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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 – FEB. 2nd – Chicken Cordon Bleu/Dijon mustard sauce, choice of potato, braised carrots; **FEB. 9th** – Pork tenderloin, choice of potato, creamy cucumber salad; **FEB. 16th** – Shrimp Scampi, Caesar salad; **FEB. 23rd** – Meatloaf/ mashed potatoes, corn.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEB. 2 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 5 – Board of Officers & Trustee's Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

FEB. 9 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 16 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 23 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.

MAR. 16 – Club St. Partrick's Party – Noon – 5 p.m.

APR. 21 – Club Sauerbraten Dinner – Noon – 2:30 p.m.

JULY 19-20-21 – Bavarian Festival 2024 w/Bavarian Bros

2ND NOTICE CLUB DUES – Last November, membership renewal forms were sent out along with a return envelope. These forms ensure we have accurate information regarding your mailing address, email address (if applicable), and telephone number. Club dues for 2024 were due January 1st. New cards were bulk mailed the second week in January; therefore, you should have received your card by now. If you did not receive your 2024 membership card, your dues are possibly past due. Please send the form and dues quickly so our 2024 membership information is up to date.

Your Club remains active with the support of our members. The Club has been in existence for 159 years keeping our German culture and friendship viable while contributing to the quality of life in the Mohawk Valley. We appreciate the active role of our members through volunteering; contributing financial support; participating in Chorus, Pitch League, Shuffleboard League, and Bocce League (when weather permits); and offering positive suggestions for the improvement of our Club.

New members are always welcome – ask a family or friend! Membership forms are available at the Club entrance.

BEAREAVEMENT – Our sympathy is extended to the family of Carl Schmitt who passed away last month. Carl was a 62-year member of our Club, Chorus member, past President, Honorary Member, and outstanding Club supporter as he was very much involved in Club activities. He will be missed.

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We want to keep you informed!

2024 CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES – At the January meeting the following were voted as members of your Club Board and we thank them all for accepting their volunteer positions. Your support for this team is appreciated.

PRESIDENT – Steven Schafer

1st VICE PRESIDENT – Ramond Beck

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – Cindy Yount

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SECRETARY – Judy Schwenzfeier

TRUSTEES:

Finance Committee: William Kritzler, Shirley Hilts-Adams, Lynn Allen

House Committee: William Gregory, Calvin Anacker, Martha Culan

Bar & Grill Committee: John Perrone, Fred Kilmartin

GERMAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE MOHAWK VALLEY – Firsching & Sons was started in 1906 by Joseph A. Firsching, a German immigrant who arrived in Utica in 1885. His first job was a spooler in the Globe Woolen Mills. He was an inventor of textile machines which were used to make corduroy and also women's lingerie. The company began making cotton underwear in 1915 fulfilling large contracts for the United States government during World War 1. A complete clothing line was introduced in 1923. Firsching was proud to be the only manufacturer to offer direct from factory to consumer individual made products. Products could be chosen from his monthly publication to salespersons throughout the country. Firsching & Sons operated out of several locations throughout Utica until their own mill was constructed in 1913 on Broad St. (Winter/Spring 2018, Oneida County History Center)

FASCHING – Lent begins on Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday this year! Early! Although we do not have a Club Fasching party, look for your Mardi Gras beads during Fish Fry on Friday, Feb. 9th. The official colors are purple representing justice, green for faith, and gold for power. Enjoy!

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE - Girl Scout cookies will be available for sale this year at our facility. We are awaiting confirmation of the dates. Additional information will be in the March issue of the UMC newsletter.

CHORUS – We hope our members are enjoying a break from rehearsals. RESEARSALS RESUME March 12th with LADIES 5 – 5:30, MIXED 5:30 – 6:30, and MEN 6:30 – 7p.m. Our Director, Mark Radlowski, will be preparing our Spring music selections and we are hopeful all members will return. New singers are welcome.

It is with sadness that we lost a long-time Chorus member (62 years) Carl Schmitt. He was the twin of our beloved Carol Daly who was a driving force of Utica Maennerchor. Many of our singers attended his funeral and sang at the communion service. Thanks to those who donated to our Building Fund in memory of Carl.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY – Mark your calendar for a fun-filled St. Patrick's Party on March 16th from noon – 5 p.m. in our downstairs bar/dining room. We are pleased that Craobh Dugan Musicians will entertain. Further information to follow in next month's newsletter.

2023 FOOTBALL FUN WRAP UP by Marty Culan – The Super Bowl is right around the corner. Shortly thereafter, the 2023 NFL season will be just a memory. Our Club successfully completed another year of Football Fun due to the outstanding support of our members! I extend many thanks to the members who bought tickets and special thanks to those members who did such a great job selling so many tickets. Your help is really appreciated and vital to the success of our fundraiser. Many Thanks!!

WEDNESDAY CREW – They continue to keep our Club looking great and can always use more help. If you are free on Wednesday mornings between 8 and noon, please stop by and give us a hand.

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – We finished the last of our 15 Christmas Dance Shows on Jan. 5th, with 2 Shows: morning at the Oneida Center DayHab and the afternoon at The Grand of Utica. Prior Christmas Shows were Jan. 4th at Sunset Woods Sr. Apts, Dec. 20th in Rome at Betsy Ross Nursing/ReHab and at the Sitrin Home in Utica, and Dec. 19th for the GE Ski Club's Holiday Dinner/Meeting. It is always fun for attendees when we pass out Jingle Bells for them to ring while we dance. We even taught some German Christmas words, when residents joined in singing our "Christmas Schnitzelbank" song. Needless to say, we sure outdid ourselves for Christmas 2023, by performing so many Holiday Shows!!!

Our 2023 Dance year officially ended on Jan. 14th with our annual "End of Dance Season" Christmas Party with a Pot-Luck Dinner, meeting, and dance. We always finish this Party with NON-German Dancing. This time it was an American Square Dance and four dances from four different countries. Our first "2024 Dance Season" performance is Feb. 7th with a German Dance Demo at the Conkling Elementary School's "International Night". Wednesday dance rehearsals started again on Jan 24th from 7-9 p.m. with a combo of German Dances & Square Dances. Come and try it with us! The Combo Dancing will run through February (NO Rehearsal on Feb. 7th). Check our Facebook Page for more info.

MEMBERS – STAY SAFE, STAY WELL – WE WILL SURVIVE!

NOTE: Suggestions for fundraisers are needed. We are looking for volunteers to chair, cook or work Club events. Long-time Club chairs are willing to share our traditions and cooking skills. Event Forms that provide detailed information, menus, tasks to be performed, and lists of workers, are available for planning purposes. If you can help, call Club Secretary, Judy, (315) 736-7014. NEWSLETTER via EMAIL & Miscellaneous: If you wish to receive your newsletter electronically, please send your email address to uticamaennerchor@gmail.com. The Club is connected to Wi-Fi; drop in some evening with your computer if you do not have Internet access at home.