

# Utica Maennerchor News

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German-American music and culture*

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2017 (315) 735-5882 Club Haus FEBRUARY  
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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:** Jan. 27–meatball sub; Feb. 3–ham slices, vegetable, choice of potato- baked or French fries; Feb. 10–Kielbasa w/sauerkraut; Feb. 17–meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable; Feb. 24–Sausage patty on bun w/ choice of potato.

Above may be subject to change, check the bulletin board at the Club's entrance.

### **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A FEW FRIDAYS!**

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

**JAN. 29 – LASAGNA DINNER – Sunday Noon – 4 p.m. (or sold out)**

**FEB. 6 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.**

**FEB. 18 – Fasching Dinner Dance – 6 p.m. – Music by Fritz's Band 7 – 10 p.m.**

**FEB. 20 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m. followed by Bavarian FESTIVAL MEETING**

**MAR. 6 – Board of Trustee Meeting - 7 p.m.**

**MAR. 11 – ST. PATRICK'S PARTY – Noon – 5**

**MAR. 20 – SPRING BEGINS**

**JULY 14-15-16 Bavarian Festival**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller**

Elections for our Club officers and trustees were held at the January 2017 monthly general meeting. Officers for the 2017 year are: President – Gail Miller; 1st Vice President – Raymond Beck; 2nd Vice President – Diana Simmons; Secretary – Judy Schwenzfeier; Treasurer – Kathleen Wameling. Newly elected as trustees (3-year term) are Joshua Weibel and Donald Weimer who will join the other trustees now serving the club.

More thanks than words can convey go out to our officers and trustees who are stepping down from their positions – Kenneth Moore (1st Vice President), Leo Schwenzfeier (Chairperson of the Finance Committee) who completed 14 years in his position, and Cal Anacker our 18-year member of the Board of Trustees (Chairman of the Board and House Committee Chairperson). These individuals have demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to the Utica Maennerchor through their service often putting the Maennerchor ahead of themselves and their families. We decided that they had earned the right to become somewhat less active so that they could "have a life" outside of the club. Danke schön but never, auf Wiedersehn!!!

**Please plan on attending and supporting some upcoming events – our annual Lasagna Dinner on Sunday, January 29th; the Fasching Dinner Dance (our version of Mardi Gras) on Saturday, February 18th with Fritz's Polka Band, and the "Annual St. Patrick's Day After Parade Celebration" with both food and beverages available for purchase and great Irish music on Saturday, March 11th.**

We are still formulating our survey to get ideas on things you might like to change at the club so that we can be more responsive to the likes/dislikes and needs of our members. It is our plan to have that survey included in the March newsletter and also available online on our website. We'll keep you posted.

**LASAGNA DINNER** – On this Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 4 p.m. our Club will serve a Lasagna Dinner with all the trimmings for an adult donation of \$12 and children's of \$5. The public is invited and take-outs available. Tickets can be purchased at the bar in advance and also will be available at the door on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Let us prepare your Sunday dinner. Invite your family and friends for an enjoyable winter afternoon out!

**CLUB DUES** – 2017 dues were due Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Second notices were mailed with the hope that all dues will be paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Key Cards for Club entry and purchase of alcoholic beverages have either been handed out or mailed. We thank our members for their cooperation. If you have any questions, call your Club Secretary Judy at 736-7014. We are always accepting new members, therefore if you have a friend or family member who would like to join, have them fill out a membership form found at the Club. We are a family oriented, friendly, event planned Club & we thank you for the support.

**BEREAVEMENT** – Club sympathy is sent to Shirley Hilts Adams on the death of her sister and to the Bullis brothers on the death of their grandmother

**CLUB FRUIT SALE** – The Club is selling California oranges and Florida red grapefruit by the case and half-case again this year as a fund raiser. Costs for both oranges and grapefruit will be \$33/\$17 for a case/half case. There will be 72 oranges and 48 grapefruit per full case. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board just inside the door to the Club. Payment may be

made by cash or check made out to "Utica Maennerchor" which can be left with the bartender by the order deadline of Monday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up will be at the Club on Friday Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are in a position to solicit orders, e. g. from co-workers or social organizations, please call Bill Kritzier at 315-736-1928 ([jandb911s@gmail.com](mailto:jandb911s@gmail.com)) for an order sheet. You may also call him if you need help placing your own order. Finally, if you would like to donate fruit to local food kitchens, that can also be arranged. Please help us reach our goal while we keep your resistance to colds and flu up this winter!

**FASCHING** – Our Club will host our annual FASCHING dinner dance on Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> this year. This celebration of German Mardi Gras, traditionally invites us to overindulge before Lent ( March 1st this year) begins. A ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 6 p.m. and Fritz's Band will be playing from 7 – 10 for your listening & dancing pleasure. A donation for the dinner dance is still only \$20 per adult, \$6 for children under 12 and \$10 for dance only. Tickets & reservations are available at the Club (735-5882) by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> for adequate food purchase. This is also a festive evening where guests may "lighten-up" by dressing casually or in costume for our fun parade and costume judging. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, best group or couple & most original. COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!

**ST. PATRICK'S PARTY** – Our annual party is scheduled for March 11th after the City Parade, from Noon – 5 p.m. We are pleased to again host the CRAOGH DUGAN group of musicians for your listening or dancing pleasure. Mark your calendar for this event when everyone becomes Irish in our sea of green. Food will be available. Menu consists of corned beef, wurst or, limburger sandwiches with chips, pizza, & snack plate, Irish coffee and dessert – all at reasonable price. Invite family & friends. If you'd like to help, call your Club Secretary Judy.

**BAVARIAN FESTIVAL MEETING** – The first meeting for our 2017 July Festival will be held after the General Club meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are a past booth chairman, would like to be a booth chairman or volunteer, please attend. We always can use new ideas and volunteer for this huge undertaking. Support needed!!! The profit from our Festival is necessary to keep our bills paid and building in good shape.

**CHORUS** – The Music Committee met in January and selected music for our Spring Concerts with enthusiasm. We thank the following members: Director – Susan Sady, Co-Chairs - Gail Miller & Leo Schwenzfeier, Librarians- Carol Lawless, Carol Aldrich & Eric Lorenz, Members - Joan Gilbert, Judy Schwenzfeier, Wilma Rankins, Beverly Gregory, Jeanette Baumgartner, Ed Rankins, Ray Beck, Karl Schmidt, and Bill Kritzier. We thank all our Chorus members for their volunteer time each Wednesday evening. We are looking forward to a wonderful Spring Concert in June.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING GAME & SOCIAL HOUR** – If you are interested in joining this social hour, please let us know with a call to the Club. If enough show interest, we will try to organize and have this happen from 9 – 11 a.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the back dining room of the Club. Coffee and donuts will be available.

**TRUSTEE MESSAGE by Cal Anacker** – The Utica Maennerchor had a good 2016! Thanks to a lot of hard work and excellent planning by a very dedicated group of loyal members.

Several of the projects were the electrical upgrade for the Festival; removing the leaning wall that leads to the back yard; a swale that keeps water off our front driveway; a new sidewalk from the parking lot to the barroom and electrical upgrade to our building. This upgrade has saved us 30- 40% of our Kwh usage over last years usage. An outstanding Bavarian Festival in 2016 plus excellent fiscal management made this all possible.

Maintenance projects in the clubhouse are going well. We've had several inspections by the Health Dept., State Labor Dept. and Town of Marcy and passed all. Our winter maintenance projects are doing well and several small projects are scheduled for Spring, both indoors and outdoors.

### ***A NOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION by Leo Schwenzfeier***

As I look back to the 14 years that I have served as Trustee of Utica Maennerchor, I want to thank all Club members who have made my term as Trustee enjoyable and productive. My journey from my homeland to the Mohawk Valley has been very fulfilling with the ethnic continuation of Maennerchor and the friends I have made. I will continue to be involved with my German culture and heritage. Thanks to you all!

**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  
**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](mailto:uticamaennerchor@gmail.com).**

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