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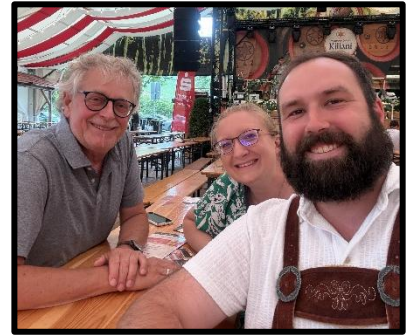
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Newsletter: September 2026

A Message from the President:

Grüss Gott und Guten Tag fellow members and friends! It's amazing how fast summer has flown by. I hope you all have had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather and spend time with family and friends. Liz and I thoroughly enjoyed our time away in Germany earlier this summer! It was my first time visiting Germany, and I was so awestruck by its natural beauty and deep cultural influences. We spent most of our time in the states of Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria, hiking around, exploring various cities, eating delicious regional dishes, and enjoying some of the best beer in the world. I may be a little biased, but what can I say, it's true! One of our pleasant surprises was Freiburg im Breisgau, a beautiful city nestled in the southwestern foothills of the Black Forest. We loved the historic architecture within the Altstadt as well as the natural beauty that enveloped the city. The Alps region with its winding roads, jagged peaks, and picturesque castles was quite honestly breathtaking. I'm a sucker for a good mountaintop view, and I was certainly not disappointed. Another favorite stop during our trip was the city of Würzburg, where our illustrious Vice President, Marian Elflein, hails from. We even got to enjoy the summer festival scene and a festbier (or two) at Kiliani Volksfest with Marian's dad, Hans-Wolfgang Elflein! Visiting Germany was a unique experience that I will never forget, and I'm looking forward to returning someday.



Paul Gregory
KMD President

Now that I have returned to the states, I'm looking forward to what is in store at KMD and want to spotlight some of our past events. Our beer tasting event in May, chaired by Marian Elflein, was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. We had a good-sized crowd with many new faces. Marian, as always, organized a great presentation. Our spring concert in June was well attended and came with positive reviews. The music committee always seems to up the ante each year and challenge us with some difficult songs. We always seem to put our best foot forward and deliver in the end. A big thank you goes out to our Director, Dorcinda Knauth, and our accompanist, Sue Kiel, for their tireless dedication throughout the year. The music committee, and the rest of the choir, are looking forward to starting back up after Labor Day to prepare for our November sing-along! In August we had our annual Wurstfest event, which is always a good time. Thank you to all those who helped/donated their time and resources to make Wurstfest a success. A special thank you goes out to Jim Gallagher for providing the music and gracing us with his vocal and guitar-playing talent. Our upcoming events are sure to not disappoint! In September we will once again be hosting Oktoberfest. This time around, Great Life Brewing Company will be on site serving some delicious beers! In addition to Oktoberfest, we will also be holding an October food takeout event. More details on both those events can be found in the Newsletter, our website, and our social media platforms.

As I included in last edition, I will continue to recognize an individual member who I believe deserves a special notice. This month, I want to recognize Erich Nageli! Erich is one of the members who always is willing to lend a helping hand and is a genuinely great guy. I really appreciate his help when it comes to assisting with our food events. With his culinary background, he is certainly an important resource for our organization. Thank you Erich for all that you do; we are happy to have you as part of our KMD family.

With that, I will sign off for now. I hope to see you all soon around the hall soon at one of our upcoming events or at a business meeting! Until next time! Bis Bald!

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Upcoming Events

September 26: Oktoberfest featuring Great Life Brewing

Come one come all to the best German event in town! Enjoy a fine selection of German foods, beverages, and fun at our Oktoberfest. Reservations strongly recommended.

Contact Marian for reservations and questions: (845) 546-3534. Menu and more details to follow.



October 17: Rouladen Take-out

Rouladen is a traditional German dish consisting of thin pieces of beef rolled up with a filling of bacon, onions, and pickles, and covered in rich gravy.

This is your opportunity to take out and enjoy some of this German comfort food! Full menu and details to follow.



November 21: Sing along concert

Join us on November 21 to enjoy the choir's musical talents during our sing along concert! Lyric sheets are provided at each table for guests to sing along if desired.

Reservations are requested by November 17. Please contact Annemarie at 845-336-7440 or by email at catskillanniesez@gmail.com.



December 5: Christkindlemarkt

Seeking bakers and other helpers for the upcoming Dec 5th Christkindlemarkt.

Please contact Annette (annette4kmd@gmail.com) to volunteer your talents to this major fundraiser. Thank you in advance!



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An update from the Choir

FALL SING ALONG

NOVEMBER 21, 2026

12:00 noon - Doors Open

Noon - 1:30 - Hot and Cold Appetizers

1:30 - 2:30 - Concert

2:30 - 4:00 - Dessert/Raffle

DONATION; \$25.00

CONCERT ONLY: \$15:00

RESERVE WITH ANNEMARIE at 845-336-7440 or
by email at catskillanniesez@gmail.com

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**New singers are welcome! Please leave a message on the
KMD phone at 845.338.3763 or call Hildegard at
845.757.5135 for more information.**



Zum Geburtstag viel Glück!

September

09/05 Edith Borchardt
09/09 Bill Rich
09/11 Ryan Dolan
09/20 Gisi Vella
09/22 Larysa Kinder

October

10/01 Claus Kinder
10/03 Robert Zentner
10/04 Annemarie Brohm
10/16 Marilyn Orgas
10/24 Arnold Johnsen
10/26 Raymond Feasel
10/29 Annemarie Harms

November

11/04 Buddy Wolf
11/06 James Gallagher
11/08 Karen Burgher
11/16 Suzanne Ingellis
11/24 Stephanie Bludau Tor
11/26 Virginia Rossler
11/30 Erin Elflein

December

12/02 Catherine Johnson
12/07 Hans Funccius
12/09 Michael Schweppe
12/11 Robert Hartrum
12/17 Terry Strini
12/18 Richard Reilly
12/27 Edward Atenau

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Allison Bier, daughter of members Rita and Andy Bier, completed the Lake Placid Iron Man Triathlon on July 19. The event consisted of a 2.4-mile swim in Mirror Lake, a 112-mile bike ride through Lake Placid, White Face Mountain and the Keene Valley area and finally, a 26.2 mile run in Lake Placid. Allison finished the event in 13 hours, 35 minutes.

CONGRATULATIONS ALLISON!!!

She is truly an Iron Man!

A message from Heidi Froelich, KMD Financial Secretary:

Heidi Froehlich would like to Thank EVERYONE for the sweetness extended. LOVE, respect and acknowledgements via flowers, visits, chats on the loss of her mother Ruth Froehlich (1935-2026) on 4/28 2026. ~A Life Well Lived~

Thanks to Paul Gregory for your gentle leadership, outstanding participation at every event, and creating good vibes!

Special thanks to Erin Elflein for so much coordinating, and for keeping KMD interesting and current!

Thanks to Jody Hoyt for giving his time and effort maintaining the Nimm und Lies ("take and read") flyer, quick notes grab and go at our entrance table with upcoming KMD Events and Birthdays. This is handy and helpful. Thank you for doing that for us Jody!!

Sweet thanks to Marion Hohn for those special occasion cards she personalizes and sends out at her own expense to show "we are thinking of you," "want to show you we care," "hold you in high regard," and so on. This thoughtful act binds us and is a long-lost feel good and polite gesture. Thank you, dear Marion for reminding us of common courtesy!

Wow! Thank you to Hans Funccius, a true-blue friend of KMD, for his generous donation!

An honorable mention to Han's super special mother Poldy, who lived to be 100! She was a loyal and supportive member for decades.

Trustee Annemarie Harms writes, "I came across a proverb online that might interest readers. There was no clearer source or time frame was in the article except that it was from a time when Germany was mostly an agrarian society. It makes sense considering the fence, dog and horse."

**A fence lasts three years,
A dog lasts three fences,
A horse lasts three dogs,
And a man lasts three horses.**

"Out of curiosity, I mathed it out. Fence 3, dog 9, horse 27, and man 81. And woman?"

This proverb can be interpreted as a reminder that everything ends, and so we must value the present, stop worrying and practice gratitude, and cherish connections!

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Past Events



**Red Cross Blood
Drive, June 1**



Beer Tasting, May 2



**Spring
Concert,
June 6**



Wurstfest, August 15



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Committee Chairpersons 2026

Bar: Terry Strini
House: Terry Strini
Music: Hildegard Edling and
Richard Edling
Event Coordinator: Erin Elflein
Good & Welfare: Marion Hohn
Stammtisch: Michael
Scheunemann
Scholarship: Edith Borchardt
Webmaster: Annette Hofmann
Facebook: Marian Elflein
Publicity: Erin Elflein
Newsletter: Elizabeth Gregory

Officers & Staff 2026

President....Paul Gregory
Vice President....Marian Elflein
Treasurer....Angela Hartrum
Recording Secretary....Volunteers welcome
Financial Secretary....Heidi Froehlich
Trustee....Annemarie Harms
Trustee....Edith Borchardt
Trustee....Edward Altenau
Music Director....Dorcinda Knauth
Accompanist....Sue Kiel
Honorary President & Archivist/Historian:
Hildegard Edling

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**Wishing everybody a cozy and
colorful autumn!**

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

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*The next newsletter will be January 1, 2027. We are seeking submissions by **December 11, 2026.***

Please email submissions to Liz at emh2502@gmail.com with the subject

***"KMD January 2027 Newsletter."** Thank you!*
