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President's Report

Just can't thank everyone enough for attending and participating in our activities and the Monthly Membership Meetings. During the month of April we held two great events: an afternoon of bowling and our wonderful German Student Scholarship Night. There is a write-up on each of these events in this *Zeitung*.

Please see the flyer in this *Zeitung* and the House Committee article for information about the May 19 *Maitanz*. It will be a fun afternoon with your German American Society friends and families.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the May 16 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. The meeting it is a great time for you to present your ideas and suggestions for activities, fundraisers, and meeting presentations. We have refreshments afterward and usually a presentation on an interesting subject or possibly a trip taken by one of our members.

If you need anything that I can help you with, please feel free to contact me at 315-289-8145. The German American Society of CNY is here to support its members. See everyone at the May 16 Meeting! Thanks.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice President's Report

Hope to see many of you at the May 16 Meeting with membership applications in hand! We have good events coming up this year and new blood helps with the planning and submission of new ideas, as well as more volunteer hands to make for easier work! I know we can do this!

Corrine and I had a great time in Florida, but now it's time to get back down to business here with the German American Society of Central New York.

If you have any questions or ideas of how to increase our membership, please contact me at chk1205@centurylink.net or speak with me at the May 16 Meeting. Thank you for helping to increase our membership! See you May 16!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

Over the past year we have participated in activities to help raise revenue for our **Scholarship Program**. Money from these fundraisers was put into action at our German Student Scholarship Night which was held on April 29. If you didn't attend, you missed a great night.

Our Scholarship Program is a costly undertaking and we can use your help. If you are able, please consider making a donation toward this program, as it is the main vehicle for us to give back to our community, and is a great event for us, the student recipients, and all students of German and their teachers. Any amount will help. Another way to support the program and help raise revenue is to attend the fundraising events as a participant or volunteer.

As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at our get-togethers this year. Our next Monthly Membership Meeting is scheduled for May 16 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners with a presentation and refreshments to follow. Also, you can make your reservation and pay for the *Maitanz* at the meeting.

I will have an update on our financial status at the monthly meeting. Please feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances or by email at cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to those who have submitted their 2024 dues! If you have not please do so ASAP or reach out and we can make a plan for payment.

Please join me in welcoming new member **Ethan Kepler**, who was presented and voted in at the April Meeting! We look forward to getting to know you! Please continue to encourage your circles to join the society! The strength of our society depends on the participation of all our members, so we hope to see everyone at upcoming meetings and events!

We currently have 130 members in good standing and anticipate some additional dues payments coming in. Updates will be provided. Individuals who do not pay 2024 dues will be removed from the membership list.

We also need to start thinking now about staffing for **Oktoberfest 2024** at Freight Yard Brewing! It will be here before we know it. Your help is needed to make this a successful event. Please attend our Monthly Membership Meetings to keep up to date on progress and how you can help, especially by volunteering your time and talent or to volunteer to be on the Oktoberfest Committee, which will be formed soon.

If you have someone to propose for membership, have the person complete a membership application and forward it along with the \$25 payment for a single membership or \$40 for a household couple to The German American Society of CNY PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548 or by email to cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Applications can be obtained at any meeting or event, on our website at www.germanamericanscny.com, or by email. Checks can be made out to The German American Society of CNY.

Reminders: If you will be away for an extended period of time, the *Zeitung* can be forwarded to you. Please contact the Editor at 315-345-6253 or sallyzf@aol.com to arrange for this complimentary service. If you change your address, please email cnygermansociety@gmail.com, or contact the Editor with the new information to ensure that the membership list is kept current and that the *Zeitung* reaches you. Thanks!

NADJA E. ALLMANN, *Financial Secretary*

CLUB MEETINGS

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| Mai 16 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7
with presentation to follow |
| Jun 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |
| Jul 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6
Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mai 19 | <i>Maitanz</i> , Syracuse Turners, 1-6 |
| Jul 21 | Picnic at Long Branch Park, Liverpool |
| Okt 12-13 | <i>Oktoberfest</i> at Freight Yard Brewing |
| Dez | Christmas Party |

Maitanz!

Sunday, May 19

1 to 6 pm

Syracuse Turners

\$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers,
\$10 for children 10-15, under 10 free.

Ham dinner and all the fixings,
including dessert, soda, tea, and coffee.

Syracuse Oktoberfest Band from 2 to 6.

Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers will entertain.
Reservations by May 16. Make checks payable to
The German American Society of CNY (no cash),
and send to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Cir.,
Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105.



May 16 Meeting Presentation

Eric Gang will be presenting part two of his and Katie's wonderful trip to Europe! If you were at a past meeting when Eric presented the first half of the trip, you would agree that it was a once-in-a-lifetime vacation! You won't want to miss part two to see the continuing excitement of the countries they visited and the adventures they were involved in.

Please attend the May 16 Membership Meeting as you won't want to miss this great presentation!

House Committee

Thank you to everyone who has attended and supported our past events and activities!

We are now in the process of getting ready for the *Maitanz*, which has been scheduled for May 19 at the Syracuse Turners. There will be dinner, dancing, and a lot of fun!

The festivities will start with a Social Hour with snacks from 1 to 2. Dinner will follow at 2, consisting of a ham dinner, German potato salad, red cabbage, green salad, veggies, yams, assorted breads, rolls, coffee, tea, and desserts. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please make your reservations by May 16 by sending your check and number of attendees and names to Sally Frenza, 4 Commodore Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2105. You can also call Sally at the number below and pay at the door if it's too late to send a check. Or you can make your reservation and pay at the May 16 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 at the Syracuse Turners. We need you to attend if we are to continue with these important and fun social events that highlight our German heritage, culture, and music.

The **Syracuse Oktoberfest Band** will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure from 2 to 6. The **Dancers** will also be there to entertain and to get everyone up on the dance floor. It will be a lot of fun, so bring your dancing shoes and your camera/phone to record the action!

What other activities would you like to see? Please bring your ideas for additional events and activities to any of our meetings or call or text Sally at 315-345-6253.

If you would like more information about being on the House Committee, or if you would like to volunteer to help at any of our events, please let us know at any Monthly Membership Meeting, at any event, or by giving a call or text to Sally at the above number. We can use your help and suggestions.

See you at the May 16 Monthly Membership Meeting, with your

ideas in hand! Also, this is a good time to volunteer to help out at the *Maitanz*. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

Sunshine Lady

I am sad to report that we lost member **Eric "Ricky" Lorenz** during the past month. Ricky was a member of the **Utica Männerchor** and its chorus for many years, but was also an active member of the German American Society of CNY. He could be found at many of our social events over the years and often brought others with him. When we used to hold *Fasching*, he could always be counted on to have the most unusual costume! We will miss Ricky, a loyal club member, who, even when he was not well, kept up on what was going on and tried to attend whenever he could. Condolences to his family and many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Just a reminder: Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to me at 315-468-4541. Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICHIO, *Sunshine Lady*

22nd German Student Scholarship Night

The April 29 German Student Scholarship Night was a great event! Those who attended, German American Society members and friends, German high school students, their families, and the German teachers, all appeared to be having a lot of fun. The highlight of the fun was when the **Syracuse Oktoberfest Dancers** "invited" students and teachers to the dance floor for the maypole and pretzel dances! What a lot of fun and laughs! Pictures of the dances will be in the June *Zeitung*.

Scholarship recipients **Ainsley Bigelow** of Mexico High School, and **Jack Keeney** of Fayetteville-Manlius High School gave wonderful speeches in German and then English. They really showed their command of the German language! They will each be given a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for the college/university they will attend in the fall of 2024. It was a pleasure to meet these wonderful students and their families.

Thank you to Board Member **Tina Higgins**, who was a big help in the kitchen (including doing dishes) and President **Dave Gunter**, who helped with room setup. A thank-you also goes out to Turner member **Judy Bacon**, who jumped in and helped with the food prep, getting the food out, and doing dishes and cleanup. We could not have done it



L to R: Kevin Quinn, Mexico HS teacher; Ainsley Bigelow, Mexico; Jack Keeney, Fayetteville-Manlius; Kate Stewart, FM teacher.

without them! Because of their help I was able to attend to the activities in the dining room. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank everyone who attended the event and helped with cleanup in the dining room during and after dinner. What great people!

I know I have said it before, but it doesn't seem possible that this was our twenty-second year of awarding scholarships, and I have been fortunate enough to be involved in them all! The Committee, consisting of **John Besten, Tammy Gondeck**, and me want to thank all those who attended this wonderful event. Also, thanks to the German American Society for continuing to fund the Scholarship Program which is a very important event to help preserve our German heritage, culture, and language, and to those members who have donated to the Scholarship Program. These students are our future!

We will be participating in fundraising events this year to help fund the Scholarship Program, such as the **Oktoberfest** at Freight Yard brewing. Learn more about our fundraising events by attending our Monthly Meetings, following the event information in the *Zeitung*, and following our Facebook page at German American Society of CNY. Please consider volunteering at these events. Not only is it fun, but it will be helping to make our fundraising events successful!

Now my regular pitch! I have started to receive additional donations of German clothing to sell in support of the Scholarship Program. Three pairs of *Lederhosen* with the tags on are now added to the mix as well as a new man's shirt. There are also a couple women's blouses. So if you're cleaning out your closet and have German clothing that is in good shape, consider donating it to the German American Society. Please clean any donations prior to donating them. If you have any questions please contact me at the number noted above in this report.

The German-American flag pins are always available at our meetings and events for \$3. If you're interested in purchasing any of the

items we have for sale, please just call or text me at the above number or speak with me at any of our Monthly Meetings. All proceeds go to help fund our Scholarship Program.

Thank you for your continued support!

SALLY FRENZA, *Scholarship Chair*

Bowling Night a Successful Event

On April 28 twenty German American Society members and their families and friends met at Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool for a fun-filled afternoon of bowling. Although scores were not discussed, rumor has it that there was some decent bowling that afternoon. Everyone left the bowling alley on a happy note and with hopes of there being another bowling event in the fall.

For pictures of the event, please visit our Facebook page at German American Society of CNY.

Member Request re: Renquishausen

Our member **Beverly Loverock-Gibbs** is looking for anyone with connections to Renquishausen, a municipality in the district of Tuttlingen in Baden-Württemberg in Germany. If you or a family member or friend has connections to this municipality, please contact Beverly at 315-440-4025. Beverly's family name is Mattes and her relatives settled on the north side of Syracuse.

From the Editor

Just want to take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation to everyone who attends our events and donates their time, energy, and money to make them successful. It is really important to support our events if we are to continue and build on our great organization. Also, having new members join is key to making sure we carry on far into the future!

A Mothers' Day Wish!

May 12 is Mothers' Day, and a time to honor the person who brought us into this world or chose to be our mother through adoption or deep friendship. If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother with you, take this time to spend some time with her, send flowers, or give a call to express your appreciation for all she's done for you and to say those important words "I love you!" If your mother is now in her heavenly home, why not lay flowers on her grave, talk about her with friends and family to remember the good times and share a few laughs or tears. Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers here on earth and beyond.

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*

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