

SEPTEMBER 2015



## President's Message:

It is time again to think about our rehearsal year. We definitely need more singers and hope that if you enjoy singing you will consider joining us. Also, refer your singing friends to us. The more the merrier. Our fall sing along is a great way to get into the swing of how the chorus works. In general the songs are quite musical and not at all complicated. So do stop in by 6:45 p.m. on Monday evenings to give it a try.

The 2015 Saengerfest is over and kudos to the Utica Maennerchor for being such fine hosts. Your club was represented at the Saengerfest by Annemarie Harms, Richard and Hildegard Edling. It was truly sad to see so few singers in the mass chorus concert. There were probably no more than 90 of us. As for competition three clubs (Buffalo, Utica and Binghamton) competed in mixed 1<sup>st</sup> class, two clubs (Utica and Binghamton) competed in mens and womens with no clubs competing in mixed 2<sup>nd</sup> class. We don't know what the future holds for the New York State Saengerbund but there is a need to reinvent the Bund in order for it to survive.

Those of you who live locally are most likely well aware of RUPCO's (Rural Ulster Preservation Company) proposal for the Mid-City Lanes property located on Cedar Street. This parcel wraps around the Maennerchor property: bowling alley to the west and north; Greenkill Avenue to the east; and, Service Master to the south. The proposal is for a four, five and six story building which will contain 61 housing units as well as commercial space. There is no retail space. This will not be a quick process as zoning changes need to be obtained from the City of Kingston and financing needs to be secured. Immediately after the announcement I invited RUPCO's Chief Executive Officer Kevin O'Connor to meet with me at Maennerchor hall. During that meeting he went over the entire project with me and I introduced him to our organization including a tour of the building and grounds. Our main concern will be the loss of parking, an issue which some members have already brought to my attention. We are monitoring the progress of the project and at the appropriate time will delve into

the parking situation. We will work out something comfortable for everyone when the time is right.

Meanwhile, my sincere thanks to everyone who is working so hard on the many little things that need doing around the club. To name a few wonderful volunteers: bathrooms – Virginia Rossler; watering/fertilizing flowers – Hans Reck; fixing broken equipment – Richard/Walt/Jeff/John; trimming hedges – Bruce Wolf; mowing – Kurt Sulzbach. Thank you all so much. If you have some free time please step up and see what you can do to help us maintain the club. Everyone has something to offer.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Hildegard



## Executive Board

For the first time since the mid-1940's we do not have active members interested in serving in officer positions!! This is not a healthy situation for the survival of the Maennerchor. Officers cannot continue to double up and do a good job in multiple positions. Others are burning out having served many years in demanding positions.

Please attend meetings and seriously consider serving on the Board. Many of our new members attend meetings regularly, serve on committees and are taking the time to learn about the Maennerchor. Hopefully in the near future they will also run for office. In the meantime we need longer term members to step up to the plate.

This is your Maennerchor and we look forward to seeing you at meetings soon. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Your Executive Board  
Hildegard, Alina, Angela, Annemarie,  
Christa S., Walter B., Chris K.



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In the waning days of summer as we're preparing for the autumn singing season I hope you had a relaxing and refreshing summer. Congratulations once more to the Utica Männerchor for hosting the 37<sup>th</sup> Sängerbund on their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Congratulations also to all the Prize Singing choruses who practiced, persevered, and participated. Randy Messing and his Germania Singers of Binghamton led the way with trophies in Mixed and Ladies choruses with the Utica Men's Chorus winning their category. Wirklich toll gemacht!



As witness to this sängerbund, our choruses are getting older, smaller, and fewer. At this crossroad in our history, with participation dwindling, we must develop newer approaches to the traditional "Prize Singing" competition format. Music brings us together in the traditions and customs of our heritage, but to continue, we must develop musical alternatives such as more modern, popular Germanic Volksmusik genre; perhaps less competition with more short individual choral presentations. These topics will all be discussed at our Annual Meeting in Kingston, NY in October.

### **New York State Saengerbund Annual Convention 17 and 18 October 2015**

**Hosted by the  
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We encourage all member vereine to send their delegates to help develop the future of the New York State Saengerbund. Don't forget to make your reservations at the Quality Inn by Thruway Exit 19 in Kingston.

Not only are the days of summer waning but my 15 year tenure as president is rapidly coming to a close. I am extremely thankful to all the officers, delegates, and chorus members who have encouraged, guided, and supported me as a friend and singing brother.

I am proud and humbled by the hard work of all the committees and office cabinet members as we

brought the sängerbund into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In the corporate business environment decisions, proposals, debate, and resolutions can be developed and resolved in days, weeks, and months. Because we meet officially only once a year our developments may take months and years. Regardless of this we have all worked diligently not only with each other, but with our legal advisors, state, and federal governments to develop and ratify a new constitution, protect our mutual interests with incorporation, and develop our charitable brand as a 501c3 Not for Profit organization with New York State Sales Tax Exemption. We developed alternative approaches to scholarship and celebrated our heritage and camaraderie with five successful sängerbund.

Ein Herzlichen Dankeschön for helping to make these past fifteen years a pleasant, gratifying and fruitful experience. Linda and I are especially grateful for all the warm hospitality and friendship extended to us as we traveled and visited the societies throughout the state. I am honored to have been associated with you as a friend and colleague, and to have served you as president.

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

**Herman Alfons Koelmel, President**

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## **New York State Saengerbund Annual Convention**

We are pleased that this year the Kingston Maennerchor will be hosting the **New York State Saengerbund Convention**. This Saengerfest year convention is also the time of elections and we anticipate that there will be a good turnout.

We invite all current and former singers as well as the general membership to join us on Sunday, October 18 at 1:00 p.m. At that time we will be holding a sing along with the delegates and we the Maennerchor will be recognizing Herman Koelmel for the fifteen years that he has served as President of the NYS Saengerbund.

**Alina Nitzschner, Annemarie Harms,  
Hildegard Edling  
NYSSB Convention Committee**

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**Place: Kingston Elks Lodge #550  
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If you don't sew you can come and help stuff pillows.  
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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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## Sunday Kaffee Klatch

Come and enjoy each other's 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.

Oct 4 - Heppenheim and Heidelberg

Nov 1 - Wiesbaden Birbrich: Traumelodien im Schlosspark

Dec - no Kaffeeklatsch because of Christkindlmarkt

Jan 3 - Welcome New Year with something special



## DEUTSCHE

## STUNDE

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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 WHYW 950 AM from 2 to 3 PM.

## Terry Strini

Terry was introduced to the Maennerchor by Bob and  
Virginia Rossler. Bob, of course, was our beloved  
bartender and member for many years. After he passed,  
Virginia became a member too. Sadly, Terry's husband,  
also named Bob, is deceased. Terry was accepted for  
membership March 11, 2015 and will be a worker

Terry was born in Kingston, NY but grew up in  
Rosendale, NY and currently lives in Hurley, NY. After  
graduating from high school, she went to Ulster County  
Community College, then got a teaching degree from  
Oneonta and her Masters from New Paltz. She joined  
the Peace Corps in 1974 to 1976 and taught in Palau,  
Micronesia and in 1978 - 1979, she taught English in  
Utsunomiya, Japan. Terry was Store Manager at  
Schneider's Jeweler in Kingston, retiring after 22 years.

Although retired, Terry keeps busy. She does pottery,  
framing, plays piano and cards. Also, she enjoys  
traveling and belongs to Virginia's hiking gang, plus, if  
you need some light construction done, Terry is your go  
to person. No rocking chair for this lady!

## Stephanie Martino

Stephanie was introduced to the Maennerchor by  
Virginia Rossler and she has traveled with us a couple of  
times and attended a fundraiser. She was accepted for  
membership March 11, 2015, along with her friend  
Terry Strini. Both joined as workers and as we old-  
timers know, we can always use more workers.

Stephanie was born and raised in Kingston, NY and still  
resides here. She has three children and two grand-  
children. She was a Postal Service Employee, Admin.  
Assistant/Retail Associate, retiring after 40 years of  
service. She has been a 30 year member of the Junior  
League of Kinston and a volunteer at the Fair Street  
Church. She also was an usher and volunteer/Board  
Member at UPAC for 15 years and was active in the  
PTA at Chambers School.

Though retired from the Postal Service, Stephanie still  
works part-time at Marshalls in Kings Mall, Kingston.  
She is in the cash office. For relaxing, Stephanie enjoys  
reading, playing cards, traveling, bike riding and also  
goes hiking with Virginia and her gang.



*Herzliches  
Willkommen*



# STAMMTISCH

"Are vegans permitted to eat honey? Why do the Germans say 'Greenthursday' for the day before Good Friday? What is the 'Schnur' in Bremen?" Those are only three of the many questions that have been so far discussed during the Thursday Stammtisch which has been meeting almost every Thursday afternoon at 5:30p.m at 37 Greenkill Ave, since February 19. In the average we are around 10 people who are meeting with one common interest: to speak and to listen in German. The atmosphere is very informal, "herzlich" and family-like, in the best sense.

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 on a weekly basis so far, there is no obligation to come every week. It is all about convenience and camaraderie, not about obligation. So please spread the word around, bis bald! For any questions please contact: [MichaelScheunemann@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelScheunemann@gmail.com) or 845-339-2046

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## "E-Mail Blast"

Here is another way the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor can communicate with its members and friends. We are calling it an "e-mail blast". We plan on using the "e-mail blast" to remind people of upcoming events and information to be passed on. This will not take the place of the newsletter but will serve as a go between.

We are compiling an e-mail distribution list for the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor and are kindly asking for your home e-mail addresses. Let us know if any of your friends or family would like to be on this "e-mail blast" list. Please send your information to Jeff Davis at [jeffdav@prodigy.net](mailto:jeffdav@prodigy.net).

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# Herbst Konzert

Sunday 15 November 2015



Join us as we celebrate Autumn with our fifth Herbst Konzert - Sing - Along Dinner Dance. Choral Director Dr. Dorcinda Knauth, Assistant Music Director Sherry Thomas and the Music Committee have put together a collection of songs that you will enjoy singing along with us - English and German, old and somewhat new!!! We hope to see you there.

**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 10 November 2015**

**Contact:**

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

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## **23 Prize Drawing Pizza Party - and Dance**

**Sunday 10 January 2016**

To help pay our taxes (property and school approximately \$5,500.00) we will again hold our 23 Prize Drawing/Pizza Party/Dance. There will be twenty \$25.00 drawings and one drawing each 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 which includes admission to the Pizza Party held at the Maennerchor Hall. Dance Music by "Just James & Byron James" from 1 to 5 PM. With each individual ticket purchase you may bring one guest for a cover donation of \$10.00. You do not have to attend to win.

Tickets will be mailed to our members and friends by mid-October. If you have any questions please contact Julia Dennison-Zeboris at 845-331-5293.

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# TALENT CORNER

It seems our member Franz Heigemeir and his wife Marianne have been very busy these last few months.



In the Waiting Room  
by Marianne R. Heigemeir

Marianne is highlighted as Distinguished Artist 2015 at ASK (Arts Society of Kingston) located at 97 Broadway in Kingston. The show FIGURES, FLOWERS, FACES

Intimate visions of our Time will open at ASK on Saturday, September 5 and be on display until September 26. The opening reception is on Saturday, September 5 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Last month Franz took part in the Arts Society of Kingston sculpture exhibit and received the "People's Choice Award" for his sculpture "Sanctuary".



Congratulations are also in store for Franz whose 16' high sculpture ALPHA CENTAURI is now located at the entrance of the Woodstock School of Art. Here is Franz's description of his sculpture:

## ALPHA CENTAURI

The closest star after our sun is some four and a half light years away. It actually consists of three stars, one behind the other as seen from Earth; hence the three elements in this sculpture. Look through it, walk around it, and observe the asymmetry, the changing configuration or three or more unequal triangles.



"Alpha Centauri" by Franz Heigemeir

## Wir Gratulieren

Congratulations to our Music Director, Dr. Dorcinda Knauth, whose Gamelan group performed in Program Six of Bard College's Summer Music Festival.

Program Six was titled East and West and emphasized percussion ensemble works of the 1930's and 1940's. The program notes state that "the characteristic melodic contours of Balinese gamelan music....proved an especially fruitful source of inspiration for the new percussion composers."

We've heard that it was a really good concert and one concert goer described the Gamelan music as "joyful."

## THIS 'N' THAT



Congratulations and best wishes to Walter and Doris Vogt who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and to Linda and Herman Koemel who will celebrate their 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## 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 Gus Emig. Member Anne Lane's father-in-law, member Fran Thompson's brother and mother-in-law, and to member Julia Dennison-Zeboris on the death of her brother.

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 Joan Avery, Ed and Trudy Brown, Earl Johnson, Chris Kohler, Hermann Koelmel, Inge Luettger, Erica Kreider-Mueller, Ingrid Schink, Walter Vogt.

Friends Dagmar Davis, 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!***



## Sunday Breakfast



**27 September**

Doors open 8:30 a.m.

Serving Hours

**8:45 - 11:30 AM**

**Adults \$12.50**

**Children under 12 \$6.00**

Buckwheat Pancakes

Ham Sausage Bacon Eggs Potatoes

Rolls Bagels Bread Coffee Cake

Fresh Fruit Salad Coffee - Tea

Seating will be limited. Reservations Strongly Suggested  
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## Christkindlmarkt



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Our *Stube* will be offering German and American foods along with wonderful desserts and our now well known non-alcoholic Gluhwein.

We hope this joyful beginning to the Christmas season has become part of your tradition and that we will see you there; if this will be your first visit we are sure you will be delighted.





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In Loving Memory  
of  
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Hildegard and Richard Edling

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**Sunday Jan10 2016 Pizza Party and Dance**