



Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor Inc.

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May 2011

President's Message:



We've done it - transitioned to all Sunday afternoon events. It has taken us two years to switch over and we think all of you will be happy with our new calendar. We have also consolidated a bit so be sure to check our calendar of events. For example Gartenfest and Wurstfest have been combined into one event which will be held in September. Instead of an August event at the clubhouse we will be sponsoring a trip (see information elsewhere in the newsletter).

The Kitchen Task Force is thrilled that our new dishes have arrived. They are somewhat lighter in weight - the old ones were so awfully heavy - and there is a mug thereby eliminating having saucers to handle. Our kitchen cabinets are breathing a sigh of relief. We often wondered how they managed to stay attached to the wall with all that weight. We are happy to say that the old dishes are being donated to the soup kitchen operated by the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church. This church is not far from our club house and is trying to become "Green" by ending the use of paper plates.

There is still room on the bus for our trip to Maine. Ogunquit is a delightful resort community with miles of beach to roam on. Also the trip is arranged in such a way that you could have two free days if you opt out of the Kennebunkport tour. Think about it. These trips are great fun and are the fundraisers which have helped us upgrade the kitchen.

There are many things to do in the Ogunquit area and a great trolley system to take you around for a small fee. Deep sea fishing may be an option for some of you, there is a really neat excursion along the coast to the Nubble Lighthouse, and there is a wonderful art museum not far from town. In the village itself are many shops and eateries. You can walk the beach for miles in low tide and the Marginal Way along the cliffs is easily negotiated with fantastic views (plenty of benches also).

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Spring Concert which will be under the direction of Assistant Music Director Sherry Thomas. Kudos to Sherry for her wonderful demeanor and for getting us into shape for this concert. I also serve as Historian/Archivist for the Maennerchor and at the concert I will reveal the many concert locations that were submitted in response to my little quiz in the last newsletter.

Happy Spring to you all and here's hoping we have a super summer this year. We all look forward to seeing you soon.

Hildegard



Become a Monday Knight

Yes Monday is rehearsal night, BUT we are open for all members. While the singers are rehearsing Richard is manning the barroom. Stop in to visit, renew friendships and make new ones. It would be especially nice if former singers would drop in. We miss you.

The club is open from approximately 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. most Monday evenings from September to May. If in doubt, call first.



NEW YORK STATE SAENGERBUND INC.

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Due to a late Easter date and the recuperation of both the President and the Bundes Music Committee Chairperson the Spring Bundes Music Committee meeting hosted by the Utica Maennerchor will be held on Saturday 4 June 2011 at 1:30 PM.

Discussions will include Prize Singing and reviewing all the aspects of the 36th Sängerfest.



Key Dates

New York State Sangerbund Convention
15 - 16 October 2011

Hosted by the

Kingston Maennerchor & Damenchor

New York State Sangerbund 36th Sangerfest
8 - 9 - 10 June 2012

Hosted by the

Germania Singing Society of Poughkeepsie

Our goal is to continue promoting and advancing German culture and tradition through music and song while maintaining the high standards of previous Sangerfeste.

Our Sangerfest weekend will afford all of us many unique opportunities to renew old friendships and form new ones while pursuing our common love of music through German culture and song. We are striving to make this weekend an entertaining, pleasant, and rewarding experience for you and hope that you will join us for our weekend of song and Gemutlichkeit on 8, 9, and 10 June 2012.

Now is the time to start planning and saving for this grand event. Mark your calendar, call your friends and neighbors, and put something away in the Bummel Kasse (piggy bank) each week.

Mit freundlichen Sangergrusen und Kameradschaft,

For more information, please checkout our website at:

www.nyssb.org

143rd Anniversary Spring Concert

1:00 PM Sunday May 22nd

*Plan to join us for a festive afternoon of joy!
Call your friends and neighbors!
Start the Spring Season in Friendship,
Fellowship, and Gemütlichkeit.*

To make our choral presentations more readily available to the general public and our seniors, our concerts are presented on Sunday afternoons.

Our Assistant Choral Director Sherry Thomas and the Music Committee have developed a wonderful program for your musical gratification. Our chorus has worked diligently, studied hard, and now feels both joy and accomplishment in our preparation and presentation. We invite and welcome you to our concert. We have prepared German and American, Classic and Contemporary, Spring songs for your entertainment and enjoyment. The program includes:

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| Deutscher Sangergruss | <i>German Singers Greeting</i> |
| Kingston Theme Song | |
| Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit | <i>German National Anthem</i> |
| Star Spangled Banner | <i>U.S. National Anthem</i> |
| Heidenroslein | <i>Wolfgang von Gothe</i> |
| Das Lieben bringt gro Freud | <i>Schwabisches Volkslied</i> |
| Annchen von Tharau | <i>Friedrich Silcher</i> |
| Abschied vom Walde | <i>Felix Mendelssohn</i> |
| Schifferlied | <i>Friedrich Silcher</i> |
| So ein Tag | <i>Such a day as beautifully as today</i> |
| Let There Be Music | <i>Frances Williams</i> |
| Die Nachtigall | <i>The Nightingale</i> |
| Die Rosen bluhn es weht der Wind | <i>Finnisches Volkslied</i> |
| Und wieder bluhet die Linde | <i>The Linden Blooms Again</i> |
| Memories | <i>Finale</i> |

During the concert we will bestow scholarship awards to graduating high school students who have excelled in the German language studies in our area high schools.

Doors open at 12:00 PM

Concert starts at 1:00 PM

Dance Music by the

Mountain Tops

2:30-6:30 PM

Donation \$20.00 includes Concert, Food, and Dance

Doris 336-6534

John 658-9342

THE PERSONALS



Congratulations and best wishes to John & Angela Galish upon the celebration of their 50th Anniversary!

Zum Geburtstag viel Glück, Congratulations and God Bless our dear friend Emil Hiller who is celebrating his 90th Birthday. Emil has brought smiles and joy to our hearts as he shared his accordion music with us throughout the years!



Hoch Soll ' Sie Leben - Dreimal hoch

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 various illnesses and health related issues are



Candy Ahlf, Joan Arena, Oskar Benzenhoefer, Fred Hatesaul, Heinz Holzhauer, Monika Kaufmann, Hermann Koelmel, Gertrud Orlowsky, Noreen Roidl, Ann Schmitt, Marty Sior, and Doris Vogt.

Other dear friends around the state include: Gail Miller, Karl Berghofer and, Hugo Fueglein.

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

Gesundheit, Glück, in Gottes Segen!



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

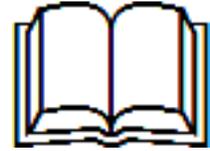


Former maennerchor members Ingo Froehlich and Elizabeth Mishe passed away. Irmgard Mueller's sister in Germany. Hermann Koelmel's cousin Fritz Frass in Germany.

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



Scholarship



Some of the most important and most rewarding aspects of our work in furthering and advancing our chorus in preserving and promoting German culture, heritage, and tradition through music and song is that of educating our youth and scholarship.

Each May we bestow scholarship awards to graduating high school students who have excelled in the German language studies in our area schools. We also donate to the Rhinebeck - Rheinbach Cultural Exchange Program.

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Linda Koemel and her committee of Walter Bruchholz, Franz Heigemeir, and Ruth Miller had the heartening opportunity of selecting the scholarship recipients again this year. Congratulations to the scholarship winners; we wish you success and a pleasant journey in your future endeavors.

This year's recipients are above average students, leaders in their schools, with musical interests, and a strong desire to learn and appreciate German culture and tradition. They are the future of our community and we have an obligation to encourage, support, and assist them as they continue to study, learn, and promote our values and customs.

We are a charitable 501c3 not for profit organization. Please send your tax-deductible donations to help us continue support the future leaders of our German-American community.

OMA & OPA'S CORNER

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

Amanda Rose Brunner

Linda and Herman's Granddaughter Amanda continues to enjoy music, reading, sports, and school. She is now an 8th grader in Onteora Junior High and has maintained High Honors in all three trimesters. She plays on the Field Hockey and Softball teams - plays piano, clarinet, and guitar - and sings with her church and school choruses.

Amanda is the Captain of her four member reading team where students are challenged to read a total of 18 books in 10 weeks. The 12 teams are then challenged in the "Battle of the Books" a literature based contest that culminates in a "Jeopardy" style competition with questions based only on the 18 books. Her team took 1st place in last years competition. Perhaps they can take on "Watson" in their next challenge!



Cooperstown N Y

Day Trip Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Cost - \$90.00/person

Roundtrip coach to Cooperstown via Yankee Trails - a stop can be made in Margaretville to pick up people in that area

Visit to the Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard, tour the mill and relax on the mill pond observation deck. www.flycreekcidermill.com

Boat Ride aboard the Glimmerglass Queen (approx 1 hour)
<http://sweethomecooperstown.com/sponsors/glimmerglass/glimmerglass.html>



Buffet style luncheon at the Otesaga Hotel www.otesaga.com

90 minute guided tour of Cooperstown - a step on costumed guide will give us the history of the founding of Cooperstown and it's architecture.



For reservations please contact:

Walter Vogt or Hildegard Edling
(845)-336-6534 - (845)-757-5135



Glimmerglass Queen



This Wouldn't Happen To Us !

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No,' the second man replied, 'it's Thursday.' And the third man chimed in, 'So am I. Let's have a beer.'

THIS 'N' THAT

THE ATLANTIC TIMES

A Monthly Newspaper from Germany

A very interesting monthly newspaper, The Atlantic Times, arrived at the Maennerchor this month. Not knowing a thing about this publication, I sent an e-mail to their editorial office in Berlin. The following information is a synopsis of the reply I received from Janine Kulbrok in their Advertising/Editorial Office as well as information from their website.

The Atlantic Times was founded in October 2004 by publisher Detlef Prinz, executive editor Theo Sommer, and the two editors-in-chief Rafael Seligman and Bruno Waltert. It's editorial office is in Berlin, it is printed in the United States and has a circulation of 50,000.

The Atlantic Times is based on the idea that the foundation for every relationship is getting to know one another better. The articles are written by prominent leaders and top German and American journalists who address issues important to both countries.

Each month it is sent directly to members of the United States Congress as well as the key decision makers and leaders in business, politics and science in the United States and Canada. It can also be found on Lufthansa's transatlantic flights.

The target groups are decision-makers and leaders in politics, business, science, education, research, culture and the media as well as think tanks and organizations promoting the transatlantic dialogue.

In glancing through the April 2011 edition, some of the article headings I find are: The flip-flop coalition - the policy U-turns of Angela Merkel's government; New York is back in Berlin - Martin-Gropius-Bau is showing contemporary drawings from MoMA; Stabilizing the euro; record profits for DAX companies and, A capital city for bikes (Berlin). The articles truly cover the gamut from economics to art. Very interesting and not difficult to read.

If you are interested in receiving this newspaper it is free to subscribers in the United States. A digital copy can be downloaded at www.atlantic-times.com Also available on-line is a form to subscribe for a hard copy. The hard copy received at the clubhouse will be available for members.

Submitted by Hildegard Edling

Summer 4 Day Trip

Ogunquit, Maine - September 20-23, 2011



Four day bus trip to beautiful Ogunquit, Maine will include the following:

- 3 night Hotel accommodations at the *Anchorage by the Sea*.
- 2 Hour Guided Tour of Kennebunkport
- Free time in Kennebunk
- Narrated Lobster Cruise
- Visit Stone Wall Kitchen Company Store
- Full Free Day in Ogunquit
- 2 Full Dinners: Clay Hill Farm Restaurant and Warren's Lobster House
- 3 Full Breakfasts at the hotel

Reservations will be secured upon receipt of your \$75/person deposit. We are looking forward to this trip and hope that you will join us.



Anchorage by the Sea



Ogunquit is by the sea, just over the border from New Hampshire, about 12 south of Kennebunkport and 70 miles north of Boston.

We will be staying in the Anchorage Towers with quick access to the Marginal Way walking trail; a neatly paved one and a quarter mile long trail with views of the coast and cliffs. The path leads from the downtown shopping area to the fishing village in Perkins Cove.

Price per person:
\$515/double - \$665/single

Travel insurance can be purchased

Contact:

Walter Vogt at 845-336-6534
Richard Edling at 845-757-5135

All four tour leaders have spent time in Ogunquit and will be able to help you choose what to do with your free day.



Anchorage Towers



Marginal Way Walking Trail



Ogunquit, Maine



Perkins Cove

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is when we remember all those who have served in the armed forces and especially those who gave their lives. At this time in the history of our country we are involved in military actions all around the globe. Lives are lost and changed in so many ways.

Perhaps we all should consider how we can help American's military families. There are many organizations to be considered. Here are three which you might want to look into:



Our Military Kids - www.ourmilitarykids.org

To ease the burden for military families who often can't afford extras, this group raises money to provide grants for sports, arts, and tutoring programs for the kids of National Guard and Reserve members, as well as wounded soldiers.

Snowball Express - www.snowballexpress.org

Founded in 2006, this organization coordinates an annual holiday celebration for the children of troops who have died while serving our country.

Operation Shower - www.operationshower.org

This organization throws baby showers for military moms-to-be whose spouses are serving overseas.

RADIO ON YOUR PC

DEUTSCHE STUNDE

On Sunday morning while enjoying Frühstück, glancing through the newspaper, or savoring that extra cup of coffee, tune into Hans Safer's *GERMAN HOUR* on Radio Station WKNY 1490AM at 10:05 AM. Listen to beautiful German Music and hear announcements of local interests. Music and entertainment for young, old, and all of us in between!

For those of you who do not live in the immediate Kingston area (California, Florida, Catskill Mts.) and have a pc with access to the web you can now tune into the *Deutsche Stunde* and hear Hans and his music clearly and without static on the *Cumulus Internet Radio*.

You can tune into any WKNY 1490AM broadcast all week including all the ethnic programming on Sunday mornings. On your pc, get onto the internet at this address:

www.1490wknny.com

On the top of the Home Page **Click On:**

LISTEN TO WKNY NOW!

CLICK HERE

A second screen will display and will downstream what is currently on WKNY.

Bayer Wald Radio



Another German radio station you can add to your *Favorites List* and enjoy 24/7 365 is Bayer Wald Radio. On your pc, get onto the internet at this address:

www.bayerwaldradio.de

On the top of the Home Page under **Livestream Status**, Click on:

Windows Media Player

Livestream Status



Winamp

Windows Media Player

RealPlayer

Your *Windows Media Player* will open and downstream and play what is currently on Bayer Wald Radio. Once the program is playing you can disconnect from the internet and continue to enjoy the music on the media player.

TALENT CORNER

Manuel Wagner - Grafenau Bayern In 2005 my cousin Karlheinz & Liesel Kleinbub from Grafenau in the Bavarian Forest visited us. Our singers may remember that they joined us in singing at the German Festival at the PNC Center in Homesdale, NJ. Last summer Linda and I returned the visit and Karlheinz introduced us to his 17 year old neighbor Manuel Wagner. Manuel was finishing his junior year of school and musical training at the prestigious Auersperg Gymnasiums Passau Freudenhain www.freudenhain.de He brought his accordion and performed for us for several hours.



In September 2010 Manuel entered his senior year at the Academic High School for Music in Passau. He travels one hour each way everyday and this year his concentration is on piano. He has written and performed his music since he was five and has won numerous awards throughout Germany (2006 4th Prize in Baden-Baden. 2007 1st Prize in Fürth.) He recently took the 2nd Place Award in the Youth Musician Competition in Lübeck.



Manuel has already released three CDs with music he has written, *Spitzbua Manuel "Karaoke, nix für mi"*, *Ein Kompliment an Grafenau*, and his latest in 2010 *Von Volksmusik bis Klassik*. You can visit his website and purchase a CD at www.manuel-wagner.de

Submitted by Hermann Koelmel



17 year old Manuel Wagner (R) and his accordion professor Gerhard Koschel from the 1st Accordion Orchestra Passau with his 2nd Place Award in the *Youth Musician Competition* in Lübeck. Manuel is also a student of Professor Hans Maier at the National University for Music in Trossingen.



Franz Heigemeir has a show at Ulster Savings Bank, 280 Wall St., Kingston, NY until May 31. Hours are Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 - 5:30 p.m. The show is titled "Journey toward Color from realism to abstraction."

Emil Hiller

Inga Martin

Gertrud Orłowsky

Christa Kohler

Vielen Dank!

Hildegard & Richard Edling

Alina Nitzschner

Josef & Gretel Betzwieser

Charlotte & John Folkl

Fred & Lieselotte Hatesaul

Peter & Hilda Schmidt

Randi Tolfen

Juergen & Rosemary Klueger

Hermann & Linda Koelmel

Arnie Johnsen

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For the latest information please visit our website
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*Wir grüßen Sie mit Herz und Hand,
 We greet you with heart and hand,*

*Die Sänger von dem Hudsonstrand
 The singers from the Hudson Strand*



Kingston Männerchor and Damenchor Inc. Calendar of Events 2011

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| May 22 Sun | Spring Concert | 1 – 6:30 PM | Mtn Tops |
| Jun 4 Sat | NYSSB BMC Mtg | 1 – 3 PM | Utica, NY |
| Jun 12 Sun | Dinner | 1 – 5 PM | Hans Safer |
| July | Vacation | | |
| Aug 9 Tue | Cooperstown Daytrip | Hildegard | 757-5135 |
| Sep 18 Sun | Gartenfest | 1 – 5 PM | Ed Rocks |
| Sep 20-23 | Bus Tour to Maine | Walter Vogt | 336-6534 |
| Oct 15-16 | NYSSB | Convention | Kingston |
| Oct 23 Sun | Breakfast | 9 AM - Noon | |
| Nov 20 Sun | Herbst Konzert | 1 – 6:30 PM | Bud & Linda |
| Dec 2/3 | Christkindelmarkt | TBA | |
| Dec 18 | German Christmas | 1:30 – 4:30 PM | Knig HS Band |
| Dec 19 Mon | Staff Christmas | 6:30 – 9:30 PM | |

We cordially welcome you to the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor! We are happy to greet you and encourage your participation in as many future functions as possible. Your continued support is sincerely welcomed and appreciated. Your attendance and participation is a wonderful way to enjoy the fellowship of our members and share in our camaraderie and gemütlichkeit. We hope that you enjoy our events and join us with renewed determination that the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor, will continue to flourish and prosper.

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 video. Tune into Hans Safer's GERMAN HOUR on WKNY 1490AM Sunday's at 10:05 AM for titles and details of video presentations.