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## Newsletter ~ May 2025

### Presidents Message

Zusammenkommen ist ein anfang; Zusammenbleiben ist ein fortschritt, Zusammenarbeiten ist ein ERFOLG. (Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.)

I mentioned this at our last meeting, and thought to share again here! I am thankful that we have this organization to bring people together, and so many have kept it going! Working together can be a challenge sometimes, but I know we can keep a positive attitude, and have continued success!

In my recent newsletter blurbs, it has been my goal to honor someone who comes to mind as an unsung hero, this time it is Alina Nitzchner, for without her, I would actually not be here! Alina has been a member for over 42 years, a singer, a former officer on the board, a baker (strudel, black forest cakes, apple cakes, etc), kaffeeklatsch organizer, and more! What can I say, Alina, you make me want to do more, be more, and always make me laugh. Sometimes you're stubborn, like all good Germans, and then you remind me of our very long history, which makes my heart all mushy. Thank you for all you do for us, you're a true pioneer, and I am grateful we have you!!

There are so many others who deserve recognition too, but I have only 8 months left of presidency...who will step up to take over this role? Think about it, maybe it's you!

Wishing you a wonderful spring and summer, hope see you at the next event!!

Thanks,

**Annette Hofmann**  
KMD President  
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**Annette Hofmann**  
President



**Alina Nitzchner**



**Join or Die Event**

# Upcoming Events of 2025

**Sat. June 7th– Spring Concert– see below**

**Sat. August 23rd– Annual WURSTFEST- details to follow**

**Sat. September 27th– 5th Annual Oktoberfest with Steve Mazzuca - other details to follow**



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

## SPRING CONCERT

**SATURDAY JUNE 7, 2025 12-4pm**

\$30 DONATION

CONCERT ONLY: \$10 DONATION

12 PM DOORS OPEN & APPETIZERS

1 PM CONCERT

2 PM LUNCH BUFFET AND DESSERTS

A RAFFLE, TOO!

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY JUNE 2

ANGELA 845-389-1648 OR

VIA EMAIL TO

KMD.UPDATES37@GMAIL.COM



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## HUDSON VALLEY LODGE ANNUAL PIG ROAST AND ST. HANS CELEBRATION AT ELVEDAL



**Saturday June 21st at 5 pm**

This year's pork will again be provided by Kevin Vines,  
KV Barbecue Company!

**PLAN B PROJECT, a Hudson Valley based rock trio covering  
classic, country and dance rock favorites. will be playing  
from 4 to 7 pm.**



Adults: \$35.00 (prepaid price)  
\$40.00 (on site, if available)  
Kids: \$10.00  
Kids under 6: free



Sale of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs starting at 1:00 pm  
Please make checks payable to Hudson Valley Lodge  
(mark pigroast in memo area)

send to:  
Sharon Orsland-Lapp  
112 Stone Road  
West Hurley NY, 12491  
Please RSVP by **May 30, 2024**

We will have the first drawing of the 3 month club.  
3-Month Tickets were sent in the mail, and can be purchased on site.

**WIN BIG !! \$\$ 3 Month Club Reminder \$\$ WIN BIG !!**



First drawing at the Pig Roast  
There are 21 chances to **Win !!**  
Buy four tickets and get one **free!**

If you need more tickets contact: Sharon Orsland-Lapp or Karl Rell  
Please send tickets and money to:  
Sharon Orsland Lapp  
112 Stone Road, West Hurley, NY, 12491

Help  
Support  
Elvedal!

## *alles Gut zum Geburtstag!*

### *Mai*

5/2~ Jeff Carr  
5/3~ Hans Gunderud  
5/9~ Marian Elflein  
5/13~ Doris Vogt  
5/24~ Sue Bickert  
5/27~ Jim McManus

### *Juli*

7/8~ Werner Wagner  
7/9~ Bonni Rosenkranse

### *Juni*

6/2 ~ Alina Nitzschner  
6/3~ Hans Safer  
6/4~ Evelyn Ellis  
6/5~ Annette Hofmann  
6/6~ Henry Bruck  
6/8~ Helga Razey-Nowak  
6/12~ Pascale Burkart  
6/13~ Maria Bruhmuller  
6/18~ Marion Hohn  
6/28~ George Calabrese

### *August*

8/3~ Stephanie Martino  
8/7~ Lorin Johannessen  
8/13~ Liz Hansen  
8/25~ Liz Gregory  
8/25~ Chrystie Raisner



## *Alles Gute zum Jahrestag*

**Hans & Hetty Gunderud ~ 5/11**

**David & Vanessa Vogt ~ 5/24**

**Liz & Paul Gregory ~ 6/4**

*The Score* featuring our own Bruce Wolf will be performing on the following dates, times TBD! Hope to see you there!

6/29 ~ Castaways  
8/3~ Castaways  
10/5 ~ Castaways

Sun. August 3rd- Biker Cancer Benefit @ Bowery Dugout

Chicken Run: 8/29  
10/11

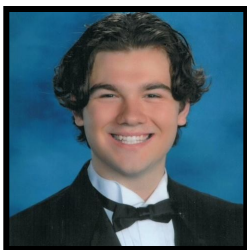
### **A little note from the editor:**

Thank you for submitting information for the newsletter! It couldn't be done without your support! The newsletter comes out in May, September and January. It is helpful to have everything to me by the end of the month before it is due. I'm looking to add to the anniversary list, we only have about 8 members added, one new one is coming soon!! Please submit to [dlwolf64@aol.com](mailto:dlwolf64@aol.com)/ newsletter in subject bar. Wishing you a wonderful spring and summer enjoying family, friends & adventures! I look forward to checking my email in August!

This year, we have four \$500.00 scholarship winners, graduating from four different high schools in Ulster and Dutchess, for the two types of scholarships offered by the

Kingston Männerchor and Damenchor:

1. **Desmond Mulready** from Kingston High School won a Scholarship in Choral Singing and Individual Vocal Performance. He has excelled in Choir and Voice at Kingston High School and is interested in European culture(s). Last summer, he visited Salzburg and Vienna and was astonished at how much classical music and opera is ingrained in society there. Seeing a performance of Mozart's Zaubерflöte inspired him to include "Der Vogelfänger" in his audition repertoire. He plans to study vocal performance in college and further explore the German language. He dreams of performing in Vienna some day, maybe even as Papageno. Desmond's vocal repertoire includes songs in English, Italian, German, and Latin.
2. **Grace E. Hopf** from Saugerties High School also won a Scholarship in Choral Singing and Individual Performance. She wants to become a Music Teacher and has already been accepted by 4 Schools of Music. Grace became interested in European culture by learning to sing in Italian, French, German, and Spanish, which she loved so much that she preferred singing in foreign languages to performing in English. Visiting Barcelona with her family made her fall in love with Europe: the different people, food, and music. This experience reinforced her decision to study abroad in her junior year in college. She intends to pursue a degree in Music Education to motivate other students to find their passion for music.
3. **Milo Turba** from Onteora High School won a scholarship in Choral Singing and Individual Performance also. As a member of the Onteora High School Chorus, Milo sang solos, and re-auditioned for All County Chorus. He joined afterschool clubs like Sounds of Jazz and Chamber Chorus. Last year, he was on the big stage in the Musical "School of Rock." In the fall, he will start his college education in Greece in a program associated with the University of Northeastern. He will minor in Music, taking many cultural music courses dealing with Greek and other European music. He wants to experience as much of the music culture in Europe as possible, whether listening to live music in a restaurant or going to Germany to hear a concert at the famous Berlin Philharmonic.
4. **Lotta Grannis Pflaum** from Red Hook HS won a scholarship in Excellence in German Language and Music. Lotta has German heritage and grew up listening to and singing German music. She has always enjoyed singing, particularly in foreign languages. She has a tri-national background: US, German, and Ethiopian., and has been an exchange student in Spain and Germany because of her interest in foreign languages and international culture. At NYSSM last May, she was asked to join both All State and Area All State Choruses. She will be studying at Cornell University in the fall, continuing with German and singing, perhaps even in the college choir.



Desmond Mulready



Lotta Grannis Pflaum



Grace Hopf



Milo Turba



A big WELCOME to our newest members!



**Karl Rutter**



**William Rich & Bob**



**Karen Ranney, Evelyn Ellis, Paul Agne**



**Reagan Schweppe**

# We've been busy: Past Events

**Open Mic**



**Winter Wurstfest**



**Red Cross Blood Drive**



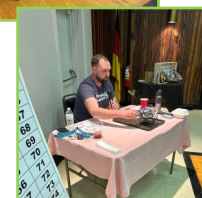
**Bougie Bingo**



**German Beer Tasting**



**Dessert Event**



### Committee

Chairpersons: 2025

Bar- Terry Strini

House- Bruce Wolf/Terry Strini

Music- Hildegard Edling

Event Coordinator- Erin Hein

Good & Welfare- Marion Hohn

Stammtisch- Michael Scheunemann

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Facebook- Marian Elflein

Publicity- Erin Hein

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Assistant Editor- Bruce

### Officers & Staff 2025

**President**.....Annette Hofmann

**Vice President**....Paul Gregory

**Treasurer**....Angela Hartrum

**Recording Secretary**....Marian Elflein

**Financial Secretary**....Angela Hartrum & Marian Elflein

**Archivist/Historian**....Richard Edling

**Trustee**....Annemarie Harms

**Trustee**....Donna Wolf

**Trustee**....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.**

**The only thing better than singing is more singing!~ Ella Fitzgerald**

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Always looking for  
good and welfare too!

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