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UPCOMING EVENTS – check our Web Site and Flyers in the Club Fish Fries and other food specials every Friday 5 – 7:30 P.M.

SPECIALS: Aug. 4 Linguine w/Clam Sauce; Aug. 11 Baked fish w/potato; Aug. 18
Macaroni & Cheese; Aug. 25 Sausage, Onions & Pepper Sub

Above may be subject to change, check the bulletin board at the Club's entrance.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A FEW FRIDAYS!

Note: We are noted for our salad bar which is included with your dinner.

AUG. 2 – Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' Family Picnic 5:30 – 8 p.m.

AUG. 7 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.

AUG. 9 – Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' Family Picnic 5:30 – 8 p.m.

AUG. 16 – Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' Family Picnic 5:30 – 8 p.m.

AUG. 23 – Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' Family Picnic 5:30 – 8 p.m.

AUG. 23 – Music Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

SEPT. 4 – CLUB CLOSED – LABOR DAY

SEPT. 5 – Board of Trustee Meeting 7 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller – Vielen Dank! Eine Million Dank! Sie sind die besten! Thank you! A million thanks! You are the best! All the members of the Utica Maennerchor, their families, and friends get a standing round of applause for your efforts for this year's Bavarian Festival. Without all of your time, hard work, and efforts we could never host this traditional festival which is required by our constitution. Also, a big thank you to our friends, the Frankfurters, for three days of great music, our Edelweiss Schulplattlers for their "dancing German feet", and our vendors who help our festival be an annual success. We can't control the weather (oh, don't we know) and it seems that we always end up with at least one day of rain. Even though it affected our attendance on Friday night, we sure made up for it on Saturday evening. The final figures are not in yet, but we should have the totals by the middle of August.

Don't forget our August Wednesday night Chillin' and Grillin' or Grillin' and Chillin', which begins on the first Wednesday of August and runs for four weeks.

Enjoy the second half of summer!!!

FESTIVAL FUND RAISING WINNERS – Our Festival was a huge success, despite the Friday weather, and we'd like to thank all who attended and purchased fund raiser tickets. The 2017 winners are: 1st prize \$350 Carl Elsenbeck, 2nd prize \$250 Chip Sauer and 3rd prize \$100 Philomena Nowakowski. Congratulations!

FESTIVAL SIGNS – Please return all Festival signs so they can be updated for 2017. If you find one from previous years in your garage or basement, bring it in. Several have "vanished". Just leave signs in the bar area. Your cooperation is appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathy goes to the family of Dick Buttenschon, a member of 12 years; the family of Johann Heimann, a 40 year member, and to the David Schwalbach's family on the death of Dave's wife Marilyn.

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GRILLIN' & CHILLIN' – Starting Wed. Aug. 2nd from 5:30 to 8 p.m. the Club will be hosting family picnics in our backyard pavilion. This event will be held each Wednesday thru Aug. 23rd. A variety of picnic foods including hot dogs, burgers, wursts, CLAMS, veggies, German potato salad, drinks and desserts will be served at a cost of \$2.50 - \$8 depending on your order. This is a family friendly event and we invite you to also bring your friends. We hope to have different groups of volunteers staffing these evenings so the same people don't have to work every evening. Give us and call if you'd like to help (Judy 736-7014). Volunteers staff the event and the food is bought by the club. Relax, enjoy the company, and support the Club.

JACQUE PIRNIE by John Perrone – On **August 18th** at 8:00 PM (after our fish fry), the Utica Maennerchor will host a live presentation by Jacque Pirnie titled:

"Be a part of the new age of Television viewing"

Join us as we take you on a quick tour of all your options for watching new and old TV series as well as classic movies. We'll show you the simple steps for choosing a streaming service and setting up your TV for hours and hours of customized viewing choices! Explore the new \$39.99 Amazon Fire TV Stick, Youtube, and many other streaming devices. With our step-by-step guide, you will be on your way to watching what you want when you want. We'll be hosting a Q&A at the end of the presentation for all of your questions! See you on August 18th!

BAVARIAN FESTIVAL BASKET RAFFLE by Mary Lou – On behalf of our Bavarian Festival Basket Raffle committee a **big thank you** to the the following businesses that donated created baskets or items for baskets: MEYDA Lighting(gorgeous lamp);The Auburn; Boulevard Graphics; Chantry's Market; Chester's Flower Shop; Cieslewitz Towers; The Great American Irish Festival; Hair Design's by Michelle; Hannaford; Hidden Valley Golf Course; Kirby's Restaurant; Mary Kay; Piggy Pat's; Pizza Hut; Symeon's Restaurant; The Stanley Theatre; Two Blue Eyes Photography; Utica Maennerchor; Voce & Iles, CPAs; & ZEBB's. PLEASE support the businesses who supports our community!

On behalf of the Bavarian Festival basket raffle committee: myself (Chair person) Amanda Jo, Colleen Kain Martin, Debra Zatwarnicki(Whiteford), Gail Miskowiec & Sheila Knapp we would like to thank individuals who created a basket Judy Sisti, Sandra Davies Robinson, Nancy M Chromczak, Krystal Chromczak, Linda Voce, Jim Daley, Nancy Goworek, Joe & Terry Goodhines, Erica Perrone, Nancy Pride, Julie Becker, The Froehlichs, Steffanie Getti, Marina Kistner, Joyce Schmidt, Barb Cieslewitz and thank you to all who donated items for us to create baskets. Hope I didn't leave anyone out.

A HUGE thank you goes out to my committee! I know how much times goes into our project! Each of you are committed to make the Basket raffle a success and I couldn't do it without you. The winner of the Meyda Lamp this year is Sheila Knapp, congratulations! We had a total of 47 baskets. Please it is not too soon to start thinking about next year's basket...please contact Mary Lou @ 315-725-2675 if you would like to join our committee or donate a basket.

CHORUS – Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 13th. **NEW schedule of singing times:** Ladies will start PROMPTLY at 6:30 PM, Mixed will start PROMPTLY at 7 PM and Men PROMPTLY at 8 PM. Cooperation and singing preparedness will be our goal for an enjoyable singing experience. We are happy to have our Director, Susan Sady, and Accompanist, Mark Radlowski return again. Note: Have you returned all your Red binders and additional music to the Club? If not, please do so immediately for our Librarians to organize. Thanks to Eric Lorenz, Carol Lawless and Carol Aldrich for their Librarian volunteerism. New singers are always welcome.

MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING – The Music Committee will meet on August 23rd at 6:30 PM. Members please bring your choral suggestions for Fall/Holiday seasons. Final selection of music is at the Director's discretion.

BOSCOV'S EVENT – Our Club has been invited to join in the Community fund raiser event hosted by Boscov's. \$5 donation tickets can be found at our bar, with this donation going to our Club. You will then receive a coupon worth up to 25% off your store purchase on October 17th. Your coupon will then be eligible for their prize drawings. It's a win/win for our Club and for you. More than one ticket can be acquired for your family and friends each for a \$5 donation. Thank you to Ray Beck who has helped us with these tickets.

SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUES – The Monday and Thursday Shuffleboard Leagues begin the week of September 11th. On the first start night of each League you will receive your team schedules. We could use a few more teams on each night. If interested contact Teresa Sloan 315-736-7586 for the Monday League. Contact Gene White 315-736-7924 or Leo Schwenzfeier 315-736-7014 for the Thursday League. All our Leagues have a lot of fun and are a great support for the Club. Looking for a night out with a few laughs and friendship? Join us and sign up – it's only \$2 per evening play. Substitutes also needed. If you are unfamiliar with the game---no problem! We'll show you how to play.

PITCH LEAGUE – Our Club Pitch League starts on September 12th. If you enjoy playing Pitch and have a friend or more who also enjoy the game, we'd love to have the additional teams. In order to organize the games, please call Laura Campbell 315-527-8480 by August 12th. It's a fun night for all!

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – What another GREAT Bavarian Festival! The Dancers were very busy, performing 14 shows this year. Thank You to the 10 Adults and 4 Kids from our Group for all your hard work and dedication in doing so many Shows! (Thanks to my Kid's Parents too!) We did a total of 23 different dances everyday, even repeating some of them! Being able to do the "Kronentanz" Show with the "Frankfurters Band" playing the music for us was very special. Having so many audience members join us on the group participation dances was a lot of fun!

On Saturday, July 22nd, thirteen of us went down to the Binghamton German Club's annual "Sommerfest" and performed three shows. This was our 2nd year dancing for their Fest. Our next dance gigs are: Syracuse Bavarian Oktoberfest – Aug. 5th & 6th from 3-4 PM (at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, NY) and the NYS Fair in the Grange Building on Sept. 4th. We would like to do more gigs in between these – so help us find some more! And, now, we want to say "WELCOME" to our newest Dancers, joining us on July 25th – Yuki & James Anderson! Young and old, interested in dancing, contact me at (315)725-0406, or graciesdance@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Would you like to consider a bequest to our Club in memory of a loved one? If interested, contact a Club Officer or Trustee.

REMINDER NOTE: We are looking for volunteers to chair, cook or work Club events. Long-time Club chairmen are willing to be helpful in handing down our traditions and cooking skills. If you can help, call Club Secretary, Judy – (315) 736-7014. **NEWSLETTER via EMAIL & Miscellaneous** – Please send us your email address if you wish to receive your newsletter electronically. The Club is now connected to Wi-Fi. Our Club e-mail address is: uticamaennerchor@gmail.com.