



Utica Maennerchor News



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(315) 735-5882 Club Haus

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UTICA MAENNERCHOR 5535 FLANAGAN ROAD P.O. BOX 441 MARCY, NY 13403

UPCOMING EVENTS – Check our Web Site and Flyers in the Club

Fish Fries and other specials every Friday, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Dec. 11 – Club Christmas Concert after Fish Fry

Dec. 13 – Breakfast with Santa (more information below)

Dec. 17 – Organizational Mtg. for 145th Anniversary Gala – 7:30 pm

Dec. 18 – Christmas Cookie Sale during Fish Fry (more information below)

Dec. 19 – Club Christmas Party Dinner Dance w/ Big Band (more information below)

Jan. 15 – Program after Fish Fry - Movie "The Best of Rhine & Moselle"

Jan. 17 – Lasagna Dinner

TRUSTEES MESSAGE by Cal Anacker

Congratulations to President Mike Schreppel for putting on a very successful "Big Band" night. Everyone had a great time. He has also booked the band for our Christmas Party on December 19th. Please mark it on your calendar.

Do not forget our annual "Cookie Sale" on December 18th. You cannot go wrong for the quality and price.

We need people to sell our monthly fundraiser tickets. Take some of the tickets to your place of employment to sell or any other place that may be interested. We also need help selling on Friday nights during the Fish Fry. We will have tickets available in January for February.

Effective December 31, 2009, we will no longer make out the "Volunteer Hour" forms. We have made out these forms for the past two years to help us obtain grants. We averaged over 10,000 volunteer hours per year to keep our club solvent. The officers and trustees thank everyone for their hard work. Keep up the good work and keep plugging away.

On September 11, 2010, we are going to celebrate our Club's 145th Anniversary with a gala event. We are now in the planning stages. Anyone interested in helping us out with this event, come to our next organizational meeting on Thursday, December 17th at 7:30 PM. Your help and ideas are welcome.

DUES INVOICES 2010 – Dues invoices are out and payment is due Dec. 15th so the key cards will be ready for Club entrance on Jan. 1st. Your contribution supports the continuation of the German culture in the Mohawk Valley. Cards will be available at the Club on Tues., Dec. 8th at 6:00 PM and Fri., Dec. 18th during Fish Fry. The balance will be bulk-mailed Dec. 29th (as long as I have 200). We can save significant mailing expenses with timely payment of your dues, eliminating the need for a second notice. If you have any questions, call Judy at 736-7014.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY by Mike Schreppel

The Utica Maennerchor Christmas party is on Dec. 19th. A roast turkey dinner with all the fixings begins at 6 PM. With the success of our Big Band night in October, we are pleased to announce that the Big Band "Easy Money" will return for your dancing and listening pleasure. Everyone I spoke to that evening enjoyed the music and look forward to another performance. It is a rare treat in Central NY to have an evening of this magnitude. **Great Music! Great Friends! Great Food! And, a Great Place to have fun!** Polish up your dancing shoes, dress up and have a fun night out. The dinner dance donation will be \$20 per person and the dance only will be \$10. Music will start at @ 7:30 PM.

CHORUS by Judy Schwenzfeier

Our Chorus was included in a wonderful concert in honor of Veterans Day at Utica College last month. Under the direction of David Kolb, three choruses joined a 40-piece band to celebrate with a full-house audience. It was a wonderful experience and appreciated by all who attended. Our Christmas music is ready to share with our friends and in the community. Our Holiday Concerts include Colonial Square-Schuyler Commons on Dec. 16th and Clinton Manor Apartments on Jan. 6th. Our Club Concert is Dec. 11th after Fish Fry. Your entrance donation will benefit the American Red Cross this year. We hope you will be generous. Join in the "Holiday Spirit" and invite your family and friends. A sing-a-long downstairs will follow with snacks. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – Mary Widomski has invited Santa to join us for Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 13th from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (\$7 adults and \$4 children). Santa will be ready for your Christmas list - so bring the kids for good food and a gift from Santa's bag!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – Marina & Judy are ready to host our annual Cookie Sale on Dec. 18th during Fish Fry. Trays will sell for \$10 and \$15. Advance orders must be in by Dec. 16th by calling Judy at 736-7014 or Marina at 797-9335. We need bakers as we use dozens and dozens of "small" cookies. Have your cookies at the Club on Wed., Dec. 16th from 8 AM to noon or 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Please help us bake & buy! This is a wonderful way to get involved and support your Club. Trays of cookies make nice gifts! Please give Judy or Marina a call to order, or volunteer to bake.

BEREAVEMENT – Lucy Schwartz, a member of the Ladies Chorus for many years and a member of Utica Maennerchor for the past 70 years, recently passed away. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS – We welcome the following new members to our Maennerchor family: Amanda J. Kahler, Vincent Brancaccio, Roy Bates, Linda Lamb and Linda Maring. We hope you enjoy your membership.

HOUSE COMMITTEE by Denis Eagan

Several projects and repairs are on going for the upkeep of your Club. We are still looking for a donation of a two-stage snow blower for use at the Club. Remember that all donations are tax deductible. Anyone that would like to give the Wednesday crew a hand come on down. We are there from 8:00 AM 'til Noon. Any gender is welcome. Any questions give me a call at 336-4590. We hope you have a happy and safe holiday

NOVEMBER PIE SALE THANK YOU by Peg Pinkham

I would like to THANK all the pie bakers, those who gave donations and those who purchased our homemade pies. It was a great success and thanks to everyone who supported our pie sale. I especially want to thank Judy Schwenzfeier and Wilma Rankins who came to my rescue when I was sick and could not make calls or be at the pie sale. The pie sale would not have been such a success without Judy and Wilma's help - a special thank-you to Judy and Wilma.

SCHLACTFEST A SUCCESS by Sharon Kornutiak

Thanks to our hard working UMC volunteers for their help: in the setting up the dining room; the buying, preparing and serving of the food; and the cleanup after dinner. And, as always, thank you to our members and guests for their support of this annual autumn festival. Fritz's Polka Band provided great entertainment for our dancers and listeners, alike.

PLEASE REMEMBER DECEMBER 15, 2009 IS WHEN YOUR 2010 DUES IS NEEDED – THANKS!

We need help with the tickets for our Monthly Fund Raiser for our Club Improvement Fund.

We will **not** have tickets for December and January due in part to the holidays and our other fundraisers that are going on. We will have tickets available in January for the month of February. We need members to help with the selling of tickets. For more information call Ed Rankins @ 866-1571

NEWSLETTER via EMAIL & Miscellaneous – uticamaennerchor@centralny.twcbc.com – Please send us your email address if you wish to receive your newsletter electronically. The Club is now connected to WiFi. Our new club e-mail address is: uticamaennerchor@centralny.twcbc.com.
Reminder: Our Club policy states no beverages are to be brought into the Club. This includes water that is available at the bar. We appreciate your cooperation.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We will be open this Friday for our Regular Fish Fry Menu. The special will be Sauerbraten Dinner

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