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President's Report

Thank you to everyone for attending and participating in our activities and the Monthly Membership Meetings! The next event will be the **Picnic** on July 21 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. See the article in this *Zeitung* for more information.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the July 18 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 Part 2 of **Nadja's** presentation on beer, a subject that is near and dear to our hearts.

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 July 18 Meeting. Thanks.

DAVID A. GUNTER, *President*

Vice-President's Report

It was great to see the members at the Monthly Meeting last month. I was hoping to see more membership applications, but any effort you can make in this direction is greatly appreciated! We did have two people attend the meeting and submit applications and they were voted in at the meeting. That's a great start!

We had a few people not pay their 2024 dues, which is unfortunate. Now we need to really put a push on. Our annual **Picnic** is coming up on July 21. 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 July 18 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 or speak with me at the May 16 meeting. Thank you for helping to increase our membership!

BOB KRAUS, *Vice President*

Treasurer's Report

I hope everyone has a great summer, and hope to see you all at our **Picnic** on July 21.

We are currently making plans and getting ready for our biggest fundraiser—**Oktoberfest**—and encourage members to

get involved and help. There will be more information available at the July 18 meeting, so please plan to attend to keep up to date on what's happening with our great organization.

As always, feel free to ask me any questions about our club finances at our monthly meetings, or by email at cnygermansociety@gmail.com. Thank you!

JAMES HECKATHORNE, *Treasurer*

Financial Secretary's Report

Please help me welcome new members **Cady and Colleen Kepler**, who attended and joined at the June 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 136 members in good standing. At the conclusion of this year's dues cycle there were 28 individuals removed from the membership list. We have unfortunately also had two members pass away this year. 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.

Just a reminder: If you bring a nonmember to the Picnic, the \$25 cost can be used for that person to become a member.

If you will be away for an extended period of time, the *Zeitung*

CLUB MEETINGS

Jul 18	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 with a Member Presentation to follow
Aug 15	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 with a Member Presentation to follow
Sep 19	Board Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 6 Monthly Membership Meeting, Syracuse Turners, 7 with a Member Presentation to follow

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 21	Picnic at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, 1-5
Jul 31	Erie Canal Museum Event, 4:30-7
Okt 12&13	Oktoberfest at Freight Yard Brewing
Dez	Christmas Party

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*

Oktoberfest 2024

Wark your calendars for **Oktoberfest 2024** with **Freight Yard Brewing!** This year's event will be Saturday and Sunday on the weekend of October 12 and 13. **The Oktoberfest Band and Dancers** will perform both days. Additional activities and entertainment will be planned, plus a food truck and the Freight Yard's great brew!

The Oktoberfest Planning Committee met on July 8 at Freight Yard Brewing to begin discussions for this year's Oktoberfest! The topics included food, merchandise, raffles, games, and more! Please consider joining the committee or emailing to provide your input and suggestions. You can also 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 or text Nadja at 315-450-4655.

July 18 Meeting Presentation

Nadja Allmann will be delivering Part 2 of her great presentation on the world of beer at the conclusion of our Monthly Membership Meeting on July 18 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!

Erie Canal Museum Event July 31

As per **Derrick Pratt** at the **Canal Museum**, they are having an "immigration" theme at their July 31 "History Happy Hour," and are inviting the GASCNY to participate. We just need to show up (*Trachten* would be a plus) and man a table, and they'll donate \$50 to us. He also suggested we could bring the Bier Puppet, which always generates a lot of laughs.

The event is from 4:30 to 7:00 with live music, a food truck, and cash bar. Sounds like fun and a great way to get our organization in the public eye! There will be more information at the July 18 Monthly Membership Meeting.

House Committee

Our next event will be the annual **Picnic** on 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!

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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Call or text Jackie Schneider-Revette at 315-885-4517 by July 15 with a count (including any guests) and what you would like to bring or if you have any questions. Your reservation will help with planning the food and drinks.



There will be a sound system with German music.

Please bring any outdoor games you have to add to the 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.

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 July 18 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 things have been pretty quiet. Just a reminder: Please report any illnesses, deaths, monumental birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to me at 315-468-4541. Thank you.

MARGARETHA MICH0, *Sunshine Lady*

23rd German Student Scholarship Program

Was the 2024 Scholarship Program comes to an end, we can now look forward to the year ahead and the 23rd year of our Scholarship Program in 2025.

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 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!

However, to administer a program such as this is a costly undertaking for the German American Society. Our Scholarship Program needs your help to keep it strong. If you would like to help support our Scholarship Program, please send a check or money order to: The German American Society of CNY, PO Box 5548, Syracuse, NY 13220-5548, with a notation that it is for the Scholarship Program. Any amount would be helpful. Since we are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, donations are tax deductible. If you would like to know more about the Scholarship Program and how you can help, please call or text me at 315-345-6253 or email me at sallyzf@aol.com. I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Now, my regular pitch! I currently have the following German clothing for sale: three pairs of **Lederhosen**, a couple women's blouses, and a few men's shirts. So if you're cleaning out your closet and have German clothing 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 call or text me at 315-345-6253.

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

S In trying to think of something to write about this month, I fell back to my old standby, *German Life* magazine, which I try to read faithfully from cover to cover every time it arrives. It's always full of great articles about things in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, from local customs and history to big events like *Oktoberfest*.

Anyway, what caught my eye was an article about the *Stammtisch*: A German Roundtable Social. *Stammtisch* gives people of German Heritage, and people who are just interested in getting together with others who share the same interest in the German language and culture, an opportunity to meet for some great *Gemütlichkeit* in an arena of informal learning. I thought that anyone attending *Stammtisch* where German is spoken would need to be fluent in the German language. But that's not the case. German is spoken primarily, but if a person gets stuck on a word it's okay to substitute the English word. Sometimes people who are fluent in German will intervene and help out. I have to admit that I would be speaking a lot of English and getting help from one of my fluent friends constantly. What fun it would be to hold a *Stammtisch*! It would also provide an opportunity to brush up on those high-school German language skills from many, many years ago! Something to think about.

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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