

Notes from Kingston

SEPTEMBER 2014

President's Message:



Summertime and the living is easy - as the song goes. For the singers this is a well deserved vacation. Dr. Knauth never gave up her faith in our ability to sing some difficult songs and the result was one of the best concerts ever.

Over the past year the chorus has added quite a few new singers who really dedicated themselves to learning all the songs. Thank you all for a job well done.

At our May Kaffee Klatch we celebrated all members and friends of the club who had achieved the age of eighty or more. The hall was filled with a most vibrant group of octogenarians and their guests. They were greeted at the door and presented with a carnation, indulged in cake and coffee and enjoyed a video of Danny Kaye conducting the New York Philharmonic. Most were surprised to see how talented a conductor he was. Archival material consisting of photo albums, trophies and other historical memorabilia was arranged for all to enjoy. Long term members took a walk down memory lane looking at all the photos and new members had the chance to learn more about the club's vast history. It is a pleasure to have all these seniors in our club and congratulate them on their life achievements.

Moving forward is our plan of action for 2015. In May a special meeting was held with all the younger and newer members of the club invited. Those present brainstormed about events that could be held - both old and new - to encourage the community at large to become more involved. We hope to revive Fasching in February and to begin a Stammtisch sometime in spring that will be

centered on using the German language. We have fallen out of the practice of speaking German at the club and this will be a relaxed way to improve skills. Details are still being worked out so be sure to check our next newsletter for details.

We haven't seen some of you in quite a while. We've moved the fall breakfast back to October and our Herbst Konzert is coming up in November - another fun afternoon of sing along with traditional kassler ripchen dinner topping off the day. Do come and sing with us. Who knows, you may want to join. We welcome all voices.

Happy end of summer to you all and I hope to see you soon.

Hildegard

Sew For the Cure

Cathy Johnson



Sponsored by: American Sewing Guild Kingston Neighborhood Group and Kingston Elks Lodge #550

Date: Friday, 26 September 2014

Place: Kingston Elks Lodge #550

143 Hurley Ave Kingston NY

Time: 10:00am - 5:00pm

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If you don't sew you can come and help stuff pillows. All items are donated to the local Oncology Unit, American Cancer Society and Albany Medical Center Children's Oncology Unit.

Refreshments will be served For more information call Cathy at 845-331-8424



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TALENT CORNER

Congratulations to **Franz Heigemeir** for his first Solo Exhibition at the Woodstock Artists Association & Museum (WAAM) which was held June 14-July 13, 2014. This honor does not come lightly and his show **Night Visitors** was well received. Franz's artist's notes regarding these paintings states: "Night Visitors is a group of paintings inspired by the night-blooming cereus "Queen of the Night". A blossom that opens up for a few hours, giving off a strong fragrance then wilts and dies, unknown to most. This drama of life and death. This brief existence of a fragile being. This secret of the night, of the great unknown provoked this extraordinary response."

Both **Franz** and his wife **Marianne** are participating in **Group Show #8 "First Generation"**, an art exhibit at Wired Gallery in High Falls which highlights foreign-born, mid-Hudson Valley artists. Franz is from Germany and Marianne is from Ukraine.

As a member of the Dutchess County Rug Hookers, **Hildegard Edling** will be participating in **A Collection of Hooked Rugs** at Creative Crossroads in Stanfordville, New York. The exhibit will take place on November 14-16 and 21-23 at The Stanford Grange #808, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Admission is free. "Creative Crossroads' mission is to give artists of all disciplines space to reach a local audience."

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.

We will start again on Sunday October 5th with "The Best of Bavaria". Welcome in the New Year, 4 January 2015 with something special, a great surprise



Wir sprechen Deutsch

In Germany, a *Stammtisch* is a reserved table at which friends can meet on an informal basis. Plans are developing where members can meet in a relaxed, casual atmosphere for conversation and discussion in German. Details to follow:

In the waning days of summer as we're preparing for the autumn singing season I hope you had a relaxing and refreshing summer. In the May Newsletter I reported the *Great News* that the New York State Saengerbund Inc. had been designated as a 501c3 Not for Profit organization. I can now happily report that we have also received our New York State Exempt Organization Certificate.



Since then we've been busy traveling around the state to Utica twice, Syracuse, Binghamton, and of course in the Mid-Hudson Valley Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Albany, and Troy. We've developed a proposal to reinstate and revise the grant committee to help solve the difficulties we all are having in maintaining an aging chorus and attracting new singers.

We propose a proven, viable approach to recruit and develop young singers by helping our choruses incorporate a Student-Singer Scholarship program to provide an alternative incentive to draw and establish young high school and college singers to our choruses. These topics will all be discussed at our Annual Meeting in Binghamton in October.

The delegates from German-American Choruses from around New York State will gather in Binghamton to participate in the

New York State Saengerbund Annual Convention 18 and 19 October 2014

We encourage all member vereine to send their delegates to help develop the 37th Sangerfest as a true collaboration and demonstration of our Germanic heritage. Don't forget reservations at Double Tree Hotel Binghamton 1-607-722-7575

A sad note, the Troy Germania Board of Directors have announced that they will lock the doors on their 3rd Avenue clubhaus on 31 Dec 2014. Their vereine will continue; we wish them well.

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Herman Alfons Koemel, President

INTRODUCING

by Doris Vogt & Christa Scheitz

Please take the time to extend a hand of friendship:



now resides in Port Ewen, NY. He has lived in Port Ewen for 19 years. He enjoys photography as a hobby and he also enjoys the Thursday afternoon men's get together at the Maennerchor.



*Herzliches
Willkommen*



Marian and Veronica Elflein

The Elfleins joined the Maennerchor May 14, 2014. They were introduced to the club by their friend and fellow member, Michael Scheunemann, and they joined as singers.

Marian was born in Würzburg, Germany and he is a student. He attended Friedrich-Koenig Gymnasium and the Universitaet in Würzburg. In August he plans to attend the University of Albany where he will study urban planning. He has also been a projectionist at the cinema, market stand sales, and is currently working at Deising's Bakery.

Veronica was born in Kingston and later moved to Woodstock and after returning from Germany, still resides in Woodstock with Marian. She graduated from Onteora High School, SUNY Ulster and the Universitaet Würzburg, where she lived and studied German language and culture for 4 ½ years, from 2009 to 2013. She was formerly employed at Rite Aid Pharmacy and now also is at Deising's Bakery. She is planning to continue her study of history.

Marian and Veronica have been married since September 2012. She met Marian at a wine tasting at the Residenz Palace in Würzburg. Veronica is interested in German culture, history, nutrition and fashion. Marian enjoys video games, Fussball and reading. He also stresses that he is Franconian and not Bavarian. Although the Elfleins joined as singers, they also are willing to work when able. They were a big help at our annual Spring Concert.

Herbert A. Schilling

Herbert became a member of the Maennerchor in April 2014. He joined as a social member but is willing to help out the house committee as needed. He learned about the Maennerchor from friends who knew about the club.

Herbert was born in Waldhilsbach, Germany which is near Heidelberg. He emigrated to the United States in September 1958 and settled on Woodhaven Blvd. in Queens, NY. He was a mechanical engineer and was employed for 37 years. His work involved a lot of traveling and so he never married. After retiring, Herbert moved to Lake Katrine, NY and

THE PERSONALS

On behalf of the St Joseph's Social Ministry Hurley Food Pantry we wish to thank all the members of the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor who have donated food to our pantry. Without the support of the community we would not be able to feed and cloth the needy. Thank you all for your support.

Cathy Johnson

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 Walter Bruchholz, Monika Kufmann, George Thomas, Trudy & Ed Brown, David Bell, and Roger Kelley.



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!

Alte Kameraden



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



In May we bade farewell to Heinz Vogt who was a 62 year member of the Maennerchor having joined the club on April 5, 1952. Heinz was one of a kind, a unique man with incredible enthusiasm for his club. Besides singing bass, serving as Vice President for 5 years and Financial Secretary for 13 ½ years, he spent hours on the telephone encouraging members and friends to attend club events. Heinz, you sang the song your way. God speed and thank you for all those years of devotion.

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

From the Archives

Hildegard Edling - Historian/Archivist

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Beginning with this issue of the newsletter I will be listing officer positions, the members who have held them and for which years beginning with 1973.

John Bruening	1963, 1964, 1965, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1988, 1989, 1990
Otto Scherrible	1975
Fred Schreiner	1976
Franz Brendle	1981, 1982
Ernest Mann	1983, 1984, 1985
Walter Kaufmann	1986, 1987
Ernest Mann	1991, 1992, 1993, 1994
George Armstrong	1995, 1996 (to May)
Dorothy Birmingham	1996, 1997, 1998, 1999
Herman Koelmel	2000, 2001
Hildegard Edling	2002, 2003, 2004
Herman Koelmel	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
Hildegard Edling	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

The 1973 starting date for this study was picked because the minutes from then on are fairly legible. Prior to 1973 Charles Corson served as president for a total of 12 years: 1928, 1929, 1933, 1934, 1938, 1941 - 1947. He was among a handful of Maennerchor members who kept the club alive during World War II and who revived the club after the war's conclusion; a very difficult time for our club.

Our own John Bruening has served more years as president than anyone since the Maennerchor began in 1868. John has never stopped being a very visible and active Maennerchor member. Currently he continues to sing tenor with the chorus, has been Bar Committee Chairman for many years, and works with the House Committee. Thank you John for the 15 years that you were our president and for all that you continue to do.

I want to thank Monika Kaufmann and Donna Stegner for their work in culling this information from the club's minutes.



DEUTSCHE STUNDE

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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.

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.

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.



Scholarship



Cassidy Dickman Linda Koelmel Victoria Darling

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 German language studies in our area schools.

Congratulations to the scholarship winners; we wish them success and a pleasant journey in their future endeavors.

Mr. Aidan Miller, Kingston High School

Ms. Cassidy Dickman, Onteora Central High School

Ms. Victoria Darling, Red Hook High School

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.



Herbst Konzert

Sunday 16 November 2014

An Afternoon of Song



To commemorate The Harvest and Thanksgiving seasons we are preparing our fourth **Herbst Konzert** or *Autumn Concert*.

We have developed a Sing-Along program to include audience participation. Our Choral Director Dr. Dorcinda Knauth and our Assistant Music Director Sherry Thomas have guided and prepared us in a unique arrangement of old and new - English and German songs to promote a friendly atmosphere so you may join in the singing and enjoy a fun filled event.

Of course we could not celebrate the harvest without a great dance band so bring your dance slippers and enjoy the music with *Bud & Linda*.

Doors Open at Noon

Hors d'oeuvres

Herbst Konzert will begin by 1:00 PM.

Kassler Ripchen Dinner 2:30 p.m.

Dessert 3:30 p.m.

Dance Music by *Bud & Linda* 2:30 - 6:30PM

\$ 25.00 for hors d'ouvres/dinner/dessert/dance

\$ 12.50 hor'douvres & concert

\$ 12.50 dance and dessert

Reservations required by November 12, 2014

Contact:

**Alina (845) 339-5969 or Hildegard (845) 757-5135
or the Club (845) 338-3763**

Call your friends and neighbors!

Start your Thanksgiving season in Friendship, Fellowship, and Gemütlichkeit!

We look forward to seeing you there for an afternoon of Mitsingen und Spaß machen!



OMA & OPA'S CORNER

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.

Joachim (Joe) Ingellis' son Peter was appointed by the Chamber Board to the position of President of the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce. He fills in as interim President for a number of months.

23 Prize Drawing Pizza Party - and Dance

Your Help and Financial Support is Urgently Needed

To help defray our growing expenses and offset our financial deficits we have initiated a 23 Prize Drawing with 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" playing oldies and goodies from 1 to 5 PM. Each participant may bring a guest for a cover price of \$ 10.00. You do not have to attend to win.

For more information or tickets, please contact
Julia Dennison-Zeboris at 845.331.5293.

Sunday Breakfast



19 October 2014

Doors open 8:30 a.m.

Serving Hours

8:45 - 11:30 AM

Seating will be limited

Reservations Strongly Suggested

Adults \$10.00

Children under 12 \$6.00

**Buckwheat Pancakes by Franz and Ed
Ham Sausage Bacon Eggs Potatoes
Rolls Bagels Bread Coffee Cake
Fresh Fruit Salad Herring
Coffee - Tea**

Information and Reservations

Carl (845) 331-9253

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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.

We know you are out there someplace. Please consider joining us and 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 a requirement. So, think about it. No auditions – just dedication and the love of music.

Dear Friends,

Over the years our newsletter staff has worked diligently to deliver our club information to you on a timely basis. We are pleased to bring you the current news of upcoming events, successes of past events, happy news of our members and families, and sad news of our loved ones who have dedicated themselves to our goals and aspirations and are now convalescing or have passed on.

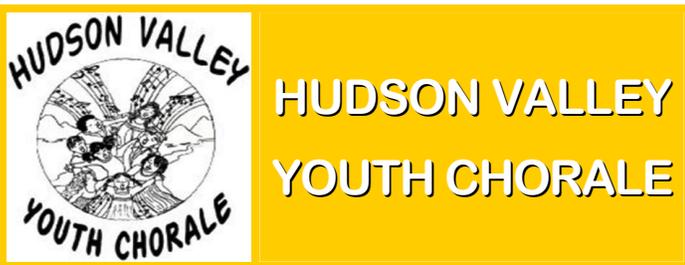
I would like to recognize and thank those who have spent many hours behind the scenes to produce this issue: Doris Vogt, Christa Scheitz, Hildegard Edling, Alina Nitzschner, Cathy Johnson, and Linda Koelmel.

To keep the cost to the Männerchor to a minimum we ask for your email address to send you an online version. (You can then increase the font size for easier reading.)

If you have enjoyed this newsletter please consider a small donation or an ad to help us offset the costs of printing and delivery by mail.

Sincerely,

Herman Koelmel, Editor



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Are you of Germanic Heritage? Can you remember your immigrant grandparents or great grandparents and how hard they worked, sang and danced and became good Americans? Let this be your incentive to join us to motivate, inspire, and sustain each

other in continuing our German culture and traditions. Demonstrate to your children, grandchildren, and their descendents how to be proud of their legacy and heritage.

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The singers from the Hudson Strand*

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2014 Events

Oct 18	Sunday Breakfast	8:45 - 11:30 AM
Nov 16	Sun Herbst Konzert - Bud & Linda Band	
Dec	TBD Christmas Events	