



## Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor Inc.

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## Newsletter ~ September 2023

### President's Message

Welcome to the fall season!! Just so you know, I love the cooler weather and all the beauty of this time of year! We have many fun events planned and here's hoping you can attend them too!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attends our meetings, plans events, is a chairperson of any committee, sings in the choir, attends Thirsty Thursdays, and donates food or funds to our organization. It is truly appreciated! There are also some unseen things done like the garbage removal, the cleaning of the bathrooms, replacement of paper towels and supplies, that seem to be done without any recognition at all.

We would like to publicly thank and honor Virginia Rossler at this time for all that she does...it is greatly appreciated! They say it's best to do good things without others knowing, but the blessings will still flow back even if we do spill the beans. Thank you, Virginia!! In each newsletter going forward, we plan to honor someone in our group, so stay tuned! We have all levels of varying involvement and are happy for whatever you can do to help keep our organization humming along. If you would like to do more, (or less) just let me know!

We are looking forward to partaking for the first time in the Italian Festival on October 8, so swing by the Rondout area if you can! Thanks to Terry Strini and many who donated, we have an amazing raffle basket and other fun prizes to win, too! The drawing will be at the Christkindlemarkt on Dec 9. Raffle tickets can be purchased at any event or on Thirsty Thursdays, and we will also be mailing them out to you directly with the request that you share with your friends.

Hope to see you soon!

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*Annette Hofmann*  
KMD President  
c. 201-790-4453



Our club member Virginia Rossler is a pure blessing to the prosperity of our Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor. Whenever I had been organizing (4 events recently), Virginia was right there with a positive response to serve. Words like, "put me in for anything - be it kitchen duty or clean-up duty," Virginia warmly embraced the task. She stayed until the last broom was put back into the closet. With such excellent worker's spirit and loving attitude our club is sure to prosper.

**-Waltraud Vianale**

# REACHING OUR GOAL!

A Very Big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our "Back Flow Water Valve" fundraiser. Our goal was \$700 and we surpassed it by over \$80. The actual cost ended up being \$1300 with installation and some new plumbing. This project was mandated by the City of Kingston and NYS regulations. I truly appreciate all who threw in their extra change, their 5's and 10's.



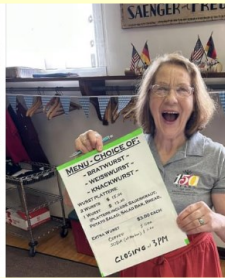
I know the Thirsty Thursday gang was especially generous, along with the choir members on Mondays and many other members and friends of the Maennerchor & Damenchor. Thanks again. Be on the lookout for our next fundraiser as we have some other projects waiting in the wings. And we need everyone's help.

DANKE SCHOEN

Terry & the House Committee

**"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."**

This summer, Collin Wagner visited Vienna and enjoyed an outing to Nussdorf for authentic food and wine tasting at a local "Heuriger" (restaurant with their own new wines) so much that he decided to offer a "Heuriger" experience at Brunette, a wine bistro in the Rondout area at the end of August. It included Bratwurst, Austrian potato salad, cucumber salad, and selected fine wines. For dessert, he and his wife Peggy made a European delicacy, "Zwetschgenknoedel," plum dumplings rolled in roasted bread crumbs and dusted with powdered sugar. The proceeds of the evening went to the Scholarship Fund of the Kingston Männerchor and Damenchor. Thank you, Collin! We greatly appreciate your generous donation!



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Wurstfest

Past Events



Spring Concert



Thirsty Thurs.



Painted Pillows

*Alles Gute zum Jahrestag*

Jeff & Gabi Davis~ 8/31/19

Maria Dijk & Hans Safer~ 9/22/19

Richard & Hildegard Edling~ 10/7/87

Bruce & Donna Wolf~ 10/23/88

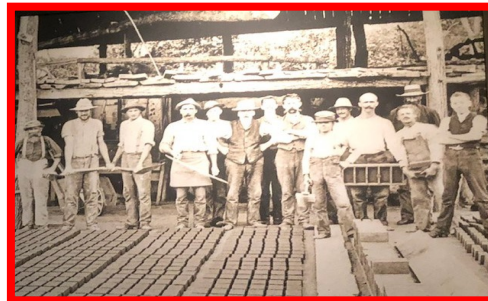
Jody & Sita Hoyt~ 12/31/85

**From the Archives**

During a visit to the recently opened Brickmen restaurant in uptown Kingston, I couldn't help but notice the unique brick decor and large historic photos of the Rondout brick industry decorating the walls. I learned that the owners grandfather was an iconic figure and union organizer in the local brick business. This was a thriving business after a great fire in 1835 in NYC destroyed 13 acres of wooden buildings and new regulations stated that they be made of brick and stone. Many German and Irish immigrants as well as other's were employed at the more than 65 manufacturing facilities in Ulster County alone including the famed Hutton Brick Co. They produced millions of bricks which constructed much of New York city's infrastructure such as the Empire State Building and the arches of the Brooklyn Bridge. With other industries being replaced during the collapse of the Rondout area such as coal, cement, blue stone and natural ice, the brick industry held on from the 1800s to the last brick being produced in 1979. Guess they loved to play with the clay.

*Bruce Wolf*

Historian/ Archivist



**Many of you have asked for Bruce's band schedule so here it is:**

***The Score:***

St. Jude Fundraiser/Bowery Dugout: 9/17, 1-4

Windham Fall Festival: 10/7, 2-5

Chicken Run: 12/31, time TBD

***Plan B Project:***

Mariners: 10/6, 7-10

*alles Gut zum Geburtstag!*

*September*

Edith Borchardt ~5th

Gisela Vella~ 20th

*Oktober*

Bob Zenter~ 3rd

Annemarie Brohm~ 4th

Fran Thompson~ 5th

Karoline Flick~ 6th

Donna Wolf~ 8th

Jack Straub~ 9th

Arnie Johnsen~ 24th

Annemarie Harms~ 29th



*November*

Buddy Wolf~ 4th

Vivian Longto~ 12th

Ginny Rossler~ 26th

Erin Hein~ 30th

*Dezember*

Cathy Johnson~ 2nd

Jeff Davis~ 7th

Hans Funccius~ 7th

Bob Hartrum~ 11th

Terry Strini~17th

Dick Reilly~ 18th

Tony Stegner~23rd

Nick Morris~ 28th

# Good & Welfare

Bio on **Collin Wagner**, a new member whose name was mentioned in the last newsletter:

Collin found our organization while looking online for German cultural activities in our area and came to the Christkindlmarkt and Café at the beginning of December 2022 with his wife Peggy from Toronto. Originally from Virginia, he has been living in Kingston for the past two years, leaving New York City – where he worked previously – for the mountains and the natural splendor of this area, since he likes hiking, fishing, skiing, and hunting with his dog “Oma,” a Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon.

Collin, who is a professional chef, works for a German wine import company called VOM BODEN. He has traveled widely in Europe and worked with Michelin Star Chefs in France, Denmark, and Spain. Joining the Männerchor and Damenchor as a worker, he is looking forward to lending us his professional expertise and has already offered to organize a Wine Tasting Event. His wife Peggy is a professional photographer, a graduate of Parson’s (The New School in NYC) and interested in organizing Events. Collin and Peggy are currently living in the Rondout Area and looking to buy a single family home.

## In our Thoughts...

Special greetings to those who are unable to join us at our gatherings due to health issues, are home bound, or other reasons.

MEMBERS: Vivian Longto and Bob Schneller, both in Golden Hill NRH, Tony Stegner in Mountain Valley Manor, Doyle Barger, Sue Bickert and Liz Hansen.

Our Sincerest Condolences to the family & friends of

**Maximilian (Max) Miller**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 1932 –  
JULY 27, 2023**

The obituary can be found at [dignitymemorial.com](https://dignitymemorial.com).



## Ehren-Urkunde

*Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor*

*for 40 Years of Meritorious Involvement in Our German Community  
and in Grateful Appreciation of the Efforts Made in Fostering and  
Preserving Our German Culture, Heritage, and Traditions  
Especially Hosting the Monthly Kaffeeklatsch  
This Certificate of Honor is Bestowed on Our Sister*

*Alma Nitzschner*

*Annette Hofmann*

President: Annette Hofmann Date: June 3, 2023

**Congratulations Alina, well deserved!**

We would like to thank **Noreen Roidl** for her donations for the newsletter, your generosity is appreciated.

Thank you to all who purchased items from the Pampered Chef fundraiser!

**We are in need of an accompanist for the Choir.** If you know of someone who may be interested, please have them contact Waltraude Vianale, Liz Gregory or leave a message at the club.

## Cheers from Bellaeyre!



## UPCOMING EVENTS ~ 2023

**Sat. September 23rd:** 3rd Annual Oktoberfest!

**Sun. October 8th:** Italian festival! Come support our Italian friends and buy raffle tickets for our big end of year raffle!

**Sat. October 21st:** Halloween game night

**Sun. October 22nd:** Cookbook release and recipe tasting! Taste our cookbook contributors favorite recipes!!

**Thurs. October 26th:** Sip and paint 3D wooden ornaments, sign up by 10/8, 3 for \$30 or 5 for \$40

**Sun. November 19th:** Fall Sing-Along Concert

**Sat. December 9th:** Christkindlmarkt! Looking for Honey, Mustard, Jam and Pickle vendors!

**Mon. December 11th:** Holiday party

We are currently collecting personal grooming/care products for the *Ulster Immigrants Defense Network*. There is a collection box under the coat rack at the hall.

Thank you Erin Hein & Liz Gregory for organizing and delivering our community donations! So far we have donated to the SPCA and food to the *Ulster Immigrants Defense Network*. Thank you to all who have donated to help our local community.

### Fusion Gift Basket ~ Grand Prize



#### Italian items from Tuscany:

2024 Calendar, Specialty Soaps, Coffee, Pasta, Dish Towels, Placemats, Cookies, Reusable shopping bags, Ceramic Tray, Handmade Wooden Key Rack, Pinnocchio Story Book, Decorative small wooden wall hanging

#### German Items:

Tee Shirt, Wurtzburg Towel, Nutcracker, Beer Glass, Chocolate, Spaetzle, Cards, Sauerkraut, Mustard

**Value: over \$300.00**

**German /Italian Fusion Raffle~ Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10, drawing on 12/9**

**6 prizes valued over \$700**

**Committee**

**Chairpersons 2023**

**Bar**– Jeff Davis

**House**– Bruce Wolf/Terry Strini

**Music**– Liz Gregory/Waltraud  
Vianale

**Event Coordinator**– Erin Hein

**Good & Welfare**– Marion Hein

**Stammtisch**– Michael  
Scheunemann

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**Trustee (2025)**....Terry Strini

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**Assistant Music Director**....

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Edling

**Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday  
of the month, starting at 7 pm**

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We hope you enjoy this  
edition!

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