



Utica Maennerchor News



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German-American music and culture*

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

Fish Fries and other specials every Friday, 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Feb. 13 Fasching Dinner Dance (German Mardi Gras) 6 - 11 p.m.
Feb. 19 Movie Night (The Bavarian Royal Castles) after Fish Fry
Mar. 8 German Language Student Night
Mar. 13 St. Patrick's Day Party 12 - 5 p.m.
Mar. 19 Movie Night (James Last Concert) after Fish Fry
Mar. 21 Sunday Brunch (**note Feb. 7 Brunch cancelled**)

TRUSTEES MESSAGE by Cal Anacker

Welcome to our new Board Members and Club Officers; Trustees – Josh Schreppel and Rich Williams, Vice President – Bill Kritzler and Treasurer Mary Ann Guzzetta. With your outstanding resumes and outlook for promoting our Club, we should do very well as a team this coming year. A complete list of 2010 Officers and Board Members can be found at the end of the newsletter.

We wish to thank Marty Cullen for all her hard work in promoting the "Football Extravaganza". The final results of this 'new' activity were outstanding.

Last month I asked for ideas for fundraisers and we have one. Check other information in this newsletter for purchasing oranges and grapefruits, also there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Keep the ideas coming and get involved!

If you have a party that you want catered or know of someone (or a group) that wants a party catered, do not forget our Club. Contact our Club Steward, Bill or President Mike. They will give you the details.

We have permission from the Town of Marcy to proceed with our "Cultural Pavilion". We have met with a grant writer and are in the process of supplying figures and other data to proceed with this project, along with several others. We will keep you informed on the progress of these ventures.

KEEPING OUR GERMAN CULTURE ALIVE by Leo Schwenzfeier

I would like to thank the members of the Utica Maennerchor for their assistance of promoting the German Ethnic Heritage throughout all of Oneida County and New York State. You have contributed much to the cultural and social life and shared an abundant supply of "Good Times and Gemuetlichkeit." Your participation in singing, dancing, and volunteering keeps our German Heritage alive and you all can be proud of this 145 year history.

CLUB DUES 2010

We thank all of you who have renewed your dues. You should have received your new yellow Club key cards by now. If not, call Judy at 736-7014. A few members are still outstanding on their 2010 dues. Second notices have been mailed and a past due list is posted at the Club. We hope all of you renew as we appreciate the support of all our members. As a reminder, if you sponsor three (3) new members who pay their dues, your membership dues for next year will be waived. New members help keep our Club growing and more active.

CHORUS by Judy Schwenzfeier

Our Music Committee met twice in January and we have some nostalgic selections you will enjoy hearing. Our rehearsals resumed on Jan. 13th with these new Spring music selections. We are grateful to Carol Daly and Bill Kritzler for accepting the Vice President positions. Rehearsal is cancelled on Feb. 3rd only. Our Chorus members volunteer many hours throughout the year in order to present wonderful Concerts. You might be interested to know that in 2009, we presented seven outside concerts and three in-house concerts, along with German-American Day re-established in the City of Utica. We are always looking for new singers. If you are interested in joining us come and join us on Wednesday nights - 7p.m. ladies, 8 p.m. mixed and 9 p.m. men.

FASCHING (CARNIVAL OR GERMAN MARDI GRAS)

Join us for this German tradition by attending our dinner dance Saturday, Feb. 13th. A ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 6 p.m. with dancing to Fritz's Polka Band from 7 - 11 p.m. Families are welcome. The cost is \$15 adults and \$5 for children under 12. We would love to see many costumes as prizes will be awarded for best costumes. The cut-off date is Feb. 10th. Tickets can be purchased at the bar.

LASAGNA DINNER by Judy Schwenzfeier

Our dinner on Jan. 17th went well and we made a nice profit for the Club. Thank you to the competent staff: Frances R., Leo, Nora, Wilma, Peg & Clint, Joyce & Karl, Lori, Fran & Kathy, Sharon and additional bakers Cindy & Betty. Volunteering at the Club can be enjoyable and having dinner here is family friendly.

NEW FUND RAISER - ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT SALE

We all could use some good old Vitamin C with all the gray days we seem to have in the Mohawk Valley. Help yourself to good health with this new try at fund raising for our Club. A sign up sheet will be on our bulletin board, or you can call your Secretary - Judy at 736-7014 to place your order by Feb. 22nd. Delivery will be March 12th for your pick up during Fish Fry. The Navel Oranges are from California and will cost \$24 for a full case of around 70 pieces and half case \$12. The Grapefruit are from Florida and will cost \$23 for a full case of around 40 pieces and a half case \$12. Ask your family and friends as we hope this will be a successful project. Checks for purchase should be made out to Utica Maennerchor and can be mailed, or brought to the Club by March 3rd.

CHAIRPERSON AND EVENT WORKERS – We are always looking for more volunteers at events. If you would like to work an event, contact our Club Secretary and she will place your name on a list. Please join us. Volunteers keep our Club solvent.

NEW MEMBERS – We would like to welcome the following new members to our Maennerchor Family: Walter Allen, Karl Manne, Dawn Straite and Erhard Joseph Singer.

A NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS – A decision was made at the General Meeting on Jan. 18th that only Officers, Trustees and Bar Staff are allowed behind the Bar. Please respect this decision.

HOUSE COMMITTEE, By Denis Eagan: The Wednesday crew continues to chug along. Several repair projects have been done. You will see some painting being done in the near future. There is a fair amount of cleaning that needs to be completed on a regular basis to keep your club looking good. Anyone that would like to give us a hand on Wednesdays, come on down. We are there from 8 a.m. until noon or give me a call at 336-4590 if you would like to discuss it. We are still in need of a 2 stage snow blower and 2 refrigerators in working order. Remember all donations are tax deductible.

MARCH OF DIMES by Fred Schwenzfeier – It gives me great pleasure to announce that Kurt Schwenzfeier has accepted the leadership for the UMC March of Dimes team. I hope you all will give Kurt the support as you had given me in the past. Kick-Off Meeting at the Holiday Inn, Burrstone Rd, Utica, Thurs, Feb.25th, from 6 to 7 p.m. Refreshments served. Hope to see you.

FOOTBALL FUN by Marty Cullen – Many thanks to everyone who helped make the first year of Football Fun such a success! Thanks to the members who played and a special thanks to those members who did such a great job selling so many tickets. Not only were there players from New York State, but also from Alabama, Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, and Texas. The winner at the greatest distance from the Club was Denis Eagan, from Lewisville, Texas!! The event was aptly named. The winners had fun collecting their winnings. The sellers had fun feeling responsible for selling a winning ticket. But the most fun was seeing the reaction that posting the weekly scores generated with Club members. Thanks. It truly was FOOTBALL FUN!!

MOVIE NIGHT by Shirley Hilts-Adams

The Bavarian Royal Castles, built by King Ludwig II, will be shown at the club, following the Friday Night Fish Fry, on Feb. 19. The video shows interior and exterior shots of the castles of Hohenschwangau, the land of his youth, the castles of Neuschwanstein, of Linderhof, and the stately Baroque castle of Herrenchiemsee, designed after the castle of Versailles. Come join us for a 45 minute tour of some of the marvels of the building world, the beautiful Alps, and the peaceful valley of the Ammer mountain region. Free and open to the public.

CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES FOR 2010

Installed at the General Meeting on Jan. 18th: President-Michael Schreppel, 1st VP-Carol Daly, 2nd VP-William Kritzler, Secretary-Judith Schwenzfeier, Treasurer-Mary Ann Guzzetta, Chairman of the Board-Calvin Anacker, Finance Committee-Chairman Leo Schwenzfeier, John Perrone & Kathy Humbrecht, House Committee-Chairman Denis Eagan,

Calvin Anacker & Eugene White, Bar and Grill Committee-Chairman Josh Schreppel, Richard Williams & Gerald Pietsch.

We need help with selling tickets for our Monthly Fund Raiser for our Club Improvement Fund. Get February tickets now. Tickets available at the Bar or on Friday nights at the Table.

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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