

MAY 2017



## President's Message:

Greetings to everyone. In spite of all the snow and rain and clouds, etc. I do hope you are entering spring with joyful hearts.

If you have wanted to come to one of our concerts and never quite made it, this is the one to put on your calendar as a not to be missed event. We have new songs as well as a couple of standards that the singers look forward to presenting. Think "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" auf Deutsch!!! Amazingly it is not an easy song.

It is spring and we always honor our scholarship winners. This year there are two from Red Hook and one from Kingston. Kingston has dropped their German language program and this winner most likely will be the last from that school district. We always look forward to meeting these talented young students and are amazed that they even find time to sleep their schedules are so full.

Finally, we will be in a celebratory mood as we honor a number of our singers who have reached major milestones in their singing and active membership at the Maennerchor. We have honorees ranging from 5 years of participation to 60 years!! That 60 year achievement belongs to none other than John Bruening who has faithfully served the Maennerchor in many ways over those years.

Our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary happens in 2018. We want to make 2018 a special year and

welcome your input. Ideas?? Speak with one of the board members.

You will find more details about our concert further on in this newsletter and we look forward to seeing many of you there. Good music, good food, honoring faithful members – a special day to be sure.

## Hildegard



It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Donna Stegner who passed away suddenly on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Donna joined the Maennerchor as a teenager and was active for just over 40 years. During that time she served as Liedermutter for 16 years and honestly never seemed to be too far away from music either as a singer, Music Committee member or most recently as Co-Chairman of the Music Committee. Donna always smiled. She was thoroughly familiar with our music library, amazing us at committee meetings by remembering such details as to where and when a song had been performed. The only things that trumped her love of music were family and cats. Cats, cats and more cats. They were her love and joy. Dankeschoen und Auf Wiedersehen Donna.



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Music directors and singers from around the state have been sharpening their choral skills, exercising their vocal cords, and reenergizing their minds and souls in anticipation of their upcoming Frühlings Konzerte.



Herzlichen Dank to the Members and Officers of the Troy Germania Hall Association on their most generous and kind donation of \$1,500.00. I am thankful and delighted to see their fellowship and camaraderie, in support of their colleagues and *Gesang Brüder und Schwestern* in the New York State Saengerbund.

We've just returned from our spring Music Committee Meeting hosted by the Utica Männerchor. Vielen Dank to Gail Miller and Judy Schwenzfeier for their support and hospitality. Thank you to all our delegates for their input as we reviewed the 14 Month Check-Point of our 38<sup>th</sup> Sängerfest in 2018. This was the first time we are developing and planning a sängerfest under our new two day format.

Hildegard Edling presented details of the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration proposal and plans. The discussion and thoughtful deliberation by all was both fruitful and beneficial. We're looking forward to input by all choruses of their mass chorus music selections, and attendance commitments at the annual convention.

Patricia Davern and Ursula Pauly-Kraemer of Binghamton presented their proposal for our annual convention in September.

Schönen Dank to all the delegates who participated in this process; we are all committed to support and sustain the New York State Sängerbund and dedicated to its future development and success.

**NYSSB**  
Annual Convention  
Hosted by the  
German Club of Binghamton  
16 & 17 Sept 2017

**38<sup>th</sup> NYSSB Sängerfest**  
Kingston Maennerchor  
and Damenchor  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
9 & 10 June 2018

We offer our sincerest sympathy and heartfelt condolence to the family and friends of Donna Stegner. Donna was sängerbund secretary for me and my predecessor Werner Franz. Donna lived her life with class, dignity, and devotion to her family and friends. We will miss her dearly but can reflect on her generous, joyful, and pleasant personality.

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

Herman Alfons Koelmel, President

## INTRODUCING

by Doris Vogt & Christa Scheitz

Please take the time to extend a  
hand of friendship:



## DONNA WOLF

Donna was introduced to the Club by her husband and fellow member, Bruce. She was accepted for membership March 3, 2017 and she joined as a worker. She was born in Kingston, NY but grew up in Lake Katrine, NY. Currently, Donna and Bruce live in Hurley, NY along with their twin daughters.

Donna graduated from Kingston High School and then went to New Paltz College where she received her teaching degree. She teaches Special Education and also math at Kingston High School. Before becoming a teacher, Donna was a phlebotomist at the Kingston City Laboratory. She worked for Quest Diagnostic and as a nurse's aide at Blue Nursing Home in New Paltz.

Donna enjoys sports – like golf, tennis and ice skating. She enjoys traveling, cooking and gardening too. So, welcome to the Club, Donna, and thank you for joining as a worker.



*Herzliches  
Willkommen*

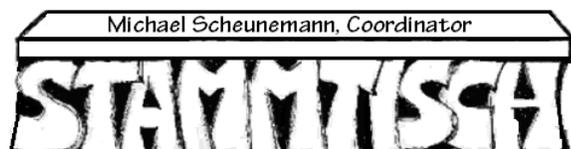


# Sunday Kaffee Klatch



We hope you have enjoyed meeting and greeting each other on the first Sunday afternoon of the month for coffee and a movie. Thank you to all who helped make this gathering so successful and gemütlich. We will be on vacation until October.

Alina



Since the beginning of the year, our group, including me, has been as small as three and as large as six. But size is not a sign of quality or success; happiness and enjoyment however, is. In this regard our meetings could not have been more successful!

Since the goal of our gatherings is to appreciate each other's company as well as enjoying speaking German, we have reached this goal every time to the fullest extent. Our group has always one or two people who hadn't been there in the previous meeting. This, and the fact that we all come from various avenues of life and have different backgrounds and experiences but with at least one thing in common: the joy and interest of keeping "our German" alive, are two very intriguing aspects of our group.

Additionally, we are learning all kind of interesting things, such as that the Adam and Eve cult on the island of Sri Lanka/Ceylon is due to the fact that this island has been identified as the "Garden of Eden" by some. Or the fact that a cap on a women's head used to be a symbol for being married, hence the German saying: "Unter die Haube kommen", as an idiomatic expression for getting married. Sometimes we are also confronted with some disturbing news, such as the fact that there used to be day and night care facilities in the former GDR, in which parents kept their infants and toddlers during the week while they were working.

No matter, what subject and question, we are always delighted to speak about it in German. Of course we are looking forward to even more diversity and new fresh thoughts and interesting reflections! So, if you feel that our group might be something for you or a German speaking friend of

yours, please don't hesitate and meet us, every other Thursday at 5:30p.m, in our clubhouse on 37 Greenkill Ave in Kingston or contact me for further questions: [MichaelScheunemann@ymail.com](mailto:MichaelScheunemann@ymail.com), 845-527-4925.

Our upcoming meetings will be **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, **June 15<sup>th</sup>** and **June 29<sup>th</sup>** as our last gathering before the summer recess. We will reconvene on **September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## Wurstfest



Sunday Afternoon

**6 August 2017**

**1:00 - 4:30 pm**

Dance Music by

**Joe Unger**

**\$5 per person**

Entrance Donation

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## THIS 'N' THAT

### 20-20 Raffle Winners 2017

20 - \$25.00 Weekly Winners

Maryanne Banks	Erika Kreider-Mueller
Lawrence Dunn	Waltraude Vianale
Rodney Sage	Rudy Dehnert
Mark Johnson	Robert Hartrum
Mike Kohler	Ingrid Deising
Jeff Davis	Terry Pilz
Vlad Hoyt	Eileen Rosenblatt
Ernie Mann	Gail Salewski
Jay Marrus	Garwood & Lorraine Cline
Willie Salewski	John Mizel

### Grand Prize Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Ragnild Johnsen - \$300.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Mike Kohler - \$200.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Frank and Rita Crandall - \$100.00

**Thank you all for your support!**

# TALENT CORNER

In the January Newsletter we introduced new member Edith Borchardt and mentioned that she is a Professor of German, and a writer and author as well. She was translating Brigitte Hamann's biography of Crown Prince Rudolf of Habsburg which is now ready for publication in 2017

Dr. Edith Borchardt, Professor of German Emerita (University of Minnesota, Morris), has published a translation of Brigitte Hamann's 2005 biography of Rudolf of Habsburg under the title, ***Rudolf. Crown Prince and Rebel*** (New York: Peter Lang, Inc., 2017) 471 pages. It is available in printed and electronic versions at Amazon.com or directly from the publisher.

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/1433110806/ref=dp\\_olp\\_all\\_mbc?ie=UTF8&condition=all](https://www.amazon.com/gp/offer_listing/1433110806/ref=dp_olp_all_mbc?ie=UTF8&condition=all)

## **Abstract:**

Crown Prince Rudolf of Habsburg [1858 – 1889] was an intellectual who wrote for liberal newspapers of his time under a pseudonym. Though he never intended to be a “rebel,” he was revolutionary in his thinking and—as a champion of progressive and liberal ideas—in constant opposition to the Ministers at Court, the aristocracy, and the conservative rule of his father, the Emperor of Austria. Against the prevailing currents of his time, Rudolf wanted to modernize the Habsburg Empire by abolishing the privileges of the aristocracy, regarding the middle class and economics as the basis for a modern state. He vehemently opposed nationalism and anti-Semitism and fought for liberalism and democracy and the rights of the minorities within the multinational Empire. For a long time, Crown Prince Rudolf was known mainly in connection with his suicide at Mayerling with Baroness Mary Vetsera. However, the Mayerling tragedy may be seen as the last consequence of living without any prospect of realizing his ideals.

As heir to the throne of the Austrian Empire, Rudolf envisioned a United Europe under Austrian rule. He wrote to Georges Clemenceau in December 1886 that he envisioned gathering Germans, Slavs, Hungarians, and Poles around the Crown, giving equality to the various nationalities in the

Empire. In his opinion, the Habsburg Empire had already realized Victor Hugo's dream of a United States of Europe in miniature form. It was an idea of utmost importance for world civilization which would secure harmony and balance among nations. Dr. Otto von Habsburg, son of Carl I, the last Emperor of Austria, took up Rudolf's ideal and, until his death in 2011, helped to shape policy for the United Europe of today in the European Parliament. Because of the relevance of Rudolf's ideas to events unfolding in our times, I wanted to make Brigitte Hamann's biography available to an English-speaking public.

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**Member Franz Heigemeir has had the honor of having two of his paintings selected by Juror Carrie Haddad of Carrie Haddad Gallery in Hudson, New York, for the 2017 ASK Regional Juried Exhibition. The two acrylic paintings titled Sun Valley and Water Park are studies in color and movement. These are quite a departure from the more realistic work that we are used to seeing from Franz and for this writer an adventure in color contrasts.**

**The show runs through April 30 at ASK (Arts Society of Kingston), 97 Broadway in Kingston. The gallery is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. or by appointment. The website for ASK is [www.askforarts.org](http://www.askforarts.org) where you can find out about their various programs. New art shows open on the first Saturday of each month.**

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## **Member's CORNER**

**Member and Recording Secretary Christa Scheitz is the newest member of the Catskill Ladies Investment Club. This group of ten ladies had their investment club highlighted in the March 2017 Betterinvesting magazine in an article titled “Investing Skills in the Catskills” by Scott D. Horsburgh, CFA. In the byline he states that the 1993-Vintage Club Likes to Buy Stocks It Knows. They manage a portfolio of 12 stocks, were commended for a number of their investments and since this was the “Repair Shop” column suggestions were made for improvement. Sounds as though this was a great learning experience for the Club.**



**149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Spring Concert**

**Sunday Afternoon June 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**Sängerfest  
2018**

Hildegard and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary / Sängerfest Committee are working diligently to develop and plan the celebrations of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018.

Celebrating our singing heritage, Friendship, and Camaraderie dates back to our founding in 1868. In 1918 after moving into the McMillen Building on the Strand we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was held in 1948 and our 100<sup>th</sup> at the Governor Clinton Hotel in 1968. We celebrated our 135<sup>th</sup> in 2003 by hosting the 33<sup>rd</sup> NYSSB Sängerfest, and our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2008.

Our own Franz Heigemeir, who designed our lyre logo also designed the Sängerfest logo in 2003 and donated it to the sängerbund; it's been used for all sängerfeste ever since.

In 2003 we participated and won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the Mixed Chorus 2<sup>nd</sup> Class competition. We went on to capture this trophy in the final three sängerfeste holding this event. Our Music Directors were Dr. John Galish, Frank Bosher, Jerry Hoch, and Dr. Dorcinda Knauth.

Even though the sängerfest format has changed to a two day event with the elimination of the competitive aspect of the event there is still a lot of work in its planning, development, and implementation. If you have the time, desire, and are willing to help please step up and volunteer your talent and skill.

Some of the events include a Mass Chorus Concert performed by the combined choruses of the New York State Sängerbund, a Banquet,- Dance, Sunday Brunch, and a Farwell Concert.

Some of the tentative venues include our clubhaus, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saugerties Performing Arts Factory, Ole Savannah on the Kingston Rondout, and several area motels.

If you can whistle, hum, or sing Yankee Doodle, please consider joining our chorus. Our Monday evening 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, and our singers look forward to your participation. Speaking German is not a requirement.



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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.

Contact Hans or Helga and they will play that special request.



# 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 our dear friend  
Donna Stegner.

Elfriede Miller, wife of member Max Miller, member Rosemarie Steudlein on the death of her long time partner Hans Schollenberger. Friend and former member Annegrette Barnum on the death of her son Harald Fraude, former member Evelyn Pfaff on the death of her husband Heinz. To the family of our Assistant Music Director Sherry Thomas on the passing of her mother-in-law Florence Julia Thomas. To the family of friend Madeline Lussier and our friend from Poughkeepsie Germania Margarethe Killmer.

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 Walter Bruchholz, Ruth Froehlich, Heinz Holzhauser, Chris Kohler, Inge Leuttger, Walter Vogt, Eberhard Scheitz husband of member Christa Scheitz, and friend and former member Pat Kelley.

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!*



## Wir Gratulieren



Congratulations and best wishes to Charlotte and John Folkl who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Chris Kohler and Walter Bruchholz. Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Alina Nitzschner.

## From the Archives

Hildegard Edling - Historian/Archivist

### ARCHIVIST / HISTORIAN

Martin Kastner	1974 to 1976
Martin Kastner or Carl Warneke	1977
Carl Warneke	1978 to 1986
Hildegard Edling	1987 part
Helga Bruening	1987 part to 1991
Hildegard Edling	1992 to Present

Although we may have had few archivist/historians in the 40+ years covered in my review of officer positions the files they have accumulated and organized are legion. We have a quite extensive archives which include minutes, financial records, membership records, programs from concerts and other events dating back to the early 1900's, photos, awards/certificates, and many other items gathered over the years. The newspaper clippings themselves are a good picture into the history of the club.

I do hope you have found this series on officers interesting. It has been fun for me to assemble the data gathered by Donna Stegner and Christa Scheitz. Many thanks to them both for their help.

## Your Dues Are Due



Financial Secretary Annemarie Harms reminds us to pay your annual dues of \$40.00 per member by June 30<sup>th</sup> with checks payable to The Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor. Please contact her with any personal changes such as your address, telephone number, or email info. Please feel free to contact her at 845-336-7440.



## Herzlichen Dank!

The St. Joseph's Social Ministry Hurley Food Pantry would like to thank the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor for their generous donation of food. Some of you have also donated clothing and other items to our pantry.

Through your generosity, we are able to help the less fortunate and needy in our community.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Cathy Johnson



## Scholarship



The 2017 winners of the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor Scholarship Awards are Michael Gilfersleeve and Danil Ratnikov from Red Hook High School and Isabelle Stitt-Fredericks from Kingston High School. The awards of \$300.00 each will be presented to the students at their school's Awards Nights. They have been invited to be our guests at our Spring Concert, on June 4<sup>th</sup> in recognition of their exceptional achievements in school and extra-curricular activities.

This year's scholarship committee is Chairperson Annemarie Harms, Waltraud Vianale, Stephanie Martino, and Kathleen Petro.



## Scholarship Fundraiser



**Sunday, 25 June 2017**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor Hall  
37 Greenkill Ave, Kingston, NY 12401**

Come have fun with us as we raise funds for our Scholarship fund by hosting a Pampered Chef Fundraiser. There will be cooking demonstrations to tempt us, recipes to tease us, and of course their wonderful products to purchase.

The fundraising program will extend beyond the kick off date with on-line ordering available as well as catalogue opportunities.

Call Hildegard at 845-757-5135 to make your reservations for our June 25<sup>th</sup> event.

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.

## Sew For the Cure

Cathy Johnson



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Date: Friday, 29 September 2017

Place: Kingston Elks Lodge #550

143 Hurley Ave Kingston NY

Time: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Please bring your sewing machine or serger and a pair of scissors for your use. All materials will be supplied for the items being made. If you don't sew you can come and help stuff pillows.

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For more information please call Cathy at 845-331-8424.

## Indispensable

Sometime when you're feeling important;  
Sometime when your ego's in bloom;  
Sometime when you take it for granted,  
You're the best qualified in the room:  
Sometime when you feel that your going,  
Would leave an unfillable hole,  
Just follow these simple instructions,  
And see how they humble your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,  
Put your hand in it up to the wrist,  
Pull it out and the hole that's remaining,  
Is a measure of how much you'll be missed.  
You can splash all you wish when you enter,  
You may stir up the water galore,  
But stop, and you'll find in a moment,  
It looks quite the same as before.

The moral of this quaint example,  
Is to just do the best that you can,  
Be proud of yourself but remember,  
There's no one indispensable; woman or man.

## From the Editor's Desk



Good friends never say goodbye, they simply say  
Auf Wiedersehen!

I'm pleased to have been able to volunteer to serve my country, my communities, and my heritage over the past 55 years. I am thankful to be part of this chor since Linda and I moved here in 1975. With the enthusiasm and planning of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 38<sup>th</sup> Sangerfest next spring, it is time to pass the baton to someone younger, eager, and willing. I am happy to see newer members stepping up to the plate to help continue our traditions and customs.

I happily remember singing with the two Franz's, Brendle and Heigemeir, John Bruening, Fred Goeller, Oskar and the rest of the chor under the tutelage of Julius Hochmuth. I've got fond memories working on our clubhouse: digging out the basement, laying concrete block, sanding, painting, and even carving on the flowerboxes and sign with Franz and John.

I've had great joy planning and guiding six tours of Germany, Austria, and Ireland, a cruise to Canada and Co-Chairing the 2003 Sangerfest with Dottie Birmingham; to help raise over \$30,000.00 for club expansion and funding, and being SANTA for several generations of kids.

I am truly proud to be a steward, bringing the mannerchor into the new millennium as webmaster with a free website for over 18 years, as president securing our 501c3 charitable designation, as music chair developing a pc data-base to sort our Music Library by title, composer, category, and performance date alphabetically and numerically, and working on our newsletter since 2000 and as editor for the past 10 years. I want to especially thank Doris Vogt, Christa Scheitz, Linda Koelmel, and Hildegard Edling for their dedication and support.

As a 51 year Life Member in the Troy Germania Hall, Life Member and Ehren President in the Kingston Maennerchor, 17 year President of the New York State Saengerbund, Ehren Mitglied Deutscher Chorverbund, and a 5 years singer with Poughkeepsie Germania I need some time to smell the roses and peonies at our Tennessee home.

What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from. I know in my heart that with your help and guidance, the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor, will continue to flourish and prosper.

Finely, I want to recognize and honor my dear wife Linda who has encouraged, supported, and in general put up with all my "German" Singing, Schuhplattler, and Social Membership activities.

Alles hat ein Ende nur die Wurst hat zwei



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, and the Music Committee, choose the music 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.



## Memorial Day



Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who have served in the U.S. military and especially those who gave their lives.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it began in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Please take time to honor these great heroes; our sons, daughters, and their families.



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