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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. 5 – Sauerbraten w/noodles; Jan. 12 – Corned Beef Reuben sandwich;
Jan. 19 – Rib Eye Steak w/mushrooms, peppers and onions; Jan. 26 – TBD

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.

JAN. 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR – Club Closed

JAN. 2 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.

JAN. 3 – Music Committee Meeting – 7 p.m.

JAN. 8 – Monday Shuffleboard League resumes

JAN. 9 – Pitch League Resumes

JAN. 11 – Thursday Shuffleboard League resumes

JAN. 15 – General Club Meeting – 7 p.m.

JAN. 17 – Chorus resumes 6:30 Ladies, 7 Mixed, 8 Men

JAN.21 – LASAGNA DINNER – Noon – 4 p.m.(Sunday)

CLUB 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

By the time this newsletter reaches you, Christmas will have come and gone and depending on the USPS, even the New Year may have started! I hope that you had a Fröhliche Weihnachten with family and friends and that the New Year brings you good cheer, good health, and good times.

Thank you for your support of the Utica Maennerchor during 2017 and know that we need your continued support for 2018. We have a special organization and we need to see it flourish. It amazes me that we are the "best kept secret" in the Mohawk Valley. Think about inviting a friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. to our Friday night Fish Fry dinner sometime and help them get acquainted with us.

Also, think up some new and different activities that we might try. We seem to have an age gap between the seasoned veterans and the newbies in the club. Perhaps the things we have always done need to change. Could we have more events on weekend afternoons so those who can't or won't drive at night might attend? Do we need more "with it" (youthful) music when we have dances - (perhaps I should have said more contemporary - just spare me the Rap.) Should we have special events for children? If so, any suggestions? Would you enjoy having a few Sunday breakfasts or brunches? I know there are ideas out there, just get them to any of the officers or trustees. Let's work together to make our 153rd year the best yet!

Glückliches Neues Jahr! Happy New Year!

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CLUB DUES – 2018 DUES are now due. Notices were mailed in December, paid membership cards will be mailed the first week of January. If you forgot to mail your dues, please do so now as 2nd notices are time consuming and costly. Your membership dues are less than a dollar a week and help with the financial support of your social and cultural Club. We've been in the Mohawk Valley for 153 years, so let's keep it active. Your support is appreciated, and we know you enjoy the family, friendly atmosphere. New members are welcome so don't hesitate to invite your friends to join.

DECEMBER EVENTS – Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, baked and supported our December events. The Christmas Concert Benefit was able to donate \$500 to Operation Sunshine; The Pitch Christmas Banquet was totally enjoyed; the Cookie Sale sold out and made a nice profit for the Club as did our Christmas Fundraiser. One Friday Night our Fish Fry was a record 150+ dinners. It was a great month. Let's keep it going. THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER WINNERS – The Winners were: 1st prize, John & Erika Perrone; 2nd prize, Donald Weimer; and 3rd prize, Patricia Singer. To all who participated in the event, your support was appreciated.

MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING – Mark your calendar for a meeting on Wed. January 3rd at 7 p.m.

CHORUS – Our Club Christmas Concert was wonderful thanks to our Director Susan Sady, Pianist Mark Radlowski and the Chorus members. The music selections were enjoyed by all and the Jugendchor, under the Direction of Gail Miller, stole our hearts as usual. We also performed at Preswick Glen, and Munson-Williams-Proctor's Fountain Elms. We lost a long time Chorus Member, Erhard Gantner, who will be remembered in our hearts for a long time. No one could sing or yodel like Erhard. Our efficient Men's Librarian, Eric Lorenz, is on a long-term health recovery. We miss him and wish him well. Our Chorus rehearsals will resume on Wed., January 17. New members are welcome. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathy goes to the family of Erhard Gantner on his recent death. Erhard was a 35 year member, a past Club President, and long-time singer. After a long illness, he is now at peace.



LASAGNA DINNER – On Sunday, January 21st from Noon – 4 p.m. our Club will serve a Lasagna Dinner with all the trimmings for an adult donation of \$12 and children \$5. The public is invited and take-outs available. Tickets can be purchased at the bar in advance and will also be available at the door on the 21st. Let us prepare your Sunday Dinner and invite your family and friends to join you for a relaxing Sunday afternoon.

THANK YOU by Cal Anacker – Thanks to the Apartment Connection for their help in screening and finding tenants for our apartment. Their help is very much appreciated. Also, the Wednesday crew appreciates the cookies donated by various people during the holidays to top off our Wednesday coffee break and lunch.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOOTBALL – You are invited to join your friends each Sunday at the Club during the Football Season for snacks, game watching and good times. Relax and enjoy!

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell - Our Dance Group finished their 2017 Dance Season with a bang - 3 gigs in 6 days! We started these gigs on Dec 9th, with our annual performance at "Little Falls Christmas" - although in a new location called *The Shop* (small Entertainment Venue of the LF Guitar Shop). Since their stage was very small, we all took turns when doing our dances. That was very different for us, but a good practice, since we again had a very small place to perform on the 3rd gig & once again had to take turns when dancing there. By the 2nd half of our LF Show, that small room was packed full of people watching us! Our 2nd gig was the Alpine Rehab & Nursing Home, a place where the eldest of our Teen Dancers works. The residents sure enjoyed all of our many dances, especially the Kronentanz (Crown Dance). Our 3rd Gig, on Dec 14th, turned out to be an adventure when we learned we were to be performing outside in the Gazebo at Gems along the Mohawk for their *Jingle Gems* outdoor Christmas Celebration, (which also included Carolers, bonfire, food, & a DJ). Turned out it was bitter windy cold & most activities ended up being inside their store. Yes, we took turns dancing among one of the display areas! An adventure indeed! But, they did have a good turn-out, and the audience was glad to be inside watching us! We closed our show with having all the Carolers do two dances with our dance kids & a couple of our adults. Crowded, but a fun way to end our Dance Season! To see photos from all 3 of these gigs, please view (& like) our *Edelweiss Schuhplattlers of the Utica Maennerchor* Facebook Page!

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.

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