuse; **Sylvia Herrmann**, Syracuse; and, **Janet Hamly-Ott**, Syracuse. These applicants were accepted into membership at the September 18 Monthly Membership Meeting.

We also had 2 applications from the Oktoberfest: **Jim Brown** from DeRuyter and **Tom Roerden** from Syracuse. These applicants will be voted on at the October Monthly Membership Meeting on October 16.

If you have any friends or family members who would like to join our great organization, please have them complete a membership application and send it to me along with their \$25 check made out to The German American Society of CNY. My address is: The German American Society, c/o June Pardue, 692 Idlewood Blvd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Okt 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Nov 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Election of Officers, 7 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Okt 11 | Oktoberfest Volunteer Party,
Liverpool Fire Hall, 6-10 |
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If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761.

See you at the meeting!

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

To thank all the Volunteers in all areas for their help, the German American Society of CNY is having a **Volunteer Party** on October 11 from 6–10 pm at the Liverpool Fire Hall. Reservations are a must for volunteers and their guests. Volunteers get in free, but guests are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. If you are bringing a guest, please send a check or money order to Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205, by October 6. The checks or money orders need to be made out to: The German American Society of CNY.

Entertainment and dancing is being provided by **The Enzian Bavarian Quartet**. So unpack those dancing shoes and warm up those vocal cords, because it will be a great night of singing, dancing, and fun.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, please give me a call at 491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Volunteer Thank You Party

As noted in the House Committee report above, the Volunteer Staff party is October 11. Erika Carneim is in charge of getting the tickets out to the volunteers. If you volunteered at least 4 hours at the Oktoberfest, and you have not received your ticket by October 3, please contact Erika at 463-4304.

Thank you, Erika, for once again taking on this difficult task!

Sunshine Lady

This month I sent out get-well cards to **Mary Santaferra**, **Anna Weigl**, and **Helena Smith**. Also to **Sally Frenzam** who is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Please contact me at 468-4541 to report any illnesses, surgeries, deaths, anniversaries, monumental birthdays, or other events deserving of a card.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Well, the leaves are turning a beautiful crimson and gold. Autumn is upon us in October. Hard to believe, isn't it? I just want to remind everyone that there is still an opportunity to purchase a brick at the Goethe and Schiller Monument. A single brick is \$50, 2 bricks are \$75, and 3 bricks are \$100, with each additional brick being \$30. These bricks can be purchased to honor or memori-

alize a loved one, friend, organization, etc. Please call me at 451-1848 for further details or to get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or online at germanamericanscny.com.

As you may recall, the bricks have been sold to help offset the cost of the Goethe and Schiller Monument Restoration Project, which was a joint venture between the German American Society and the City of Syracuse a few years ago.

We also are asking for help to do a fall clean-up around the bricks at the monument. If you would like to spend a little time at the monument doing the clean-up and maintaining the area around the bricks, please let me know. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

German Student Scholarship Program

Thanks again to the **Scholarship Committee**, who make this program work, and to everyone who supports it.

If you weren't able to attend this year's Scholarship Night, why not plan for April 27, 2015?

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program, please contact me by cell or text at 345-6253 or e-mail at sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee was formed at the September Monthly Membership Meeting. **Willi Rohrbach** will be chairing the Committee, assisted by **Bruce Barnes** and **Richard Pfaff**.

If you would like to nominate one of our members for office, or if you would like to run for office yourself, please contact Willi Rohrbach at 1-610-972-4169. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the October 16 Monthly Membership Meeting.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominations for Officers and Board Members to be presented at the October Monthly Membership Meeting. Elections will be held at the November 20 Monthly Membership Meeting, so please try to attend each of these important meetings.

From the Editor

First want to thank **Henry and Mary Pfaff** for all their help over the years in getting the *Zeitung* folded, labeled, and off to the post office, so everyone can read their paper each month. I write and edit, but without the help of Henry and Mary the paper would not make it to your mailbox. But sadly, they have decided that it's time to retire.

I am happy to report that I have received a call from one of our members, **Nancy Crast**, who has volunteered to take

on the task of mailing the *Zeitung*. Thank you, Nancy! She will be learning the ropes from Henry and Mary for the November and December *Zeitungs*.

I would also like to thank everyone who has sent me get-well cards while I have been recuperating after my September 12 hip replacement. By the time you receive this *Zeitung* I will be home from Syracuse Home and attending out patient rehab. I still have a long way to go. I hope to see many of you at the Volunteer Thank You Party on October 11!

Even though our Oktoberfest is over, it is still that season in Munich. So I thought I would repeat the Oktoberfest article for anyone who may have missed it before.

It's Oktoberfest time again, and many people have asked about how the Oktoberfest got started. Well, here's the story:

When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and the Princess of Saxonia, Theresia, were married in Munich on October 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 town folks 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 beers and its beer-brewing purity laws (*Reinheitsgebot*). 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 Sat-

urday in September with the tapping of the first keg of beer by the mayor of the city to officially open the festivities.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

Members and Friends

Sauerbraten Dinner November 2

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 873 Dewitt Street, Syracuse, will be holding its **23rd Annual Sauerbraten Dinner** on Sunday, November 2, from 12-3. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12, and under 6 are free. The cost includes the dinner, coffee, tea, milk, and dessert.

For further information, please contact St. Stephen Lutheran Church at 479-9912.

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We attended Oktoberfest and it felt so good to be singing together again. But to keep going we need your help and participation! **Sängerfest** is coming up next year and we would like to compete. But we can't do this without new members.

Some members asked why there have been no concerts over the past year. The answer is that we need you to sing with us to help our chorus take its place again among the award winners!

The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus is always looking for new singers of all ages. You don't need to be able to speak or understand German to join our group. All you need is a love of singing and the desire to preserve a very important part of German culture: singing. The chorus sings not only German songs, but also songs in English, and sometimes other languages. It's really fun! We are currently regrouping and hope to start rehearsals again soon.

If you would like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. Rehearsals are typically held on Monday evenings at 7:00.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

Located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy. Contact the clubhouse at 735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

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