



Utica Maennerchor News



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2010

(315) 735-5882 Club Haus

January

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

Jan. 17th – Lasagna Dinner Noon – 4 PM; \$10 adults; \$5 children

Jan. 22nd – Movie Night after Fish Fry "The Best of Rhine and Moselle" This is FREE

Feb. 7th – Valentine Brunch 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Feb. 7th – Super Bowl Party

Feb. 13th – Fasching (German Mardi Gras) 6 - 11 PM Get your costumes ready for an evening of FUN

TRUSTEES MESSAGE by Cal Anacker

From the Officers and Trustees we hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that all will have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

We are losing two officers and two trustees this coming year: Henry Albrecht, Laura Bradley, Johanna Albrecht and Mary Widomski. Thank you for your services in the past. We wish you well in the future.

December was a very busy month at the Club and all events were successful. Thanks to all of you that chaired and worked at these events. Thanks to the Community Service workers as you made our jobs much easier. Thank you to the "Bagel Grove" for donating the bagels for the "Santa Brunch". January is usually a bad month for our Club. There are not many events, but there are high utility and heating bills. If you have any ideas for a fundraiser, please let us know.

2010 dues are now due! According to our Secretary, membership dues are coming in at a record pace. If you have not sent yours in, please send it as soon as possible!

Our 145th Anniversary of the Club is in 2010 and there may be some confusion as to the plans to celebrate this momentous event. Maybe the following will help clarify any misgivings. We will have our annual "Anniversary Banquet" on May 1, 2010. We honor members that have long service with the Club, along with our deceased members. In September 2010, we will have our 145th Anniversary Gala during which we will have dignitaries, politicians, various ethnic groups, etc., help us celebrate our 145 years in the community. We would like to make this a memorable affair. Do you have any ideas? Would you like to help? Call me, Cal Anacker, at 732-8462 or at the Club 735-5882. Our next meeting is after Easter in April 2010.

2010 CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers and trustees at the December General Meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. The following is proposed for a January vote of approval at the General Meeting scheduled for January 18th at 7 PM: President: Michael Schreppel, 1st Vice President: Carol Daly, Treasurer: Mary Ann Guzzetta, Secretary: Judith Schwenzfeier, Trustees: Josh Schreppel and Richard Williams. We are still looking for a 2nd Vice President. If you wish to fill that position, contact President Mike Schreppel. Again, we would like to thank the following for their years of service as they step down from their positions: Henry Albrecht, Johanna Albrecht, Mary Widomski and Laura Bradley. Thank you to all our Club volunteers for the time and effort donated to keep our heritage alive.

CHORUS by Judy Schwenzfeier

Happy New Year to our Maennerchor Family! Heartfelt appreciations for our holiday season concerts with many positive comments made thanks to the hard work of our chorus members, our Director, David Kolb, and pianist, Mark Radlowski. Thanks to your donations and wonderful audience support at our Club concert, we raised \$582 for the American Red Cross. We have our last concert at Clinton Manor Apartments on Jan. 6th. Note: Singers please be there at 6 PM for practice; the concert will follow. The Music Committee will meet at 3 PM on Tues., Jan. 5th. Our regular rehearsals will

resume Jan. 13th with ladies at 7:00 PM; mixed at 8:00 PM; and men 9:00 PM. We are always looking for new members. If interested, show up any Wednesday and try it! We sure could use some new members.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Marina and Judy would like to thank all who baked, help tray, and bought this year's cookies. Thirty members baked seventy-five pounds of cookies!!! We sold out and made a terrific profit. Thank you all so much. Keep us in mind for next year.

LASAGNA DINNER

Sunday, January 17th would be a great day to treat yourself after the holidays to a delicious lasagna dinner. We will be serving from Noon to 4 PM. Tickets will be available at the bar. The public is invited and walk-ins served until we run out. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. We appreciate your support.

BEREAVEMENT

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Jack Linder, Jack Lewis and Ivor Surrige on the loss of their loved ones.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome the following new member to our Maennerchor Family: Drew Albaugh. We' encourage new membership in the Club. Remember, if you bring in 3 new members your dues will be waived next year

CLUB DUES

Renewed membership cards are out with the balance bulk mailed. There are still some members with outstanding yearly dues owed. We appreciate your prompt payment to avoid the need of a 2nd mailing. Unpaid member names are on the Bulletin board. We appreciate your membership. Call Judy Schwenzfeier at 736-7014 if you have any questions. Thank you for the support.

HOUSE COMMITTEE by Denis Eagan

Well we hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and we hope everyone enjoyed the Club decorations. I want to thank all who helped with them. As you know, we are always looking for help on Wednesday from 8:00 AM – Noon. We are still in need if a 2-stage snow blower and all donations are tax deductible. Any questions or suggestions give me a call at 336-4590. Have a safe New Year!!

AWARD BESTOWED by Shirley Hilts-Adams

Henry C. Albrecht, Jr. was honored at a ceremony in Albany, where he was the Northeast New York recipient of a Commissioner's Distinguished Service Award for outstanding casework with individuals diagnosed with AIDS. Henry was one of twelve awardees recognized on World AIDS Day, Dec. 9, by the NY State Office of Public Health. He is the son of Johanna and Henry C. Albrecht, Sr., longtime active Maennerchor members, trustees and officers. Henry, Jr., has also helped out as a member of the wait staff at the club when he's in the area for a visit. Congratulations to Henry on a well deserved award.

MOVIE NIGHT- JANUARY 22nd by Shirley Hilts-Adams

The Best of Rhine and Moselle video will be shown at the Utica Maennerchor on Fri., Jan. 22, after the Fish Fry (7:30ish). It features a trip from the source of the Rhine River in Switzerland to Trier, on the Moselle River. Some of the sites to be viewed will be the flower island of Mainau, the spectacular waterfalls of Schaffhausen, the famous villages of Rudesheim, Binger Loch, the Loreley, St. Goar, Koblenz, Cochem, Beilstein, Zell, Traben-Trarbach, Bernkastel-Kues, and Trier. Come, enjoy the wonderful scenery of the Rhine and Moselle valleys, wine festivals, and well-known wine cellars, and admire the castles. Our February Video will feature *The Bavarian Royal Castles*.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR 2010 DUES ARE NEEDED – THANKS!

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

We need more members to get involved in the selling and buying tickets. We will have February tickets to sell in January. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Rankins at the club or call 866-1571.

Have you checked our club web site lately? www.uticamaennerchor.com

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.

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