

# KINGSTON MAENNERCHOR AND DAMENCHOR NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the Maennerchor's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/38<sup>th</sup> Saengerfest Committee we successfully hosted a fantastic fun filled 38<sup>th</sup> Saengerfest of the New York State Saengerbund. No two ways about it, this was one fun, joyous weekend and fulfilled all our dreams of having singers mingling and simply enjoying being together.

Besides it being our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, this was the first Saengerfest without competitive singing. Many singers from the six participating societies wondered how this would work since competition was always a key element of a Saengerfest. Without the tension which naturally comes with that scenario it was surely a case of hang loose and enjoy. We wondered how having two events in manufacturing facilities would work out but it turned out so well. Those of us who greeted guests at the entrance to the Saugerties Performing Arts Factory were graced by seeing the "wow" factor on peoples' faces. The weather cooperated so well that Ole Savannah was perfect. Then there was Redeemer Lutheran Church with those super stained glass windows. What a super concert in a church where the early German community worshipped.

Thank you to all of you who attended and helped us celebrate this milestone in the life story of the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor. And now on to the rest of our year. Breakfast later in September and what promises to be another fun Sing Along in November. We hope to see you at one or both events. A number of members we had not seen in a while as well as former members and friends attended the Wurstfest in August. Please consider becoming reacquainted with the Maennerchor and become part of the renewed energy. Other regular activities are the weekly Thursday Gathering, alternating Thursday Stammtisch (great for improving your German) and monthly Kaffeeklatsch.

I hope to see you soon.

Hildegard Edling

President

# Look what is coming up!



## KAFFEEKLATCH

Hope you all had a nice summer! But now it will be Kaffeeklatch time again. Coffee and cake are served and a DVD about Germany or German culture is shown. It is from 2:00 to 4:30 and a donation of \$5.00 is requested. Mark your calendar for the next few months: We will have a Kaffeeklatsch on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will show the dvd "Munchen Hofbrauhaus". November 4<sup>th</sup> we will show "Garmisch Partenkirchen". On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we will show "Vor Weinacht in Lubeck & Osnabruck".

### FALL BREAKFAST BUFFET SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Breakfast will be served from 8:45 – 11:30. Eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, potatoes, herring, coffeecakes, rolls, bagels, fresh fruit salad, juice, coffee and tea will all be available. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children under 12, age 2 and under free. Please make reservations by September 18<sup>th</sup> as seating is limited. For more information or reservations call Donna Wolf @ 331-9372 or leave message at the club, 338-3763. Hope to see you there!

### Herbst Konzert/Sing Along/Dinner November 18, 2018

Doors open 12:00 Noon, Hors d'oeuvres served. 1:00pm Sing Along, 2:30pm Kassler Rippchen Dinner, 2:30-6:00pm Music for your dancing and listening pleasure. Music by Joe Unger.

Prices:

\$30.00-Sing Along, Dinner, Dance, Hors d'oeuvres.

\$15.00-Hors d'oeuvres, Sing Along.

\$15.00- Dance, Dessert.

Dinner Reservations requested by November 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, call Alina- 339-5969, Hildegard- 757-5135 or the club 338-3763

### Pizza Party & Raffle- January 13, 2019

Pizza will be served from 1:00-4:00pm. All Participants are eligible for 20 drawings of \$25 and 3 drawings for the GRAND PRIZES. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize- \$300.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- \$200.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$100.00. Music by Paul Slusar.

Tickets are \$20 per person and include entertainment, prize drawings, pizza, complimentary soda and bottled water. Guest ticket of \$10. Does not include prize drawings. Need not be present to win.

## 2018 EVENTS

September 23	Fall breakfast buffet
November 18	Herbst Konzert
December 3	Staff Christmas Party
January 13 2019	Pizza Party Raffle

## STAMMTISCH

The Stammtisch is a small to medium size group of dedicated German learners and speakers. We gather at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings for interesting conversation on a variety of topics.

For the new season we are hoping and looking forward to welcome new interested participants to our group. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me:

[MichaelScheunemann@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelScheunemann@gmail.com)

Or phone: [845-527-4925](tel:845-527-4925)

We are planning on meeting on the following dates:

September 13<sup>th</sup> 2018  
September 27<sup>th</sup> 2018  
October 11<sup>th</sup> 2018  
October 25<sup>th</sup> 2018  
November 8<sup>th</sup> 2018  
November 29<sup>th</sup> 2018  
December 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Dankeschoen und Auf Wiedersehen

Dorothy Birmingham

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1936 – August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Honorary President Dorothy “Dottie” Birmingham was an amazing woman much loved by her family and friends. She was a 30 year member of the Maennerchor who, once committed to an organization, gave 150% of herself. She served as treasurer, recording secretary, vice president and president. Obviously her intent of “only” singing did not pan out.

She had the distinction of being the Maennerchor’s first woman president and spearheaded the purchase of the adjacent property which became our parking lot. Among many other things she co-chaired the 2003 Saengerfest hosted by the Maennerchor and was instrumental in revising our by-laws to bring them into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She also served as Co-chair of the New York State Saengerbund Bundes Music Committee and assisted the NYSSB President, Herman Koelmel, when he was in need of someone with extraordinary organizational skills.

Dottie had a great love of the outdoors and for many years was a member of the Trail Sweepers Ski Club. In fact I first met Dottie on a hike at Tuckerman Ravine before she became involved with the Maennerchor. Her love of travel took her to such places as Russia (a notable cruise on the Volga River which culminated with us “surviving” the one and only air controller strike in Russia’s history!) , the Amazon River in Brazil and off to the north to see the Northern Lights.

We at the Maennerchor were so fortunate to have been part of Dottie’s life.

Submitted by Hildegard Edling

## 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS



From left to right:  
Annemarie Harms, Roger Husted, Ethan Husted, Anne Brueckner, Edith Borchardt, Douglas Appenzeller, Steven Appenzeller, Aaron McCasland.

Scholarship winners who attended the Kaffeeklatsch are Ethen Husted and Douglas Appenzeller. Roger

Husted is Ethan’s father, Anne Brueckner is Ethan’s grandmother. Steven Appenzeller is Douglas’s father. Aaron McCasland taught the scholarship winners German (including Nikki Swart and George Chapman Odlum, not present) at Red Hook High Scholl. Edith Borchardt served as the Chairperson of 2018 Scholarship Committee. Annemarie Harms and Waltraud Vianale (not pictured) were also on the committee.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE STATEMENT

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING OFFERING A SECOND SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE MANNERCHOR AND DAMENCHOR DEDICATED TO EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE IN CHORAL SINGING IN KEEPING WITH THE MUSICAL TRADITION OF OUR ORGANIZATION. THE EXACT FORMULATION OF THE CRITERIA IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WILL BE DETERMINED BY DECEMBER 2018.

## MEMBERS CORNER

### Steven A. Williams

Steve became a member January 10, 2018. He was invited to the club by friends and fellow members Joann Petruski and Bruce Wolf. He joined as a worker. Steve was born in Kingston and still resides there. He attended Kingston City Schools. He also went to Simmons Institute in Syracuse, NY and earned an associates in Occupational Studies. He is a Funeral Director at Simpson-Gaus Funeral Home in Kingston.

### Gabriele Ackerman

Gabriele, or Gabi as she is known to us, is no stranger to the Maennerchor. She was introduced to the club by her parents, Walter and Heidi Ackerman, and her grandparents, Robert and Hedwig Menges. Heidi and Hedwig sang with the choir and Gabi joined as a singer on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Gabi was born in Lauterecken, Germany. She was two years old when her parents immigrated to the United States and with her a younger brother. She attended school in Kingston graduated from Coleman High School. Currently, Gabi is employed by SUNY New Paltz and is in charge of maintenance at the administration building. She was also employed at J.C. Penny for 6 years and as a 2<sup>nd</sup> job at Sear & Roebuck. In her spare time, Gabi enjoys dancing, hiking, skiing, and exercising. Oh and she likes to sing too! Welcome to the chor!

## Naturalization

Congratulations to the following members who recently became citizens of the United States.

On Friday, August 17, my husband I were honored to witness the naturalization ceremony of member and Recording Secretary **Christa Scheitz**. Christa was born in Wurtzburg, Germany and went to school there. In 1964 she visited her uncle in New York and thought it was the greatest place in the world, so she immigrated to the United States in 1966. In her words "I finally got around to becoming a citizen this year." She and her husband Eberhard built a "weekend" cabin in the Catskills which became their home in 2000.

I also just found out that Good and Welfare Chairwoman **Marion Hohn** and her husband Hans became citizens on April 22, 2016 after living in the USA for many years. Marion hails from Hamburg and came to the United States at the age of 11 with her mother who then married the widower of a distant relative. Hans is from Cologne and came over at the age of 19. He was drafted into the US Army a year later and served in Germany. The two met at a Plattdeutsches Volksfest in Schuetzenpark, North Bergen, NJ.

Submitted by Hildegard Edling

## Condolences & Sympathy

Condolences to Ed Brown on the death of his wife Trudy Brown who was a 25 year member and to Assistant Director Sherry Thomas on the passing of her brother-in-law.

We have many members who are dealing with various issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and perhaps send a thinking of you message: Herman Koelmel, Inge Luetzger, Eberhard Scheitz (Christa), Josie Brendle, Marianne Heigemeir (Franz), John & Charlotte Folkl, Helen Reck (Hans), Walter Vogt, Jack Furman, Bob Zentner.

## Members on the Move

Member Waltraud Vianale and her husband, Daniel, are proud to announce that their son, Sean, age 25, graduated from basic training in the Air Force on June 28, 2018. He will be training in Analytics. Waltraud said this is his dream. Congratulations and continued success, Sean.

## Our Town

The Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History, 101 Broadway, Kingston, recently had an exhibition “The Story Continues: Today’s Immigrant Business”, which featured photos and a brief history of immigrants who were business owners or artists in the Rondout District. Two of our members were included. Maria Dijk-Pichelbauer, who has been singing with us for several years, is the proprietor of Flowers by Maria located on Abeel Street. Vindora Wixom is the long-time Director of Arts Society of Kingston (A.S.K.), 97 Broadway. She and her husband Richard (who is also actively involved at A.S.K.) are long-time supporting members of KM&D.

The Reher Center was a popular bakery from 1908 until 1980, when Hymie Reher retired. The Jewish Federation of Ulster County, under the guidance of Geoffrey Miller, is developing the site as a museum. The current installation is “Life Above the Store”, a display of photos by Phil Mansfield of the third floor apartment. Mr. Miller has invited several panelists, including myself (Annemarie Harms) to speak about living over a business on Thursday, October 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Reher Center is open on Saturdays through October from 2 to 6 p.m. Entrance is at the Spring Street courtyard. For more information, visit [www.rehercenter.org](http://www.rehercenter.org)

Submitted by Annemarie Harms

## Kingston Stockade Football Club

When Foursquare Co-Founder Denis Crowley created the local soccer team Stockade FC in 2015 Ryan Suto formed the Dutch Guard Supporters Group to cheer on the team. Near the end of the first season, the Dutch Guard became the leading group in supporting the team and showing numbers at away games. Toward the end of the second season, Marian Elflein became more affiliated with the group. An avid fan, he traveled to several away games with the group to support the team away from home as well as watching almost every single home game to date. In early May, at the beginning of the 2018 season he started getting very involved in the internal workings of the group

In his spare time, he started writing chants and worked at keeping the team’s official Wikipedia page updated. When this year’s season came to a conclusion, Marian was already very involved in internal discussions with most active members and the de-facto leaders of the group.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, the group invited all supporters and fans that were interested to a meeting with the goal to transform the DGSG to a fully incorporated non-profit. At the get-together, the group discussed bylaws and voted on the different offices that the social club would need. It was then, that Marian was elected president. Although, the Dutch Guard is not an official non-profit yet, the board is keeping everything as professional as necessary. Marian took on the position with the intention of leading the group into the next big chapter of establishing it as a legally recognized non-profit within the next year or two. The second big project for him will be creating merchandise for sale to enable the group to purchase new materials for choreographies, banners, drums, and flags.

Come on you Stockade boys! #wearestockade

Submitted by Marian Elflein

## OFFICERS AND STAFF 2018

President	Hildegard Edling
Vice President	Jefferson Davis
Treasurer	Angela Hartrum
Recording Secretary	Christa Scheitz
Corresponding Secretary	Terry Strini
Financial Secretary	Annemarie Harms
Archivist / Historian	Bruce Wolf
Trustee 2018	Christa Kohler
Trustee 2019	Alina Nitzschner
Trustee 2020	Donna Wolf
Honorary President	Dorothy Birmingham
Honorary President	John Bruening
Honorary President	Herman Koelmel
Honorary President	Ernie Mann

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Bar	John Bruening
House	Walter Vogt, Richard Edling
Music	Hildegard Edling
Good and Welfare	Marion Hohn
Kaffeeklatch	Alina Nitzschner
Stammtisch	Michael Scheunemann
Scholarship	Edith Borcahardt

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Werling, Ernest & Hanna Mann, Eric Lorenz, Inge  
Martin

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