

UTICA MAENNERCHOR NEWS

2024

MAY

(315) 735-5882 CLUB HOUSE

CLUB HOURS – MONDAY – THURSDAY 5 – 10 P.M.; FRIDAY 4 – 10 P.M.

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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 – May 3 – Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, choice of mac salad or coleslaw, dill spear; May 10 – Chicken & biscuits, green beans; May 17- Reubin sandwich on marbled rye bread, choice of potato, coleslaw; May 24 – Sheppard’s Pie, baked beans, choice of mac salad or coleslaw; May 31 – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 3 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30p.m.

MAY 6 – Board of Officers & Trustees 6 p.m.

FOLLOWED BY A SHORT FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING 7 p.m.

MAY 10 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

MAY 17 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

MAY 24 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

MAY 27 – Memorial Day – CLUB CLOSED

MAY 31 – Fish Fry

JUNE 1 – CLUB 159 ANNIVERSARY DINNER 6 p.m. (note date change from April Newsletter)

JULY 19-20-21 BAVARIAN FESTIVAL w/Bavarian Bros. Band

NEW MEMBERS – Welcome Peggy & Fred Frantz and LeeAnn McCoy all who have joined the Edelweiss Schuhplattler Dancers. Thank you for joining and we hope you enjoy our activities and meeting new friends. We always look forward to new members joining and applications can be found at the entrance of the Club information table.

We depend on membership to keep our cultural/social Club active in the Mohawk Valley for the years to come. Please consider asking family members and friends to join & support our charitable mission of giving back to the community while promoting the German culture thru song, dance and friendship.

THANK YOU to all who supported our Easter Pie Sale and Sauerbraten Dinner. Both were a success due to your participation and the 36 member volunteers that allowed these events to be successful, along with the joy of friendship by attending. Sharing the German culture is wonderful! Thanks!

CHORUS – Our club hosted the Bundes Meeting of the NYS Saengerbund on April 13<sup>th</sup>. We were happy that representatives from Buffalo, Syracuse, Kingston and Poughkeepsie attended. The decision was made that May 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 the Saengerfest will be held at the German/American Club of Albany. This event, which we hosted last year, is a wonderful time of sharing our German culture thru singing with the other German Singing societies of NYS. More information will be forthcoming.

We are very happy that we have two more possible singers joining our group. We always welcome new singers. Last week one of our long-time singers Eric Lorenz passed away and he will be very much missed. He will be remembered during our memorial service at our June Anniversary event.

Our members have been rehearsing music for our Spring Concert scheduled for Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Please mark your calendar and support our singers and enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

**BEREAVEMENT** – This past April, our dear friend Eric Lorenz passed away. Eric joined the Club in 1978; was a singer for 40 years and male librarian for almost as many; he became an Honorary Club Member in 1999; volunteer of the year in 2010; worked the Bavarian Festival annually; a member of the Shuffleboard and Bocce Leagues for several years; Honorary Member of the German American Society of Central New York; and often won the best Fasching costumes during our fall events. Eric was dedicated to his German heritage and enjoyed friendships thru Utica Maennerchor and the various German clubs in the state. His quiet presence was noticed, and he will be missed.

**FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING** – Our second planning meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on May 6<sup>th</sup> following the Club Board Meeting. This will be a shorter meeting to confirm answers to questions asked at our first meeting. Booth Chairs and interested volunteers are welcome.

**159<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET** – Join us in celebrating our Club's Anniversary on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. A turkey dinner is being planned. At this event 25 and 50- year members will be recognized along with the men and ladies volunteer of the year, your Club officers and honorary members. The Chorus will present a mini concert including a memorial selection as we remember the deceased Club members of the past year. Reservations will be needed for this event and can be made at the bar. Join us for a pleasant evening of thanksgiving and celebration.

**NOTED MOHAWK VALEY GERMAN** – Francis X. Jenny was a marble cutter and granite dealer; he entered into a partnership with Joseph N. Nelbach in 1869; opened a marble shop in Boonville in 1871 and was a manufacturer of statuary, family vaults and art monuments.

**WEDNESDAY CREW** – If you have some time on Wednesday mornings between 8 and 11:30 a.m. we would like to see a few more volunteers help with the maintenance of your club, both inside and outside. There is always work to accomplish and time goes fast as we enjoy the friendship of the crew. Show up and we will have a job for you!