

Utica Maennerchor News

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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: Sept. 30th Meatloaf, Potato & Veggies; Oct. 7th Linguine w/Clam Sauce; Oct. 14th Tuna Noodle Casserole; Oct. 21st Chicken Cordon Blu w/choice of Potato; Oct. 28th Kielbasa, Sauerkraut & Onions w/choice of Potato

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

- OCT. 3 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.
- OCT. 6 – German American Day Celebration
- OCT. 9 – Sauerbraten Dinner – Noon – 4 p.m.
- OCT. 17 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m.
- NOV. 7 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.
- NOV. 12 – Oktoberfest Dinner Dance 6 – 10 p.m.
- NOV. 18 – Fall Pie Sale 5 – 7 p.m.
- NOV. 21 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m.

TRUSTEE MESSAGE by Cal Anacker – By the time you get this newsletter we will hopefully have most of our outdoor projects winterized. The front walkway from the parking lot to the bar room is complete, the leaning wall is taken care of and the trench for the new power cable is done.

GERMAN AMERICAN DAY – Our Club will be celebrating 333 years since German settlers came to America on October 6th with a flag raising ceremony at Utica's City Hall at 10 a.m. Our Chorus will sing both National Anthems. We thank Mayor Palmieri for giving us this permission. If you can attend this presentation, we'd appreciate your support.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS – We welcome the following new members to our Maennerchor Family: John Bullis, David Bullis, Jeffrey Fazckas, klimberly Fazekas, Patrick Snyder, Robert Ott, Michael Klopotek and Richard Vinci. We have much to offer and we'd love to have you get involved in Club events. Thanks for joining.

HOUSE COMMITTEE by Cal Anacker – The Wed. crew is trying to keep up with the seemingly never ending projects that arise in our Club. If you have some spare time, come down any Wed. morning between 8 AM till noon and lend a hand. Our friends from Mid State Correctional are scheduled for a day or two the last week in Sept. to do the heavy work.

The Club needs 1 freezer and 1 refrigerator both in good working order for the Bavarian Festival. Also, the Club need's a push or self-propelled mower in good operating condition.

SAUERBRATEN DINNER – In a continuation of German American Day, our Club's "first-class" Sauerbraten dinner will be held on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th** from noon to 4 p.m. with take-outs available. The public is invited so please ask you family and friends. The dinner includes: German potato salad, sauerbraten (beef), noodles, gravy, rolls, red cabbage, black forest cake and coffee for a donation of \$15. If any of you have gone out to dinner lately, you'll understand this is a great deal. Our Club volunteers are scheduled to please you for a pleasant afternoon with a wonderful meal. Please join us.

UMC MINI FARMER'S MARKET – As a way of giving back to our community, our initiation "market" has been located on the entrance table in the bar area. We have included beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, apples, beets and basil, and to date have given \$46 to the Rescue Mission. Recently a \$5 donation was in the locked box! Club members donated the produce for our "green" donation of goods. As long as gardens produce, we'll have the goods available. Nice idea from our big Club hearts.

NEW TABLECLOTHS – A CHALLENGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

One of our members has made a generous donation to the Club in memory of Richard Vaeth, a family member. This donation was earmarked for new tablecloths for our downstairs bar and dining room tables. If you have been to the Club recently, you have seen what a difference the new tablecloths have made in the appearance of the bar area. However, the project is not complete. The back dining room still needs new tablecloths. Rather than taking money from the Club budget to fund the rest of the project, wouldn't it be a nice gesture on the part of the membership to match the total amount of the donation so that the tablecloth project can be completed? Your donation can also be made in the memory of a member or to honor a current member. Each individual donation does not have to be large and can be any amount to help raise the total tablecloth fund to a balance large enough to pay for and complete the project. Just make a notation that your donation is for

the tablecloth fund, and either bring or send it to the Club by Thanksgiving. Are we up to the challenge of matching the anonymous donation???

SHUFFLEBOARD – Our leagues have begun. We could use a few more substitutes, ladies and men. Join us on Monday or Thursday at 7 p.m. to check us out and on occasion play a game or two. They are fun nights and add to the financial support of the Club. Thanks to Theresa, Gene & Leo for the time they volunteer to keep these leagues going.

CHORUS – Members returned for the start of our 2016-17 season. Thanks to our Director Susan Sady and accompanist Mark Radlowski for continuing to lead our Chorus. If you can sing, and would like a pleasant night out, come to the Club and give us a try. We meet on Wednesday nights – Ladies 6:30, Mixed 7:30 and Men 8:30. We practice German and American selections and presently are working on our holiday music. Our Club Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 9th at 7:30 p.m. Thanks to our dedicated volunteer singers for joining us again!

BOCCE LEAGUE – Our League is finished for the 2016 summer season. Thanks for your support. While having some good sportsmanship and fun, we were also able to make a nice financial donation to the Club. The 2016 champions are Team Schmidt with Joyce & Karl. Congratulations.

MAENNERCHOR GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY – Located on a table in the Club bar area you will find vegetables and fruit grown, and donated by some of our “green-thumb” members. You are welcome to take a few pieces with the intention of making a “green” donation to the Rescue Mission of Utica. They were founded in 1890 as a non-profit multiple-service charitable organization serving our community. They have served over 136,019 hot meals and distributed over 2,201 food boxes to the underprivileged. It is our wish that this “farmers market” will lead to funds for this cause. Thanks in advance.

SHOP THE CITY COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER by Gracie Schell – Once again, I am heading up the sales for the Shop the City Coupon Book Maennerchor Fundraiser. I already have some return orders & more are welcome anytime! Books are \$25 this year, with many new places added in the "Utica/Rome" Book. They will be available to order/purchase from Oct 1st – Dec 15th. So, get yours soon! For more information to order/purchase or assist in selling the books, contact me at (315)725-0406. Books for Syracuse, Rochester, other areas & States are also available to order. Thanks!!

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell

Big News!!! The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers are now on Facebook! So, check out our new "Edelweiss Schuhplattlers of the Utica Maennerchor" Facebook Page & "like" us!!!

Most of our Dancers were able to be at our NYS Fair Shows on Sept 2nd. We did a total of 5 half-hour performances and were invited to return again next year on Labor Day Friday. (Mark your 2017 Calendar!) On Sept 24-25th, the Dance Group had fun again at the "Royalty & Rogues" Fest! I believe we are the only German Dancers anywhere that perform at Renn Fests! Many THANKS to Leah & her Helpers for doing the Saturday Show while Karl & I were away with the Syracuse Dancers! We will dance at our first Oswego Oktoberfest on Sept 30th. We have several Shows for Oktober: We start the month on Okt. 7th, returning again to the Zion Lutheran Church Oktoberfest (6-9pm, Dancers at 7pm). Thank You to the many Maennerchor Members for having us dance at their Church Oktoberfest! On Okt. 9th we travel to Glenn Falls, to perform our first time at their "Lake George Oktoberfest". We open Sunday's events at Noon, then perform during all the German Band's breaks until 5:30pm. So, gather up your Family & Friends, and take a Sunday drive up to Lake George to see us!!!

Okt. 18th takes us to East Herkimer's new assisted living, "Valley Residential". Marlissa who booked us was a former Edelweiss Schuhplattler from the late '70's-early '80's! The weekend of Okt. 22-23rd, we were to perform in Atlantic City, at the Taj Mahal Oktoberfest. Unfortunately, place closed Labor Day and the Oktoberfest was moved to a smaller venue nearby. Giesela, who runs the Oktoberfest & a Vendor at our Bavarian Festival, could only keep the acts already coming from Germany & Canada. Giesela will keep us in mind for next year. Meanwhile, I have been contacting places that are having Harvest/Fall/Apple/Pumpkin/Oktoberfest Events on Okt. 22-23rd, to see if they would like some German Dancers.

The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers are certainly going to be a busy bunch of Dancers in Oktober!!! We can do more events, just contact me at (315)725-0406.

PS: Remember to take your Bottles/Cans to "Stosh's" for our 2017 Atlantic City Fundraiser. Or, just contact us, and we'll come & pick them up instead. Thanks!!

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.

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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