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Newsletter ~ January 2024

President's Message

To Our Dear Members,

My heart is full of peace and joy from the holiday time, and I hope you had a wonderful season of joy as well! As we look ahead to 2024, and our 156th year of existence, I have many hopes and plans for the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor! One thing is sure, we would love to increase the membership in our group! Not just for the sake of numbers, but to add some helping hands to the many events we have planned & to have more fun. You know what happens when the same people keep doing all the work, so if you are reading this and know anyone who you think would like to join us in the furthering of the German culture today, please bring them to something! Our choir is surely accepting new singers for the next concert! I would also like to ask that if you think of things that you would like to see added to our table to enjoy our events more, let me know. We are very traditional but want to still be healthy for our members. What I mean is - perhaps almond milk or gluten free options, or fruit salad? We have some exciting events coming up as you can see on our website, or in this newsletter, and I for one am happy to adjust our ways to suit the times and members' requests when possible!

I would also like to honor one of our members who goes above and beyond to make things special around the hall~ Terry Strini! If you ever wonder who is on the ladder cleaning the ceiling fans, or painting the outside trim, or now stocking the bar as our new Bar Committee Chairperson, it's TERRY!! Thank you, Terry, for all your hard work, for all the things that go unnoticed, (unless they weren't done) ...and for the magnificent results from being a part of the Italian Festival as well as the big Raffle & Christkindlmarkt we just did! Where would we be without you?!

Many thanks to all the committee chair people & helpers in their roles for this coming year! We appreciate all that you do and look forward to a successful new year ahead!

Alles Gute,
Annette Hofmann



Annette Hofmann, President



Thank you Terry!!



A change in color!

Past Events



Oktoberfest



**Fall
Concert**



Christkindlmarkt



Singing at Art Port



**Christmas
Party**



Cook Book Launch



Prost to Tony Stegner, 95 years & Vivian Longto, 98 years young!! I'm sure you have some wonderful stories of the past and may you keep making memories.

Alles Gute zum Jahrestag

3/7 Marion & Hans Hohn

4/26 Annette & Tom Hofmann

"Thirsty Thursdays"

Thursdays have been special days for members to get together to help set up for events, enjoy some time together, discuss current events & Maennerchor happenings and more. Of course the bar is open for members to enjoy a drink or two. Over the years, regulars have supported Thursdays which in turn help support the KMD, for which KMD is very grateful. However, I would like to invite more members to stop by and stay awhile. You can bring a friend or family member. One does not have to drink alcohol, we have soda, ice tea, juices (sometimes), snacks and camaraderie. The general opening time is 2ish, closing time is the last person out around 7ish. We are in need of a couple of more volunteers who can help out with bartending duties. Even once a month would be helpful. If anyone is interested, please contact me (Terry at 845-338-4094). I am open to new ideas and suggestions, etc. In the meantime, have a Happy and Healthy New Year! See you in 2024!

Alles Gut zum Geburtstag *Januar*

1/6 Fred Trodler

1/9 Christa Scheitz

1/10 Laurens Riedener

1/17 Ingrid Deising

1/22 Lindsay Hoyt

1/23 Joachim Ingellis

1/23 Allen Vella

1/27 Lilah Scheunemann

1/29 Ruth Froehlich

1/30 Maria Dijk

Februar

2/1 Brent Wasser

2/2 Richard Edling

2/2 Stefan Saffer

2/3 Aaron McCasland

2/4 Hildegard Edling

2/4 Henrietta Gunderud

2/6 Michael Scheunemann

2/7 Collin Wagner

2/20 Angela Hartrum

2/20 Ronald Wolf, Sr

Marz

3/1 Waltraud Vianale

3/9 Bruce Wolf

3/10 Danielle Wolf

3/11 Paul Gregory

April

4/2 Corinne Planthaber

4/5 Peter Weitze

4/7 David Vogt

4/16 Joann Petruski

4/26 Rosemarie

Stuedlein

Good & Welfare

A picture of Hildegard Edling's punch needle rug hooked piece "Waiting" is included in the newly published book Intermediate and Advanced Punch Needle Rug Hooking, by Amy Oxford with Louise Kulp. Hildegard's comment about the piece is "I always wanted to punch three women on a bench—I don't know why! What are they waiting for? I'll leave that up to the viewer." The rug is 36" x 24" and a combination of traditional hooking with a rug hook and wool fabric strips and punch needle hooking with yarn. It was done to complete requirements to receive her Oxford Punch Needle Instructor's certificate. Hildegard was also a founding board member of the Oxford Punch Needle Instructors' Guild.



We would like to thank Angela Hartrum & Inge Martin for their donations to the newsletter, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

In our Thoughts...

Special greetings to those who are unable to join us at our gatherings due to health issues, are home bound, or other reasons.

MEMBERS: Vivian Longto and Bob Schneller, both in Golden Hill NRH, Tony Stegner in Mountain Valley Manor, Doyle Barger, Sue Bickert and Liz Hansen.

FRIENDS: Anne Barnum, Ed Brown, Charlotte Folkl, Jack Furman, Bruce Hoehn, Lieselotte Hatesaul, Manny Kastner, Inge Martin (in a Catskill nursing home), Hans Reck and Elda Welz.

If you are missing "zooming" into our meetings, please let Annette know and she will arrange something to work for you to "be there!"

Either Facetime or Google Meet can be used without a fee on either side.

We would like your input even if you are far away!

annette4kmd@gmail.com

Winner of the German-Tuscany Basket, Kerry King



Winners of Our Fund Raiser Raffles:

Annie Johnson-Nepresso Coffee Machine, Adrianna Fusco-GC Mountain Bruhaus, C & D Barger-GC Beer World, Lisa Robbins-Christmas Décor, Maria Pellegrini-Christmas Décor, Kitty Fulton-Christmas Décor, Janet-Picture of choice, Melanie Garcia-Picture of choice, Kerry King-4 tickets to KMD Dinner Event

Welcome to 2024! May it be a grand year! **DUES ARE DUE**, still at \$45.00 per member. Please address envelopes to my attention. Any questions, contact info is 845-336-7440 or catskillanniesez@gmail.com

Annemarie Harms, Financial Secretary

Raffle News: Dec. 9th was the drawing

Thanks to many members, family & friends, the raffle was a huge success & raised over \$2200!! Unfortunately, we do need fund raisers to help defray the costs of maintaining our building & grounds. Any thoughts or suggestions would be greatly appreciated for future fund raisers! Thank you all again, Terry Strini, raffle chairperson.

Upcoming Events in 2024

January 1st – Welcome New Year was a great success and fun was had by all. It was nice to ring in the new year with friends and listen to Andre Rieu together.

February 3rd – Pizza Party with live music from our own Bruce Wolf and Plan B Project. Please see the flyer for details and contact Erin Hein at erinhein84@gmail.com or (845) 797-8633 to make a reservation.

February 24th – Red Cross Blood Drive we're hosting our annual blood drive with the Red Cross! Please contact Erin Hein at erinhein84@gmail.com to sign up for an appointment, or go to <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> search for Kingston's zip code (12401) and find our event.

March 2nd – Rouladen Take-out Dinner this will be take-out ONLY. Snow date of March 3rd. Please contact Marian Elflein with questions at marianelflein@aol.com or (845) 546-3534.

April 7th – Dessert Event come and enjoy some homemade German pastries, tea and coffee with us! Questions contact Annette Hofmann at annette4kmd@gmail.com.

May 18th German Wine Tasting our resident wine connoisseur Collin will be hosting a wine tasting! More details to come.

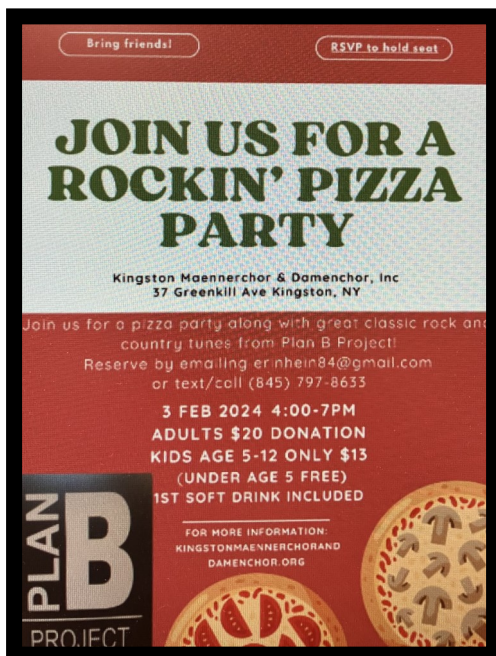
June 1st Spring Concert our singers will be working hard over the next few months to learn a new set list of exciting songs for your listening pleasure! More details to come. Please contact Hildegard Edling or Erin Hein with any questions.

As always, if you have any questions about our events Erin Hein is our event coordinator and can be contacted at erinhein84@gmail.com or (845) 797-8633.

From the Archives

We are going to highlight our archivist Bruce in this newsletter. He will be head-lining at the pizza party and thought it may be fun to highlight at least one person per newsletter? Let us know your thoughts and/or send us your story!!

Bruce started playing guitar at 15, but switched to bass as there was a great de-mand of such players in the "70's!" By age 16, he was playing out in local bars (his dad would have him wear a fake moustache since he was technically too young to be there) and at Hunter and another Catskill Resort, he was making a ton of money! He took a hiatus for at least 12 years & has been playing ever since. One of his greatest gigs was playing at Tom Carvel's estate! His dream was to go to Berklee College of music to be a studio musician. He didn't but continues to rock on! Enjoy the coming show!



Then: Fascination



Now: Plan B

Committee

Chairpersons: 2024

Bar- Terry Strini

House- Bruce Wolf/Terry Strini

Music- Hildegard Edling

Event Coordinator- Erin Hein

Good & Welfare- Marion Hohn

Stammtisch- Michael

Scheunemann

Scholarship- Edith Borchardt

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Recording Secretary....Marian Elflein

Financial Secretary....Annemarie Harms

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Trustee (2024)....Michael Scheunemann

Trustee (2025)....Terry Strini

Music Director....Dorcinda Knauth

Accompanist....Peter Cody

Honorary President & Archivist/Historian:

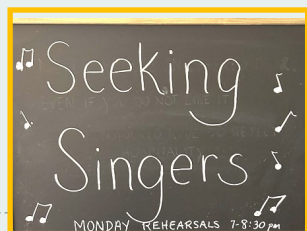
Hildegard Edling

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7pm. **The February meeting will be held on 2/7 (the first Wed.)@7pm.

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WE hope you enjoy
this edition!

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Wishing you a healthy
& prosperous 2024!



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