



JANUARY 2015



President's Message:

We have an exciting year coming up and hope that you will be joining us for our events. Before getting into that I want to thank everyone who made our Herbst Konzert-Sing Along such a success. It was by far one of the most fun concerts we ever did. The singing and laughter were uplifting to say the least and many thanks go to our Music Director Dr. Dorcinda Knauth and Assistant Music Director Sherry Thomas for making it all happen. If you enjoy singing please consider joining us. The ability to read music is not a requirement nor is speaking German. The singers will help you.

Our Pizza Party in January will feature a completely new band – Byron James & Just James. No German there!!!! This duo plays great “oldies and goodies” which will be fun for everyone and a bit of a different pace. Perfect for a Pizza Party.

In February we will begin hosting a Stammtisch for the purpose of giving us all a place to speak German – well or poorly it doesn't matter. The coordinator for this will be Michael Scheunemann who is one of our new members. Specific information can be found in this newsletter and we hope that you will seriously consider joining us. I for one desperately need the practice.

Later on in the year we plan on hosting a Bierfest/Tasting along with our Wurstfest. Who knows their beer really well??? We will find out.

Beginning in 2015, for the first time in memory, there will be nobody with the last name of Vogt serving on the Executive Board as an elected officer. Between Heniz Vogt Sr., Heinz Vogt Jr., Walter Vogt and Doris Vogt the family has held the positions of President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Trustee. I haven't

done any research on this but I imagine the combined number of years is around 50, maybe more. If we calculate the number of years a Vogt has been a member it would most likely be over 100. Walter will continue as an ex officio member as long as he is co-chairperson of the House Committee so there will still be a family voice. Where or where is the next generation??? Thank you and enjoy this aspect of your Maennerchor retirement.

If you have any ideas for events or programs that would enhance the Maennerchor calendar please submit them to any Executive Board member for consideration.

Thank you all for a super 2014 and on behalf of the Maennerchor I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2015!

Hildegard

23 Prize Drawing Pizza Party and Dance



Your Help and Financial Support is Urgently Needed

We are again holding our 23 Prize Drawing in 2015. This event helps offset our taxes and other general operational expenses. There are twenty \$25.00 drawings and 3 Grand Prizes of \$300.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00. All participants are eligible for each of the twenty \$25.00 prizes and the final 3 Grand Prizes. There are 23 chances to win, with the total amount of prizes valued at \$1,100.00.

The donation for each ticket is \$20.00. All the winning tickets will be drawn on **Sunday 11 January 2015**. Included in the ticket price is a Pizza Party at our clubhouse on Greenkill Avenue with Dance Music by *Just James & Byron James* from 1 to 5 PM. Each participant may bring a guest for a cover price of \$10.00.

Tickets are still available by contacting **Julia Zeboris** at **845-331-5293**; you do not have to attend to win.

Thank you all for your support!



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INTRODUCING

by Doris Vogt & Christa Scheitz

Please take the time to extend a hand of friendship:



remembered by his singing companions as the bass who wouldn't stop singing!! Rehearsal would end but Freddy kept going encouraging everyone to join him. He is probably keeping that Heavenly Choir on its toes!



Condolences to the families of our members and friends who are no longer with us.



Serena Winchell

Serena was introduced to the Maennerchor by her friend and fellow member Erica Kreider-Mueller. She joined as a singer/worker. Serena and Erica decorated our Christmas tree this year and did a really great job.

Serena was born in Poughkeepsie but had lived in Red Hook for most of her life. She graduated from Red Hook High School and then graduated from Suny New Paltz with her Teaching and her Masters Degrees.

She is a substitute Elementary teacher at both Red Hook and Germantown schools. She also teaches an animative home study program to 16 and 17 year old high school students. This program prepares them to stay with a local family for one month. Serena is also busy with our club. In fact, before she was a member, she waitressed at our "Café" for our last Christkindlmarkt. Currently she is helping research for our upcoming new web site. Serena lived, and worked teaching elementary students, in Japan for four years. She also studied in Wuerzburg, Bavaria for one year. Serena also is involved with choral and instrumental music, foreign languages and enjoys reading, horseback riding and archery.

Member Mel Seddon passed away on December 30, 2014. His wife Annemarie also a member have two children and 3 grandchildren. Marian Elflein's grandmother, Earl Johnson's brother-in-law, and, Robert Schneller's sister Loretta Schneller also passed away.

Carol Daly was President of the Utica Männerchor and a leader in the German community of New York State as former President of the Central New York Sängerbund and Honorary President of the New York State Sängerbund.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you,
„Brüder und Schwestern auf Leben und Tod“

THE PERSONALS

Alte Kameraden

FAREWELL

Since our September newsletter we have bidden farewell to two 50 plus year members of the Maennerchor.

On November 10th, our dear friend and member of 51 years, Monika Kaufmann, passed away. She was an amazing lady who loved to sing and remembered the lyrics and melody of songs forever. During her years at the club she served 6 years as Financial Secretary, 7 years as Recording Secretary and 1 year as Vice President. She was one of the last Recording Secretary's to record club proceedings in German. In the last years of her life ill health prohibited her active participation in the Maennerchor but she did what she could such as serving as greeter at our first Christkindlmarkt. This strongly determined "I can do it" lady will be sorely missed. Thank you Monika for your devotion to us, your family away from home.

In October, 55 year member Alfred "Fred" Goeller passed away in Delaware where he and his wife Grace had lived since his retirement. He maintained his membership with the Maennerchor and is fondly

CONVALESCING: Some of our members and friends on the road to recovery include an amazing array of *walking wounded, medical healers, and surgery veterans*. Everyone is reportedly doing well. Recuperating from hospital stays, various illnesses, and health related issues are



Anneliese Mossel, Friends of the club Elizabeth Harms, and George Thomas

We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers, and wish you all a rapid and successful return to good health. Please send them a friendship note.

Gesundheit, Glück, in Gottes Segen!



Bauernball

12 April 2015
1 to 5 PM



When was the last time you actually wore your dirndl, lederhosen, Bavarian jacket, or Spitzhut. This afternoon at our *Bavarian Farmer's Dance* is your opportunity to do so. We will be looking for really great traditional tracht - extra raffle tickets will be yours for dressing up

Music by Paul Slusar

Donation: \$10.00

Leberkäse and Bavarian Meatloaf
available for purchase

For reservations or further information call:

Marion Hohn at 845-586-2246

Christa Scheitz at 845-254-4604

FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

From time to time we try to highlight the adventures of our children and grandchildren. If you have an especially proud moment to share, please pass it on.

In July 2014 Ava Rose Kreider-Mueller, daughter of Maenner- und Damenchor member Erica Kreider-Mueller, delivered her dissertation at Columbia University and was subsequently awarded her doctorate in Chemistry. She is currently a lecturer at Clemson University in South Carolina.

Dr. Ava Rose Kreider-Mueller discovered her passion for chemistry while an undergraduate at Bard College, in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. She first fell in love with Clemson during the summer of 2008, while working in the lab of Dr. William T. Pennington as a SURP student. Ava went on to pursue her graduate work in inorganic chemistry at Columbia University in New York City, working as a joint student in the research labs of Gerard Parkin and Jonathan S. Owen. Her graduate work focused on the synthesis, structure, and reactivity of Group 12 metal complexes in sulfur and nitrogen-rich environments.

In addition to her academic work, Ava is an accomplished musician who composes and performs her own music. Her first choral piece was performed at the Fisher Center at Bard College by the Red Hook High School Chorus in April of 2014. The piece entitled, "Something about Moonlight", was written for a mixed chorus.

Ten years ago Ava was a recipient of the Kingston Maennerchor und Damenchor scholarship. In all likelihood the money received was used to purchase a few Chemistry textbooks! Our chor helped facilitate a bright and productive career for yet another deserving student. BRAVO!



DEUTSCHE STUNDE DOPPELTE

You can enjoy beautiful German music, news, and information of local interests twice on Sundays. After breakfast and the funnies, tune into Hans Safer's German Hour on Radio Station WKNY 1490 AM at 10:05 AM.

After your Mittagessen you can tune in once again for another hour of soothing German entertainment and relax with Helga Nowak-Razey on her Heimatstunde with Helga on Radio Station

WHVW 950 AM from 2 to 3 PM. Helga may be heard throughout the Mid Hudson Valley and as far away as Connecticut and New Jersey.

If you live on the wrong side of the mountain or 3,000 miles away you may now tune-in to both shows on your PC or social media.

You can hear Hans' German Hour streaming live at www.1490wkny.com 10:05 AM.

You can listen to Heimatstunde with Helga streaming live at <http://www.whvw.com/> 2:00 PM. Click on LISTEN ON.

Contact Hans or Helga and they will play that special request.



The "Stammtisch" is a new project that will start on the third Thursday in February 2015 at 5:30p.m. The goal is to provide a place where members and potential new members interested in fostering or reviving their knowledge of the German language can meet in a relaxed, casual atmosphere for conversation and discussion in German.

As we kickoff this event, we will meet twice a month; eventually, depending on participation, weekly. We will converse in German about diverse issues, related to Germany and German life. The topics will be generated from the interests of the participants and are not limited to: culture, sports, arts, persons of public and political interest as well as German life in general.

The Stammtisch will be open to all members and to non members. Learners of German should not be shy to join the group and develop and improve their conversational skill. For those interested, there will be at least one or more German teachers available who are willing to assist in an informal and professional way.

Since we'll meet at supper time, a hearty snack/soup and non alcoholic beverages will be provided for a donation of \$2.00. Please spread the word; for further information or questions please contact Michael Scheunemann at: 845-339-2046 MichaelScheunemann@gmail.com.

From the Archives

Hildegard Edling - Historian/Archivist

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I had planned on doing Vice Presidents in this issue but the Corresponding Secretary position seemed more timely. This year for the first time since at least 1966, we have one person holding both the Recording and Corresponding Secretary positions. The responsibilities of the Corresponding Secretary have gradually diminished since the advent of the personal computer. It seems that now most of us do our own letters and just hand the copy to the Secretary for filing.

Kudos to these dedicated people who spent many years in this position:

Carl Warneke 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976
Franz Brendle 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984
Helga Bruening 1985
Annemarie Harms 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993
Edith Scholldorf 1987, 1988, 1989
Bill Oehler, Sr. 1994
Ingrid Schink 1995, 1996
Charlotte Folkl 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
Doris Vogt 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

In backtracking from 1973 I thought I would never get to the end of Carl Warneke's years in the position. Twenty-eight years is monumental and for all those years Carl faithfully made a carbon copy of every piece of correspondence he initiated. Those letters provide a wonderful insight into the workings of the Maennerchor. Interestingly, prior to 1949 I find no mention of the Corresponding Secretary as a filled elected position in the club. It seems that the Recording Secretary handled that responsibility.

Sunday Kaffee Klatch

Come and enjoy each others company on the first Sunday afternoon of the month. From 2 to 4 PM you can visit with your friends, enjoy cake and coffee, and watch a German Travelogue or Musical video.



To all members of the German-American community throughout the state; we had a very constructive convention in Binghamton in October. I want to thank all the delegates who participated for their dedication, preparation, and thoughtful deliberation. One of the major points of discussion was the revision and reinstatement of the Grant Committee to encourage and support our charitable youth activities. I believe these provisions will spark additional children's choruses and provide incentives to attract and establish young singers to our choruses. The Constitution and By-Laws and the Grant Application have been updated to reflect the new grants and are available on-line. Key 2015 dates:



Bundes Music Committee Meeting Hosted by the Utica Maennerchor 19 April 2015	NYSSB 37 th Saengerfest Hosted by Utica Maennerchor 12-13-14 June 2015	NYSSB Annual Convention Location TBD 17/18 October 2015
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We are truly privileged to represent and honor our forebearers who dedicated themselves to the German Community of New York State and inspired, motivated, and nurtured our cultural heritage and traditions.

This may be our last Sangerfest with the current Competitive Prize-Singing format. I encourage smaller choruses to join together in a dedicated effort to participate and enhance this historic event. Singers, if there is no chorus in your immediate area please contact the one closest to you and check their chorus schedule.

Let this sangerfest be our incentive to join in motivating and inspiring each other in bringing our German culture and traditions to the forefront once again in New York State.

We are saddened by the news of Carol Daly's passing. She enjoyed life through her enthusiastic commitment to the German community of New York State and will always be admired as a devoted leader of the Central New York Sangerbund, New York State Sangerbund, and the Utica Mannerchor.

Carol lived her life with class and dignity. We will miss her dearly but always remember her generous, joyful, and pleasant personality. Moge sie in Frieden ruhen

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Herman Alfons Koelmel, President

Your Dues Are Due



The club's annual dues are payable in January of each year. The current amount is \$40.00 per member, with checks payable to The Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor. Payment should be given to the Financial Secretary. If dues remain unpaid by March 31, notices will be mailed. If a member's dues remain unpaid by June 30, a notice of dismissal of membership with instruction for reinstatement will be sent to that member.

Just a reminder - designation as a worker requires a member to work in at least two functions or committee activities per year. We always welcome workers in any capacity, as well as singers.

The Financial Secretary should be informed directly of the following occasions:

- Changes of member's information, such as, address, phone number, etc.
- Withdrawal of membership
- Sponsoring of a new member
- Change in type of membership (such as Social to Singer)

Please feel free to contact me at the club or call my home number if you have any questions concerning the above issues. I am available most evenings and weekends at 845-336-7440.

Annemarie Harms



The club is open from approximately 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. most Monday evenings from September to May.

We cordially invite you to drop in to visit, renew friendships and make new ones.

Sunday Breakfast



15 March 2015

Doors open 8:30 a.m.

Serving Hours

8:45 - 11:30 AM

Reservations Strongly Suggested

Seating will be limited

Adults \$10.00

Children under 12 \$6.00

Menu:

Pancakes by Franz and Ed

Ham Sausage Bacon Eggs Potatoes

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Juice - Coffee - Tea

Call for Reservations by 11 March 2014

Franz (845) 658-9665

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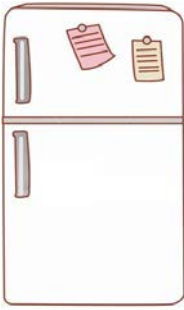
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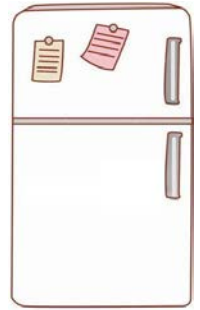
We've heard you singing at our last sing-along concert. We know you are out there. Please consider joining our chorus. We rehearse during the months of

September through May with January off. Rehearsals begin at 6:45 p.m. and end about 8:30 p.m.

Our music director, Dr. Dorcinda Knauth, along with the Music Committee, choose the music for our spring concert and fall sing along keeping in mind the abilities of the singers and the desires of our audience. Knowledge of the German language is not required. So, think about it; if you enjoyed singing along with us today, come sing along with us. This spring we will be working on our Spring Concert and the Utica Sangerfest.



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2015 Calendar of Events

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Jan 4	Welcome 2015	2:00 – 4:00 PM	Kaffeeklatsch
Jan 11	Pizza Party-Raffle	1 – 5 PM	Just James & Byron James
February	No Activity		
Mar 15	Breakfast	8:45 – 11:30 AM	
Apr 12	Bauernball	1 – 5 PM	Paul Slusar
May	No Activity		
June 7	Spring Concert	12 – 6 PM	Mt Brauhas Band
June 12-14	NYSSB Saengerfest - Utica		
July	No Activity		
Aug 9	Wurstfest/Bierfest	1 – 4:30 PM	Joe Unger
Sept 27	Breakfast	8:45 – 11:30 AM	
Oct	No Activity		
Oct 17-18	NYSSB	Convention	
Nov 15	Herbst Konzert	12 – 6:30 PM	Bud & Linda
Dec 4 & 5	Christkindlmarkt	Fri 3-7 Sat 11-6	
Dec 14 Mon	Active Members Party	6:30 PM	

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Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Chorus Rehearsal

Monday evenings at 6:45 PM.



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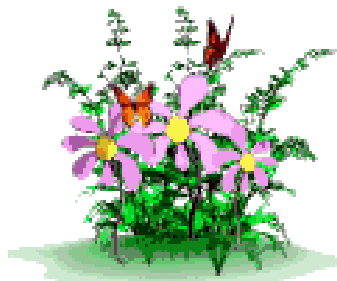
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