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(FRIDAY DINNER SERVING 5:30 – 8 P.M.)**

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FRIDAY SPECIALS: May 16 – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & braised carrots.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 2 – Fish Fry 5:30 - 8 p.m.

MAY 3 – 160th Club Anniversary Banquet 6 p.m.

MAY 7 – Board of Officers & Trustee's Meeting 5:30 p.m. (note: this is a Wed.)
Followed by Festival Meeting 7 p.m.

MAY 9 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.

MAY 16 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m. (See above for Friday Night Special)

MAY 23 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.

MAY 25 – Memorial Day – Club Closed

MAY 30 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.

MAY 31 – Saengerfest (German/American Club – Albany NY)

JUNE 8 – Club Chorus Concert – 2 p.m.

JULY 18-19-20- Bavarian Festival (per our Constitution) with Die Lustigen Almdudler's

NEW MEMBERS – We welcome the following new members to our Maennerchor family: Jack Burns, Sue Campbell, Margaret Fusco, Nancy Horvath, Victoria Mallozzi, Mike Solete, Zachary Stanek, Clareen Miseranti, Lucy Dow, Ali Terkia, Thomas Shelby, Rock Schneider III, and Amanda Humphrey. Thank you all for joining and enjoy the activities and friendship of our family-friendly organization.

CLUB OFFICES & TRUSTEES – As we celebrate our 160th anniversary, thank you to the following for your volunteer support and direction of the Utica Maennerchor:

President – Steve Schafer, 1st Vice President – Raymond Beck, 2nd Vice President – Cindy Yount, Treasurer – Kathleen Wameling, Secretary – Judith Schwenzfeier, Trustees of the Finance Committee – William Kritzler, Shirley Hiltz-Adams, Lynn Allen; Trustees of the House Committee – William Gregory, Martha Culan, Kathy Contino-Turner; Trustees of the Bar & Grill Committee – John Perrone, Fred Kilmartin, Robert Scanlon.

Thank you to all of our Club members for the continued support of our officers and trustees.

BEREAVEMENT – We remember Linda Porcelli, a former Ladies Chorus member and supporter of club activities who passed away in the Spring. Also, Robert Pecoraro, the brother of Jeanette Baumgartner who was a frequent supporter of our Friday Fish Frys. Sympathy is extended to their families.

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- THANK YOU:**
- 1) To all who supported our Sauerbraten Dinner and the 20 volunteers contributing to the success. Special thanks to our chefs Cindy & Bill Yount for this two-week undertaking!
 - 2) Rose & John Hosp did a great job selling all the pies & cakes at our Good Friday Pie sale.

And, as we put this newsletter together, plans are made for a successful 160th Anniversary Dinner on May 3rd. It is our hope your reservations are in, and you enjoy the event.

CHORUS – Our members have been practicing music for our Anniversary Dinner, the NYS Saengerfest and our Club Concert. The NYS Saengerfest will take place the weekend of May 31st at the German/American Club in Albany, NY. This event is being sponsored by the Germania Singers of Poughkeepsie. Our Club Concert is Sunday June 8th at 2:00 p.m. Several of our chorus members have volunteered their time for over 25 years and three of our singers for over 50 years. This is true dedication and the reason our Club was founded 160 years ago. Who would have thought this possible?
We are thankful for the direction of Mark Radlowski and our accompanist Margaret Fusco for their continued support of German/American singing. Please invite your family and friends to our Sunday Spring Concert on June 8th at 2 p.m.

CLUB HELP NEEDED WITH WEDNESDAY CREW – We could really use your help with Spring Clean-up of our yard, pavilion, back porch & yard. Also, inside cleaning of our kitchen and rooms. You can only imagine the work necessary to keep the Club in good shape. What are you doing at home on Wednesday between 8 and 11:30 a.m.? Come and join us and we'll give you a coffee break & lunch! We need your help!!

BAVARIAN FESTIVAL – We previously announced that the name of our festival would be changed to the “German” Festival. However, it was brought to our attention from some of our long-time members, that our constitution indicates that we must have a “Bavarian” Festival each year. So, we will keep the name of our festival as the Bavarian Festival. THANK YOU to those members that brought this to our attention.

Please keep in mind our Festival will run Friday, July 18th & Saturday, July 19th from 5:30 – 10 p.m. and Sunday, July 20th from noon – 4 p.m. Mark your calendar now as we could use your help setting up the week before, manning the booths during the festival, and take down the week following. Volunteering is the heart of our success, and it will make you feel good while meeting new friends.

FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING – Wednesday, May 7th @ 7 p.m. for all who would like to help and learn how sponsorships are being approached. It takes a team!

BAVARIAN FESTIVAL BASKET RAFFLE by Mary Lou Manchester – Happy Spring! 2025 will be our 12th annual Basket Raffle at our festival! We will be starting to collect items at the Maennerchor in a bin that soon will be in the bar area. We will be accepting donated "completed " baskets (made by you or someone you know), items that you have and will not be using, maybe you want to donate items, and we can create the basket for you (we have baskets). I will be going through things that have been donated and letting all know of items we could use to complete baskets. We can use all that is donated, gift cards, empty baskets (med to large mostly) etc. At this time, I am looking for Buffalo Bills items, I have 2 Jack Daniel's Whiskey glasses to start the basket and would love donations to complete these! Please contact me, texting is the best, but you can leave a voice mail (315) 725-2675. Mary Lou Manchester, Chairperson.

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – On April 2nd, we resumed our regular Wednesday Rehearsals. The very next day, April 3rd, found us returning to the Albany Street Elementary School's annual International Night, performing four dances. Once again, we included the students on one of our dances, which they so enjoyed. We will be participating in another one on June 4th, at Conkling Elementary School.

Our dancers are a busy group in May, with weekly rehearsals & four back-to-back performances. On May 15th we are at The Pines Nursing Home's “Sound of Music” day doing an hour show: May 16th @ 7p.m., we are at the Camden Methodist Church as participants in the annual talent showcase for the "NYS Old Time Fiddlers" Fundraiser; May 17th & 18th we return to the annual "Mayfaire on the Green" Renn Fest, performing a ½ hour show each day. (I believe we are the only German Dance Group that performs at a Renn Fest!!) After these shows, we'll start rehearsing even more dances, preparing for summer & our Bavarian Festival. Come & see us at one of our May Shows!! Check out our Facebook Page too! (Note: The Saranac Brewery Maifest that we were to dance at, was postponed to 2026 instead. We will be dancing at their 2025 Oktoberfest on Sept 19th, 20th & Okt 3rd.)

GERMAN CONTRIBUTION – Per *Greater Utica* April 2025 – “In 1850 George Young immigrated to Utica and shortly established Utica Steam Bakery and Confectionery which led to distributing thousands of products daily throughout the northeast. Young's Mammoth Bakery became a force in the regional baking market by the 1870's and Young became a prominent civic leader in Utica. He also was active in the Maennerchor. A key factor in his success was his commitment to

innovation.” The entire article by Alecia Pendasulo of the Oneida County History Center appeared in the *Greater Utica* – April 2025 magazine.

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.