

Utica Maennerchor News

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2017 (315) 735-5882 Club Haus NOVEMBER
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: Nov. 3 – Sauerbraten; Nov.10 – Macaroni & Cheese; Nov. 17 – Sauerbraten; Nov. 24 – Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

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

- NOV. 4 - OKTOBERFEST with Fritz's Polka Band, 6 – 10 p.m.
- NOV. 6 - Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 p.m.
- NOV. 17 - Fall Pie Sale (during Fish Fry)
- NOV. 20 - General Club Meeting – 7 p.m. (all members encouraged to attend)
- DEC. 8 - Club Christmas Concert – 7:30 p.m.
- DEC. 15 - Christmas Cookie Sale – during Fish Fry
- DEC. 16 - Club Christmas Party – 6 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Is it possible that we are almost into November? We have certainly been blessed with wonderful Fall weather. Let's hope we now have a generally mild winter.

Please take note of our calendar events posted above. We hope that you will take the opportunity to support one (or more) of our upcoming events. The first is the Oktoberfest which I like to call "Noctoberfest" since it is happening in November this year. A nice ham or 'wurst dinner is planned followed by dancing to the sounds of Fritz's Polka Band. We are still working out the details, but we MAY be able to include a beer tasting experience as well. Also, coming up are a pie sale, the Annual Christmas Concert, a Christmas Cookie sale, and our Christmas party. Please join us for one or all these events.

Although we all have busy schedules, it is disappointing to see the lack of attendance of club members at our monthly meetings. It is a vehicle for you to express your concerns or your needs – what you would like to see happen (different events?), how we can improve our club, maybe some events scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, etc. Our November meeting is very important because, according to our Constitution, nominations for officer positions or trustee positions can be made from the floor. I know there must be some of you who are just itching to serve.

A reminder that the Kinder/Jugendchor is trying to get up and running again with our first rehearsal having been held on Sunday, October 22nd at 5 PM. We need new children singers!

RECENTLY RETIRED? BORED? LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO? Join our Wed. morning work crew of gals and guys to keep our club in good working condition. Join us for 7:30 a.m. Wed. coffee or come at 8 a.m. when our work starts. Your skills will be put to use in your area of interest. Lunch at 11:30 concludes our day – for most of us. Great camaraderie. Give it a try. Also try subbing for Shuffleboard or Pitch Leagues. Call the club at 315-735-5882 and leave a message or 315-724-1277, evenings.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE – This year's Oktoberfest is planned for November 4th with dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing to follow with Fritz's Polka Band from 7 to 10p.m. Dinner will consist of your choice of ham or bratwurst with salad, potatoes, cabbage and dessert. The donation for the dinner dance is \$20 and dancing only, \$10. The event will take place in the lower dining area and RESERVATIONS are requested by Wed. Nov. 1st for adequate food purchase. Join in with this fall celebration, invite your friends and support your Club.

2018 DUES NOTICE – Dues notices will be mailed with your December Newsletter this year and your Secretary Judy would appreciate the return in the envelope provided as soon as possible so membership cards can be ready for mailing by the first week in January. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

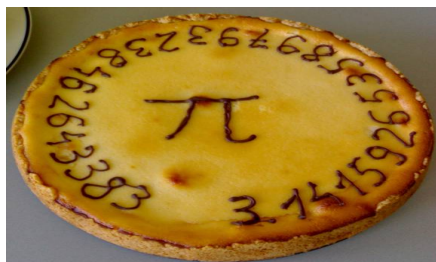
NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 TRUSTEES – Two Trustee positions are open for election and we would hope than a couple of our members would like and be able to fill these positions. Gene White and Ed Rudwall have been on the Board for many years and are entitled to enjoy retirement. Trustees are expected to attend the Board & General Meetings each month, have positive input to Club ideas and needs, and contribute their volunteer time whenever possible. Please submit your name to Cal Anacker of the Nominating Committee by the November General Meeting (20th). The slate of candidates will be presented to the membership at the December meeting. Your Club remains viable due to positive input and action of our members.

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER – In your December mailing you will also receive two \$5 fund raising tickets for your donation. The first prize of the drawing is \$400, second prize \$200 and third prize \$100. The drawing will take place during the Christmas Party on Dec. 16. Watch for your December mailing!

THANK YOU and HELP!! – **Cal Anacker** – Thanks to the Wagner twins, Mark and Mike, and Steve Schafer, for the excellent job of keeping our lawns mowed and in great condition this summer - not an easy job with all the rain we experienced. Many compliments were received. The Bocce League was especially pleased. We welcome your volunteering again next year!

HELP! Volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee to select officers and trustees for the year 2018. If interested or need more information, please call me at 315-732-8462. At present, we need two trustees to serve on the House Committee.

CHORUS – Our October performances went well and we were proud to raise the flags at Utica City Hall in honor of German-American Day which commemorated the arrival of the first Germans in America 334 years ago. Mayor Palmieri was on hand and presented us with a plaque which is on display at the Club. We have a scheduled concert planned for the Presbyterian Home mid-November and our Club Christmas Concert is Dec. 8th. We are thankful for the commitment of our chorus members for their dedication in continuing our tradition of German and American singing.



THANKSGIVING PIE SALE: Peg Pinkham and Rose Hosp - Our Thanksgiving Pie Sale will be Friday, November 17th, during Fish Fry. Pies sell for \$8 - \$10. A sign-up sheet is posted at the club for all the bakers or you may call Peg, 315-768-3905 or email newyorkoma@roadrunner.com. Our Spring pie sale sold out, so please help us bake! This is an opportunity to help support your club by baking or buying a pie or two. If you can't bake, donations would be appreciated. Thanks for your help.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOOTBALL AT MAENNERCHOR - New Sunday hours start at 12:30 p.m. if you are looking for a place to watch TV with your friends drop by the club. Food and beer specials will be offered.

THANK YOU to all who supported last month's Club events. Our Sauerbraten Dinner was a success and enjoyed by all thanks to our head chef David Bullis and the FORTY volunteers who helped with preparations, set-up and worked the event. Those who donated to the BOSCOV sale event, we hope you received some good bargains!

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathy is extended to George Mower, a Chorus member, on the death of his wife; to the families of Rolf Buchner a member of 27 years, and Theodore Remmer, Sr., a member of 52 years.

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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