

UTICA MAENNERCHOR NEWS

2023

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MAY

NOTE: Thank you for supporting Utica Maennerchor. We appreciate seeing everyone. However, please refrain from attending if you are coughing, or are ill. Your cooperation is appreciated.

TAKE OUT ORDERS from our regular menu are available on Fridays by calling the Club at 315-735-5882 between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY SPECIALS: MAY 5 – Chicken cordon bleu/Dijon mustard sauce, braised carrots & choice of potato; MAY 12 – Swedish meatballs/noodles & Lemon Rice Pilaf; MAY 19 – Pasta/meatballs, sausage & garden salad; MAY 26 – Roast pork/mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 1 – Board of Officers & Trustee's meeting – 7 p.m.

MAY 5 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

MAY 12 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

MAY 19 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

MAY 26 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 2 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 3 – 158th CLUB ANNIVERSARY DINNER – 5:30 P.M.

JUNE 17 & 18 – NYS SAENGERFEST hosted by UMC at our Club

JUNE 17 – NYS SAENGERBUND CONCERT – 3 P.M. (in our upstairs ballroom – all welcome)

JULY 14-15-16 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL (mark your calendar-save the date-volunteers needed)

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES – Thank you to all who submitted their annual dues payments. Our Club remains vital to our cultural and community involvement thru the strength of your participation. There is a list on the entrance bulletin board of members who may have misplaced and forgotten to update their dues. We'd appreciate everyone renewing by May 1st. Names will be removed if dues not paid and we'd like to refrain from this action

New members are always welcome. Application forms are located at the club entrance table, and on our web site. If you'd like to sponsor a new member, have them fill out the form and forward it to the Club with their \$30 dues which covers the balance of 2023.

We are still a best-kept secret as many are unaware of our mission and location as we celebrate 158 years in the community!

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING UTICA MAENNERCHOR?

Enjoy German culture, food and song – meet new friends, both young and old – enjoy family-friendly events in a warm, welcoming environment – join the chorus singing contemporary and traditional songs in German and English – share music and tradition with neighboring Upstate NY German choral societies/clubs – partake in German festivals and celebrations – learn and join in Folk Dancing – play in Pitch League, Shuffleboard League and/or summer Bocce League – delight in the fun and camaraderie of Summer picnics in the lovely big backyard – take advantage of discounts on Club room rentals for parties you'd like to host – enjoy a German book from our German lending library - be kept up-to-date on Club activities thru the monthly Newsletter – enjoy Friday Fish Fries and a selection of German beers! All this while supporting the only German culture organization in the Mohawk Valley established in 1865!

HOUSE COMMITTEE – (William Gregory) Just thought we'd give you an up-date on some major improvements happening at your club this spring. We are replacing the 35 year- old Utica Maennerchor sign on the front lawn. Additionally, we are improving and bringing up to code our electrical infrastructure that supports our annual festival, upstairs kitchen and ballroom A/Cs. Installation of updated convection oven is underway as well as driveway repair and back parking lot re-stoning. Next on our list is the replacement of the ceiling of the roof under the upstairs walkway. This all takes money and manpower to complete. As such, we welcome your support during our weekly Wednesday Work Crew from 8-12 a.m. held each week to help maintain our lovely club.

THANK YOU to all who supported our Easter Pie Sale; and our Sauerbraten Dinner. Special thanks to our most recent Sauerbraten chefs, Cindy & Bill Yount, along with the additional 18 volunteers who peeled potatoes, set up and cleaned the dining room & kitchen, Erika our cake baker, our servers, dishwashers, bartender etc. All were volunteers!! And we had some fun along the way. It takes hours and hours to keep this cultural event afloat and those who participated enjoyed the time together. If you weren't with us this Spring, we hope to see you in the Fall! Thanks again volunteers!

FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING – Our Board of Trustees Meeting is May 1 and prior to this meeting, we invite any interested club members to attend with ideas and suggestions regarding this year's Festival. Profits from this event that keeps our club financially solvent. We are looking for volunteers to Chair each booth, and a list of volunteers to work each booth. Help us out with your attendance at 7 p.m.

CHORUS – Our mixed chorus members attend our scheduled rehearsals on Tuesdays from 5 – 6:30 each week as we prepare for the June 17th Saturday Concert on at 3 p.m. along with the NYS Saengerbund choruses hosted by Utica Maennerchor at our Club. Our accompanist Mark Radlowski has been Directing us while our temporary Director President Gail Miller has been unable. Singing keeps our minds active and our German pronunciation improving all while having some fun. New chorus members are always welcome as our numbers have declined over the years.

A former choir member, Terry Hoffman, recently passed away and we extend our sympathy to his family and friends. We will remember our deceased singers of the past year during the memorial service at our Anniversary Event on May 6th. We hope you'll be able to attend.

158th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET – Join us in celebrating our Club Anniversary on Saturday, June 3rd with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. A Turkey Dinner is being planned with details addressed in your next Newsletter. During the evening we will celebrate and honor 25+ Club members and Chorus members, our Officers, Trustees and volunteers. Chorus will present a mini concert including a memorial selection as we remember the deceased Club members of the past year. It has been thru our volunteers and dedicated members that our Club has survived for 158 years. Reservations will be needed for this event and can be made at the bar. Join us for a pleasant evening of thanksgiving and celebration.

NEW MEMBER – We'd like to welcome Mark Prokopienko as a new Club member. It is our hope that you enjoy our Club activities and thank you for joining.