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## Newsletter ~ May 2024

### Presidents Message

To Our Dear Members and Friends,

Well, it seems my wish has come true, and we have increased our membership recently! Welcome to the many new faces of our organization. Because of this, I would like to honor and thank one of our newest members from 2023, Heidi Froehlich, as she has been instrumental in bringing in quite a few new fast friends! Heidi has been coming to many events for years, with her dear mom Ruth, a long-standing pioneer of our organization. She only recently took the plunge to join and then voila! What a great spokesperson she has been for our group. Thank you, Heidi, for dispersing flyers for events, for sharing every KMD post on Facebook, and for always being a help when you can in the kitchen and with cleaning up at our events. We truly appreciate you!! (Heidi also has her own massage business, Fabulous Fatigue Fighters, so she is one busy lady!)

Onward to our spring events, hoping to see you at one or more of them!! The breakfast buffet will definitely be tasty and then the concert should be tons of fun. Come and join us for what we stand for – music and culture – and good food!! Enjoy the warmer weather, outdoor activities and stay well my friends!

Alles Gute,

Annette Hofmann



Annette Hofmann & Heidi Froehlich

### DUES REMINDER:

Payment of annual dues DEADLINE is June 30th @ \$45 per member. After that your membership will be discontinued. For reinstatement procedure or other membership questions, please contact me at 845-336-7440 or [catskillan-niesez@gmail.com](mailto:catskillan-niesez@gmail.com)

Applications for Membership forms and "How to Become a Member" flyers with contact info are in a large envelope on the cork board for your convenience.

Annemarie Harms

Financial Secretary

# Upcoming Events 2024

**Saturday June 1st**, Spring concert 1:00-4:00pm contact Maria 845-216-3927 or Waltraud 646-238-7933 for reservations.

Nothing in July! Enjoy the summertime :D

**August** - Wurstfest details to follow

**September 28th**- Oktoberfest details to follow

Take a musical journey with us on Saturday, June 1 at 1pm, and be transported through a curated program of music from Germany and around the world. Our aim is to bring joy to your afternoon as we share our love of music. We'll be performing traditional waltzes, folk songs, student anthems, classical compositions and pop melodies, so there is sure to be a little something for everybody to tap along to as we sing. After the concert we'll join in a meal together to the soundscape of live accordion music and fellowship. The choir has been working hard, learning challenging harmonies in many musical styles. What's more, we are thrilled to welcome new singing members to our ranks, whose presence has already added a fabulous dimension to our choir's sound. We even have a new and talented accompanist! So please mark your calendars and join us, to experience the power of music to unite and uplift. We are grateful for all the energy our audience brings. Doors open at noon for refreshments. Thank you for coming and supporting our 2024 Spring musical celebration!

Dorcinda Knauth



KINGSTON MAENNERCHOR AND DAMENCHOR INVITES  
YOU TO ENJOY A MUSICAL AFTERNOON AT OUR

ANNUAL

## SPRING CONCERT

**SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2024 12-4pm**

**\$25 DONATION**

**12 PM DOORS OPEN & APPETIZERS**

**1 PM CONCERT**

**2 PM LUNCH BUFFET AND DESSERTS**

**INCLUDING BLACK FOREST CAKE**

**MUSIC FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE  
AND A RAFFLE!**

**RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY 5/26**

MARIA 845-216-3927 OR

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### *Alles Gute zum Jahrestag*

Liz and Paul Gregory 6/4

Hans and Hetty Gunderud 5/11

Ron and Yuri Wolf 6/19

David and Vanessa Vogt 5/24

"Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is."

### **From the Archives**

There has been some recent discussion about the possibility of having an event at the KMD regarding German American Day on October 6th. This prompted me to look into the origins of this national German American holiday. Why October 6th? The first permanent German community settled on October 6th 1683 in Germantown, Pennsylvania. However, it originally consisted of only a few Germans, but many Dutch and also some Swiss families. It was then on October 6th 1983 that President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first German American day to commemorate the tricentennial of German settlement in America and all of the contributions that German immigrants have made. This unfortunately would take an additional four years for congress to pass legislation on in 1987. For many of us this would become a day to recognize and celebrate our heritage for years to come. Embrace it proudly!

Bruce Wolf

Archivist/Historian

### *alles Gut zum Geburtstag!*

#### *Mai*

Hans Gunderud 3rd

Marian Elflein 9th

Jim McManus 27th

Doyle Barger 2nd

Hans Gunderud 3rd

Ronald Wolf Jr. 9th

Doris Vogt 13th

Sue Bickert 24th

#### *Juni*

Henry Bruck 6th

Alina Nitzschner 2nd

Maria Bruhmuller 3rd

Hans Safer 3rd

Annette Hofmann 5th

Helga Nowak-Razey 8th

Marion Hohn 18th

George Calabrese 28th



#### *Juli*

Werner Wagner 8th

#### *August*

Stephanie Martino 3rd

Lorin Johannessen 7th

Liz Hansen 13th

Liz Gregory 25th

Christie Raisner 25th

# A big welcome to our new members!

Timothy "Tim" Sheridan- worker  
 Heidi Froehlich- worker  
 James Gehrlein- supporting  
 Chrystie Raisner- supporting  
 Erich Nageli- worker  
 Marilyn Orgas- supporting

Jim McManus-supporting  
 Edward "Ed" Altenau- worker  
 Maria Bruhmuller- worker  
 George Calabrese- singer  
 Liz Calabrese- singer  
 Pascale Burkart- social

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, Lieselotte Hatesaul, Manny Kastner, Inge Martin (in a Catskill nursing home), Hans Reck and Elda Welz.

**Our Sincerest Condolences to the family's & friends of Nick Morris, a supporting member for 18 yrs. and Bruce Hoehn a friend.**

Come on by to our weekly Thirsty Thursday and share a drink and a snack with some friends. Our new refrigerator pictured below was purchased with the bar tips!! Thank you for your generosity bar committee and patrons!



Rock'in Pizza Party



Dessert Event

## Past events!



Past fun!

Brunch with Steve Mazzuca



Community Blood Drive



Rouladen Take Out





# Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners

Since the Eighties, the Kingston Männerchor and Damenchor has invited applications from graduating seniors at our local high schools for our scholarships. There are now two types: 1. Excellence in German Language and Music, and 2. Excellence in Choral Singing and Individual Performance, without a specific German requirement, but a demonstrated interest in European language and culture.

This year, we had one winner for each type of award: 1. Ben Ostfeld from Red Hook High School, and 2. Melissa Adashko-Rein from New Paltz High School.

**Ben Ostfeld** applied for the scholarship in **German and Music**. He presents outstanding credentials and is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. He has studied voice since age 11 and is fascinated by the way the combination of words and music can convey a depth of emotion. He has had roles in 7 musicals at RHHS, most recently Billy Flynn in a production of Chicago. He is also a lead singer in a funk band called Chocolate Jam.

As a member of the choir since middle school, he has enjoyed exploring music from different cultures, sung in different languages. It is music and singing that led him to the study of German. The 4 songs he performed at the NYSSMA solo festival during his high school career were in German. He has studied German since 2018 and loves the musicality of the language, but German has also led him to study political theory and the philosophy of Marx, Kant, and Nietzsche, for example.

Ben intends to continue singing in choirs in college and perhaps join an a capella group. He hopes to keep performing in musical theater and to read his favorite German philosophers in their original language. If possible, he would like to study abroad in Germany or Austria during his college years.

**Melissa Adashko-Rein** has been playing (with and on) the piano since she was 3 years old and started to sing in the choir in fourth grade. In sixth grade, she started acting, relishing every rehearsal. She has been an active Choir member since she started high school and has been involved in NYSSMA, a capella, theater and school musicals. She applied for the scholarship in **Choral Music and Individual Performance**. She performed a solo in her choir concert this winter. When she is not onstage performing with the Drama Club, she serves as costume, lighting or set designer, or as the manager for a crowded house. Her solo at level 6 All State NYSSMA earned her a 96 and qualified her for Area All State. She is very interested in European culture and learning about the world through music. She has taken Spanish classes and would have taken German, had it been offered at New Paltz High School. She plans to study Early Childhood Education in college and is deciding which of the multiple offers she has received she should accept. She plans to join the college choirs and to continue participating in Theater as well. Eventually, she wants to earn a Master's Degree for teaching.

We congratulate both of our winners and wish them well in their future adventures.  
(Submitted by Edith Borchardt, Chair of the Scholarship Committee)

## Committee

### Chairpersons: 2024

Bar- Terry Strini

House- Bruce Wolf/Terry Strini

Music- Hildegard Edling

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**Trustee (2024)**....Michael Scheunemann

**Trustee (2025)**....Terry Strini

**Music Director**....Dorcinda Knauth

**Accompanist**....Sue Kiel

### **Honorary President & Archivist/Historian:**

Hildegard Edling

**Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7pm.**

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weather!

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