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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: Feb. 2 – scalloped potatoes w/ham; Feb. 9 – Baked Fish Florentine; Feb.
16 – Sauerbraten; Feb. 23 – Stuffed peppers

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

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

- FEB. 5 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.
- FEB. 9 – Guest Speaker 7:45 (after Fish Fry) Topic: Flu Shots & Revised CPR
- FEB. 12 – Club FRUIT SALE orders due
- FEB. 19 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m. followed by Bavarian Festival Meeting
- FEB. 24 – FASCHING Dinner Dance – 6 p.m. – Music by Fritz's Band 7 – 10 p.m.
- MAR. 2 – FRUIT PICK-UP (Friday) during Fish Fry
- MAR. 5 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.
- MAR. 17 – ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY – Noon – 5 p.m.
- MAR. 20 – FIRST DAY OF SPRING
- MAR. 30 – Easter Pie Sale
- JULY 13-14-15 Bavarian Festival

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller

Happy New Year to all our club members! This year marks our 153rd anniversary, an accomplishment for which we all should be proud. Our continued success depends on us as members to support our club financially through our dues and attendance at club events as well as any time we can help by volunteering to do some of the things others cannot do. Right now, we need someone(s) to assist with snow shoveling of our front sidewalk and back entrance area. Our dinners and parties don't just happen. We need shoppers, kitchen workers to assist with the cooking, servers, those who can "bus" tables, people willing to help clean up, and some people to offer to wash dishes when the event is over. More hands are needed for our Wednesday morning work brigade to help with the many projects involved in the upkeep or our facility. The Maennerchor exists for us and in a sense, we must exist for it. Just a few hours of your time occasionally are all that I am asking, especially from some of our new and younger members. Plus, the more hands, the merrier and the less burdensome the task is. Won't you step forward and help? I know you will!

CLUB DUES – Thank you to those members that have paid their 2018 membership dues. You should have received your new YELLOW MEMBERSHIP card by now. If not, contact your Secretary Judy at 315-736-7014. For those who forgot, please send in now to avoid a 2nd notice. Your cooperation will be appreciated. We are always pleased to have new members join our Maennerchor family. If you have a family or friend you would like to sponsor, membership forms can be found on the information table as you enter the Club.

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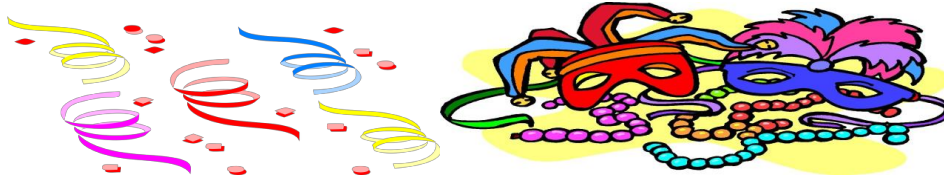
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We want to keep you informed.

CHORUS – The Music Committee met the first week in January and music selections for 2018 Saengerfest and Club Spring Concert were discussed. Our Ladies Librarians, Carol Lawless and Carol Aldrich, along with Bill Kritzler who is the temporary Men's Librarian while Eric Lorenz recovers, have organized the music for the January start of the rehearsals. We thank them for their task. If you know of anyone who would like to join Chorus, have them attend one of our Wednesday rehearsals and give us a try. Ladies start at 6:30 p.m., Mixed at 7 and Men at 8.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER, FEB. 9th – Our Club Member, Marina Kistner, an R.N. with the Oneida County Health Department, will discuss the importance of flu injections. Also, a certified CPR educator will be on hand to show our members this revised life-saving technique. Join us for this informative evening.

BAVARIAN FESTIVAL MEETING – Note that our first meeting will take place after the General Meeting on Feb. 19th. Become involved and give us your thoughts and energy. We need you all!

MAENNERCHOR SWEATSHIRTS & MUGS – These items are still available at the Club and would make a nice Valentine's gift. Keep warm with a sweatshirt for a \$25 donation, or enjoy a Club mug w/beer chip for a donation of \$12.50 for Club members or \$15 for our guests. Items can be seen in the case next to the shuffleboard tables and purchased at the bar.



FASCHING – Our Club Fasching is scheduled a little later this year due to Band commitments. Hopefully, this will give our members more time to make plans with their friends to join us on Sat., Feb. 24, for a 6 p.m. dinner dance. A \$20 donation will include a full course ham dinner followed by music and dancing to **Fritz's Band**. We will be dining in the lower dining room and this is an opportunity to dress up in costume, or casual clothes, and enjoy the entertaining evening. If you choose, the Dance only donation is \$10. Prizes will be given for best costumes. Reservations please, by Feb. 21 for adequate food purchase.

LASAGNA DINNER THANKS – Thanks to Judy Schwenzfeier for chairing our successful Lasagna Dinner on Sun., Jan. 21st, and her able crew of workers and bakers: Leo, Barb & Kurt Schwenzfeier, Marty Culan, Frances Rightmier, Barb Norbin, Mary DeMichael, Nancy Weimer, Bill Kritzler, Earline Zinserling, Donna Hinman, Wilma and Ed Rankins, Linda White, Connie LaGase, Karen McLennan, Sue Costanza, Jeanette Baumgartner, Rose Hosp, and Melissa, daughter of Julie Chrisley. Your time and efforts were very much appreciated. Dinner was great!!

CLUB FRUIT SALE (Remember: Gesundheit ist besser als Krankheit!) - The Club is selling California oranges and Florida red grapefruit by the case **OR** half-case to keep you "gesund" this winter. Each case contains 72 oranges or 48 grapefruit. 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. 12th. Pick-up will be at the Club on Friday Mar. 2nd. If you are in a position to solicit orders from co-workers or social organizations, call Bill Kritzler at [315-736-1928](tel:315-736-1928) (jandb911s@gmail.com) for an order sheet. You may also call if you need help placing your own order. 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! Buy a case and share with your family and friends. (**Keine Krankheit unter uns!**)

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY – Our Club annual family event is scheduled for March 17, after the Genesee St. Parade, from Noon to 5 p.m. We are pleased to again have the CROUGH DUGAN GROUP OF MUSICIANS entertain for your listening and dancing pleasure, and the BUTLER SHEEHAN DANCERS during the break. Our selection of food out of the kitchen will include: corned beef, limburger & wurst sandwiches w/chips, cheese and cracker plates, macaroni salad, pizza, cake selections, Irish coffee and the full bar all for reasonable prices. Our Club becomes a "sea of green" and all the fun that goes along with it. Mark your calendar, invite your family and friends and join us for a really good time. Parking and entrance is free! See you there!

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathy goes to the families of Joan Smith and Martin Kolwaite on their recent passing. Both were long time members of our Club and they will be missed.

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS - Thanks to Gracie Schell, Karl Wuerslin, and our many talented child and adult dancers and their families that made this past fall and winter a fun and entertaining time for the many audiences to whom they presented a slice of Bavarian Folk Dancing. They performed in many venues throughout New York State and New Jersey, traveling for many hours and miles. Their efforts to share part of our German culture with others is greatly appreciated.

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 – If you wish to receive your newsletter electronically, please send your email address to Uticamaennerchor@gmail.com. The Club is now connected to Wi-Fi; drop in some evening with your computer if you don't have Internet access at home.