

MAY 2015



President's Message:

Finally the daffodils are blooming and most of the snow has disappeared. Thank goodness for large favors. I hope all of you survived this rough winter with flying colors. Just trying to get rehearsals started was quite the challenge. It is so good to be through the snow and to put most of the winter illnesses behind.

I, along with Annemarie Harms, have just returned from the New York State Saengerbund "Bundes Music Committee" meeting held at the Utica Maennerchor in Utica. The Utica Maennerchor is hosting the 37th Saengerfest which will be held in June AND they are celebrating their 150th anniversary. We learned that the very first time the group sang as a club was when the funeral train carrying Abraham Lincoln's body back to Illinois for burial stopped at Union Station in Utica so that people could pay their respects. **A huge congratulations to the Utica Maennerchor for their 150 years of singing.**

These Saengerfeste have been an integral part of German singing societies in New York State for nearly 100 years. I first sang at a Saengerfest, around 1961 or 1962, in Utica, with about 600 singers in the mass chorus concert accompanied by a full orchestra. I don't remember how many choruses participated in competition (at least 10) but it was an all day affair. This year we are hoping for 150 singers in the mass chorus and only three choruses will participate in competition: Utica Maennerchor, German Chorus of Binghamton and Buffalo Schwaben Chor. The other three choruses active in the Saengerbund, Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor, Inc., Poughkeepsie Germania Singers and the Syracuse Lieder Verein, will not compete but will have participation in the mass chorus concert (four from the Maennerchor). At the last Saengerfest we, the Maennerchor, were prepared to compete but had no competition. Therefore we sang for the adjudicators constructive comments. Since that would have been the same situation this year, along with other factors, your singers decided not to compete.

As we sat and listened I realized just how very fortunate we are here at the Maennerchor. Our singers are staying even in numbers and still present strong concerts. **We do need male voices so if you enjoy singing, come!** Our membership holds steady with new members not only joining but attending meetings and volunteering to work. The new **Stammtisch** is vibrant. **Thursday Men's Afternoon** continues strong. **First Sunday Kaffeeklatsch** is a much anticipated day of the month.

Let's work to keep up this energy and renewal. The Maennerchor belongs to all of us and only with your input and participation can we succeed. Attend meetings and if you have ideas for events or programs please pass them along to any Board member for consideration by the members.

I sincerely hope you all have a wonderful summer and completely rejuvenate yourselves. See you soon!!!

Hildegard

Website

www.kingstonmaennerchoranddamenchor.org

We are pleased to announce that after months of hard work we have a new website. Many thanks to Erica Kreider-Mueller for all the hours she spent working with Carl Diesing of DNL OmniMedia Inc. setting up the site. And thank you to the entire committee for volunteering to take up this project and for their thorough follow through: Erica Kreider-Mueller, Fran Thompson and Aaron McCasland. Also, Serena Winchell, thank you for the early "leg work" you did to educate us on what we were getting into.

We do need someone, or a number of "someones", to take photos at our events and send them to Fran to be added to the site. This is not a formal position. It is a call for help. If you are interested please leave a message for us at the club.

To Herman Koemel, a big thank you for setting up our first two websites and for your years of service as webmaster.



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Der Lenz ist da and it's almost show time. Music directors and singers around the state have been sharpening their choral skills, exercising their vocal cords, and reenergizing their minds and souls in anticipation of the upcoming Frühlings Konzerte and the 37th Sängerfest this June.



The Utica Mannerchor will host this triennial singing festival in celebration with their 150th Anniversary. We encourage all member vereine and German-American societies to support and attend this event. Those living in or near Utica, in the Mohawk Valley, have a wonderful opportunity to observe and enjoy the traditions of sängerfest with the first night celebrations. On Friday 12 June, the 37th Sängerfest kicks-off with a Kasseler Rippchen dinner at the Utica Clubhaus.

Following dinner, a concert, featuring the combined choruses of the New York State Saengerbund will be presented at nearby Whitesboro High School (6000 State Route 291 Marcy, NY). Then on to an After-Glow Party with dance music, typical German treats, and cash bar. All are open to the public with minimal donations for the dinner and concert and an open door to the After-Glow.

Each time we participate in a Sängerfest we renew our commitment to the German cultural heritage and tradition of choral singing brought to this country so long ago. We remember those who came before us and welcome those who will succeed us.

In remembering those who came before us, and on whose shoulders we now stand, I'd be remiss in not appreciating all the work and dedication of our dear friend Ehrenpräsidentin Carol Daly. Carol will always be remembered for her dedication to her family, friends, and heritage; 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 Sängerbund, New York State Sängerbund, and the Utica Männerchor.

Let this be our incentive to continue in Carol's footsteps and join in motivating and inspiring each other in bringing our German culture and traditions to the forefront once again in New York State. I am looking forward to meeting with you and all our *Alte Kameraden* once again at the 37th Sängerfest.

NYSSB 37th Saengerfest
Hosted by Utica Maennerchor
12-13-14 June 2015

NYSSB Annual Convention
Hosted by the
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17 & 18 Oct 2015

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by Doris Vogt & Christa Scheitz
Please take the time to extend a
hand of friendship:



Bruce Wolf

Bruce was accepted for membership April 8, 2015 and he joined as a worker. He has been familiar with the Maennerchor thru his family and Henry Bruck. Joining as a worker, Bruce has already helped out by being a pick-up and delivery guy for our Spring Breakfast.

Bruce was born in Kingston, NY and now lives in Hurley, NY, with his wife Donna and their twin daughters. They have been married 26 years. He is a graduate of Kingston High School and BOCES Vocational, where he studied mechanics. Currently, he is a heavy equipment operator and a truck driver.

He is not affiliated with any other organizations. His hobbies and interests are music and he is an auto enthusiast.

Sunday Kaffee Klatch

We hope you have enjoyed meeting and greeting each other on the first Sunday afternoon of the month for coffee and a movie. We will be on vacation until Sunday, October 4th.

STAMMTISCH

Everybody who likes to converse in German is more than welcome to join us, it does not matter how far advanced the level of German is and there is no control of proper grammar usage or the like. On the contrary, everybody at the Stammtisch is happy to welcome a new person who is eager to learn German or to refresh his or her German. We are particularly proud to comprise many different generations at our table. With the help of a Germany map we are refreshing our geographic knowledge and we love to translate idiomatic expressions such as "To jump over one's own shadow" (which is not yet translated).

During every meeting we have had some homemade soup or stew and several kinds of snacks. This creates an atmosphere of German "Gemuetlichkeit" which is good for heart and soul and helps to converse in German.

We are looking forward to welcome many more new members at our Stammtisch. Although we have been meeting weekly, we will meet every other week instead; there is no obligation to come to every session. It is all about convenience and enjoying, not about obligation. The next Stammtisch gathering will be on **Thursday May 14th** and than on **May 28th**. The first meeting in June will be on **June 11th**. After that we will have to see for the summer schedule, I am not yet sure about my traveling plans.

So please spread the word, bis bald! For any questions please contact me at 845-339-2046 or MichaelScheunemann@ymail.com

Wurstfest

Sunday Afternoon

9 August 2015



1:00 - 4:30 pm

Dance Music by

Joe Unger

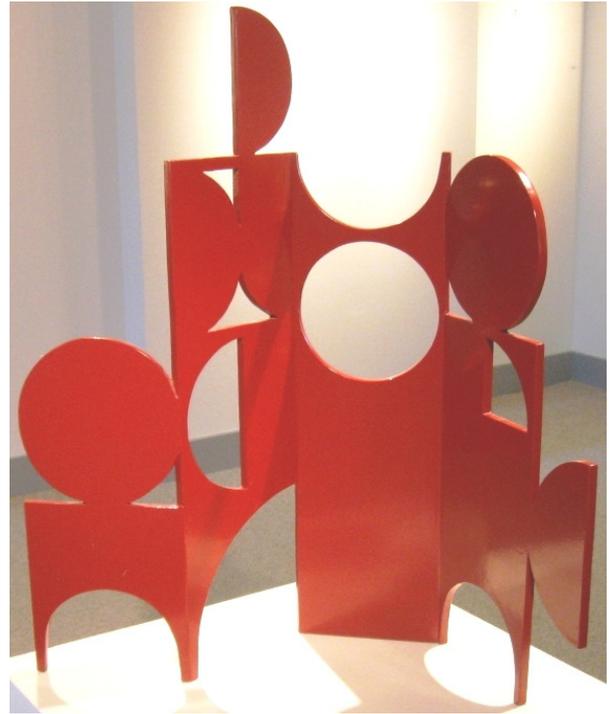
Admission \$5 per person

For Information Please Call

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TALENT CORNER

Our own Franz Heigemeir recently participated in an art show titled *Peace and Justice* which was held at the Ulster Community College Art Gallery from March 14 – April 17. This was a juried show which invited artists from five neighboring counties. Franz's entry was a sculpture titled "Family" – a wonderful family circle. Congratulations Franz.



"Family" by Franz Heigemeir

THIS 'N' THAT

20-20 Raffle Winners 2015

20 - \$25.00 Weekly Winners

Sal Vitiello	Christina Renus
Dorothy Birmingham	John Folkl
Larry Dunn	Hildegard Edling
Rudy Dehnert	Irene McInnis
Vivian Longto	Erica Kreider-Mueller
Julia Nilsen	Hans Reck
Gary Noble	Dave Jones
Heidi Frochlich	Mike Drucker
Rachal Elmer	Rudy Dehnert
Veronica Reck	Elizabeth Harms

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

1st Prize Henry Buser - \$300.00

2nd Prize Gary Noble - \$200.00

3rd Prize Walter Bruchholtz - \$100.00

Thank you all for your support!



147th Anniversary Spring Concert

Dr. Dorcinda C. Knauth, Music Director
Sherry Thomas, Assistant Music Director

Sunday Afternoon June 7th

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

Concert 1:00 pm

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Bus Leaves KMD at 8:30 AM

Afternoon Cruise 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

\$60.00 per person

\$20 down payment per reservation by July 8, 2015

Final Payment of \$40 is due by 12 August 2015

Please make checks payable to Kingston

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

In the early afternoon 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.

Both shows are also available on the internet. Contact Hans or Helga and they will play that special request.

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

You can listen to *Heimatstunde with Helga* streaming live at 2:00 PM at <http://www.whvw.net/> or <http://tunein.com/radio/WHVW-959-s29468/>



**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.

THE PERSONALS

Alte Kameraden



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



Condolences to the family of member Anneliese Mossl. She and her husband Ernst were staunch supporters of the Kaffeeklatsch from its beginnings.

Herzliches Beileid; Heinz Holzhauser's 8 year old great-grandson passed away suddenly.

Also our condolences to friends of Heinrich (Henry) Eckert. Although never a member of the Maennerchor he attended almost all our events and quietly donated to the Scholarship Fund.

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



Members Heinrich Holzhauser, Ed and Trudy Brown, Lieselotte Hatesaul, Inge Luetzger, Tony Stegner, Roger Kelley, Earl Johnson. Friends George Thomas and Elizabeth Harms

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!

Your Dues Are Due



Financial Secretary Annemarie Harms reminds us to send or give your annual dues to her as soon as possible. The current yearly amount is \$40.00 per member, with checks payable to The Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor. Please feel free to contact her at 845-336-7440.

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 submit it for inclusion in our newsletter

Herman and Linda Koelmel's granddaughters were selected to the 2015 All County Music Festival.

Onteora Central High School freshman 14 year old Carolin Rose Brunner, played violin in the All-Ulster-County Orchestra. Carolin was on the High Honor Roll and in her spare time was on the JV Soccer Team, the Indoor Soccer Team, and Varsity Track.

Her older sister, senior, Amanda Rose Brunner played clarinet representing the Onteora Central High School in the All-Ulster-County Band. She was also on the marching band and performed at the Saint Patrick's Day Parades in Kingston and NYC.

Amanda is also on the High Honor Roll, the National Honor Society and played on the Varsity Field Hockey Team.

She was accepted by all six architectural colleges that she applied to and chose a scholarship to the Syracuse University School of Architecture where she will be in the Honors Dorm this fall.



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.



HUDSON VALLEY YOUTH CHORALE

20th Anniversary Spring Concert

Saturday Evening

16 May 2015

7:00 p.m.

Kingston Maennerchor & Damenchor Hall

The Hudson Valley Youth Chorale presents

20 Years of Music



All HVYC Alumni are invited to join us in concert.

Cost for tickets is \$10 at the door.

Alumni and kids under 12 are free!

We've heard you singing at our last sing-along concert. We know you are out there. Please consider joining our chorus. Rehearsals begin at 6:45 p.m. and end about 8:30 p.m.



Our Music Director, Dr. Dorcinda Knauth, Assistant Music Director Sherry Thomas, 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 listening and singing along with us in the past, come sing along with us.

Points to Ponder



The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!". It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted. Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself.

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning.

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is ***TIME***

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time **WITHOUT WARNING**.

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life! Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending"....

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Some People Don't Get The Privilege!**



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June 12-14 NYSSB Sängerfest in Utica
Aug 9 Wurstfest 1 to 4:30 PM