

Utica Maennerchor News

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2017 (315) 735-5882 Club Haus JULY

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COME TO THE FESTIVAL AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS! ENTRANCE DONATION \$5; CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE; 3-DAY PASS \$10

Fish fries and other food specials every Friday 5 – 7:30 PM

Specials: *June 30 – Kielbasa w/sauerkraut; July 7 – Scalloped potatoes & ham; July 14 – NO FISH FRY – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL; July 21 – Chicken Cordon Bleu w/choice of potato; July 28 – Seafood Florentine.*

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

JULY 3 - CLUB CLOSED – INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

JULY 4 – CLUB CLOSED – INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 10 - Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.

JULY 14 - BAVARIAN FESTIVAL 5 – 11 p.m. – The Frankfurters German Band

JULY 15 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL 5 – 11 p.m. – The Frankfurters German Band

JULY 16 – BAVARIAN FESTIVAL Noon – 5 p.m. – The Frankfurters German Band

AUG. 2 – Wed. Night Grillin' & Chillin' family picnic - 5:30 – 8 p.m.

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

AUG. 9; 16; 23 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT Grillin' & Chillin' family picnic – 5:30 – 8 p.m.

TODAY IN HISTORY (From the Observer-Dispatch, June 23, 2017)

JUNE 23, 1992 – The Utica Maennerchor won all three major awards at the 29th Saengerfest in Syracuse – men's chorus, women's chorus, and mixed chorus. Singers include Henry Albrecht, Gail Miller, Carol Daly, Sandra Kasky, Ed Rankins and George Bracken.

BOARD MEMBERS effective 6-19-17 Board Chairman, Shirley Hilts Adams, Trustees – House Committee: Don Weimer, Chairman, Ed Rudwall, Gene White. Finance – William Kritzier, Chairman, Shirley Hilts Adams, Barbara Norbin. Bar and Grill – John Perrone, Chairman, David Barnes, Joshua Weibel.

OFFICERS, President-Gail Miller, 1st Vice President-Ray Beck, 2nd Vice President-Diana Simmons. Treasurer-Kathleen Wameling. Secretary-Judy Schwenzfeier. Please support these dedicated members.

NEW DEDICATION – At the Anniversary Banquet in May a special honor was given to a Club Member of 24 years. This gentleman has been extremely dedicated and knows more about our physical club and members than most. He held Board positions on all three Committees (House, Finance, Bar & Grill) for 14 years, 12 of which were Chairman of the Board. He has carried out more projects to repair and improve our Club House and grounds, while devoting many long hours supervising volunteers and contractors. He has set-up the Festival grounds for years, and has been at the Club working almost every Wednesday & Saturday. He took pride in the appearance of the hardwood floors in the Ballroom and arranged for crews to redo the ceiling and sand/recoat the floor. In recognition of his commitment to our Club, the Board of Trustees unanimously proclaimed the upstairs Dining Room **the “CAL ANACKER HALL”**. Cal – we thank you!

NEW MEMBER – We'd like to welcome Lisa Beacraft, David & Luana Alsheimer to our Maennerchor Family. We thank you for joining. We are sure you'll enjoy our atmosphere and events.

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Marie Kresse a member of the Club since 1979. She was very active in the former Ladies Auxiliary and the Edelweiss Schuhplattlers. As an Associate Member she always attended our Sauerbraten dinners, concerts and continued supporting the Club. Additionally, our sympathy goes out to Julie Becker and the unexpected passing of her husband, Tom.

CHORUS – Our Spring Concert last month was successful and enjoyed by those who attended. We thank you for your support. Our volunteer singers rehearse for 2 hours each Wednesday from September to June under the direction of Susan Sady along with our accompanist Mark Radlowski. We thank and appreciate their devotion. If you'd like to join us in the Fall, give Secretary Judy a call at 315 736-7014.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller – Mark your calendar for July 14, 15, 16 to celebrate our German heritage. **We still need some volunteer workers for our booths.** Sign up lists are available on the club's bulletin board, just inside the front entrance. Can't make it to the club during business hours? Call 315-736-7014 or 315-527-8480 to volunteer. If you can't work, certainly plan on attending. If you can't do either, we would gladly accept donations: 12 packs of canned soda (any flavor, but the cola, orange, lemon-lime varieties go best), Capri Sun juice packs, and cases of bottled water. Donations may be brought to the club any time between now and July 10th – Mon.- Sat. (4 – 10 pm or Wed. 7:30 am – noon. We will be closed July 3rd and 4th. Let this be our best festival ever!!

FESTIVAL SET-UP WORK CREW – Call Don Weimer – 315-736-1485: **MAJOR SET-UP ACTIVITIES** – Wed. July 5 & July 12 (8 am – Noon); **MAJOR TEAR-DOWN** – Mon. July 17 (8 am – Noon) & Wed. July 19 (8 am – Noon)

FUND RAISER TICKETS – Please send in your sold tickets & donation in the envelopes provided. 1st prize \$350; 2nd prize \$250; 3rd prize \$100. This helps pay for our tent, table & chair rentals. YOUR CLUB encourages and needs this support.

GERMAN POTATO SALAD WORKERS – A reminder from Judy that you are needed on Wed. July 12th at 9 am. We usually finish around 1 or 2 pm. Your help (however long) is needed & appreciated.

FESTIVAL CAKE BOOTH by Marina Kistner – It's that time of year again. I would like to ask my bakers in the Club to bake for the cake booth. Thank you!

BASKET RAFFLE by Mary Lou Manchester – The festival is only a few weeks away! I am very happy to say that this year we have, at this time, 6 members that are making baskets! We are very excited with the participation! We are still looking for items to make baskets such as, a beach towel, sun hat, book, candles, anything that you would like to "regift", knick knacks, pictures, toys, sports things, etc...we are accepting everything. Also if anyone would like to help our booth for a few hours, please let me know OR if you are interested in joining the Basket Raffle team, I am looking for more people. **ALL BASKETS AND ITEMS MUST BE AT THE MAENNERCHOR BY SATURDAY JULY 8th.** Please call me 315-725-2675 if you want to join us or have any questions.

Volunteers Needed for 2017 Bavarian Festival and TWO WAY Communication is KEY:

1. **Booth Chair Persons** need to ensure that any potential volunteers know **who** they are trying to contact and the **ways** to contact the Booth Chair **PERSONS**
2. **Volunteers need be specific about the times and dates they agree to work - and show up as agreed.**

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS BAVARIAN FEST THE BEST ONE EVER!!!

BOSCOV'S FUND RAISING TICKETS – We have again been asked to participate in the October Sales Event for Non Profits. Ray Beck will have the coupons available in the Fund Raiser Booth at the Pavilion Entrance during the Festival. Your \$5 donation, which will stay in our Club, will allow you discounts and opportunities for prizes during the special shopping day in October at Boscov's. Also ,these will be available at the Club after the Festival until the Fall event.

HORSESHOE PITS by Cal Anacker – The Utica Maennerchor is in the process of constructing two regulation size horseshoe pits. They should be completed by mid-July. Anyone interested in participating in a UMC league, please call the Club Bar, 315-735-5882, between 4 - 10 p.m. Mon. – Sat. and leave your name and phone number. If you want to practice, we have horseshoes at the club that can be checked out.

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – This is our first news posting since the March Newsletter. Thank You for your Condolences on the passing of my dear, sweet Mom. Our German Dance Group has grown by another 3 Adult Dancers – Welcome Gale, Lisa & Misty (Lisa's Daughter)! Unfortunately, though, we have only 6 active dance kids left. More dancers, any age Kindergarten & up , are always welcome to join us! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays & Fridays at the Maennerchor.

In May, we were at "Mayfaire on the Green" & at Daniel Fox's Memorial Celebration. June 30th was at Clinton Manor Sr. Apts (Thanks to Carol Aldrich, Chorus Mmbr.) 2017 Dance Gigs – July 14-16 @ Bavarian Festival; July 22nd @ Binghamton German Club Sommerfest, 4-9pm; Aug 5-6 @ Syracuse Bavarian (Sommer) Oktoberfest, 3-4pm; Sept. 1st @ NYS Fair, Grange Building, 5 Shows; Sept 23-24 @ Royalty & Rogues Fest (Utica Maennerchor).

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 our Club Secretary, Judy, at (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. **MOVING?** PLEASE CALL (315) 735-5882 and leave a message with your new address and phone number. We want to keep you informed.

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