

Utica Maennerchor News

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German-American music and culture*

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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 7 – Baked Fish A La Linda; April 14 – Macaroni & Cheese; April 21 – Meatloaf; April 28 – Kielbasa w/sauerkraut

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.

APR. 3 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.
APR. 14 – Easter Pie Sale – during Fish Fry
APR. 17 - General Club Meeting – 7 p.m. followed by FESTIVAL MEETING
APR. 23 – Spring SAUERBRATEN DINNER – Noon – 4 p.m. (or sold out)
APR. 30 – N.Y.S. Saengerbund Meeting
MAY 6 – Maennerchor 152 Anniversary Dinner/Dance
JULY 14 – 15 – 16 BAVARIAN FESTIVAL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller

I can now officially say HAPPY SPRING (even though it may not look or feel like it just yet). The thought of Spring makes us look forward to new beginnings - flowers, grass, birds chirping, etc.

As President of the Utica Maennerchor, my new beginnings are a little different. I am looking for a renewed interest in and support of our organization and its activities. Many of us have been members for many years and, although we hate to admit it, we are getting a little older and consequently, have a little less ability to do some of the things we have always done. Some can no longer drive, especially at night. Others have been plague with new pains or illnesses. We can't always attend or volunteer at events like we used to do. So, I WANT YOU, some of our newer, younger members, to step forward and help us to keep the tradition going and help to preserve our German culture and singing. It is also part of the conditions of membership that you attend and volunteer at our events, some of which are indicated above. As of this newsletter, we are still looking for someone(s) to help with the weekly grocery shopping by picking items up at local stores. This could be part of the Wednesday morning detail. The club also asks that you renew your membership each year. We are waiting to hear from some members who have yet to renew. The dues are a part of our operating budget!

Actually, we started out the year with a major step forward. We changed our liquor license so that we no longer need to ask non-members to sign in or wear a wristband. This is a real bonus for us and those who come for Friday night dinner, play Shuffleboard, or are in the Pitch League, etc. And we hope that this will increase our bar sales.

Our annual Bavarian Festival is just about 3 ½ months away. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 17th (Easter Monday) following the UMC General Meeting (at about 8 PM). We have several booths that need Booth Chairpersons. This could be one person or a team of people to make sure each booth is staffed, has the proper supplies, and can serve as the go-to-person(s) during the festival hours of operation. We will also need lots of workers, so be ready to sign up! No one needs to work all three days and at all times (unless they really want to), and the more people we have, the merrier and the easier it is for everyone.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that the Maennerchor does not open until 4 PM, except when we have special events. Except for officers, trustees, and designated workers, no one should come to the club before the designated time, especially on a Friday, when our cooking staff is trying to prepare that day's meals. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Have a HAPPY EASTER!

NEW MEMBERS – Welcome to the following new UMC members: Steven Schafer, Joseph Goodhines, David McKendree and Carl Carmony. We hope you enjoy your membership in our family friendly atmosphere and we thank you for joining.

BEREAVEMENT – Edeltraud Nuber, daughter in-law of Beverly Nuber, passed away recently Edeltraud was a former member of the Club Chorus and Dancers. The Mother of Grace Schell recently passed away also.

EASTER PIE SALE by Co-Chairman Peg Pinkham and Rose Hosp – Our Easter pie sale will be **Friday April 14th** during Fish Fry. Pies sell for \$8 - \$10. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Club for all the bakers or please call Peg at 768-3905 or email: newyorkoma@roadrunner.com. Last Fall our pie sale sold out, so please help us bake! This is an opportunity to help support your Club by baking an Easter pie and/or coming and buying your Easter pie. If you cannot bake donations would be appreciated.

SAUERBRATEN DINNER – Our spring dinner is being held on **SUNDAY April 23rd** from Noon – 4 p.m. The \$15 adult dinner includes: salad, roll, sauerbraten, noodles, red cabbage, black forest cake and coffee or tea. Children's portions are available at \$6. Volunteers are needed. Contact your Secretary Judy at the Club or call 315-736-7014 if you'd like to help. This is a great way to support the Club, have fun working, and meet new people. Take outs are available. Invite your family and friends and let us do the cooking while you have a relaxing Sunday dinner!

CHORUS – Now that Spring has arrived we expect to have all Chorus members attending our Wednesday rehearsals. Some of our winter nights were tough travel nights, but now the snow is melting and days are longer. Our Spring Concert is scheduled for June 9th after Fish Fry. The NYS Saengerbund will meet at our Club on April 30. The Tradition of German music is ongoing!

BOCCE – The Bocce League will start Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30 PM on the Maennerchor front lawn. Those interested in playing may either use the sign-up sheet by the shuffleboards in the Club bar or leave a message at 315-768-0116. The deadline for signing up will be Wednesday, May 31st.

CLUB DUES – Thank you all who paid the 2017 Club dues. Your contribution is your way of fostering the German culture and tradition which has been a wonderful contribution to the Mohawk Valley. Our facility is open for use by our Club members and the community. The funds they generate allow us to keep our beautiful facility and grounds in great shape. A list of unpaid members is located on the Club bulletin board. If you sponsored any one, please give them a reminder call. This will be the last Newsletter for unpaid members.

THANK YOU to all who attended or worked (20 volunteers) our St. Patrick's Club parties. The music, dancers, food and drink were enjoyed by all our guests. For a few, it was their first visit to Utica Maennerchor and they had a great time. We'd like to see a few more support of our Fish Fries, but also appreciate those who attend. Our prices at Utica Maennerchor are extremely reasonable and take outs available. Thank you to all who contributed nonperishable food items to the Veteran's Outreach Center Food Drive at the After-Parade Party on March 25.

MONDAY NIGHT SHUFFLEBOARD – Under the chairmanship of Theresa Sloan a very successful season finished with the Team Winners: Joshua Weibel & Kevin Schrader.

THURSDAY NIGHT SHUFFLEBOARD – Under the chairmanship of Gene White and Leo Schwenzfeier also a very successful season finished with the Team Winners: Martha Culan and Joseph Schuster.

These Shuffleboard teams donated much needed financial and social support all thru their 20 week season.

We thank the teams and their chairmen for the Club support and "they sure had fun"!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS OF GERMAN SETTLERS – Emil Steinhorst, born in Germany, March 29, 1860, immigrated to the United States with his parents, Carl and Wilhelmina Steinhorst in 1872. He attended Utica's public schools. After his apprenticeship, journeyman years and partnerships, he struck out on his own at 1158 Mohawk Street where he employed about sixty workers in what was then the "...largest enterprise of its kind in central New York." The business was conducted under the name of Emil Steinhorst & Sons, with Frederick, William, and Theodore joining their father as officers in the company; their five brothers were also employed in the company. Steinhorst & Sons were noted for roofing, heating, ventilating, sheet metal work, various milking equipment, and freezer chests. Several patents were granted for their innovations. Some of the freezer chests, dating back to the 1920s, are available online at various sites. *Retrieved in abbreviated form from* http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/resources/mvgw/bios/steinhorst_emil.html, 3/24/2017

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 Club Secretary, Judy – (315) 736-7014.

NEWSLETTER via EMAIL & Miscellaneous – Please send us your email address if you wish to receive your newsletter electronically. The Club is now connected to Wi-Fi. Our Club e-mail address is: uticamaennerchor@gmail.com.

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