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of the German-American Society of Central New York

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## President's Report

Thank you to everyone for attending and participating in our activities and the Monthly Membership Meetings!

I am looking forward to seeing you at the June 20 Monthly Membership Meeting at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. The meeting 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. This month will be about beer!

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 June 20 Meeting! Thanks.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

## Vice-President's Report

Well, I'm back! It was great to see members at the Monthly Meeting last month. One thing that would make my return even better is membership applications! I noted that we did have a few new members while I was gone; however, I know we can build on that number over the next few months.

Our **Annual Picnic** is coming up in July. What a great opportunity to recruit new members! Anyone who attends and is not a member can use the \$25 picnic cost to join. So why not ask your friends and family to attend the picnic and become a member?

I hope to see many of you at the June 20 Meeting. 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 make for easier work! I know we can do this!

If you have any questions or ideas of how to increase our membership, please contact me at [chk1205@centurylink.net](mailto:chk1205@centurylink.net) or speak with me at the May 16 Meeting.

Thank you for helping to increase our membership!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

## Treasurer's Report

Our Club has made progress over the past couple of years in reducing our deficits. This has required a combination of cost-cutting and additional fundraising (primarily Oktoberfest, Christmas Market, Taste Festival). What we really need to sustain the organization, though, is not just more members, but more who are willing to get actively involved by helping out at events, working at fundraisers, attending monthly meetings and planning activities. When you see notices in the newsletter asking for volunteers, please consider getting involved and helping out.

Feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances at our

monthly meetings, or by email at [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com). Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

## Financial Secretary's Report

Thank you to those who have submitted their 2024 dues! Please email [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com) with questions or to make arrangements for dues payment. If you have not paid at this point, you will no longer be considered a member in good standing.

Please join me in welcoming new member **Jack Keeney**, who was presented at the May 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!

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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](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com). Applications can be obtained at any meeting or event, on our website at [www.germanamericanscny.com](http://www.germanamericanscny.com), or by email. Checks can be made out to The German American Society of CNY.

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## CLUB MEETINGS

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| Jun 20 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>with a presentation to follow        |
| Jul 18 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>with a member presentation to follow |
| Aug 15 | Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6<br>Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7<br>with a member presentation to follow |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jul 21 | Picnic at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, 1-5 |
| Okt 12 | Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewing        |
| Okt 13 | Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewing        |
| Dez    | Christmas Party                            |

complimentary service. If you change your address, please email [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto: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*

## Oktoberfest

Mark your calendars for **Oktoberfest 2024** with **Freight Yard Brewing!** This year's event will be Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. **The Syracuse Oktoberfest Band and Dancers** will perform both days! Additional activities and entertainment will be planned.

We need to start planning now for food, merchandise, raffles, kids games, and more! Please consider joining the Oktoberfest Committee to provide your input and assistance with planning the event. If you're more of a doer than a planner, sign up to volunteer for one or both days or contribute a raffle basket to help raise donations for the Scholarship Program! There are many ways you can support this year's Oktoberfest! Please email [cnygermansociety@gmail.com](mailto:cnygermansociety@gmail.com) or text Nadja at 315-450-4655.

## June 20 Meeting Presentation

Nadja Allmann will be delivering a great presentation on the world of beer at the conclusion of our Monthly Membership Meeting on June 20 at 7 P.M. at the Syracuse Turners. Nadja has had the opportunity to sample beer from many places here and abroad and will be providing information on her own experience as well as information on other offerings. You won't want to miss this!

## House Committee

First off, I regret that the *Maitanz* needed to be canceled. A great dance and party had been planned. However, with an almost nonexistent number of reservations it would have been impossible to hold such a costly event. We regret any inconvenience or disappointment that this cancelation may have caused any of you. To continue our great events, we really need you to make your reservations and attend. They are always a lot of fun!

Now on to our next event: The **Annual Picnic** is planned for July 21 from 1 to 5 at the Glen Pavilion at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. The German American Society will provide the plates, napkins, cups, eating utensils, meat, rolls, soda, water, beer and wine. Members are asked to bring a dish or dessert to pass. Members in good standing are free, and guests are \$25. The \$25 can be used to join the German American Society and is offered to new members only who attend the picnic.

There will be picnic tables, but it would still be a good idea to bring lawn chairs. Please bring any lawn or picnic type games to play such as cornhole, bocce ball, etc. We want to make this a real *family* picnic! There will be German music, thanks to **Bob Kraus** and his sound system, to add to the atmosphere of a German picnic in the woods! It will be great to see everyone getting together and having fun!

Please call or text Jackie Schneider-Revette at 315-885-4517 by July 15 and provide a count (including any guests) and what you would like to bring or if you have any questions. Your reservation will help with planning for the food and drinks! You can also let Jackie know if you would like to volunteer to help with setting up, cooking, or any of the other jobs that go along with a great picnic.

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.

# Club Picnic

Sunday, July 21  
1 to 5

Glen Pavilion  
Long Branch Park

No charge for members.

Guests are \$25 and can become a member for the \$25 fee for this event only.



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There will be a sound system with German music.

Please bring any outdoor games you have to add to the fun!

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 June 20 Monthly Membership Meeting, with your ideas in hand! Also, this is a good time to volunteer to help out at the Picnic and the Oktoberfest. Thank you.

SALLY FRENZA & BRIGITTE NIEBUHR, *House Committee*

## Sunshine Lady

During the past month get-well cards were sent to the following members: **Karen Schermerhorn**, as she continues her journey to good health; **Joe Frenza**, as he continues to progress at rehab and prepares for a return home; **Brigitte Niebuhr**, as she recovers from a fall; and **Anna Bultjer**, to let her know that we are thinking about her.

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

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

## 22nd German Student Scholarship Night

As the 2024 Scholarship Program comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge people that I did not include in the last *Zeitung*. Thank you to **Margaretha Micho**, who donated her handmade winter knit hats and a beautiful Christmas stocking used for door prizes for the students. Also, a big thanks from my back to **Gracie Schell** and **Karl Wuerslin**, who carried the many cartons of stuff and loaded up my car!

We will be participating in fundraising events this year, such as the Oktoberfest at Freight Yard brewing to help fund the Scholarship Program. Learn more about our fundraising

events by attending the 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 at Oktoberfest in support of the Scholarship Program. Three pair 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*

## 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 to build our great organization. Also, having new members join is key to making sure we carry on far into the future!

Fathers' Day is celebrated on June 16 this year, and it will be

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Please contact the Editor at 315-345-6253 or email at [sallyzf@aol.com](mailto:sallyzf@aol.com) if you have any questions about advertising in the *Zeitung*, or becoming a Patron. Thank you.

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here before we know it. Below is a repeat of an article I have put in the *Zeitung* in the past about Fathers' Day in Germany and Austria.

In Germany, Fathers' Day has traditionally had two terms and/or events of an older origin that, while similar in name, have entirely different meanings. *Vatertag* is always celebrated on Ascension Day (the Thursday 40 days after Easter), a federal holiday. Regionally it is also called men's day, *Männertag*, or gentlemen's day, *Herrentag*. It is tradition to do a males-only hiking tour or day out with one or more small wagons (*Bollerwagen*) pulled by manpower. In the wagons are beer or wine (according to the region) and traditional regional food. Many men will get very drunk to the point of having gangs of drunken men roaming the streets singing and carrying on, causing much embarrassment to the more conservative German people who don't participate. The wives then have to go fetch their drunk husbands and bring them home. No children are allowed to go. Let's face it, German men today hardly need an excuse to have a few drinks with their buddies, sing, and have a great time!

The Austrian Father's Day observance, while closer to the American holiday, is still not exactly the same thing. The date is also in June (on the second Sunday), but the celebration has a slightly more religious connotation, something like a feast day in the Catholic church. Even more than in the U.S., the Austrian *Vatertag* ranks far lower in importance than *Muttertag*. The first observance of Father's Day in Austria was in 1956. Today it is similar to the U.S. Father's Day in that many Austrians give cards and presents for *Papi's* special day.

So on this Father's Day do something memorable for your father, or any father that you want to honor in a special way. If your father is in his heavenly home, perhaps you can take some flowers and visit the cemetery. Or maybe have a cookout and hoist a few in remembrance of fun times you've shared.

Do you have a German, Austrian, or Swiss topic you would like me to write about? Or do you have an article you have written or found and would like to see in print? Or even a recipe? Just let me know. My contact information is in this *Zeitung*.

SALLY FRENZA, *Editor*

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