



Utica Maennerchor News



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(315) 735-5882 Club Haus

March

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

Apr. 2 - Spring Pie Sale during Friday Night Fish Fry

Apr. 8 - Bavarian Fest Meeting 7:00 PM

Apr. 10 - Edelweiss Spring Dinner Dance 6:00 PM

Apr. 16 - Guest Speaker from the Landmark Society after Friday Fish Fry

Apr. 19 – Regular Club Monthly for all Members 7:00 PM

Apr. 22 – 145th Anniversary Gala meeting 7:00 PM

Apr. 25 - Sauerbraten Dinner Noon - 4 PM

May 1 - March of Dimes Walk

May 14 - Movie Night (Andre' Rieu in Vienna) after Friday Fish Fry

May 16 - Spring Brunch 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sept. 18 - Cornerstone Re-dedication and UMC Open House

TRUSTEES MESSAGE by Cal Anacker

This will be another brief message. In last month's newsletter, the topic "What is an ideal club" that was written in 1949 by a member. This month the topic "A Dozen Ways to Kill an Organization" written in March 1969 in our newsletter. We have added the 13th statement that we hear too frequently.

March has been a busy month for us. German Language Student night was a success. The food was great, the chorus was very entertaining and Gracie and Karl had all the kids dancing and having a great time. The orange and grapefruit fundraiser was a successful first venture. We will do it again next year. Bob and Carol Lawless did their usual great job at the St. Patrick's Day party. The bar was packed and the backroom had more patrons than in past years. Everyone was in a party mood. It was mentioned that this was an "Old Fashion St. Patrick's Day Party". If you have any ideas for a fundraiser, let us know.

Don't forget the 'pie sale' on April 2nd during Friday Fish Fry and the Edelweiss Spring Dinner Dance on April 10th.

If you are planning any type of event that needs catering or hall rental, let us know. We will be willing to offer you a reasonable quote. Our outdoor pavilion will be open in May. Call Club Steward Bill or President Mike for details.

CLUB DUES 2010

All dues for 2010 should have been sent in by now. If you do not have the new yellow membership card, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. If you have any questions, call Judy at 736-7014. Any sponsors who have not renewed their advertising for the newsletter, your ad will be deleted. We appreciate all members and sponsors who have renewed and thank you.

"A Dozen Ways to Kill an Organization"– March 1969(St. Luke's "Tide")

- 1) Don't go to any of the meetings.
- 2) But if you do go, go late.
- 3) If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of going.
- 4) If you do attend, find faults with the work of the officers and members.
- 5) Never accept an office. It is much easier to criticize than to do things.
- 6) Get sore if you are not appointed to a committee. Should you be appointed, don't go to the meetings.
- 7) If you are asked to give your opinion on some matter, tell the chairman you have nothing to say. After the meeting is over, tell everyone how it should be done.
- 8) Do no more than absolutely necessary. When others roll up their sleeves and unselfishly use this ability to help matters along, howl that a clique runs the organization.
- 9) Make no effort to get new members for the organization.
- 10) Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay them at all.
- 11) Don't be sociable either within or outside the organization.
- 12) If you should get a good idea, smother it at once.

13) If asked to do something say, "It's not my job".

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Maennerchor Family: Mary Ellen Maier, Scott Scherer, E. Gehardt Storsberg, Donald Bogan, Alan Cancelino, Arthur Hughes, Jeannine Grossman, Farley Raymo and Maria E. Allen. Thank you for joining and enjoy our Club activities.

CHORUS by Judy Schwenzfeier

Spring has arrived and all our snowbird singers will soon return. Chorus continues to improve and all enjoyed our mini concert at Student Night. The students had handouts and joined in singing which was entertaining. We welcome two new singers, Linda Lambe and Jeannine Grossman and welcome back Rose Hosp. Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT SALE

Thank you to all who participated in our first year sale. We made a nice profit and the fruit is delicious. Our new Trustee, Rich Williams and Leo, were big helps. A special thanks to one of our newest members, Dawn Straite who was responsible for one third of our sales by taking orders at her work!

STUDENT NIGHT

Thank you to all who supported Student Night and to our chairmen Ray Beck, Mike and Mime Kunkel. The following were presented \$150 scholarship awards each in Honor of Eric Kresse: Luc Herbowy - level 1, Emily Bergman - level 2, and David Morehouse - level 3. We received many positive comments from the teachers, parents and students

EASTER PIE SALE – Our pie sale will be held April 2nd during Fish Fry and we hope many will bake, buy, or make a donation. Heidi Pietsch is our chairperson and this event is 100% profit for the Club. Your contribution will be appreciated.

EDELWEISS SPRING DINNER DANCE – Plan to join us for a wonderful dinner dance on Saturday, April 10th with dinner at 6 PM and dancing to follow with the Big Band - Easy Money. The \$17.50 dinner dance will serve Rinderrouladen (beef rolls), noodles, red cabbage, apple streusel etc. Easy Money is an 18 piece band with wonderful dancing music. Make this a special night and invite your friends as we swing into Spring. Reservations required by April 7th with tickets at the bar or reserve at the Club 735-5882.

SAUERBRATEN DINNER – Our Sauerbraten dinner will be held Sunday, April 25th from Noon to 4 PM at our Club. The public is welcome. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5.50 for children under 12. Tell your friends and enjoy the friendship of our Club for a nice Sunday afternoon dinner.

HOUSE COMMITTEE by Denis Eagan

The house committee is itching to get outside with the great weather this week. We have several items that we need completion before the weather breaks for spring. The crew is working diligently on them, while at the same time performing tasks to keep your club in shape. We are still in need of a few items such as a refrigerator, a two-stage self-propelled snow blower, and we are always looking for tools. Remember all donations are tax deductible. Last but not least we could use YOU. Come on down on Wednesdays. We are there from 8 AM until noon. Interested? Stop in or give me a call at 336-4590. No experience needed!!! Any gender is welcome. Help us maintain your club.

MARCH OF DIMES WALK by Kurt Schwenzfeier

Team Maennerchor will be walking on Saturday, May 1st at 10 AM at SUNY IT with teams from around the Mohawk Valley. We have been one of the top money raisers in years past and we hope to stay on top again this year. Sign your name on the bulletin board list or call Kurt at 736-1959 for additional information. If you can't walk, please donate to the Club members walking when they ask. Make sure to enter the team name "Utica Maennerchor" on your sign up sheet. The more walkers, the better we look. Please Join us!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY by Carol & Bob Lawless

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Club St. Patrick's Day Party a success. The music was great, the food was delicious and everyone appears to enjoy the festivities. We even had our own "Leprechaun" with a green Afro! Thanks again to all the workers! All your hard work was appreciated.

APRIL 19th SPEAKER NIGHT by Shirley Hilts-Adams

A speaker from the Landmarks Society will provide an interesting evening of historical tales from the Utica area for our members and guests. Please check our club website uticamaennerchor@centralny.twcbc.com for additional details or check the posters at the club as the date nears. Admission to this event is free; however, the donation of a can of food or a non-perishable food item for the Community Food Bank will be greatly appreciated.

Our Monthly Fund Raisers for the Club Improvement Fund could use more members to sell and or buy tickets. For more information contact the club call 735-5882 or Ed Rankins at 866-1571. See somebody on Friday nights at fish fry.

NEWSLETTER via EMAIL - **Please send us your email address if you wish to receive your newsletter**

electronically. Our club e-mail address is: uticamaennerchor@centralny.twcbc.com. Reminder: Our Club policy states no

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