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## President's Report

We had a wonderful Picnic at Camp Brockway. Everyone had a good time, and I am sorry that some of you missed it. It is such a nice setting at Camp Brockway, and I certainly want to keep the picnic there. My thanks again to Klaus Raith and his Band, and Ken Blechl and all of the kitchen help. They all did a great job and kept everything running like a Swiss clock. Even the weather cooperated for us.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will not be a Board or Membership Meeting in August, as we will be having our one-and-only fundraiser: **Oktoberfest**.

A lot of work has been done by many members to get this Fest going, and now it is the time for the all of us to pitch in and make this a successful Great Syracuse Oktoberfest. Help is still needed, especially in the food area. So if you can help, please contact the area captain and let him or her know where you would like to volunteer.

We can also use some strong bodies on Friday, August 14, at 12 noon to help set up and on Monday, August 17, at 10 A.M. to tear down.

I hope to see many of you there, and I wish everybody a great summer!

WILLI KREUZER, *President*

## Vice President's Report

It's getting very close, and the planning is moving along for the Great Syracuse Oktoberfest. The 6th Oktoberfest Committee Meeting that was held on July 14 went very well. All area captains were present and a lot of business was taken care of. I think we are about good to go!

Below are the area captains for the Oktoberfest. If you have not already done so, please contact the captain of the area where you would like to volunteer to set up your schedule.

- 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 & 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, 487-2472
- Greeting Table:* Bruce Barnes, 635-5174

The entertainment is set, and the schedule is found below.

## 2015 Oktoberfest Entertainment Schedule

### Saturday, August 15

- Noon-2 The Liverpool Community Band
- 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 16

- Noon-2 The Liverpool Community Band
- 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
- 7 Raffle and Closing Ceremonies

We have a German vendor coming this year. He was with us a few years ago when we were in Clinton Square. He has something for everyone.

This year we are also offering an additional activity for the children. There will be pony rides both days for a nominal fee.

The Oktoberfest is going to be a real fun time for everyone. So bring your friends and family for a great weekend.

The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting is scheduled for

## CLUB MEETINGS

**Please note there will be no Board or Monthly Membership Meeting in August**

- Aug 11 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting, Long Branch Park, 6
- Sep 17 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6  
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
- Okt 15 Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6  
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 14 Oktoberfest Setup, Long Branch Park, noon
- Aug 15 Oktoberfest at Long Branch Park, Liverpool 11-7
- Aug 16 Oktoberfest at Long Branch Park, Liverpool 11-7
- Aug 17 Oktoberfest Teardown, Long Branch Park, 10
- Sep 12 Oktoberfest Staff Party, Liverpool Fire Hall, 6-10
- Dez 13 Christmas Party, Elks Club

August 11 at 6 P.M. at Long Branch Park to review the venue and discuss any needed layout adjustments.

For any members who are able to help out, Oktoberfest setup at Long Branch Park is on Friday, August 14, at noon, and tear-down is on Monday, August 17, at 10 A.M.

If you would like to serve on the Oktoberfest Committee, or if you have any questions, give me a call at 675-8321, or just come to the August 11 Oktoberfest Committee Meeting.

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

## Treasurer's Report

As noted in prior *Zeitungs* all bills and financial communication can be sent in c/o Bruce Barnes at 27 Water Street, Baldwinsville NY 13027. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to me at 635-1624.

Also, my daughter Joanne and I, with the help of other volunteers, will be manning the greeting table when people first arrive. We will be set up just beyond the parking lot. We will be selling glass beer steins, checking ID, and providing the wrist bands for anyone who is of age and plans to drink beer or wine. We will also have a donation jar for the Scholarship Program. Sally Frenza will provide information for display on the table about scholarships for anyone who would like to know more about this program.

If you have any questions about the greeting table, please contact me at the number above.

Please attend the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting for a complete report of our finances. I will provide the financial statement and this is your opportunity to obtain information on our status and ask any finance-related questions.

Thank you.

BRUCE BARNES, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

The Picnic was a great time for all. Raffle tickets were sold and we had 11 applications for posting this month and to vote on at the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting: **David Potter**, Syracuse; **Jenna Barnes**, Syracuse; and **Linda Barnes**, Baldwinsville, all proposed by Bruce Barnes. **Christina Burr**, Fayetteville, proposed by Karl Wuerslin. **Robert Hayden and Susan Hayden**, Marcellus, proposed by Cheryl Maier. **Sherri Pardue**, Baldwinsville, proposed by June Pardue. **Joshua Belser**, Pulaski, proposed by Nicole Raith. **Bob Graham**, Syracuse, proposed by Dave Gunter. And **Helen Blechl**, North Syracuse, proposed by Ken Blechl. **Thomas Dussing and Deanna Dussing**, Syracuse, proposed by Willi Kreuzer.

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. Applications are available online at [www.germanamericansny.com](http://www.germanamericansny.com) or at any of our events. My address is: The German American Society, c/o June Pardue, 692 Idlewood Blvd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027

I have the sticker tabs for the 2015 year for the membership cards. Just let me know if you need yours. Also, if you have any questions regarding your dues or membership, please contact me at 412-1761 or speak with me at the September 17 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Thank you.

JUNE PARDUE, *Financial Secretary*

## From the House Committee

Our Picnic was held on July 12 at Camp Brockway and it was great to have such a wonderful turnout.

Our next event, as you well know, is the **Great Syracuse Oktoberfest** on August 15 & 16, at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. Now, regarding the kitchen at the Oktoberfest: I still could use some help in the cooking and serving area. If you are able to help out, please give me a call at 491-2573.

Then, on September 12, our **Oktoberfest Volunteer Staff Party** will be held at the Liverpool Fire Hall from 6 to 10 P.M. There will be food, beverages, music for dancing, and some real fun. Anyone who volunteered a minimum of 4 hours at Oktoberfest is eligible to attend. So please volunteer. It's really fun work and you get to work with other people who are also there to ensure that our Great Syracuse Oktoberfest is enjoyed by all.

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 or speak with me at any of our Monthly Membership Meetings.

BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee Chair*

## Sunshine Lady

I am sorry to report that we have had 3 members pass away recently: **Ernst Reith**, **Kurt Marschall**, and **Jim Ryan**. Our condolences go out to the families and friends of these gentlemen. May they rest in peace.

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

MARGARETHA MICHU, *Sunshine Lady*

## Oktoberfest Raffle

This year's raffle is being handled by June Pardue. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, and are available throughout Oktoberfest. The drawing will be at 7 P.M. on August 16.

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!

## Scholarship Committee

If you were unable to attend this year, please mark April 25, 2016, on your calendar and plan to attend next year. German Student Scholarship Night is always a great time and a wonderful way to honor our students and their teachers. These students are our future.

The scholarship checks have gone out to the students. We wish them all well in their educational endeavors.

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](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com).

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

## Goethe and Schiller Monument

Summer is here! Time to start thinking about purchasing 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 request a form. Forms can also be obtained at any German American Society event or on-line at our website, [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.

Also, if you have some time to volunteer at the monument to weed and clean up around the bricks, please give me a call.

If you have never seen the monument, it is located at the northern end of Schiller Park looking up Second Street off Butternut Street on Syracuse's Northside. It is really beautiful and a great tribute to these two famous Germans.

If you have any questions about the monument or the bricks, please give me a call at the number above.

BOB DOMACHOWSKI, *Goethe and Schiller Monument Chair*

## From the Editor

It's Oktoberfest time again and people are always asking Show the Oktoberfest got started. So here is a repeat of last year's story:

When Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and the Princess of Saxonia, Theresia 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 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, the Oktoberfest usually starts on 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.

Oktoberfest is not just the celebration of the famous wedding; it is a spirit and wonderful feeling between old and new friends and family. Strangers become friends when the music and dancing start. It is a warm, wonderful feeling that words cannot describe. It gives true meaning to the word *Gemütlichkeit!* Come share the warmth and excitement that only Oktoberfest can provide!

If you are able, please volunteer by contacting one of the area captains noted in the Vice President's Report. Oktoberfest is August 15 and 16 at Long Branch Park, from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M.

If you're not volunteering, bring your family and friends to enjoy the singing, dancing, laughing, eating, and everything that makes our festival and celebration of our heritage so great. There will be something for everyone, from face painting, pony rides, and magicians for the children to German food, dancing, drinking, singing, and some wonderful *Gemütlichkeit* for all! 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

### Friday Night Dinner

Looking for somewhere to have a nice friendly Friday-night dinner? Why not try the **Syracuse Turners**? They have really great fish and other offerings on the menu, and all at a very reasonable price. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8 and there's always a special. As the Friday dinners are not offered every week during the summer, please give the Syracuse Turners a call at 471-9851 and they will let you know if dinner will be served that evening and what the special will be.

### Events at the Utica Männerchor

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