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of the German-American Society of Central New York

## August 2014

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## President's Report

The Member Picnic has come and gone. I believe everybody there had a good time. The food and the music was great, with many bringing their favorite dish. I especially want to thank **Ken Blechl** and his wife for the work they did in the kitchen. *Nochmals vielen Dank!*

I invite all members to attend these functions, since this is your club and one way to get to know more members.

Of course we all know what is next on the calendar: **The Great Syracuse Oktoberfest**. Remember, this is our only fundraiser and I urge everybody to help wherever they can.

Brigitte Niebuhr and Ken Blechl especially need more help in the kitchen. So if you can help, please give them a call and volunteer.

See you at the Oktoberfest Orientation on August 13, and of course, at the Oktoberfest!

*Prosit!*

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

Well, Oktoberfest is just around the corner. It's hard to believe that August 16 and 17 are only a couple weeks away! Setup will be on August 15 around noon and tear-down on August 18, starting around 9 A.M.

The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13 at 5 P.M. at the Turners to review any last-minute arrangements or issues that need to be resolved before setup on the 15th. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend.

The Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule is found below:

### 2014 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

#### Saturday, August 16

- Noon-2 The Liverpool Community Band & the Deutscher Gesangverein Men's Chorus
- 2-3 Edelweiss Schuhplattler 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 Schuhplattler 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

Have you thought about where you would like to volunteer at Oktoberfest? There will be an Oktoberfest Orientation on Wednesday, August 13, at 6 P.M. at the Turners. Please plan to attend and get additional information about where to volunteer and what the responsibilities will be. If you have not yet contacted an area Captain, you can do so at the Orientation. This is your opportunity to get your questions answered, meet your fellow volunteers, and have a little liquid refreshment and some pizza.

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:* 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 are not 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.

### CLUB MEETINGS

- Aug 13 Oktoberfest Food Preparation, Syracuse Turners, 1:00
- Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 5:00
- Oktoberfest Orientation, Syracuse Turners, 6:00

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 15 Oktoberfest Setup at Long Branch Park, 12 noon till done
- Aug 16 & 17 Oktoberfest, Long Branch Park, 11-7
- Aug 18 Oktoberfest Tear-Down, Long Branch Park, 9:00

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

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 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 in July: **Shantella Ellick**, Syracuse; **Steve Schneid**, Rome; **Helga Beck**, Skaneateles; **Aaron Stukey**, Syracuse; **Sylvia Herrmann**, Syracuse; and **Janet Hamly-Ott**, Syracuse. These applications will be voted on at our next Monthly Meeting.

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

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761.

See you at the Oktoberfest Meeting and Orientation!

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

Our Picnic is over and attendance was down a little. But it looked like everyone who attended had a good time! I thank all of the ladies and gentlemen who helped in the kitchen. Without their help I could not have done it. A big thank-you to **Ken Blechl's wife** for all her help in the kitchen, too! And she's not even a member!

We had a 50/50 raffle, which was won by **Margaret Gang** and **Bob Kline**.

Our Oktoberfest is coming up fast. I am still looking for volunteers to work in the kitchen. Hours are 11 to 3 or 3 to 7 on Saturday and Sunday. If interested, please call Brigitte at 491-2573.

Any questions about the house committee or Oktoberfest in the food area, please give me a call at 491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## August Board and Monthly Meeting Canceled

Since Oktoberfest is so close, the August Board Meeting and Monthly Membership Meetings have been canceled. In their place is the Oktoberfest Committee Meeting on August 13 at 5 P.M. and the Oktoberfest Orientation at 6 P.M. Both meetings are at the Syracuse Turners and are open to all members and Oktoberfest volunteers. Please try to make every effort to attend. We all need to work together to make this 54th Great Syracuse Oktoberfest a success.

## Oktoberfest Raffle

This year's raffle is being handled by **June Pardue**, with assistance from **Bruce Barnes** and his daughter, **JoAnne Barnes**. Tickets will be available at the Orientation on August 13 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 some 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

This was a quiet month. Hopefully our members will continue to stay healthy.

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

## Margaretha Micho, *Sunshine Lady*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Believe it or not, summer is here and will be winding down before we know 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 memorialize 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 [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.

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 six 2014 scholarship recipients have gone out.

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

### Help Needed for the Zeitung

I 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.

So, that leaves a big void that needs to be filled. If you have the time to help get the paper out, please let me know. The Board agreed at the last Board Meeting that the *Zeitung* will be folded at FedEx Office before it's picked up. That's one part of the job done, so the remaining tasks will be to pick up the *Zeitung* after the printing and folding, check the labels for accuracy, put them on the *Zeitung*, sort by ZIP code, and take the papers to the post office where they are sent out as bulk mail.

If you have some free time, please consider helping out. I really need your assistance.

## Oktoberfest

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, Therese, 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 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. There are six breweries highlighted at Munich's Oktoberfest tents. Many revelers arrive at the beer tents in the morning to

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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 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.

So now you know "the rest of the story." Please volunteer at our Oktoberfest, August 16 and 17 at Long Branch Park from 11 to 7. When not volunteering, bring your family and friends to enjoy the *Gemütlichkeit*, singing, dancing, laughing, eating, and everything that makes our festival and celebration of our heritage so great.

Everyone is Bavarian at Oktoberfest! Enjoy! *Ein Prosit!*

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.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

## Members and Friends

### Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We sang at Scholarship Night, and it felt so good to be singing together again. And, we will be singing at Oktoberfest. 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 to 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. You may contact the Clubhouse at 735-5882. Please try to support our friends in Utica by attending their events.

Contact the *Zeitung!*

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