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President's Report

Here we are again starting a New Year and looking forward to it being a great one!

Our first meeting is behind us and things are starting to move forward. The new Officers and Board Members were installed in January. I want to thank everyone for running for office and I look forward to a successful year working with you all.

Since our meeting I have received notice from our Treasurer, **Jim Kozlowski**, that he is unable to continue in that capacity. I have appointed **Bruce Barnes** to take his place. **Rita Knapp** has agreed to stay on the Board to take Bruce's place. Both of these appointments are subject to approval of the Board of Directors at the February 19 Monthly Meeting.

Jim will stay on to complete his reports and have the audit. I want to thank Jim for his many years of dedicated service to the German American Society of CNY. We appreciate all you have done.

I ask that all members please try to attend our Monthly Meetings and see for yourself how we are progressing with our projects and events. There is always room for more help and any volunteers are certainly welcome.

See you at the February 19 Monthly Meeting!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

Vice President's Report

As I reported last month, the dates for the **2015 Oktoberfest** have been firmed up with the Parks and Recreation Department for Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16, at Long Branch Park. We will set up on Friday, August 14, and tear down on Monday, August 17. I'm happy to have the dates confirmed so that now we can move on with planning for our great event.

The first Oktoberfest Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, at the Syracuse Turners at 7:00 P.M.

If you would like to serve on the Oktoberfest Committee, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please give me a call at 675-8321 or just come to the February 17 meeting.

Also, please plan to attend the Monthly Meeting on February 19 at the Syracuse Turners.

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

Treasurer's Report

Please attend the General Meeting on February 19 at 7:00 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners for a complete report on our financial status. The books will be audited by that time and a complete report will be provided, including a complete report of the Oktoberfest revenue.

As was noted in the President's report above, I have resigned as Treasurer of the German American Society of CNY. Please provide my replacement with all your support.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 315-622-2658.

Thanks.

JIM KOZLOWSKI, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

There is one new-membership application to post this month: **Larry Crast**, Syracuse, sponsored by Nancy Crast. His application will be voted on at the February 19 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

Just a reminder: The 2015 membership dues are now past due. The dues remain at \$15 for renewing members. Last Janu-

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Feb 17 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Feb 19 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Mar 17 | Oktoberfest Committee Meeting,
Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Mar 19 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mar 14 | Bockbierfest, Liverpool Fire Hall, 6-10 |
| Apr 27 | Scholarship Night, Syracuse Turners, 5-9 |

ary at the General Meeting an Amendment to The German American Society of CNY Constitution and By-Laws was passed and stated that all annual dues must be paid by January 31 of the membership year. If the dues are not paid by that date, an invoice will be sent by the Membership Committee reminding any unpaid member that his or her membership dues are past due, and that the dues must be paid by March 15 in order to remain a member in good standing. After March 15, 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. So if you haven't paid your dues, please send them to me immediately to remain in good standing.

If you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761 or speak with me on February 19 at the Monthly Meeting.

Thanks.

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

From the House Committee

Our next event is the **Bockbierfest** on March 14, which will be held at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 6 to 10 P.M. The **Enzian Bavarian Quartet** will be playing. Admission will be \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Kids under age 10 are free and kids ages 10 to 18 are \$5. The menu will be Bockwurst, hot dogs, potatoes, salad, and vegetables. Bockbier, beer, wine, soda, and bottled water will be available for a small donation. If you are able, please bring a dessert to pass.

Please send reservations with checks made out to The German American Society of CNY by March 10 to: Brigitte Niebuhr, 319 W. Ostrander Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

If you have any questions about the House Committee or our activities, or if you would like to serve on the House Committee, please give me a call at 491-2573.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

Sunshine Lady

I am sad to report that we recently lost our member and my dear friend, **Mary Santaferra**. The German American Society sent a beautiful floral arrangement to the funeral home in honor of Mary. I also sent a card to the family.

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 MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

Installation of Officers and Board Members

The following Officers and Board Members were installed at the January 15 General Meeting.

Officers:

President—Willi Kreuzer

Vice President—Klaus Raith

Treasurer—Jim Kozlowski

Secretary—Sally Frenza

Financial Secretary—June Pardue

Board Members:

Bruce Barnes, Ken Blechl, Sue Foster, Bill Nurk,
Dick Schoeck

Scholarship Committee

In addition to the scholarship donations for **Helen Allman**, it has also been recommended that donations be sent in for **Mary Santaferra**. Any check should be made out to The German American Society of CNY and Mary's name should be put on the memo line. The checks should be sent to The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548.

The Scholarship Applications will be going out in February. At this time the number of scholarships to be awarded and the monetary amount for each has not been determined.

Scholarship Night is Monday, April 27, at the Syracuse Turners from 5 to 9 P.M., so please mark this event on your calendar. There will be more information on Scholarship Night in an upcoming *Zeitung*.

Please contact me with any questions at 345-6253 or sallyzf@aol.com.

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Committee Chair*

Goethe and Schiller Monument

Although the warm weather has left us for a while, 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 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 have any questions about the monument or the bricks, please give me a call.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

From the Editor

I want to start with a reminder to anyone who has not paid for their 2015 Patron Listing in the *Zeitung*, to please send the \$15 check made out to the German American Society of CNY to me at my address as noted in the *Zeitung*. You can also pay at the February Monthly Meeting. If I don't hear from you before the end of February, I will assume you no longer wish to be a Patron and I will remove your name. Thanks to the Patrons who have already paid for 2014.

Now, moving on, I thought I would resurrect the article that I used in the past regarding *Fasching*.

Fasching is Germany's Biggest Bash!

Most people would probably say that the Munich Oktoberfest is the biggest bash in Germany. However, the greatest fest is none other than *Fasching* or *Fastnacht*, Germany's Mardi Gras. This is often referred to as Germany's foolish or silly season. There

are thousands of costume balls and dances all over Germany. All events start at 11 minutes past the 11th hour on November 11. Although it remains low key for the first few weeks, the action really gets started 7 weeks before Easter.

The Thursday before Ash Wednesday is known as *Welberfastnacht* or Women's Carnival Night. On this day, the women dress up like old ladies and go door to door pulling jokes on people, especially politicians. (Way to go girls!!!) The women are allowed to cut off the tie or kiss (or both) any man within their reach! My son happened to be going to Germany one year during *Fasching*, and he was advised to remove his tie before he exited the plane or one of the ladies would take care of it! During *Fasching* it is also tradition in many areas for the women to capture the local *Rathaus* (city hall) and take over the city key. The following Monday is known as *Rosenmontag* (Rose Monday). During this day there are parades and carnival floats. *Faschingdienstag* (Carnival Tuesday) is the last day of *Fasching*, when most of the festivities happen. Usually workers get the afternoon off to celebrate.

In Munich from 2 to 5 P.M. on *Faschingdienstag* the *Viktualienmarkt* pedestrian area is turned into a party zone. At night there are gala balls, the biggest held at the *Bayerischer Hof*. The Bavarians refer to *Fasching* as the "season of fools." Some people dress in costumes and ski down hills. It is a great time of the year to be able to dress up in costumes, act like a fool, have a great time, and nobody cares! (I think I would really like that!)

Munich also features donuts (*Fastnachts*) during *Fasching*. They can be found everywhere! (See a recipe for *Fastnachts* at the end of this article). The story goes that in pre-Christian Europe it was customary to choose a man to be the "sacred king" of the tribe for a year. When his year in office was up he would be sacrificed and his blood returned to the soil to ensure a successful harvest. The method of choosing the sacred king was the "king's cake." A coin or bean would be placed in the cake before baking and whoever got the slice with the coin was the chosen one. (I think that would have been a good time to go on a diet of no cake!) In recent times, the king's cake idea has evolved into donuts. Thank God, as I don't think we would want to sacrifice any kings around here!

Below is a recipe for *Fastnachts* (German donuts) usually made on Shrove Tuesday to use up the lard before Lent.

Your name could be here! \$15 for Patrons, \$10 for Sponsors, for one year. Send your check made payable to the German-American Society of CNY, attn. Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

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1 cup lukewarm milk	6 eggs
1 fresh yeast cake	6 cups flour
¾ cup soft butter	2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons sugar	

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm milk and set aside. Sift flour and salt into a large bowl. Make a hole in the center and pour the dissolved yeast and all other ingredients into the hole. Mix till no longer sticky. Cover and let rise in a warm place till doubled. Punch down and let rest for 10 minutes. Roll out about ¼-inch thick and cut out the donuts with a round cutter (not usually the regular donut cutter with the hole in the middle). Let the donuts rise for about 20 to 30 minutes. Fry in deep fat till light brown. Drain on paper towels, then while hot, roll in sugar. Enjoy!

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

Syracuse Liederverein Chorus

We really need your help and participation! *Sängerfest* is coming up in Utica in June 2015 and we would like to be a part of it as we have so many times in the past. But we can't do this without new members and time is getting short.

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!

If you would like more information on joining the only German chorus in our area, please contact George at 475-0282. We would like to begin our Monday evening rehearsals again soon.

Events at the Utica Männerchor

The Utica Männerchor will be holding a *Fasching* on February 14 from 6 to 10 P.M. **Fritz's Polka Band** will be playing.

For more information about *Fasching* or any other upcoming events at the Utica Männerchor, located at 5535 Flanagan Road in Marcy, just 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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