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Newsletter ~ September 2025

Welcome to Fall, all!!

It is probably my favorite time of year, but then I do try to appreciate each one. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summertime and all that comes along with it! In this issue, I would like to honor a long-time member, Bob Zentner. Have you ever met anyone so joyful all the time? (Maybe his wife would disagree, but maybe not??) Thanks to Bob, we have Bienenstich cake or cupcakes when we need them at events, and he also is a good help in the kitchen with wursts, but I think this photo shows his favorite spot - a regular at our Thirsty Thursdays. Not only does he offer baking help, Bob is a quick wit, always makes me chuckle! He also brings us new members like Jim and Bill, and probably many I do not even know about. So Bob, as my term soon comes to a close, I couldn't let the time go without a big thank you here in our newsletter. Since you do not get the long list of emails we send out, this was one place to send you some appreciation and admiration for your over 16 years as a member of our organization! Your name puts you at the end of our alphabetical list, but you are at the tippy top to us all! Keep smiling, and thumbs up for a healthy happy life. Oh, and Prost! Also wanted to thank everyone who puts much effort into keeping the grounds so nice, especially the beautiful flowers! Karen Ranney, you have such a green thumb! We all appreciate it, as well as our neighbors surely do too! Thanks to the house committee for every little thing that comes up that you handle. I know Terry and Bruce put a lot of time into the building and grounds, and now they have more helpers who lend a hand when they can too, thanks Jeff and Ryan! Looking forward to seeing how the parking lot turns out soon! Thanks also to our dedicated Chorus members, the new season starting up will undoubtedly be exciting and rewarding as you prepare for the next concert.

With Oktoberfest, our Fall sing-along, and Christkindlmarkt coming up, we are excited to share the joy of German culture with many new faces, please spread the word so we can continue to grow! Our new temporary membership option is sure to help in that area as well! Thanks to that committee, especially Marian, for all the work involved to get that off the ground. Hope to see you all soon! Alles gute!

Annette Hofmann, KMD President 201-790-4453C



Annette Hofmann



Bob Zentner



Thank you to all who

participated in the Pampered Chef Fundraiser for the

Scholarship Fund and many thanks to Barb too!

The last events of 2025

Sat. **September 27th** ~ The 5th Annual Oktoberfest with Steve Mazzuca!

Look for possible Open Mic in October, date TBD

Sun. November 23rd ~ Fall Sing Along, doors open at noon, concert @ 1pm. Food following the concert. Details to come.

Sat. December 6th ~ Christkindlemarkt





Alles Gut zum Geburtstag!

September Oktober

Edith Borchardt 9/5 Claus Kinder 10/1

Gary Noble 9/9 Bob Zenter 10/3

Bill Rich 9/9 Annemarie Brohm 10/4

Ryan Dolan 9/11 Donna Wolf 10/8

Gişi Vella 9/20 Jack Ştraub 10/9

Larysa Kinder 9/22 Marilyn Orgas 10/16

November Albert Garcia 10/19

Buddy Wolf 11/1 Reagan Schweppe 10/23

James Gallagher 11/6 Arnold Johnson 10/24

Ginny Rossler 11/26 Annemarie Harms 10/29

Erin Elfein 11/30

Dezember

Catherine Johnson 12/2 Hans Funccius 12/7

Robert Hartrum 12/11 Karen Ranney 12/12

Michael Schweppe 12/9 Terry Strini 12/17

Dick Reilly 12/18 Ed Atenau 12/27

Sincerest Condolences to Hans Reck's family and friends on his passing. He was a member for many years and as a young man he danced in the Maennerchors Shuplatter Group. He loved to dance at the events, I remember seeing him doing the German dances and was so intrigued with all the intricacies involved(D. Wolf). Bruce and him would share an occasional beer in the shed when working in the yard! RIP





The next newsletter info. will be due 12/30. Looking for someone to write a little bit on local German culture. Email: dlwolf64@aol.com/
newsletter in subject please!

New Central Hudson meter.



Alles Gute zum Jahrestag

Maria Dijk & Hans Safer 9/22
Hildegard & Richard Edling 10/10
Donna & Bruce Wolf 10/23
Jody & Sita Hoyt 12/31

CHORUS NOTES:

The chorus has had a super year with more to come. In early June we participated in a Saengerfest in Albany and if we may brag a little, raised the roof with our performance. We chose three difficult songs and performed them extremely well. It was rewarding to have fellow singers from across New York State approach us with congratulations. What we heard most was along the lines of "Kingston has turned a corner" and "What happened to Kingston!?!? They've changed." Yes we have, thanks to everyone who dedicates so many hours to rehearsals and to our talented director Dorcinda Knauth and accompanist Sue Kiel.

If you were at our Sing Along last year you know what a rousing time we had. Our goal is for this year's to be just as much fun for everyone - audience and singers alike. And, yes, we do expect our audience to participate.

So, please come and enjoy the fun. We would especially like to see those of you who have never been able to attend. Who knows, you just might want to join us. New singers are welcome.

SPRING CONCERT













New singers always welcome!

A big WELCOME to our newest members, Christine Ferreira(W), Albert Garcia(W), and Larysa(S)& Claus(S) Kinder. Heartfelt congratulations to Ryan Dolan and his wife Sarah on the birth of their baby(6/19). Best wishes to Erin & Marian Elflein on their nuptials





Thanks to Karen Ranney for the gardens and sunflowers!



(7/26).















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Have you ever watched a German sausage go bad?



Thanks Jim for playing at Wurstfest!



It goes from brat to wurst!



Committee

Chairpersons: 2025

Bar- Terry Strini

House- Bruce Wolf/Terry

Strini

Music- Hildegard Edling

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glorious holiday

reason!

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Hildegard Edling

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

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." ~ L.M. Montgomery

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