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Website <u>www.uticamaennerchor.com</u> Facebook https://www.facebook.com/uticamaennerchor

FRIDAY SPECIALS: New pricing as of Feb: \$16 (member's discount \$14) Feb. 7 – Baked Ham/Applesauce, Green Beans; Feb. 14 – Barbecue Chicken, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad; Feb. 21 – Pork Tenderloin/Mashed Potatoes, Beets; Feb. 28 - Meatloaf/Mashed Potatoes, Braised Carrots.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3 – Board of Officers & Trustee's Meeting – 5 p.m. FEB.

7 - Fish Fry 5:30 - 8 p.m.FFB.

FEB. 14 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m. (Happy Valentine's Day)

FEB. 21 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.

FEB. 28 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.

MAR. 4 – Chorus Practice Resumes (Mixed Chorus 5 p.m.)

MAR. 15 - St. Patrick's Party - Noon - 5 p.m.

APR. 13 – SUNDAY Sauerbraten Dinner – Noon – 2:30 p.m.

MAY 3 – 160[™] Anniversary Banquet

JUNE 8 – Spring Concert – 2 p.m.

JULY 18-19-20 - Bavarian Festival

RENEWAL DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP WERE DUE JANUARY 2025. **NEW DISCOUNTS** ARE AVAILABLE WHEN SHOWING YOUR 2025 CARD. IF YOUR RENEWAL HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED, CONSIDER THIS YOUR 3RD NOTICE IT IS OUR WISH THAT EVERYONE RENEW. REMEMBER, IT IS OUR 160TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

2025 CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We thank our members who have renewed their membership since the 2024 membership expired on 12/31/2024. For our 2025 Members, are you enjoying your free drink of the month, along with our 'new membership discount' on your Friday entrées when showing your new 2025 membership cards?

Timely membership renewals not only help you receive discounts, it also helps to keep our records up to date and we want you to enjoy all the benefits of supporting our German/American club. The Club's operating expenses are not covered by your dues, but dues and your support help with the Club's overall expenses. A new membership list will be posted in March. Hopefully, we will not have to delete any unpaid members. Any concerns, contact your Secretary Judy.

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NEW MEMBERS – Welcome to our latest new members: Olivia Murphy, Tina Beck, Paul Beck, Peter Beck and Kathy Madrak. A couple of these new members have worked on our summer festival, and we are happy they decided to become members of the Club. Thank you all.

It is our hope that our members will sponsor family & friends with memberships as we strive to increase our membership as we enter our 160th year. The Club's founders would be so proud of the Club being in existence for 160 years!



CHORUS – Hopefully our members are enjoying their break from singing during these cold, snowy weeks. Some of us enjoy the winter, but driving during these weeks can be a challenge. To keep you up-to-

date, rehearsals resume March 4th with Mixed Chorus at 5 p.m. We have a lot to work on with only 3 months before the NYS Saengerfest in Albany on the weekend of May 31st. Attendance will be very important. Shortly you will receive information in the mail regarding the schedule for this event. Also, our Club Anniversary Banquet is on May 3rd and our Spring Concert is June 8th. Please mark your calendars with these dates and enjoy the next few weeks of winter.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE – Please support the Girl Scouts as they sell their famous cookies at our Club during Friday Fish Fry on February 28th and March 7th. Girl Scout cookie selling is a tradition that started back in 1917. They love our support, and we love their cookies!

NOTED GERMAN – Francis X. Jenny was a marble cutter and granite dealer who entered partnership with Joseph J. Nelbach in 1869 and opened a marble shop in Boonville in 1871. He was the manufacturer of statuary, family vaults and art monuments.



FASCHING – Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. A German tradition celebrates Karneval of Fastnacht as the weeks before the upcoming time of fasting. We know this time as Mardi Gras. In Germany during this time there are thousands of costume balls and dances for a time of a "foolish or silly season." Donuts called 'Krapfen' or 'Berliner' can be found everywhere

during this season. These donuts are often filled with jam and dusted with powdered sugar. Look for your Mardi Gras beads during Fish Fry on February 28th with purple beads representing justice, green for faith and gold for power as we celebrate Fasching.



ST. PATRICK'S PARTY – Our fun-filled Club party takes place after the Utica City Parade from noon – 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 15th. As usual we will be offering sandwiches, desserts and Irish Coffee all afternoon. We will be entertained by the Craobh Dugan-O'Looney musicians along with the Butler Sheehan Irish Dancers. Bring your family & friends. Enjoy the afternoon at UMC!



BAVARIAN FESTIVAL – Saved these dates for our summer Festival July 18-19-20. We need everyone to pitch in and help. Our festival helps keep our Club solvent. It is also a requirement stated in our Constitution to promote our German culture. We have been notified of a change in our entertainment as the Bavarian Brothers are unable to perform due to the absence of one of their members. We have enjoyed their music and are pleased they have been with us for the past several years. We are happy to announce that we are bringing back Die Lustigen Almdudlers' German Band who were with us a few years ago. More information will be forthcoming in upcoming newsletters. We look forward to everyone's participation at the UMC Bavarian Festival.



EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – February is already upon us, which means it's time again for the Edelweiss Schuhplattlers Dancers to hold their annual "Learn How" Classes! You are all welcome to attend any, or all, of these free, open, "Learn How" classes, being held every Wednesday in February at the Maennerchor. "Learn German Dancing" is from 6:30 – 7:30p.m; "Learn Square Dancing" is from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Both classes were so much fun last year, so we decided to have them again this year. (FYI – Three of our current dancers came from attending these Classes in 2024!)

Other than performing our final 2024 Christmas Show at the Mohawk Homestead on Jan. 3rd and having our annual "End of Dance Season" party on Jan. 24th, we have been enjoying some needed time off from rehearsals. Regular dance practices will start again in late March. Speaking of our party, it was a blast as usual - eating lots of yummy food at our Pot-Luck Dinner and doing plenty of different dances from around the World!!

MEMBERS – STAY SAFE, STAY WELL

REMINDER NOTE: We are looking for volunteers to chair, cook or work Club events. Long-time Club chairpersons are willing to be helpful in sharing 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 connected to Wi-Fi; drop in some evening with your computer if you do not have Internet access at home.