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## President's Report

After a great vacation in *Deutschland*, it is good to be back. Gloria and I had a wonderful time visiting my family and getting together with old school friends. Only the time goes by too quickly.

I want to thank Klaus and the rest of the Board and Committees for taking care of business while I was gone. It is appreciated by me.

It looks like everything is coming along quite well for the **Oktoberfest**. There is additional information in this *Zeitung*. The next event is our **Picnic** on July 6 at Camp Brockway. This always is a good time and I invite everyone to try to make it. This is free for all members and the *Gemütlichkeit ist immer wunderbar!*

As always, I would like to invite all members to attend our monthly meetings. The next one is July 17 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners.

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

Well, we're in full swing for the **2014 Oktoberfest** to be held on August 16 and 17 at Long Branch Park from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Setup will be on August 15 and teardown on August 18.

The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, July 10 at 6 P.M. at Long Branch Park, so we can review the setup. If you have ideas or are interested in serving on the Committee, please plan to attend the meeting.

## 2014 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

### Saturday, August 16

- Noon-2 The Liverpool Community Band & the Deutscher Gesangverein Men's Chorus
- 2-3 Edelweiss Schuhplattlers from the Utica Männerchor
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians—David & Paul Jackman  
Face Painting by Jan Jaeger
- 3-7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers

### Sunday, August 17

- Noon-2 The Liverpool Community Band & The Syracuse Liederverein Chorus
- 2-3 The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers from the Utica Männerchor
- 2-5 The Twin Magicians—David & Paul Jackman  
Face Painting by Jan Jaeger
- 3-7 The Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers
- 7 Raffle and closing ceremonies

In addition to the above schedule, the **Porsche Club** will be joining us in the bottom grass area near the entrance. There will be some great cars to see.

Have you thought about where you would like to volunteer at Oktoberfest? It's only a little over a month away and getting here very quickly!

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:* Henry & Mary Pfaff, 437-8746
- Setup & Security:* Bill Nurk, 487-2472, & Eric Gang, 479-8281
- Kitchen:* Brigitte Niebuhr, 469-5304, & Ken Blechl, 458-6102
- Beer & Wine:* Mickey & Pat Palumbo, 622-9145
- Bakery:* Harold Smith, 676-3393
- Limburger/Soda/Water:* John Ott, 428-8764
- Raffle/Advertisement/Promotion:* June Pardue, 412-1761
- Volunteers:* Henry and Mary Pfaff, 437-8746
- Parking:* Eric Gang, 479-8281
- Hospitality:* Helene Smith, 673-1002, & Margaretha Micho, 468-4541
- Money Counting:* Mary Pfaff, 437-8746/Sue Foster/  
Betty Huppmann
- Grounds Chairman:* Bill Nurk

If you want to volunteer but aren't sure where, please contact Henry or Mary Pfaff and they will help you out. It was decided that direct contact with the Captains or Henry and Mary Pfaff would be better than filling out a form.

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

- Jul 10 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,  
Long Branch Park, 6
- Jul 17 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6  
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul 6 Picnic, Camp Brockway, 1-5
- Aug 15 Oktoberfest set up at Long Branch Park,  
noon till done
- Aug 16/17 Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
- Aug 18 Oktoberfest tear down, Long Branch Park, 9

Even though the planning is moving along very well, there is still plenty of work to be done. So if you are interested in helping out, please attend the July 10 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting at Long Branch Park.

If you have any questions about Oktoberfest that I can help you with, please just give me a call at 675-8321 or attend the Committee Meeting. Thanks.

KLAUS RAITH, *Vice President & Oktoberfest Chair*

## Treasurer's Report

Please attend the next Monthly Meeting on July 17 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

At the June 19 Monthly Meeting we voted in 3 new members: **Greta Casselmon** and **Donna Casselmon** of Cicero, sponsored by Mark Schumacher, and **JoAnne Barnes** of Syracuse, sponsored by Bruce Barnes. Welcome to our great society!

Just a reminder: Guests who pay \$15 to attend the Annual Picnic can join for the \$15 fee. This is the only time new members can submit an application without paying the usual new-member application fee of \$25. The 2015 dues of \$15 will then need to be paid in January.

Or, if you have any friends or family members who will not be attending the picnic but 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.

Please attend the July 17 Monthly Meeting for a rundown on our current membership numbers and any new applications.

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

Our Picnic is coming up on July 6 at Camp Brockway from 1 to 5 P.M. All members are free, so please bring your membership cards with you. Guests pay \$15 at the door and can become a member (this is the only time we wave the \$10 initiation fee). In December, the yearly membership dues of \$15 has to be paid. Kids 13 to 18 years old pay \$5.

The kitchen will be open from 2 to 4. 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.

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

The House Committee should arrive by noon. If you have any questions, please call me at 491-2573. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

P.S.: Brigitte and Guenter Niebuhr became great-grandparents! Jonathan Fitzgibbon and Shontella Ellick had a baby boy on June 2!

## Oktoberfest Raffle

This year's raffle is being handled by June Pardue, with assistance from Bruce Barnes. Tickets will hopefully be available at the Picnic at Camp Brockway on July 6, at the July 17 Monthly Meeting, and, of course, throughout Oktoberfest. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The drawing will be at 7 P.M. on August 17.

The prizes are: 1st prize, \$500; 2nd prize, \$300; and 3rd prize, \$200. Please buy tickets and encourage your friends and family members to purchase tickets for this great raffle. Remember, Oktoberfest is our only fundraiser!

If you have any questions about the raffle, please contact June Pardue at 412-1761.

## Sunshine Lady

Sympathy card was sent to the family of **Marion Hansen**, **Ken Blechl's** sister.

A get-well card went out to **Goldie Erkila**, who had been under the weather. And, since I was sick myself, **Anna Bultjer** sent me a card from the German American Society, since I couldn't send one to myself!

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

Summer is finally here! I want to make everyone aware 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 memorialize a loved one, friend, organization, etc. Please call me at 451-1848 for further details or get a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or online 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've never seen the monument, why not visit Schiller Park? Take the entrance off Butternut Street. There at the top of the steps in all its glory is the magnificent monument.

We also are asking for help to 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.

Happy summer!

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

## German Student Scholarship Night

Continue to receive thank-you notes for the great time everyone had at Scholarship Night and from the recipients thanking the German American Society for the honor of receiving a scholarship. One student of German who is a freshman expressed his appreciation to the German American Society for

having him as a guest and he and his parents plan on attending next year. That is great and the kind of outreach we are hoping for.

I'm in the process of updating the Scholarship Book with all the pictures and notes. Looking through the book always brings a tear to my eye. I am so proud of our program and thankful that I am a part of it. The scholarship book will be available in the Courtesy Booth at the Oktoberfest if you would like to take a look at what has gone on over the last 12 years of the program. The checks for the 6 scholarship recipients are expected to go out in July right after our monthly meeting.

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.

I want to say thank you again to everyone who attended the April 28 celebration and the Scholarship Committee for making it happen. Your support of our program is really appreciated.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## From the Editor

In trying to think of something to write about this month, I fell back on my old standby, *German Life* magazine. This is one magazine that I try to read faithfully every time it arrives. It is always full of great articles about things in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, from local customs and history to big events like Oktoberfest.

Anyway, what caught my eye was the article entitled "Stammtisch: A German Roundtable Social." One of the German teachers, Missy Hoch, who is on a leave due to *Mutter* duties, was holding these get-together socials on a regular basis and would let me know when they were. Unfortunately, I was never able to attend. After reading the article in *German Life* I now know what I was missing.

*Stammtisch* gives people of German heritage—and people who are just interested in getting together with others who share the same interest in the German language and culture—an opportunity to meet for some great *Gemütlichkeit* in an arena of informal learning. I thought that anyone attending *Stammtisch* where German is spoken would need to be fluent in the German language. However, that is not the case. German is spoken primarily, but if a person gets stuck on a word it's okay to substitute the English word. Sometimes people who are fluent in German

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will intervene and help out. I have to admit that I would be speaking a lot of English and getting help from one of my fluent friends constantly. But what fun it would be, and an opportunity to brush up on those high school German language skills I had many, many years ago! Something to think about.

Next month we will take a look at Oktoberfest history and traditions. I know it seems a little early, but we are celebrating in August this year. And from the planning that's going on, it looks like it will be a great one! If you are able to volunteer, please contact one of the area captains as noted in the Vice President's Report, or call the Pfaffs. Their number is in the article, too. If you're not able to volunteer, please come and bring your family and friends for a great time on August 16 and 17 from 11 to 7 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool.

Remember, if you have a German, Swiss, or Austrian holiday, tradition, or anything German, Swiss, or Austrian that you would like me to write about, or if you have an article, recipe, or poem you would like to see in print, please let me know.

See you at the Picnic on July 6!

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Members and Friends

### Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We were at the Scholarship Night and it felt so good to be singing together again. We hope to be singing at Oktoberfest, too, 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 P.M.

### Events at the Utica Männerchor

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

Contact the *Zeitung*!

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