

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: APRIL 28 – Kielbasa w/sauerkraut; MAY 5 - Scalloped potatoes & ham; MAY 12 - Lazy Day Lasagna; MAY 19 - Baked Fish Florentine; and MAY 26 – Clams or Shrimp in a basket

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.

MAY 1 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.
MAY 6 – Maennerchor 152nd Anniversary Dinner/Dance
MAY 15 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m.
JUNE 5 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.
JUNE 6 – BOCCE League starts – 6:30 p.m.
JUNE 9 – Club CHORUS CONCERT – 7:30 p.m.
JUNE 20 - General Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
JULY 14 – 15 – 16 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller – Our annual Bavarian Festival is only 2 ½ months away! We have work to do! Keep in mind the Bavarian Festival is YOUR Club's major fund raiser that helps keep our Club afloat financially. WE NEED YOUR HELP. We need able bodies of volunteers who have the time to make our festival the great community event it has always been. Sign-up sheets will soon be placed on the bulletin board at the Club. You can also call me at 315-794-2478 or Secretary, Judy, at 315-736-7014, or e-mail the Club at uticamaennerchor@gmail.com to let us know of your willingness to help. Telephone calls by Booth Chairmen will also begin in the next few weeks. This is your opportunity to show your support of our cultural, family friendly Club. The next Festival Meeting is June 19th, after the General Meeting.

We are still looking for someone who would like to donate, volunteer time by helping with the weekly grocery shopping for the Club. This could be part of the Wednesday morning crew help between 8 and noon. Major items are ordered and delivered to the Club by our vendors. This volunteer shopping is for odds and ends in local stores. A retired gentleman, who has done this for a long time for the Club, would like to really retire. Please help us out!

ENJOY THE CLUB EVENTS AND HELP WITH YOUR VOLUNTEERISM!

NEW MEMBER – Welcome to Roland Becker who recently joined Utica Maennerchor. We hope you enjoy our family friendly atmosphere and we thank you for joining. New members are always welcome.

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathy goes to the family of Robert Crumb. Bob was a long time member of the Maennerchor and will be missed.

THANKS by Josef Hall – I would like to thank all my Maennerchor friends for the cards and best wishes sent my way. They were really appreciated.



152ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE – Another milestone in the history of the Utica Maennerchor. 152 years since we were founded by fifteen German immigrants in Karl Bierbauer's Brewery in Utica and we still continue to impact the Mohawk Valley. We should be proud of our organization. We will celebrate on May 6th with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Jagerschnitzel Dinner for your \$20 donation. After the dinner, the Chorus will perform a short memorial service for our deceased Club Members of this past year, followed by a mini Concert. Music will be by DJ – Jim Amuso for your listening and dancing pleasure. We hope our members will support this evening of celebration.

CHORUS – We will be hosting the NYS Saengerbund Music Committee meeting on Sunday, May 30th in preparation for the next Saengerfest. Our volunteer members have been diligently practicing for our Concert events. On May 6th we will perform a mini-concert after the memorial service during our 152nd Anniversary celebration. A young German exchange student with Whitesboro HS has joined our practices. Paula is from Berlin. We enjoy her participation and perfect German pronunciation! We hope many of you and your families will support our SPRING CONCERT on June 9th at 7:30p.m. (Make sure you enjoy your Fish Fry dinner early so you are able to be upstairs by 7:30.) Music selections include: A medley of I Am Woman, Singing in the Rain (tribute to Debbie Reynolds), and several wonderful German classical and folk selections. Mark your calendar to save the dates. We thank our Director Susan Sady and accompanist Mark Radlowski.



BOCCE LEAGUE REMINDER This is the last call for our summer athletes interested in playing Bocce on Tuesday evenings on the front lawn of the Utica Maennerchor. Our first night of play is June 6th, at 6:30 p.m. Those wishing to play will have the opportunity to meet and make new friends. If you've never played before but have thrown a ball, you'll be able to play this lawn bowling game. So, gals and guys, join the Bocce League, have fun, and get some early evening sun. The deadline for registration is Wed., May 31st. Substitutes are always needed in case you don't want to make a weekly commitment. The sign-up sheet is on the bar bulletin board by the shuffleboards. You may also call Ken at 315-768-0116 to sign up.

THANK YOU – We appreciate the time and support of our volunteers at last month's events especially the Sauerbraten Dinner and Easter pie sale. Both were successful and added to the financial needs of our Club. Also, the support of the Monday Shuffleboard, Pitch and Thursday Shuffleboard Leagues during the fall and winter months has been totally appreciated. Your financial and physical support was great!

CLUB DUES – Thank you to our paid members. Club dues were due January 2017 and this is the final notice and newsletter for any unpaid members. The absolute cut-off date is May 5th. We thank all who support our Club and the commitment to the German culture.

THANK-YOU – SPRING EASTER PIE SALE by Peg Pinkham and Rose Hosp – Our Spring Easter Pie Sale was a great success thanks to all our bakers and those who donated to the pie sale, as well as those who purchased their Easter Pies.

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 4th Annual basket raffle! We already have 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. If you would like a donation request letter, please let me know. I will be putting a container at the Club to collect items, including empty baskets or containers. So as you clean out a closet, attic or basement and find a gift that you never used, knick-knacks, candles, etc., please drop them off. We can create a basket with any items that you donate (e.g. garden items, baby items, pet supplies, 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

GERMAN HERITAGE BLESSED MARIANNE COPE OF MOLOKAI – born in Germany in 1838, came to Utica at age 2; joined Franciscan Order in 1862; teacher at St. Joseph's School, Utica, and Mother Superior of Convent; Administrator at St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse and helped manage early St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Utica; worked with lepers on island of Molokai; founder of Maui's first hospital; established contingent of Sister-Nurses; founded a home for daughters of leprosy patients; focused on tolerance, unity and courage; declared a saint at the Vatican, October 21, 2012.

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 (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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