

# Utica Maennerchor News

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German-American music and culture*

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2016 (315) 735-5882 Club Haus JULY

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS – check our Web Site and Flyers in the Club**

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

*Specials: June 17-BBQ Chicken w/choice of potato; June 24 Kilbasa & Sauerkraut w/choice of potato; July 1 shrimp or clams in a basket; July 8 ham w/ veggie & potato; July 15 NO Club Fish Fry – Festival; July 22 chicken cordon bleu; July 29 beef BBQ w/choice of potato*

**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!*

**JUNE 20 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m. (Festival meeting to follow w/ALL BOOTH CHAIRMEN)**

**JULY 4 – CLUB CLOSED – INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**JULY 5 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.**

**JULY 15 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL 5 – 11 p.m. – The Frankfurters German Band**

**JULY 16 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL 5 – 11 p.m. – The Frankfurters German Band**

**JULY 17 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL – Noon – 5 p.m. – The Enzian Bavarian Band**

**JULY 25 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m. (all members encouraged to attend)**

**AUG. 3 - Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' family picnic 5:30 – 8 p.m.**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller** – Thank you to our Maennerchor Chorus for a delightful Spring Concert. Your hard work resulted in a pleasant evening of choral singing for our audience.

Now it is time to start our immediate work toward a successful Bavarian Festival. **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** If you have not as yet returned the volunteer sheet, included in last month's news letter, please do so now! You may have already gotten a call from one of the Booth Chairmen, but if not we can use your help in a multitude of work slots. Our set-up & tear-down schedule is listed further on in this news letter. Please take note. Also, please return your fund raiser tickets as soon as possible in the envelope provided. See you at the Festival!!

**TRUSTEE MESSAGE by Cal Anacker** – Just a reminder, our July meeting is Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, as the first Monday is the holiday.

On Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, we will begin setting up “our” tents for the festival. Don Weimer, the new festival set up chairman, will appreciate all the help he can get. Check elsewhere in the bulletin for the main setup date.

Yes we still have “Fish Fries” every Friday. Before you head north to camp or attend a sporting event or other function, “Stop In” and eat at the Club or take it “To Go”.

**NEW MEMBERS** – We'd like to welcome Michael Allen to our Maennerchor family. Enjoy your membership.

**BEREAVEMENT** – Our sympathy is extended to the Schwenzfeier family on the death of Brian Robert Schwenzfeier who was an amazing young man who accomplished so much and never let his disability stand in his way.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** – One of the Club's youngest members recently got married. Paul Gregory married Elizabeth on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Buffalo and then flew off to Ireland for their honeymoon. We wish them the best as they begin their journey together.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Wilma and Ed Rankins will be celebrating their **60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**. We send our congratulations and best wishes, too.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE by Cal Anacker** – The weather has not been cooperating but we few in number have been accomplishing much. We have been setting up indoor parties and had our first outdoor party. Something was/is going on almost every weekend in May and June, The Club is still waiting for information on our electrical and sidewalk projects. I'll keep you posted as this information is received. We could always use more help. So if you have some time available, stop by and lend us a hand.

**BOCCE LEAGUE** – Our Bocce league began last week on the Club's front lawn. If you have never played, come on down each Tuesday and watch. Just maybe you'll enjoy the fun and become a player next time.

**CHORUS** – Another Chorus year has passed and we thank our singers, Director Susan Sady and accompanist Mark Radlowski for the hours spent each week in preparation for our Concerts. The love of music and German culture was the very reason our Club was founded 151 years ago. We thank all who have supported this effort and we plan to continue for many years to come. Thank you to all who attended. We'd like to have our chorus members take part in the opening ceremony of our Festival in their German attire to sing the National Anthems of Germany & America. Please be there to welcome our Festival guests. New singers welcome in the fall. See you all at the Festival!



**BAVARIAN FESTIVAL MEETING** – After the General Meeting on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, all **BOOTH CHAIRMEN** and volunteers are asked to attend the final meeting in order to have everything coordinated for a successful Festival. There are jobs for everyone from set-up, Fest workers at booths, clean-up and take-down. We need 150 volunteers, so if you don't already have a task, we'll find one for you.

**FUND RAISER TICKETS** – Included in this mailing are fund raiser tickets for you to buy or sell in order to help with the expense of renting the tents, tables and chairs. This runs several thousand dollars and this is an easy contribution from you to help defray this cost. **PLEASE RETURN** in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible for accounting purposes. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$350; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$250; and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$100. You might just win if you purchase a ticket. You never know!!! Your cooperation will be appreciated. The ticket staples are only there for use in mailing to you. They may be removed if need be.

**Volunteers Needed For BAVARIANFEST SETUPS** – For further information, call Don Weimer @ phone #736-1485.

- [ Erections of **small tents** will occur on Wednesdays & Saturdays beginning July 2<sup>ND</sup> between 8:00 AM and noon.
- [ **MAJOR SETUP ACTIVITIES FOR BOOTHS** will occur on Wednesday, July 13<sup>TH</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM until done. *Attendance by Booth Chairpersons (or a representative) is expected at MAJOR ACTIVITIES.*
- [ **MAJOR TEARDOWN ACTIVITIES** will occur on Monday, July 18<sup>TH</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM until done.
- [ Teardowns of **small tents** will occur on Wednesday, July 20<sup>TH</sup> and Saturday, July 23<sup>RD</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM until done.

**FESTIVAL CAKE BOOTH** – Marina could use your specialty baked goods to help fill our Cake booth. Our Bavarian Cakes are a big seller, but many enjoy the sampling of other baked treats. Just bring the items in on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. We know there are great bakers out there – just let us know who you are!! This is another way you can contribute to the success of our Festival.

**BASKET RAFFLE** – Mary Lou is continuing to accept items for the baskets to be raffled off at the Festival. NEW Basket item suggestions are: household, sports, camping, games, toys, pet items, gardening, outdoor, or other ideas you may have. Items can be left in the bin at the bar. Call Mary Lou at 725-2675 if you have any questions. Thanks to those who already donated

**EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell** – The Dancers have started rehearsing the Kronentanz again for the Bavarian Festival - be sure to try & see it!!! Each day, we will be doing an opening Show, along with a couple short Band breaks. We are still holding 2 rehearsals per week to accommodate everyone in the Group. Since we will be performing in Atlantic City, at the Taj Mahal's Oktoberfest this year, we'll be doing some Fundraisers to help us get there. We are also looking into going there by Bus, with empty seats available for others that wish to go along with us. Watch for further details & let me know if you are interested. Thanks! (315)725-0406 or [graciesdance@hotmail.com](mailto:graciesdance@hotmail.com). Our 2016 Dance Performance Schedule (so far) is as follows: (more bookings desired!!!)

July 15-17 Maennerchor Bavarian Festival; Aug 6-7 Syracuse Oktoberfest, 2-3pm each day, Long Branch Park, Liverpool; Aug 13 Little Falls Canal Days, 11am; Sept 2 NY State Fair, 4-5 Shows, inside the Grange Building; Sept 24-25 Royalty & Rogues Festival, Maennerchor backyard; Oct TBD Zion Lutheran Church Oktoberfest, Utica (Date TBA); Oct 22-23 Taj Mahal Oktoberfest, Atlantic City, NJ; Nov 19 Christmas on Main Street, Utica's Union Station & Children's Museum; Dec 10 Christmas in Little Falls

**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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