

Utica Maennerchor News

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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: April 29 Lasagna; May 6 Meatloaf, potato & veggies; May 13 Tuna noodle casserole; May 20 Sausage & peppers sub; May 27 Shrimp or clams in a basket

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!

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

May 7 – Club 151st Anniversary Dinner Dance 5:30 – 11 p.m.

May 16 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m. (Festival Meeting follows)

June 7 – BOCCE League starts – 6:30 p.m.

June 10 – Club Chorus Concert – 8 p.m.

July 15-16-17 Bavarian Festival w/German Bands all weekend (volunteer your time)

TRUSTEE MESSAGE by Cal Anacker – We wish to thank Supervising Officer Ted Pillmore and his crew from Mid-State Correctional for the outstanding job they did to upgrade and beautify The Utica Maennerchor. The ballroom, barroom, dining room and kitchen look the best that they have in years. I personally have never seen a group of men take such pride in their work. Keep it up. We are presently seeking quotes to replace the walkway from the front parking lot to the barroom. This summer we will be seeking bids to patch and seal our driveway and to seal the drive on the south end of the building to the back of the Club. If you know of any contractor that would be interested, have them leave a message at the Club or call me at home, 732-8462.

151st MAENNERCHOR CLUB ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

May 7th 6 -11PM

151ST ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE – Our Anniversary celebration will take place on May 7th with reservations due by May 4th at \$20 per adult. Your choice of a chicken or pork schnitzel dinner with spaetzle, salad, red cabbage & dessert will be served. Included is one drink & hors d'oeuvres starting at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will follow. A memorial service for our deceased Club members of the past year will be held, followed by a mini-concert by our Chorus. Music for your dancing & listening pleasure will be by DJ David Yanney till 11 p.m. We ask our Club members to support this enjoyable evening. See you there!

NEW CLUB MEMBERS – Welcome to Linna Miller and Kathy Contino Turner, Jonathan Batson, Heather Kuhner & Marty Marchese who recently joined our Maennerchor Family. Thank you for joining.

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathy is extended to the family of Carleen Gilot and Terry Hensel, long time members of Utica Maennerchor. Their volunteerism & support was appreciated.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller – The birds are chirping, the leaves are ready to burst out on the trees, and the flowers will be blooming soon. Spring is such a wonderful time for all of us to enjoy. Spring also brings back our 'snowbirds' from their annual migration to warmer climates. Welcome home!

As we look at spring, don't forget to mark your calendar for our **151st** Anniversary Banquet scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. Tickets are available at the bar. Our dinner will include salad, chicken or pork schnitzel, spaetzle, red cabbage, rolls, and dessert, not to mention the usual hors d'oeuvres. Following dinner, we will have our program and dancing. This will be the starting point on the journey to our next landmark - 175 years!!! Please plan on joining us.

The Utica Maennerchor has reached longevity through a lot of dedication, hard work, and support from many members. On the practical side, our Bavarian Festival is not only mandated by our Constitution, but the profit from this event helps to keep us financially solvent during the year long period following the festival. But the festival doesn't happen by itself! Some members chair booths every year (year after year), but these chairpersons are in desperate need of help from YOU, every single Maennerchor member. We would hope that every member who is able, would be willing to give us a few hours of time to work at one of the booths for a period of time. Thus, I am asking that you complete the form that is a part of this newsletter

and volunteer to help. It will spare you from receiving multiple calls from the chairpersons and the chairpersons will be spared the task of making many, many phone calls. (If your dog eats your newsletter, there will be blank forms on the table opposite the bar along with a 'box' in which to return the forms.) Let's all work together to make this a great Bavarian Festival!!!

Details in next month's newsletter

BASKET RAFFLE (BAVARIAN FESTIVAL) by Mary Lou Manchester – I can't believe that the Bavarian Festival is just around the corner, where has the time gone. This will be our 3rd Annual Basket Raffle! We already have about 10 committed baskets. Please consider donating a basket or ask a place that you may do business with to donate a basket or something to put into a basket for the Festival. I will be putting a container at the Club to collect items, empty baskets or containers. You may be cleaning out a closet, attic or basement and maybe find a gift that you never used, Knick knacks, candles, etc. We can create a basket with any items that you donate - garden items, baby items, pet items, toys, exercise stuff, office supplies...anything! If you have any questions, want to donate a basket, or maybe want to join our team, please contact Mary Lou Manchester (315) 725-2675

HOUSE COMMITTEE by Cal Anacker – The inside work at the Club is winding down, except for a few emergency jobs that popped up. Outside, the snow blower shed is stored for the summer, and the holes in the parking lot have been graded and smoothed out. The grills in the pavilion have been rehabbed and will be tested when our last snowbird comes back from Florida. We have a window sill to repair, along with a roof as our early outdoor projects. Do you know a good stone mason to repair the "Leaning Wall" (Volunteer) by the walkway to the back of the Club. Give me a call 732-8462. We are still in need of a refrigerator in good working order. We have one used Weed Whacker in working order and would like to have one for backup.

CHORUS – We were invited to sing at the 175 Anniversary of St. Joseph's Church, which was founded largely by German immigrants. It's an honor being asked to participate as a Chorus. At our Club's 151st Anniversary Banquet, our singers will perform a mini-concert after the memorial service. We hope all members will attend the evening as a tribute to our founders and volunteers for the longevity of our Club and the good will it fosters. The NYS Saengerbund Music Committee met at our Club on April 24th to discuss possible changes in the Saengerfest format. Please mark your calendars for **the Club Spring Concert on June 10** after Fish fry. Our members are working diligently to present a very enjoyable evening. We thank our Director, Accompanist and singers.

BOCCE LEAGUE – by Fred Schwenzfeier & Kenneth Moore

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Ken accepted to take over the leadership of the Bocce League. Please give Ken all your support. The games will begin Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the Club. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board by the shuffle board. We are always looking for more players. Please sign up early so the schedule can be made on time. Any questions please call Ken at 768-0116 or Fred at 732-7725.



THANK YOU to all who supported our successful Sauerbraten Dinner. A special thank you goes out to our 27Club members who made this dinner possible. You know who you are and your volunteerism was appreciated. Also thank you to our Pitch League, Monday & Thursday Shuffleboard Leagues for your presence during the fall & winter months. You kept the Club "Ratskeller" very active with your financial and physical support. Thank you all!

Edelweiss Schuhplattlers by Gracie Schell

The Dance Group has been holding 2 Rehearsals almost every week in April, in order for our Friday only or Tuesday only Dancers to be able to have Practices. (Tuesday has the most attendees, though.) Our newest Group Dance is really coming along nicely & will be debuted on May 14 & 15 during our Performances at the "Mayfaire on the Green" Renaissance Faire in Holland Patent!! Come & see your Dancers there.

We would also like to say Welcome to Yessie, our newest Adult Dancer that has just joined our Dance Group. That now makes 2 new Adults & 2 New Kids so far this Season!! More Dancers are welcome too - so, come & try us out!! Any questions, just contact Gracie at (315) 725-0406 or @ graciesdance@hotmail.com.

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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