

# Utica Maennerchor News

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German-American music and culture*

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**2016 (315) 735-5882 Club Haus AUGUST**  
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 food specials every Friday 5 – 7:30 PM**

Specials: July 29 Macaroni & Cheese, Aug. 5 Tuna Noodle Casserole Aug. 12 Shrimp Scampi,  
Aug. 19 Meatball Sub Aug 26 Sausage & Pepper Sub, Sept. 2 Shrimp or clams in a basket

**NOTE: We are noted for our salad bar which is included with your dinner**

***IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** Sorry for the inconvenience, but due to ABC regulations, please have your 2016 Red Membership card ready for alcohol purchase at the Club. Remind your guest to sign the guest sign-up sheet if they choose to do the same. Thank you for your cooperation!*

- Aug. 1 – Board of Trustee Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Aug. 3 – Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' Family Picnic 5:30 – 8 p.m.**
- Aug. 10 – Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' Family Picnic 5:30 – 8 p.m.**
- Aug. 17 – Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' Family Picnic 5:30 – 8 p.m.**
- Aug. 24 – Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' Family Picnic 5:30 – 8 p.m.**
- Sept. 3 – CLUB CLOSED – LABOR DAY WEEKEND**
- Sept. 5 – CLUB CLOSED – LABOR DAY**
- Sept. 6 – Board of Trustee Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Sept. 12 – Monday Shuffleboard starts - 7 p.m.**
- Sept. 13 – Pitch League starts – 7 p.m.**
- Sept. 14 – UMC Choruses resume practice**
- Sept. 15 – Thursday Shuffleboard starts – 7 p.m.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller** – Danke! Danke! Danke! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Our Bavarian Festival was a great success. Despite the late Friday afternoon downpour, the weather turned out to be wunderbar and the attendance was very good, even better than last year. I could not begin to thank every member of the Maennerchor who helped to make this such a great event. We would need a much longer newsletter and surely, I would leave someone out. No matter what you did, the combined efforts of so many members resulted in our success. We can be very proud of the Utica Maennerchor and all its members.

**TRUSTEE MESSAGE by Cal Anacker** – We have just completed another successful Bavarian Festival, the weather cooperated, it was ideal, and the people came in droves. There were more complaints than usual, mostly along one line. These will be adjusted for our 2017 Bavarian Festival. I wish to thank SGT Ted Pilmore in getting us 22 crews to setup and take down everything for our Festival. Every thing is put away and plans are being drawn for our 2017 Festival.

Don't forget every Wednesday in August is "Chillin and Grillin". The last Wed. August 31 we are short some people. "HELP US". Thi is a good fund raiser for us, Please support this endeavor.

**NEWCLUB MEMBERS** – We'd like to welcome the following new members: Hannah Barley, Colin Hubbell, Kurt Miller, Jack Mineo, Joanne Firsching, Steve Phelps, David Schroeder, Michael Woolever, Gennadiy Gololobov, Kathryn Lawless and Melissa Schneider. Thank you for joining and enjoy your new Club.

**FESTIVAL FUND RAISING WINNERS** – Our Festival was a huge success and we'd like to thank all who purchased fund raiser tickets. The 2016 1<sup>st</sup> prize Winner was Amanda Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner Heidi Fox, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner Frances Holzberger. Congratulations!!

**GRILLIN' & CHILLIN'** – Starting Wednesday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 – 8 p.m. the Club will be hosting family picnics in our backyard pavilion. They will be held each Wednesday thru Aug. 24 (with a possible one on Aug. 31??). A variety of picnic foods including hot dogs, burgers, steak sandwiches, wurst, clams, veggies, drinks and desserts will be served at a cost from \$2.50 - \$8 depending on your selections. We invite families and friends for a relaxing evening while supporting your Club. We hope to have different 'groups' staff the evenings with the food bought by the Club. Working at the Club activities can be fun and rewarding! If you'd like to volunteer, and do not get called, contact your Secretary Judy at 736-7014. Please join us.

FESTIVAL SIGNS – A few signs are still outstanding. Please return ALL SIGNS, so we may change the dates and hours for next year's Festival. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUES - Note: the league start dates are listed above. The first night you will get your team start-up times. We could use a few more subs for both nights if you like to play now and then. Our leagues have been a huge success and lots of fun. We hope for 12 teams each night. Your contacts are Krystal Hodge Pollicove for Monday League and Gene White or Leo Schwenzfeier for Thursday League.

PITCH LEAGUE – The Pitch League starts September 13<sup>th</sup>. New members welcome. We need 2 people per team. If interested, please call Laura Campbell 527-8480 by August 12<sup>th</sup> with your team names and telephone numbers.

THE SCHWENZFEIER FAMILY would like to thank everyone for the expressions of kindness and sympathy for our beloved Brian. It was deeply appreciated.

CHORUS – Thank you to our Director, Susan Sady, and the chorus members who participated in singing the National Anthems at the start of our Bavarian Festival. Our practices will begin on Sept. 14 with Ladies at 6:30 p.m. Mixed at 7:30 p.m. and Men at 8:30 p.m. New voices are welcome, so give us a try by showing up in September.

A MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Wed. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Members please bring your ideas and attend.

IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED IN YOUR MUSIC, do so now so the librarians can sort the music and place music for the start of rehearsals. Cooperation appreciated. See you in September.

**Bavarian Festival Basket Raffle:** Congratulations to John Camilleri for winning the Tiffany Lamp, donated by Meyda Lighting! Congratulations to the following basket winners! (Some than one): Dan Fox, Luke Dziadyk, Donna Hinman, David Lonis, Doris Treadway, Patti MacDaniel, Gail Miskowiec, Earline Zinserling, Bob Macioleck, Steve Barth, Nancy Roberts, Nancy Miskowiec, Margie Gadziala, Jack Kelly, Jamie Kaiser, Mary Ann Buttenschon, Kim Jewett, Caitlyn Cieslewitz, Tina Olds, Maria Rebisz, Renee Alsante, Tara Murphy, Laurie Przybla, Sheila Finegan-Mastrobito, Alice Strait, Amy Kraeger, Lori DeMarco, Giovanni Inserts, Renee Alcuri, Steve Schafer, Deana Romeika, Darrow Snyder, Diane Szablak, Marina Kistner, Susan Bord, Gracie Schnell, Teresa Frye, Bridget Parisi, Diane Zeiter, Sheila Knapp, Joan Cross, Laurie Jones, Jessica Majecski, Catherine Macri, Deb Whiteford, Jessica Dutch & Jeff Fazekas.

Thank you to all members who donated Baskets & items for the raffle! We created a lot of baskets with the things that were donated! Thank you to the many Businesses that donated! A list is posted on the bulletin board, coming into the club.

Please support the businesses that support us! A Big Thank You to my committee: Amanda Cieslewitz, Sheila Knapp, Colleen Martin, Gail Miskowiec & Debra Whiteford. If anyone is interested in getting involved next year, please contact me, Mary Lou Manchester 315-725-2675.

### **Edelweiss Schuhplattlers by Gracie Schell**

Wow!! What a GREAT Bavarian Festival this year!!! Perfect weather too, especially when dressed up in German Dancing outfits!!! I am SO PROUD of the WONDERFUL job all my Dancers did performing at the Festival!!!!!!

Our Dancers were a busy Group at the Bavarian Festival, with a total of 9 Performances!!! We also ran the ever popular "Schuhplattling Contest" both nights, plus were judges for the "Bier Pitcher Holding Contest". We received many, many compliments on our "Kronentanz" (& how pretty a Dance it is), along with all our many other Dances. On Friday & Saturday we had 19 Dancers perform, which doubled in number for our Group Participation Dance Set!!! Of course, our Dance Kids really stole the Show from everyone there, as they should have!!!

As I'm writing this (July 23rd), our Dancers will be heading out to the Binghamton German Club's Sommer Fest, in just a few hours, for their first time performing there!! We are all really looking forward to this opportunity of Dancing for them!!! This opportunity came about on Sunday of the Bavarian Festival. So, if you or someone you know, would like German Dancers at an event, contact me at (315)725-0406.

Remember, we will be performing at 11am on Aug 13th for Little Falls Canal Days - come & see us there!!!

**Would you like to consider a bequest to our Club in memory of a loved one? If interested, contact a Club Officer or Trustee.**

REMINDER NOTE: We are looking for volunteers to chair, cook or work Club events. Long-time Club chairmen are willing to be helpful in handing down our traditions and cooking skills. If you can help, call our Club Secretary, Judy at 736-7014. Linna Miller (A new Member) is starting to learn the office work – Operating the computer, copier, making posters, tickets, placemats, making newsletters, filing paperwork, etc.,. Many thanks from Ed Rankins for her Help. At Last we have a volunteer.

**NEWSLETTER via EMAIL & Miscellaneous – Please send us your email address wish to receive your newsletter electronically. The Club is now connected to WiFi. Our Club e-mail address is: [uticamaennerchor@gmail.com](mailto:uticamaennerchor@gmail.com).**

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