

Utica Maennerchor News

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German-American music and culture*

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2017 (315) 735-5882 Club Haus MARCH
UTICA MAENNERCHOR 5535 FLANAGAN ROAD P.O. BOX 441 MARCY, NY 13403

UPCOMING EVENTS – check our Web Site and Flyers in the Club Fish fries and other food specials every Friday 5 – 7:30 PM

Specials: Mar. 3 – Macaroni & Cheese; Mar. 10 – Shrimp Scampi; Mar. 17 - Lazy Day Lasagna; Mar. 24 - Tuna Noodle Casserole; Mar. 31 – Clams in a Basket w/potato

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.

MAR. 3 – Pick-up Club Fruit Sale Orders – during Fish Fry

MAR. 6 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.

MAR. 11 – ST. PATRICK'S PARTY – Noon to 5 p.m.

MAR. 20 – SPRING BEGINS-General Club Meeting 7 p.m.

APR. 3 – Board of Trustee Meeting – 7 p.m.

APR. 14 – Easter Pie Sale – during Fish Fry

APR. 23 – Sauerbraten Dinner – Noon – 4 p.m.

MAY 6 – Club 152nd Anniversary Dinner/Dance

JULY 14-15-16 - BAVARIAN FESTIVAL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Gail Miller

Happy March and Happy Spring, soon (I hope).

Thanks to all the members who supported our Fasching celebration on Feb. 18th. A wonderful ham dinner was prepared by Judy Schwenzfeier and many members, and Fritz's Polka Band got a lot of us out on the dance floor for our last big fling before Lent.

Don't forget our Post - St. Patrick's Day Parade Party on Saturday March 11th. Put on your green, come to eat, meet friends, listen to some good Irish music, and enjoy watching the Butler Sheehan Irish dancers.

As always we could use some helpers. If anyone(s) would like to become part of our grocery shopping crew, please contact Shirley Hilts-Adams or Judy Schwenzfeier. For any event at which we serve food, even our Friday night dinners, we need people to pick up some of the items that can't be delivered to the club – i.e. dinner rolls, fixings for salads, some desserts, etc. Also, if you have an interest and any experience with grant writing, we hope you might come forward and offer to search for grants for which the club might be eligible and then apply for them on our behalf. You may contact Judy or Gail if you fit the bill.

NEW MEMBERS – We'd like to welcome the following new members: Mae Putnam, Mark Wagner and Sally Frenza. We hope you enjoy your membership and we thank you.

THANK YOU to all who worked, supported, and attended our Club's Fasching event. A good time was had by all. We also thank those who attend our Friday Fish Fry Dinners. We'd love to see more members and their guests attend as we have a good menu along with food specials and great prices.

CLUB DUES – Last call for payment of your yearly Club dues. Original notices were mailed with your November 2017 Newsletter with a due date of January 1st. DUES contribution is your way of supporting the goal of our 152 year Club of fostering German culture and tradition which has been a wonderful contribution to the Mohawk Valley. It also allows us to keep our beautiful facility and grounds in great shape. Keep in mind hundreds of hours of volunteerism also supports this goal. We thank those volunteers. Any questions regarding your dues can be directed to your Club Secretary – Judy at (315) 736-7014. If for any reason you have not been receiving your Newsletter, or have a change of address or telephone number, let her know. Your cooperation with dues payment is appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT – Our sympathy is extended to the Lennon family on the death of their grandson; to the LaGase family on the death of Connie's mother, to Heidi Fox on the death of her husband, to Beverly Gregory on the death of her mother, and to Charlie Weller on the death of his sister.

CHORUS – Chorus volunteers continue to practice each Wednesday evening for two hours to make sure your Club Spring Concert in June will be delightful for all who attend. Mohawk Valley winters make some nights tough to travel, but the strong and mighty still attend. New members are always welcome.



ST. PATRICK'S PARTY – After the Utica parade, invite your family and friends and join us in the downstairs Club dining/bar area for our Annual event. Our Club is hosting a family, fun-filled afternoon ST. PATRICK'S Party on Saturday, March 11th from Noon to 5 p.m. The CRAOGH DUGAN Musicians will be entertaining us with their traditional Irish music. They are a local branch of an international organization Cornhaltas Ceoltori Eireann. The BUTLER SHEEHAN Dancers will delight us with their Irish Dancing. Corned beef, limburger & bratwurst sandwiches will be served, along with tomato pie or pizza and desserts. Joan O'Gilbert will have her Irish coffee ready for those who wish a traditional Irish treat! All prices are reasonable. If you have joined us in the past, you know you'll be in for a really good time. If not, make this year your first time for a spirit filled afternoon.



THE EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers have been on hiatus since mid-December. Our last gig, Dec. 10th, was very successful at Little Falls Christmas. We already have 12 events booked, consisting anywhere from 1-3 days per event! You are all welcome to join us at our first event of the "2017 Dance Season": Marching in the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11th! This is year three! Contact me at (315)725-0406 if you wish to march with us. We will be walking behind the Craobh Dugan Irish Musicians float. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in learning more about German Dancing, contact me. Rehearsals begin on April 4th. (Kids & Adults are welcome!)

On Feb. 11th, our Dance Group held their "End of 2016 Dance Season" Pot-Luck Dinner & Party. We finished the evening with a delightful Community Family Dance. We would like to have another Community Family Dance soon and invite all to join us. More details will be in the April Newsletter.

And now, at this time, with heavy heart, I wish to convey our sincere condolences to our dancers, Heidi & Eve Fox, on the sudden, recent death of Daniel Fox. He was a devoted husband & dad and will be missed so very much by his family & by us. Daniel would always video-tape our dance performances. Per Heidi, our Group will be dancing at his Memorial Celebration, in Little Falls, on May 27th.

NEW FEATURE HIGHLIGHTING CONTRIBUTIONS OF GERMAN SETTLERS - Each month, for the foreseeable future, a person of German heritage and their contribution to the development of the Mohawk Valley will be briefly highlighted. With a group of other prominent businessmen, **Jacob Agne** in 1910 founded Utica Cutlery, a manufacturer of stainless steel cutlery. *It was felt that a metal working industry would create employment and bring economic balance to the area. The primary industry in Utica at the time was textile manufacturing...The Company has continuously manufactured pocket knives since 1910. In 1918, fixed blade kitchen cutlery was added. During World War II, the company manufactured bayonets and carbine parts and earned UTICA the coveted Army-Navy E., as well as a number of other awards. Stainless flatware was added to the line in 1952 and has been continuously manufactured and marketed by the company since that time...* Retrieved from <http://uticacutlery.com>, Feb. 26, 2017.

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 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.

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