

Utica Maennerchor News

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German-American music and culture*

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2017 (315) 735-5882 Club Haus DECEMBER
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: Dec. 1 - Baked Fish Florentine; Dec. 8 - Macaroni & Cheese; Dec. 15 - Meatloaf; Dec. 22- Baked Fish A la Linda; Dec. 29 - Shrimp Scampi w/broccoli

Note: We are well-known for our salad bar which is included with your dinner.

- DEC. 4 - Board of Trustee Meeting- 7 p.m.
- DEC. 8 - Christmas Concert – 7:30 p.m. (benefit Operation Sunshine)
- DEC. 15 - Christmas Cookie Sale – during Fish Fry
- DEC. 16 - Club Christmas Dinner Dance – 6 p.m.
- DEC. 18 - General Club Meeting – 7 p.m.

NEW BAR OPENING HOURS

Mon. thru Thurs. & Sat.	5:00 p.m.
Friday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday afternoon football	12:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – Gail Miller: As I prepare this for the December bulletin, it is only November 10th! But because we wanted to get out our bulletin early, we moved up the submission date. Since you will probably receive your newsletter before Thanksgiving, let me start by wishing you a HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Each of us holds many things in our hearts for which we are thankful. I do hope that each of us includes our German heritage. Whether you were born from Germanic ancestors or adopted German traditions, heritage and singing by choice, we should all be proud of our roots and be thankful that we have a club that allows us to carry our proud past and present.

Also, it is with this newsletter that I wish you and yours a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy Hanukkah! May the joy, hope, and peace of the season embrace each of you as we move closer to a New Year.

There are many things happening at the club. Hope you can find a way to support all or some of them.

CLUB DUES – 2018 Dues, which support your Club, are now due. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed with this mailing for your convenience, or you may also drop it off at the bar. Prompt payment allows your Club Secretary to prepare the membership cards in a timely manner during this busy month. A bulk mailing of cards will go out the first week in January. Your cooperation is appreciated.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD – If you are interested in serving your Club as a Board Member, contact Cal Anacker before November 20th as noted in last month’s news.

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER – Tickets for your \$5 donation each are also included in this mailing. Please have the returns made by Dec. 15th for adequate inclusion for the drawing at the Club Christmas Party on Dec. 16th. Mail is sometimes slow at this time of year – so mail early. The prizes are 1st \$400, 2nd \$200 and 3rd \$100. This is a perfect season to be a possible winner, so please, TAKE A CHANCE!

CLUB CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Chorus members have had a busy season with concerts at the Masonic Care Community, Utica College, Presbyterian Home, and Fountain Elms at MWPAI. Now we are planning a wonderful Christmas Concert on DECEMBER 8th at 7:30 p.m. This year the Chorus and Board have agreed to have this concert BENEFIT- OPERATION SUNSHINE. This charity provides food, clothing and toys to underprivileged children and their families during the holiday

season thru partnering with local non-profit agencies. Please encourage your family & friends to enjoy an evening of music while supporting this local charity. After the concert join us for snacks, friendship and a sing-a-long in the downstairs bar/dining room. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CLUB CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – Once again we'd like your support baking or buying our homemade cookies. The sale will take place during Fish Fry on Dec. 15. A donation of \$10 for one pound or \$15 for a pound and half will be appreciated. Note: Cookies are BEING COLLECTED at the Club on Wed. Dec. 13 between 8 and noon and 5 to 6 p.m. Elves will be filling the tins at 6 p.m. on this evening. (If you can bake a batch of small cookies, give Judy a call at 315-736-7014. We could use at least fifty pounds.) We are known for our cookie trays and they make nice gifts!

CHRISTMAS PARTY DINNER DANCE– Our Holiday event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th with a turkey dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing to the music of DJ "Joe Load" from 7 – 10 p.m. Your donation of \$20 covers the dinner dance and \$10 for dance only. Please have your reservation by Dec. 13 for proper planning. Tickets are available at the bar, or call in your reservation. During this evening we will have the drawing for the Christmas Fundraiser. Attend and you might just win!

SANTA – The Maennerchor is scheduling a VISIT FROM SANTA during Fish Fry on Dec. 22. Bring your grandchildren, children or neighbor child and perhaps Santa might have a small gift! Enjoy Friday Fish Fry along with Santa. Hope to see you!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS – Are you looking for a holiday gift that you might find at Maennerchor? We have short sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tree trims and mugs w/ a beer chip available. See Eric Lorenz or ask at the bar. A visit to some of our sponsors (listed in the left margin) may also yield some unique gifts!

AUTUM DECORATIONS – Thanks to Julie and Bill Kritzler for their donation of pumpkins for dining room table decorations, to Cal Anacker for the cornstalks in the front yard that made for some happy squirrels, to Cindy Rankins Yount for decorating the front yard, and to Wilma Rankins, and Cindy and Bill Yount for decorating the dining room.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOOTBALL - Don't forget to join your friends for football watching and snacks at Maennerchor from 12:30 on each Sunday.

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell - WOW! What an Oktoberfest Season we've been having this year! Our BIGGEST Oktoberfest performance was at Atlantic City. It was a FANTASTIC experience for all the dancers and parents that went! We loved being there, doing our three Shows and three Parades (check out our Facebook Page for photos & video) and staying right there inside the Resorts Hotel where the event took place; along with seeing the Ocean, walking the Boardwalk, etc.! Hopefully, we will be invited back again, in 2 – 4 years, as invitations to different dance groups are rotated.

Our other Oktoberfest Shows were at Zion Lutheran Church Oktoberfest, Lake George Oktoberfest, Oswego Pumpkin Fest, Presbyterian Nursing Home, and the Utica JAM Fest - all of which we were invited back to for 2018! Thank You! Nov. 12th was our first time going to the Albany German Club, where we danced for their celebration, "An Afternoon in Bavaria." Including the Utica Maennerchor, this made the fourth German Club we have danced for in 2017! We also enjoyed performing again at "Christmas on Main Street," Nov. 18th at Utica's Union Station!

We have two December shows, which will conclude our 2017 Dance Season, which started in mid-March. On Dec. 9th, once again, we'll be at "Little Falls Christmas" for an hour show, held inside the Travelodge Ballroom. Our final 2017 Show is a new event in Herkimer on Dec 14th. Our Schuhplattlers will perform at their Village International Night (Time/Place TBA). We would be happy to book more shows during the winter months; let us know.

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. Event Forms that provide detailed information, menus, tasks to be performed, and lists of workers, are available for planning purposes. 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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