

Utica Maennerchor News

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2016 (315) 735-5882 Club Haus DECEMBER
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UPCOMING EVENTS – check our Web Site and Flyers in the Club

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Fish fries and other food specials every Friday 5 – 7:30 PM

Specials: Dec. 2nd – Kielbasa, Sauerkraut & Onions w/choice of Potato; Dec. 9 Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes; Dec. 16 Shrimp Scampi; Dec. 23 Macaroni & Cheese; Dec. 30 Shrimp or Clam Basket.

Above may be subject to change, check the bulletin board at the Club's entrance.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A FEW FRIDAYS!

Note: We are noted for our salad bar which is included with your dinner.

DEC. 5 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.

DEC. 9 – Club Christmas Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Charity – Joseph's Experience)

DEC. 16 – Christmas Cookie Sale 5 – 7 p.m. (during Fish Fry)

DEC. 17 – Club Christmas Party – 6 p.m. (Music by Renaissance 7 – 10 p.m.)

DEC. 19 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m. (all members welcome)

DEC. 23 – SANTA ARRIVES AT MAENNERCHOR during Fish Fry (bring the kids)

DEC. 24 – Club Closed – Christmas Eve

DEC. 25 – Club Closed – Christmas

DEC. 31 – Club Closed – New Year's Eve

JAN. 1 – New Year's Day

JAN. 2 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.

GERMAN HISTORY – Rev. Andrew Wetzel – itinerant cleric in 1830s, organized churches in Verona, Rome, Boonville, and Utica; founded what is now Zion Lutheran Church, French and Burrstone Roads, Utica; taught German language and was a school board member for 15 years; brought the German Christmas Tree tradition to Utica in 1845.

TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE by Cal Anacker

Thank you to all that contributed to the "Table Cloth" fund. They will be ordered shortly. Hopefully they will be in the dining room before Christmas.

The Utica Maennerchor nominating committee is now in place. They are going to replace four trustees. Volunteer for one of these positions. These positions help to keep our Club moving forward.

From the Board of Trustees we wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

CLUB DUES – 2017 DUES are now due for Club entry, alcohol purchase, voting rights and Club support. Prompt payment allows your Club Secretary Judy to prepare the cards in a timely manner. A bulk mailing will go out on January 2nd for all cards not handed out in December.

THANK YOU – to all who supported our Fall Fest, Fish Fry, Pie Sale and the German Cookie sale during the month of November. The German Cookies, imported from Germany, were donated to our Club for a fund raiser from Giesela Lewis. We thank the Schwenzfeier clan for delivering them from NYC to Stony Point, to Albany, to Whitesboro, to Marcy. Club support is needed and appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathy is extended to the families of Michael J. Carney, a member since 1983, and James Quinn, a member since 1969. Their support over the years was appreciated and our thoughts are with their families.

CITY SHOPPERS COUPON BOOKS by Gracie Schell – The "Enjoy the City Shoppers Coupon Books" are still available for purchase. I will be extending this Maennerchor Fundraiser all through December. Get yours now! They make a great Christmas Gift for everyone!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS – We still have Club shirts, hats and tree trims if you are looking for a last minute stocking stuffer. See Eric Lorenz on a Friday night at the Club.

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER – Tickets for your \$5 donation each were included in your December news mailing. Please have returns made by Dec. 15th for adequate inclusion. Mail is sometimes slow at this time of the year, so mail early. The prizes are 1st \$400; 2nd \$ 200; and 3rd \$100. This would be a perfect time to win!! Take a chance



CHORUS – Our volunteer singers have been working diligently to bring you a wonderful CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Dec. 9th at 7:30 p.m. (after fish fry). We'd like to thank our Director, Susan Sady, and accompanist, Mark Radlowski for their energy in assisting us to present this holiday concert. Your donation entrance will go to JOSEPH'S EXPERIENCE (JE), the only not-for-profit in central New York which serves people impacted by Cancer and Leukemia. JE provides vacations, emotional support through group meetings, chemical free gardens, holiday support, Thanksgiving meals and many other services that take place all year. JE also honors veterans, law enforcement, fire fighters and first responders. Your support and donation is appreciated. Our Chorus also will present a Concert for St. Elizabeth's Guild on Dec. 2nd and the Presbyterian

Home on Dec. 14th. Note: After our Club concert on Dec. 9th, join us for snacks, friendship and a sing-a-long. Invite your family and friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us.

CLUB CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – Once again we'd like your support baking or buying our homemade cookies. The sale will take place during Fish Fry on Dec.16th. Cookies are needed at the Club by Wed. Dec. 14th from 8 – noon. They will be boxed by our elves in the evening for purchase on Friday. A donation of \$10 for 1 pound or \$15 for 1½ pounds is appreciated. We know there are many good bakers on our membership list, but we may not know your talent. If you don't receive a call, just bring in your SMALL cookies. We have packaged dozens and dozens in the past, therefore your support is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DINNER DANCE – This event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th at 6 p.m. with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Dancing and music listening from 7 – 10 p.m. will be performed by Renaissance. Your donation of \$20 will cover the dinner and dance. Dance only is \$10. We'd appreciate reservations by Wed. Dec. 14th for proper planning. Tickets are available at the Club. During this event we will have our Christmas Fundraiser drawing – so be there – you might just win!

SANTA – The Maennerchor has a scheduled VISIT FROM SANTA during Fish Fry on Dec. 23rd. Bring your children, grandchildren, or neighbors, and have dinner while they visit SANTA. We are looking forward to this happy, holiday event at UMC. Hope to see you all! SANTA might also have a treat for the children.

HOUSE COMMITTEE by Cal Anacker – Our fall projects are complete! We are now working indoors and at the present time, there are no large projects scheduled to be done. General maintenance will be the scope. If this is done properly, it cuts back on the large projects. Our engineers are waiting for the new table cloth material to come in so they can enhance the beauty of our dining room. On behalf of the Wednesday crew, we wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – Our Dancers will be performing at "Little Falls Christmas" on Dec. 10th from Noon-1pm at the Travelodge Motel. This will be our last performance for our 2016 Season, so please come and see us! Keep in mind, that we will be welcoming any new Dancers interested in our Group early in the Spring of 2017.

Our most recent were at the Clinton Manor Senior Apts. (Thank You, Carol Aldrich, of the Maennerchor Chorus, for inviting us there!!) and at Utica's Union Station "Christmas on Main Street".

I want to give a GIANT "THANK YOU" to all my WONDERFUL Dancers & Parents for being so loyal & dedicated to our Dance Group!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You are all truly the VERY BEST!!!!!!

NEW TABLECLOTH CHALLENGE – We had a wonderful challenge that allows us to have all new tablecloths in our bar and back dining rooms. Thank you to the following donors: Cal Anacker, Frank Bergman, Rose & John Hosp, William & Julie Kritzler, Maggie Nuber, Howard Welch, Memorials in memory of Richard Vaeth, Norma Flihan, Jack Linder, Carol Daly, Elaine Schwenzfeier, and donations in honor of Cal Anacker and the White children and grandson. Your support was terrific. Thank you!

THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD – We have room for two – two person teams starting in January. If you are looking for a fun night out during the winter months contact Leo at 736-7014 or Gene White at the Club.



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

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.

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