

2023

UTICA MAENNERCHOR NEWS  
(315) 735-5882 Club Haus

DECEMBER

CLUB HOURS – Monday – Thursday 5 – 10 p.m.; Friday 4 – 10 p.m.  
Please keep informed thru our Website  
[www.uticamaennerchor.com](http://www.uticamaennerchor.com) and Face Book

TAKE OUT ORDERS from our regular menu are available on Fridays by calling the Club at 315-735-5882 between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY SPECIALS – Dec. 1-Chicken and dumplings, green beans; Dec. 8- Beer boiled German Wurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad; Dec. 15-Mushroom stew/pasta, garden salad; Dec. 22-3 stuffed shells, 2 meatballs, garden salad; Dec. 29-Meatloaf/mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- DEC. 1 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- DEC. – 4 – Board of Officers & Trustee’s Meeting 6 p.m.
- DEC. 8 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- DEC. 10 – Club CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT – Sunday 2 p.m.
- DEC. 15 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m. (CLUB CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE)
- DEC. 22 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m. VISIT FROM SANTA /Fundraiser Drawing
- DEC. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE - Club Closed - MERRY CHRISTMAS
- DEC. 29 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- DEC. 31 – NEW YEARS’S EVE – Club Closed – HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHORUS CLUB CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT – Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. our Chorus members, under the Direction of Mark Radlowski, will present a wonderful Holiday Concert for all to enjoy.

It was decided this year to have your generous donations benefit CABVI (Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired) located on Elizabeth St. in Utica. What do they do? Low vision treatment; vision rehabilitation therapy; orientation & mobility training; occupational therapy; support services; technology training; educational services; employment services; and adaptive sports & recreation all for the blind and visually impaired in the community.

The New Horizons Barbershop Chorus have been invited as our guests to perform a few of their holiday selections to add to our Christmas concert. Our Chorus members have dedicated several weeks preparation so our attendees will experience a meaningful Holiday Concert with a little added joy along with supporting a local charity. You might also have the opportunity for an occasional sing-along!

This afternoon event will be held in the upstairs ballroom. In place of an admission, your thoughtful donation will help with our Club donation to CABVI. We’d appreciate your support and please invite your family and friends. After the concert, coffee, hot cocoa and small German desserts will be offered as a treat while you relax in the friendship of those attending.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS and the best of health & happiness in the New Year!

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER TICKETS – Your tickets were mailed with the November Newsletter. Thanks to those who have responded to date. You still have time as the drawing will be held on Dec. 22 during Fish Fry. Mail is sometimes delayed, therefore it is suggested you send in your returns as soon as possible to be included on time. Prizes are \$500 - \$250 and \$100. You might just win!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – Calling our Club bakers! Our sale will be held on Dec. 15 with donations of \$10 and \$15 for our home-made cookies. We are asking our Club bakers to prepare single batches of cookies and

deliver them to the Club on Wednesday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> between 8 and 11:30 a.m. so our elves can prepare the trays at noon on that date. Please contact Jeanette Baumgartner at 315-735-7237 if you are willing to bake, unless she calls your first. This annual holiday fundraiser is always a success and the cookies make nice gifts for those who are unable to bake. Thanks in advance for your support.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES – Notices were mailed with your November Newsletter and we thank all who have responded. New membership cards will be mailed the first week in January as long as we have 200 for the required bulk mail. Therefore, your Secretary Judy would appreciate your response as soon as possible during this busy holiday season. Thanks for the cooperation. New members are always welcome and returning members are valued.

THANK YOU to those who baked and bought pies during our Thanksgiving Pie sale. Your support was appreciated and the event a success. Thanks to Jeanette for the calls and Rose & Jack for hosting.

Your contributions to our Club food drive for the Utica Pantry was appreciated along with donations from the Edelweiss Schuhplattlers and the USA Dance Club.

Also, our past President Gail Miller's celebration of life luncheon was well attended and we thank those who donated to the Building Fund in her memory.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES – Carol Lawless chaired the Nominations with the help of several Club members offering suggestions. At the November Board Meeting, Steven Schafer was appointed President due to Past President Gail Miller's death. We thank Steve for accepting. The slate of Officers and Trustees will be posted after Thanksgiving on the bulletin board for review. One more Trustee is still needed. The approval of these positions will take place at the January General meeting.

BEREAVEMENT – Our condolences to the family of Tom Williams, a Club member since 2009 and skilled Shuffleboard League member. He so enjoyed the Thursday night League. Condolences to Rose Hosp and her family on the death of her sister. Our thoughts are with you all.

SEASONAL SAINTS AND REFLECTIONS FOR THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON – (Martin Ederer "The German Citizen" (excerpts) – Advent – four weeks leading up to Christmas – prayer and preparation with tradition of simple foods, no meat or dairy and decorating the last week of Advent. (How times have changed!)

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Nicholas Day -commemorating St Nicholas the bishop of Myra noted for his numerous acts of charity and caring for the young. Legend gave rise to the story that if anyone left their shoes outside, Nicholas would leave them some money. In parts of Germany and Austria, St. Nicholas visits children on his feast, often accompanied by Krampus, a devilish character to scare them into goodness to make them worthy of gifts, and thus the origin of Santa Claus.

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Feast of Holy Family – celebrates the family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – and reminds all of us about our responsibilities as family.

Dec. 31: Sylvesterabend – this feast counts down the final hours of the old year. The German-speaking world knows this date because it falls on the feast of Pope St. Sylvester 1.

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