

Utica Maennerchor News

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2016 (315) 735-5882 Club Haus JUNE

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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: May 27 Shrimp or clams in a basket; June 3 Lasagna; June 10 Meatball Sub; June 17 B B Q Chicken w/choice of potato; June 24 Kilbasa & Sauerkraut w/choice of potato **Look on our web site for additional date specials**

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 2 – BOCCE League starts – 6:30 PM

JUNE 6 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 PM

JUNE 10 – Club Chorus Concert – 8 PM

JUNE 20 – General Club Meeting – 7 PM (Festival Meeting to follow w/ ALL BOOTH CHAIRMEN)

JULY 15 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL 5 – 11 PM w/ The Frankfurters German Band

JULY 16 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL – 5 – 11 PM w/The Frankfurters German Band

JULY 17 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL – NOON – 5 PM w/ The Enzian Bavarian Band

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller – Is it possible that we are heading into June? It is so nice to see more sunshine and feel those warm rays shining down on us.

Thank you to all attendees at our 151st Anniversary Banquet. Although there could have been better attendance, we had a wonderful evening with good food, friendship, and music. Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Year—John Perrone & Laura Campbell and to our new Honorary Life Members—Ray Beck, Joe Schuster & Judy Schwenzfeier. Donations were received from the Honorary Members, Pitch League, Monday & Thursday Shuffleboard Leagues and will help toward the construction of our new, much needed, front sidewalk. Certificates were presented to 25 year Club members Russell Holzberger, Susan D. Kernan & Robert Lawless. Joan Gilbert was presented a 50 year Club certificate and Ferdinand Schwenzfeier a 60 year certificate. Congratulations to all!

Behind the scenes, preparations are under way for our Bavarian Festival. Our Wednesday morning volunteers continue to move forward with various projects for the festival. However, our biggest 'project' is, as always, getting volunteers for the weekend of the festival. If you haven't returned your volunteer form yet, we ask that you do it as soon as you can. With nearly 500 club members, we are hoping to get some new faces and new blood involved so the tired and weary won't have to toil as long and as hard as they have done for years!

A reminder that those wishing to purchase the Utica Maennerchor polo shirts in either red or white (or one of each) should **sign the order form** in the bar entrance area by June 10th. Payment can be made by check to **UTICA MAENNERCHOR** or in cash. Please put your payment in an envelope marked to the attention of Judy Schwenzfeier. Shirts should be available for you to wear at the Bavarian Festival!

Congratulations to all Utica Maennerchor children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who are graduating this year. We wish you continued success!

TRUSTEE MESSAGE by Cal Anacker – Everything is coming along nicely thanks to the Wednesday crew and our friends from Mid State Correctional – Thank You! Picnic benches were moved into position for the festival. Yes we're thinking about the festival already! The pavilion was cleaned and washed, along with many other outdoor activities being accomplished. Our grills were rehabbed during the winter. Regardless of our accomplishments we are getting older and need help. Come down any Wednesday morning or volunteer to help on weekends when we are catering parties.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS – Welcome to the following: Kurt Maclaughlin, Heidi Fox, Ryan Marchese, Christopher Edwards, Leah Haponski, Yesenia Matos, Emilie Raymond, Lee Roberts, & Nicole Raith. We hope you'll enjoy your membership at your new Club.

BOCCE LEAGUE by Fred Schwenzfeier – The summer league begins Tues., June 2nd at 6:30 PM. There will be no games on July 19th (the week after the Bavarian Festival). The sign-up sheet is located by the shuffleboard in the bar area of the Club. We are always looking for more players. Beginners are welcome and should find it a lot of fun. Call Fred at 732-7725 or Ken at 768-0116 with any questions.

THE FAMILY TREE GERMAN GENEALOGY GUIDE: Tracing your German ancestry in Europe. If interested, this book by James M. Beidler is available for \$24.99 or \$16.95 at Edward R. Hamilton Bookseller Co., P.O.Box 15, Falls Village, CT 06031-0015

HOUSE COMMITTEE by Cal Anacker – We have a much needed refrigerator donated. All that needs to be done is pick it up. We are now starting our outside work – painting, water turned on, mowing, restrooms cleaned, etc. The walk from the parking lot to the barroom should be done in 2-3 weeks. Several projects are in the works

CHORUS- Hopefully all Club members, family and friends can join us on **June 10th at 8 PM for our annual Spring Concert.** Our chorus members have planned an enjoyable evening of German music along with American contemporary Broadway selections. Enjoy a night out at the Club with a Fish Fry followed by our Concert. \$5 adult concert donation; children under 12 free are free. Our Director, Susan Sady, accompanist Mark Radlowski, and volunteer singers have given many hours to the success of our Club's Spring Concert. Please support your club chorus

BAVARIAN FESTIVAL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BAVARIANFEST SETUPS

- [**Small tent setups will occur on Wednesdays & Saturdays between 8:00 AM until noon July 2nd**
- [**MAJOR Setup Activities will occur beginning 8:00 AM on Wednesday, July 13th until done**
- [**MAJOR Teardown Activities will occur beginning 8:00 AM on Monday, July 18th until done.**
- [**Small tent removals will occur on Wednesday, July 20th and Saturday, July 23rd beginning at 8:00 AM.**

Numerous tasks are involved and attention to details is required. Attendance by Booth Chairperson (or representative) is requested at Major Activities. For further information, call Don Weimer @ phone 736-1485.

BASKET RAFFLE @ THE BAVARIAN FESTIVAL by Mary Lou Manchester – We are once again asking for your participation in The Bavarian Festival Basket Raffle. We have a wish list: please look around your house, cellar, attic, closets, etc. Do you have things that you have been given as gifts that you know you will never use? Bring it to the Maennerchor and put in the bin that I have near the door. Toys, baskets, yarn, cooking things, baby things, sports items, things for men or women....maybe you go different places and would like to ask for donation of a full basket, an item or gift certificate, please get a letter from me. Pet items, garden tools, cooking items, almost anything will work. Every item is appreciated. If you have a question or want to help us gather & create baskets or volunteer, please call me (315) 725-2675. Thank you & remember, baskets, baskets, baskets!

BAVARIAN FESTIVAL MEETING – After the General Meeting on June 20th, all BOOTH CHAIRMEN and volunteers are asked to attend this final meeting in order to rectify any concerns in order to help our Festival run smoothly. We'll need close to 150 volunteers to welcome our guests over the three-day event. There are jobs for everyone from setting up, taking down, working all the booths & bringing in family and friends. Flyers will be in the Club and we encourage you to tape a flyer on your car side window for additional advertising. Every little bit helps! PLEASE RETURN YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK SHEETS, that you received in last month's news letter, as soon as possible.

BAVARIAN FESTIVAL FUND RAISER – You will receive Festival fund raiser tickets, with a return envelope, in your July newsletter. The winning prizes are \$350, \$250 and \$100. This fund raiser goal is intended to cover the cost of our tent, table & chair rentals, which is several thousand dollars. Your support helps with expenses of your club Festival.

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – Congrats to my Wonderful Edelweiss Schuhplattlers on their first two shows of our 2016 Dance Season! In spite of the bad weather, both of our "Mayfaire on the Green" Shows, which are held outside, went on anyway! I have one very hardy Dance Group, that still had a fun time anyway at this Renn Fest! While there, we were also invited back to the Royalty & Rogues Fest, which will be again at the Maennerchor in Sept.

We continue to hold two practices per week & have three new dancers. Welcome to James & his Mom, Leah, along with Eve's Mom, Heidi. There's still time to be part of our fun Group before the Bavarian Festival - contact Gracie at (315) 725-0406 or @ graciedance@hotmail.com. Note: Donations of German Clothing is appreciated.

REMINDER: 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. We need someone to start learning the office work – Operating the computer, copier, making posters, tickets, placemats, making newsletters, filing paperwork, etc. If interested, call Ed at 866-1571 or 735-5882. If you can help, contact Leo Schwenzfeier at the Club or 736-7014. Your help will be appreciated.

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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