

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the ongoing changes brought on by Covid-19, we have had numerous changes to our planned 2020 events. With today's uncertainties, please **CHECK OUR FACEBOOK OR WEBSITE PAGES OR CALL THE CONTACT NUMBERS FOR UPDATED INFORMATION OF EACH EVENT.** **REMINDER: MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE STILL REQUIRED.** We all look forward to the day when we can again share in camaraderie and Gemuetlichkeit in a more unencumbered manner.

~~~~ **Look what's coming up!** ~~~~

Please **place your orders by deadline** to ensure that you can enjoy these different and delicious meals. Entrance and Exit will be in the back of the building, with parking in our lot next to the building. **Payment for preorders:** We accept checks payable to Kingston Maennerchor & Damenchor or credit cards.

**Fall Breakfast Take-Out – Sunday, September 20**

Pick-up from 9 to 11 a.m. Menu: Scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, sausage, Yukon Gold home fried potatoes, herring, coffee, tea, juice, and apple cider doughnut @ \$10.00 ...**OR**... Try our NEW German pretzel breakfast sandwich with egg, Alpine Swiss cheese, Black Forest ham, a drink and apple cider doughnut @ \$8.00. Preorders and payment are required **BY Wednesday, September 16.** To place your orders or have questions, please call Donna at 845-331-9372 or Annemarie at 845-336-7440. Hope to see you!

**Leberkaese Lunch Take-Out – Sunday, October 4**

Pick-up from Noon to 2:00 p.m. Menu is Leberkaese (close description is "German Meatloaf"), potato salad, roll and dessert. \$12.00. Orders and payment are required **BY Monday, September 21.** Walk-ins welcome while supplies last. To place orders or if you have questions, call Alina Nitzschner at 845-339-5969 or Hildegard Edling at 845-757-5135.

**Kassler Rippchen Dinner Take-Out – Sunday, November 15**

Pick-up from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Menu is Kassler Rippchen, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, apple sauce, bread and dessert. \$20.00. Orders and payment required **BY Friday, November 6.** Walk-ins welcome while supplies last. To place orders or if you have questions, call Alina Nitzschner at 845-339-5969 or Hildegard Edling at 845-757-5135.

**TBA – Annual Raffle Drawing Party.** We hope to have this in late January 2021. Planning events has changed drastically due to the pandemic. Please find details in the January 2021 Newsletter, online or FaceBook.

**CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS:**

It seems that somehow I may be cursed, or at least my German Beer Tasting. For a while now, I have tried to make this event happen, but there was always something that would prevent it from taking place. Unfortunately, this is not an event that could easily be transformed into a take-out event, and I am also certain that it will generate a big enough draw to fill the hall. Therefore, I will have to rethink if I can make the concept happen in the foreseeable future. But this will not happen until at least 2021.

Submitted by Marian Elflein

Several gatherings are currently **on hiatus** due to the pandemic. They are First Sunday Kaffeeklatsch, chaired by Alina Nitzschner, and alternate Thursday Stammtisch get-togethers hosted by Michael Scheunemann.

**Rehearsals have been suspended;** therefore, the Fall Concert and Dinner/Dance are cancelled.

**COVID-19 RE-OPENING PROCEDURES**

The Re-opening Committee has diligently studied and discussed how the Maennerchor can safely and legally re-open. The following article was provided by Hildegard Edling. Thank you for all of your efforts.

Before anything else is done, the building has to be completely cleaned with attention paid to the kitchen (all surfaces), tables and chairs, as well as the floors including baseboards and rugs. Reason? Disinfectants won't be effective on dirty surfaces.

**Routine Cleaning – priority areas**

Vacuum rugs, dust/wet mop floors, remove trash, clean bathrooms, wipe heat/air conditioning vents.

**Disposal – in a bag that can be tied before placing with other trash**

Used gloves and other disposables such as disinfectant wipes

**Disinfect – frequently touched surfaces**

Tables/chairs/counters/bar. Door handles/alarm plate/push plates/switches

Faucets – kitchen/bathroom. Cart handles. Telephone. Cash register

**Physical Distancing**

**Bar** – 6 bar stools; 3 round tables.

**Hall** – Remove or mark off tables to limit seating. Seat family groups together.

**Entrances** – Clearly marked for “employees”; Clearly marked for guests.

**Protective Equipment**

**Masks** – Required of workers at all times. Required of guests except while seated.

Required when leaving the table for whatever reason. Masks/face coverings may be cloth, surgical masks and face shields. **No sharing of masks!**

**Hand sanitizer** – Available at entrance and exit for guests who may wish to use them, and for workers.

**Gloves** – Everyone handling food in whatever capacity

**Sanitizing wipes** – Wiping down of tables/chairs/bars/bar stools. Bathroom wipe down. Doorknob and switch plates all over.

**Soap** – In kitchen for hand washing. Detergent for dishwashing.

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**GOOD AND WELFARE**

The following Members and Friends of the Maennerchor are going through some difficult times. A card or phone call would be lovely. Our warmest thoughts and best wishes to Members Ed Brown, Josie Brendle, Inge Luetzger, Jack Furman, Walter Vogt and Bob Schneller, and to our Friends Heinz Holzauer, Hans Reck, Ragnhild Johnsen, Liz Hansen and Inge Martin

A friendly “shout-out” to Vivian Longto, Roswitha Tisch, Annemarie Milzanowski and Edith Borchardt. We hope you are all completely recovered from your various health concerns.

**CONDOLENCES**

It is always with a heavy heart to learn of the passing of old friends. Former member Josef Fink passed away on July 7. He is survived by his wife Christl who lives in Delaware, son Frank, daughter Elisabeth and their families. Our deepest sympathies.

Losing a companion animal is also very difficult, as animal lovers know. They become like a member of the family. Our thoughts go to Marion Hohn, Christa Scheitz and Angela Hartrum on the recent losses of their beloved dogs and Annemarie Harms on the passing of her sweet kitty.

### **HAPPY NEWS**

Walter and Doris Vogt celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, August 12. Wow! Congratulations!

Paul and Elizabeth Gregory are the proud parents of William James, their first child, who was born in the midst of the pandemic on June 12th. We are so happy that everyone is doing well.

Richard and Vindora Wixom are the proud grandparents of Marcella Celeste, born on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Lucky for them, baby and family live in Dutchess County, where they can see the baby often.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **From the Archives ~**

About a year and a half ago our new president, Marian Elflein, introduced Game Night to the club. This was a designated night when members could stop by with their favorite board game to play or have card games. It was a good chance to have some fun and camaraderie. As it turns out, this was not such a new concept. In 1937 a large card party was held, and in the 1940s card parties took place at least once or twice a month. Goulash dinners were also a popular event at that time. In January of 1956 there was a proposal to form a chess club, so be it now or yesteryear, it seems we have always tried to stay in the Game.

Submitted by Bruce Wolf, Historian/Archivist

#### **Adopt-A-Cost ~**

Our May 2020 newsletter detailed information of expenses involved in maintaining the club hall and activities. Donations were made by Richard and Hildegard Edling for flower box soil and plants. Hildegard's sister, Ellen Hughes, all the way from Terre Haute, IN, made a donation for landscaping. Good and Welfare costs are being subsidized by Marion Hohn, who does a terrific job as the Good and Welfare lady. Annemarie Harms has covered many expenses incurred as Financial Secretary. A heartfelt "Thank You" for your generosity and help.

Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor can still use donations to help offset the costs of the annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection (\$35.00 half year, \$70.00 full year) or Music (purchase and copy of; \$300.00 full year or any portion thereof), donations to help defray costs of the Newsletter, or other expenses.

Information submitted by Hildegard Edling

#### **Beautification Committee ~**

As you might have already noticed, RUPCO's new complex, Energy Square, opened earlier this year. It is located on the former bowling alley property on Cedar Street and now has new plantings along our borders. A Beautification Committee was formed so that we could review ways to improve the Maennerchor property. Thank you to Hildegard Edling (who suggested this committee), Angela Hartrum, Ruth Froehlich and her daughter Heidi for participating in this venture. We and the House Committee will meet to review the committee's suggestions and incorporate them when feasible.

Thanks also go to Richard Edling, Marty Lennox and Bruce Wolf for the numerous projects they have undertaken this past summer, including polishing the wooden floors and major tree and bush trimming.

Submitted by Annemarie Harms, Chairperson

The August 2<sup>nd</sup> **Wurstfest** Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped make this, our first take-out only event, such a fabulous success. Without the generosity of time and donations by our dedicated volunteers and our guests, we would have been lost. Like that old Wayne Newton song goes, "Danke Schoen".

Annemarie Harms and Marian Elflein, co-chairs

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REQUEST:** If you have ANY changes to your membership information, such as new address, phone number, or email address, please contact me directly so that the records can be updated. You can call me at 845-336-7440 or email me at [catskillanniesez@gmail.com](mailto:catskillanniesez@gmail.com). Thank you

Annemarie Harms, Financial Secretary

**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS** are again being held at the club hall with Covid-19 guidelines carefully followed. They are normally every second Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. and last about one hour. Members are encouraged to attend to learn what it takes to keep our organization running smoothly and to share in some social time after the meetings.

~~~~~**MANY THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS WHO HELP SUBSIDIZE THE COST OF OUR NEWSLETTERS**~~~~~

Ken Darmstadt and Darmstadt Overhead Door
Rosemarie and Juergen Kleuker
Karoline Flick

Richard and Hildegard Edling
John Bruening Eric Lorenz
Charlotte Folkl Annemarie Harms

~~~~~ **Where Are They Now?** ~~~~~

In 2003 **Heather Michael** was a graduating senior at Red Hook High School and one of our scholarship winners. Thank you to Heather's parents, Drs. George and Cathy Michael, for the information in this issue's "Where Are They Now?". The Drs. Michael were my dentists and over the years I had followed Heather's journey as she pursued her dream of becoming a physician. Time to share this with you.

Heather began her journey by attending Hamilton College in Clinton, NY, graduating with a BS Degree in 2007. She had the honor of being first in her class. Heather's medical degree studies were at Upstate Medical School in Syracuse, NY where she graduated in 2011 and completed her three-year residency in internal medicine at University Hospital in Baltimore, MD in 2014.

Following completion of her residency, Dr. Michael completed a two-year fellowship in her specialty of infectious diseases at Cleveland Clinic. While her husband completed his fellowship, she worked as a hospitalist in Baltimore.

Currently Dr. Michael and her husband Dr. Seth Richman live in Charlotte, North Carolina where they have their medical practices. She is an avid runner and has competed in several marathons. Both she and her husband love to travel and hike and have been to the Azores, Domenica and Death Valley.

Submitted by Hildegard Edling

**Gotta laugh!**

Lawn sign: No Smoking. If we see smoke around you, we'll assume you're on fire and drench you with water

## **WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING**

**ArtPort Kingston presents the Exhibition "Altered Presence"** in the historic Cornell Steamboat building, 108 East Strand, in Kingston's Rondout Waterfront. The exhibit, with 12 participating artists, is open Saturdays and Sundays through October 4 from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free but donations are always welcome.

**ArtStream** is an ongoing outdoor installation of various artworks starting at ArtPort and along the Rondout Creek walkway to Kingston Point. These can be viewed 24/7.

For more information please visit [www.artportkingston.com](http://www.artportkingston.com), Facebook or Instagram. Member Stefan Saffer and his wife Laurie DeChiara are the artists who arrange these exhibits.

You might have noticed a lot of activity and work crews along **Greenkill Avenue** lately. There is a new strip of blacktop extending from the "5 corners" (by The Cake Box) and across from the Maennerchor hall. This is part of the **Kingston Greenline** system of trails that will become part of the Empire State Trail. For more information, you can visit [www.KingstonLandTrust.org](http://www.KingstonLandTrust.org) or [www.Kingston-ny.gov](http://www.Kingston-ny.gov).

**THE GERMAN HOUR** is hosted by Hans Safer every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a wonderful variety of German music and announcements of coming events. You can tune your radio to 1490 AM or 107.9 FM or visit [www.RadioKingston.org](http://www.RadioKingston.org). Many of you might remember this station as WKNY.

Hans has faithfully hosted this program for well over 25 years. Such dedication! We thank you so very much.

*Vielen Dank!*

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*"Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything."*

~ Plato