



**MAY 2014**



## President's Message:

I sincerely hope that when you receive this newsletter those of you in the Northeast will finally be seeing green. We went from being "whited" out to being "browned" out. I saw lots of snowdrops today and some trees are beginning to show green. The goldfinches are gold again and the peepers are chirping their hearts out in our wetlands. The actuality of spring must be arriving soon.

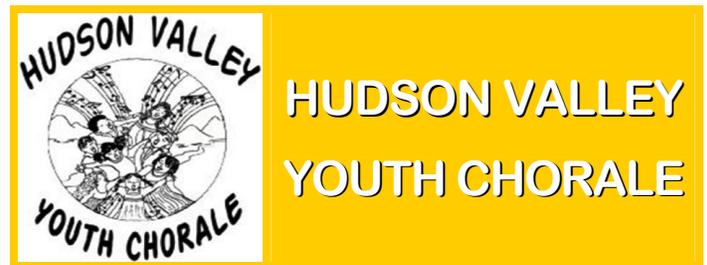
At this time of year we think of housecleaning. Have you noticed how well kept our clubhouse and property are? This is the responsibility of the House Committee: Co-chairmen Walter Vogt and Richard Edling along with members Jeff Davis and Ed Zeboris deserve a huge thank you for all that they do. To everyone's amazement they actually cleaned out their "shop" and threw out things that were probably stored there for the past 30 years or more. Now even I can find a tool when I need one without tripping over ancient paint cans and other unrecognizable items in the process. I'm sure they would appreciate a personal thank you from you the next time you see them AND if you are at the club and notice something is out of order make sure to speak with one of the committee members.

It is with some sadness that we bid farewell to The Mountain Tops who have provided wonderful dance music for events at the Maennerchor for more years than I can remember. Just think of all the new songs and "crazy" dances we have learned from them over those years!! At the end of May they will relocate to their new home in Germany. We wish you much joy Jim and Elizabeth - please keep in touch.

Look for us at the June 8 multicultural block party to be held at Gallo Park in downtown Kingston. (More information further along in this newsletter) We will have a booth there and the Germania Almrausch Schuplattlers will be dancing sometime during the afternoon. It is great to have them supporting us and we are looking forward to more interaction with Germania. In fact some of our singers will be participating with the Germania Singers in their spring concert.

After the long hard winter we've had it is time to get out and kick up your heels. If you can't get to the Bauernball be sure to attend our spring concert on June 1. In place of The Mountain Tops we have Gregory and Vic who some of you may know from Round Top. We have many new singers who are looking forward to their first concert with us. Don't forget the Block Party and the Wursthfest. See you soon!!

**Hildegard**



**Spring Concert**

Saturday Evening

**24 May 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Kingston Maennerchor & Damenchor Hall**



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# INTRODUCING

by Doris Vogt & Christa Scheitz

Please take the time to extend a hand of friendship:



## Anne Lisa Hatesaul-Lane

Anne is no stranger to our Maennerchor. She has attended many events with her parents, Fred and Lieselotte Hatesaul. Sadly, Fred is deceased. He was a valued singer and member for many years. After his passing, Anne moved up from Brooklyn, her birthplace, and moved in with her mom. Then, with the tragic loss of her brother, she felt she really needed to be here. After a while, Lieselotte decided to come back singing and Anne decided to join and become a singer also. She was accepted for membership December 11, 2013.

Anne has a diversified resume. She has been a legal secretary in Albany. She has been the manager of the Kitzhaus Inn and the Yankee Doodle Inn, both in Vermont. She met her husband at the Yankee Doodle Inn where he was a chef. They have one son, Christopher. Anne was a receptionist at the Hawthorne Valley School for 2 or 3 years, when Christopher was a student there. Christopher is now working on his PhD in physics, I believe in Boston. Currently, Anne is a sales associate at JC Penney in the Hudson Valley Mall. She also puts in time at the High Falls Food CoOp. In her spare time, Anne enjoys cultural events and music and she loves dancing.

## Aaron McCasland

Aaron was introduced to the Kingston Maenner und Damenchor by fellow teachers Fran Thompson and Erica Kreider-Mueller. They are all affiliated with Red Hook High School and Aaron is in his second year there, teaching German. He was accepted for membership February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and he joined as a supporting member.

Aaron was born in Rhinebeck, NY and now resides in Kingston, NY. He graduated from Kingston High School and for his college education he went to Stony Brook University, Long Island, NY, graduating with a teaching degree. He also is working for a Masters Degree in Science Education at SUNY, New Paltz. Aaron has done some traveling in pursuit of education. He studied in Tuebingen,

Germany for five months and in St. Petersburg, Russia for one month.

His hobbies and interests are languages. He is a member of the American Association of Teachers of German.

## Michael Scheunemann

Michael was introduced to the Kingston Maenner und Damenchor by Richard Wixom, a former member. He also attended our 2013 Christkindlmarkt, enjoying the event and decided to join. He was accepted for membership on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and he joined as a singer. Michael emigrated to the United States in 2007 from his birthplace, Bonn, Germany. He became a U.S. Citizen in 2012 and now resides in Kingston, NY with his wife, Kathleen Famcher and their three year old daughter.

Michael is certified in NY State to teach German. He taught at both Bailey and Miller Middle Schools in Kingston. He also speaks French and Arabic. He has a Master of Arts in Political Science from Bonn University, Germany and a Master of Science degree from SUNY New Paltz. In 1995 and 1996, he studied at the Middle Eastern Society in Cairo, Egypt and Islamic Studies for nine months at the Goethe Institute and also at the Cultural Institute in Public Relations in Germany.

At this time, Michael does not belong to another organization. His other interests are cooking, classical music, reading and the movies. He already treated the singers to a delicious pea soup.

## Heidi Schmidt

Heidi was introduced to the Kingston Maenner und Damenchor by Charlotte Fokl, a longtime member and singer. Their acquaintance began at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Red Hook. While Charlotte is retired, Heidi is still employed there. She is an operating room nurse and according to Charlotte, Heidi lives within walking distance of the hospital so I'll bet she is handy to be on call for any emergency. She has been at the hospital for 31 years.

Heidi was born in Austria and received her schooling there. She emigrated in 1973 to N.Y. City and from there to Red Hook. Heidi was married but sadly, her husband is deceased. She has one son, Karl. As I mentioned before, Heidi loves singing. She is really enjoying our Chor. She also enjoys Ballet, Hiking, Bicycling and Knitting.

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I hope you all have successfully survived this long, never ending, and arduous winter and enjoyed a most pleasant Eastertide.

Our BMC Chair, Gail Miller informed me that the Bundes Music Committee Meeting planed for Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> must be postponed to June 8<sup>th</sup>.



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| Bundes Music<br>Committee Meeting<br>Hosted by the Utica<br>Maennerchor<br>8 June 2014 | NYSSB Annual<br>Convention<br>Hosted by the<br>Binghamton Germania<br>18 & 19 Oct 2014 | NYSSB 37 <sup>th</sup><br>Saengerfest<br>Hosted by Utica<br>Maennerchor<br>12-13-14 June 2015 |
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Great News! On Friday 20 Mar 2014 I finally received our 501c3 determination letter from the IRS dated 13 Feb 2014. The New York State Saengerbund Inc. had been designated by the IRS branch of the Treasury Department as a 501c3 Not for Profit organization.

I have already applied for the New York State Tax Exemption. This is the last step of our 4 year journey and we hope to be finished with it by summer and then be ready for the fall convention and next year's sängerfest.

I am writing this from Sevierville, TN where we've been busy singing with the Senior Center Singers and the Sevier County Choral Society. We're heading north in a few days and hope to see many of you in Utica and around the state this summer.

Mit freundlichen Sängergrißen und Kameradschaft,  
With friendly Singers' Greetings and Camaraderie

Herman Alfons Koelmel, President

## TALENT CORNER

Congratulations to our Tivoli "Hooker" Hildegard Edling! In February she completed the requirements to become a Certified Oxford Instructor for punch needle rug hooking.

Punch needle rug hooking began in the 1880's and became popular after 1881 when G.W. Griffin & Co.

of Franklin Falls, New Hampshire patented the first punch needle. This style of rug hooking is quite different from the more traditional style that most people and rug hookers are familiar with. Instead of working from the front of the piece you work from the back punching your medium, usually rug yarn or another weight yarn, through the surface backing from the back. Quite the challenge when you are used to seeing exactly what your work looks like as you go along to needing to turn the piece over for a proper perspective.

To fulfill the requirements for the certification Hildegard first attended an intensive week long class at The Oxford Rug Hooking School located in Cornwell, Vermont. Practice teaching with an evaluation along with intense days in the classroom filled with lectures and demonstrations made up the week's sessions.

Within four months of successful completion of the class there were a number of "homework" assignments to fulfill. These were submission of a teacher profile, course description, completion and submission of a sampler (for which the use of specific yarns, needles and needle sizes were dictated) and submission and acceptance of an original 2' x 3' rug completed by incorporating three techniques taught in the Oxford Rug Hooking School class.

Hildegard's piece, "Waiting," was developed from a photo of three women sitting on a bench. She chose to punch the grass, path and sky with hand dyed rug yarn, the bench is punched with cut wool fabric strips and the women are traditionally hooked with cut wool fabric strips.



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### Waiting

On 21 February 2014, Hildegard received notification that she had successfully achieved

certification and extends a huge thank you to everyone at the Maennerchor for giving her the time and space she needed to complete all the assignments. Between the usual demands of the holiday season along with the Christkindmarkt it was quite a challenge to submit everything on time and the Oxford School does not allow extensions.

## From the Archives

Hildegard Edling - Historian/Archivist

### THE GERMAN HOUR

Congratulations to member **Hans Safer** for his 25 years as host of the German Hour on WKNY radio. What started as a “temporary” endeavor has endured quite well over the years and is a program looked forward to by many people in the area who are interested in German music and culture.

The program was begun by member **Robert Schneller** around 1959 as a way to advertise his business, Schneller’s Meats, and to introduce his audience to the music he loved: German, opera and classical. Bob would bring wurst and beer for everyone at the station during the broadcast. He told me how Harry Thayer (some of you may remember him) did not approve of eating on the job but walked in one day when Bob had a spread of food set out and happily indulged himself. For approximate 28 years he hosted the program which began at WKNY, went to WBAZ, then WGHQ. For a few years after Bob’s retirement from the program the host was Bill Henley who was at the helm when the German Hour returned to WKNY.

Back to Hans. When Bill left the program due to ill health, Hans was asked to take over and as they say “the rest is history.” Over the years Hans has amassed a very large collection of German music. I have watched him at Maennerchor events greeting his listeners and writing down their requests for future broadcasts. He has told me that he really appreciates the feedback and suggestions that he receives. We at the Maennerchor appreciate his faithfulness in promoting our events and in attending when he can.

Occasionally member **Robert Reifmueller** fills in for Hans and I understand that he also has been well received by the German Hour’s listeners.

Thank you Hans for all you have done and continue to do to promote German music. Welcome Robert – we hope you have as much fun with this program as Hans seems to have. You are a good working team.

## THIS 'N' THAT

### 20-20 Raffle Winners 2014

20 - \$ 25.00 Weekly Winners

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Larry Dunn       | Margot Kreider-Mueller |
| Peter Spiegler   | Elfrieda Miller        |
| Joan Scism       | George Goldstein       |
| David Dennison   | Heidi Froehlich        |
| Jeff Davis       | Erica Kreider-Mueller  |
| Kari Williams    | John Galish            |
| Heinz Vogt       | Cynthia Kothe          |
| Karin Williams   | Steve Wojcio           |
| Michael Kohler   | Susan Sutton           |
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### GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Christina Fink - \$ 300.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Eileen Rosenblatt - \$ 200.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Virginia Rossler - \$ 100.00

Thank you all for your support!



Sunday, 8 June 2014

12 - 4 p.m.

TR Gallo Park,

West Strand's waterfront park

Lower Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401

The Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History, located on Broadway in the historic Rondout Waterfront District of Kingston, is the sponsoring agency.

Cultural groups from the Kingston area will have exhibits and displays, including history of the participating groups and how they relate to Kingston's history, music, dance, and food.

Representing Germany will include the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor as well as the Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein from Poughkeepsie.

The event is family friendly, free of charge and open to the community. Coordinator of this event is Geoff Miller - 845-332-0258; [gmler1931@gmail.com](mailto:gmler1931@gmail.com) Please see Annemarie Harms for more details.

## THE PERSONALS

### Alte Kameraden



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



Members: Josef Fink on the death of his brother. Karl and Tammy Firmbach on the passing of his step-mother. Sherry and George Thomas on the death of their son Aron, and Monika Kaufmann's daughter-in-law Susan Wick.

Former members: Bernhardt Scholldorf, and Josephine (Feeney) Hoffman.

Poughkeepsie Friends: Vroni Fueglein on the passing of her husband singer and schuhplattler Hugo. Liz and George Calabrese on the passing of her mother.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you,

***„Brüder und Schwestern auf Leben und Tod“***

**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



Ed Brown, Richard Edling, Josef Fink, Ruth Froehlich, Heinz Holzhauer, Monika Kaufmann, Vivian Longto, Maria Dijk-Pichelbauer, Hans Safer, and Tony Stegner.

Recovering from surgery are: Franz Heigemeir, Hans Reck, and Mel Seddon.

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!***

### **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.

### **Octogenarian Kaffee Klatch**

Sunday 4 May 2014 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

We will celebrate all those members and friends of the club who are 80 years old or over OR who will turn 80 during 2014. You will be our guests!

Our program will be a surprise; perhaps an operetta, perhaps an adventure. Those of you who are not 80 or over, please come help us celebrate. Contact Alina at 845-339-5969 to see how you can help. We look forward to seeing you.



### **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 off the mountain or 3,000 miles away you may now tune-in to both shows on your PC.

You can hear Han's *German Hour* streaming live at [www.1490wkny.com](http://www.1490wkny.com) 10:05 AM.

You can listen to *Heimatstunde with Helga* streaming live at <http://tunein.com/radio/WHVW-959-s29468/> 2:00 PM. Contact Hans or Helga and they will play that special request.

### **Wurstfest**

Sunday Afternoon  
17 August 2014



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# 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Concert

Dr. Dorcinda C. Knauth, Music Director  
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## Sunday Afternoon June 1<sup>st</sup>

*Plan to join us for a festive afternoon of joy!*

*Call your friends and neighbors!*

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**Doors Open at Noon**

**Hors d'Oeuvres 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

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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.



# 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 and musical programs in our area schools.

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Linda Koemel and her committee 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 to support the future leaders of our German-American community.



## Memorial Day



Memorial Day is celebrated to remember all those who have served in the armed forces and especially those who gave their lives. Please take time to honor these great heroes; our sons, daughters, and their families.



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**2014 Events**

June 1 Sun Spring Concert 1 - 6 PM Gregory and Vic  
June 8 Sun 12 -4 PM Community Block Party  
Aug 17 Sun Wurstfest 1 – 4:30 PM Joe Unger