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**FRIDAY SPECIALS:** Aug. 2 – Ham/scalloped potatoes, macaroni salad or coleslaw;  
Aug. 9 – Shrimp scampi over pasta, w/ salad; Aug. 16 – Chicken Caesar wrap,  
cheesy potato wedges, coleslaw; Aug 23 – Clam basket/corn on the cob, coleslaw;  
Aug. 30 – Pasta & ribs, sauteed zucchini.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUG. 2 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.  
AUG. 5 – Board of Officers & Trustee's Meeting – 6 p.m.  
Bavarian Festival Re-Cap Meeting – 7 p.m. (Officers, Trustees, Booth  
Chairs and interested workers)  
AUG. 7 – Wed. Night GRILLIN & CHILLIN Family Picnic – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
AUG. 7 – Open German Dance Classes – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
AUG. 9 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.  
AUG. 14 – Wed. Night GRILLIN & CHILLIN Family Picnic – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
AUG. 14 – Open German Dance Classes – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
AUG. 16 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.  
AUG. 21 – Wed. Night GRILLIN & CHILLIN Family Picnic – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
AUG. 21 – Open German Dance Classes – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
AUG. 23 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.  
AUG. 28 – Wed. Night GRILLIN & CHILLIN Family Picnic – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
AUG. 28 – Open German Dance Classes – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
AUG. 30 – Fish Fry 5 – 7:30 p.m.  
SEPT. 2 – CLUB CLOSED – LABOR DAY  
SEPT. 3 – Board of Officers & Trustee's Meeting – 6 p.m.

**GRILLIN' AND CHILLIN'** - Summer is still in full swing and we would love to see you,  
your family and friends at our Wednesday night picnics in the pavilion during the month  
of August. Our volunteers will be serving picnic-type food. The event is scheduled from  
5:30–7:30 p.m. Wursts, burgers, corn-on-the-cob, CLAMS, German Potato Salad, ice  
cream, etc. all while enjoying the friendship of UMC. Call Secretary Judy at 315-736-  
7014 if you are willing to help, especially with GRILLING & STEAMING CLAMS as  
these two positions are hard to fill. Set-up time is 4:30 p.m. for us to serve at 5:30 p.m.  
Hope to see you on Wednesdays at the pavilion!

**CHORUS** – Rehearsals will resume in September, possibly the first Tuesday of the  
month. Be sure to read your September Newsletter for the exact start date. We are  
pleased that Director Mark Radlowski will be with us again. We hope to schedule a few  
outside performances to share our love of music. New members are always welcome.  
Enjoy the rest of the summer.

**SINCERE THANKS** – Judy Schwenzfeier and her family would like to acknowledge  
with sincere appreciation the sympathy, support, friendship and donations made to  
Utica Maennerchor Building Improvement Fund in memory of Leo. He joined the Club  
when he came to America and the memories of those 67 years will live in our hearts.

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**BAVARIAN FESTIVAL 2024** – What a fabulous, fun-filled, great-weather weekend we had showcasing our German Heritage!!! Our long hours of preparation paid off. We had a record number of volunteers and attendees. Some volunteers came from as far as Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Albany, and Rochester

to support their Club. THANKS to all volunteers who participated before, during and after the Festival. Volunteers made funnel cake batter, German potato salad, baked goods for the cake booth, Schuhplattling, chairing booths, setting-up and taking down the Festival, along with putting supplies away so our Friday Fish Fry was all set. It takes a “crew”, and we hope you all had fun! Save the weekend for next year!

**PRESENTATION AT THE FESTIVAL** – President Steve Schafer and House Chairman Bill Gregory were presented with a \$125,000 New York State Grant by Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon. The grant is to be used for the renovation of the driveway entrance, reconstruction of the roof and pavilion. We are grateful to Assemblywoman Buttenschon for helping us secure these much-needed funds. This will enhance our CLUB with our upcoming 160<sup>th</sup> year in the community.

**FESTIVAL FUND RAISER WINNERS** – Thanks to all our members who sold tickets. This is a great way of supporting your Club. This year’s winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place Ray Rueger, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Karen Barendse (who donated ½ back to the Club), 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner Jeannine Grossman.

**FESTIVAL SIGNS** – All signs that were taken to help with our advertising in the community need to be returned to the Club by August 9<sup>th</sup> so they can be properly stored for 2025. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**FESTIVAL RE-CAP MEETING** – The meeting is Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. following the Board Meeting. We are asking the Chairpersons to attend and submit a report on your booth success, items leftover, items you ran out of and suggestions to improve for next year. We are always looking for input for continued success.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU** – to each person that picked up and cleaned up during the Festival, especially at the end of the night. It was amazing to find practically no paper or plastic forks anywhere on the property. THANKS!

**2024 FESTIVAL CHAIRMEN** – Chairpersons: Kitchen–Bill Gregory, Cindy Yount & Rob Scanlon; Pretzels–Beverly Gregory; Club Sales–Ray Beck; German Specialty–Bill Roth; Gate–Judy Schwenzfeier; Baskets–Mary Lou Manchester; Slinkies–John Perrone; Beer–Steve Schafer; Kinder Korner–Hilary Schafer; Cake–Missy Scanlon; Funnel Cakes–Karen Barendse; Black Forest Cakes–Erika Perrone; Dirndls–Wilma Rankins; \$ Runner–Sue Brumm; Pull Tabs & 50/50 Raffle–Lynn Allen; Finance–Kathy Wameling, Bill Kritzler; Shirley Hilts-Adams; Food Ordering–Shirley Hilts-Adams; Advertising & Sponsors–Kathy Contino-Turner, Shirley Hilts-Adams, Bill Kritzler, Mary Lou Manchester, and Hilary Schafer; Grounds pick-up–Sean Scott & Anthony Rodeo; Golf Cart–Frank Bouwens; Schuhplattlers–Gracie Schell. And so many more “key” volunteers! **Thank you all!**

**BASKET RAFFLE by Mary Lou Manchester** – Wow what can I say, 71 baskets! What a success! Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to all members, friends & families that donated items, empty baskets, completed baskets and your time to do it. Look at the results! A huge thank you to Bridget & Mike Parisi for working at the booth and for helping me set up & take down every day! Gail Miskowicz, Amanda Wiater, Nancy & Bill Chromczak thank you for all that you did! Don Meenen, for bringing the trailer to my house to be loaded with the baskets, taking it to the Club, picking the trailer up, unloading at my house then bringing it back to Bill, thank you! Please always remember to "Support the Businesses & Organizations that support us"! There were 15 this year that donated in some way to our raffle, a list will be on the bulletin board. Until the next Festival, Mary Lou Manchester, Chairperson

**FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIPS** – The Utica Maennerchor salutes Country Suburban and Sons as the Gold Sponsor of the 2024 Utica Maennerchor Bavarian Festival. Country Suburban and Sons Inc. has served the Utica area since 2005 providing quality furnace and air conditioning services. This family owned and operated business employs 30 people and is always there to assist customers with high quality installation, service, and support. Located at 5674 Horatio Street and is proud to call Central New York home. **In addition, thank you to our many business sponsors** that helped make this year's Bavarian Festival a success: T-Shirt Sponsor Nimey The Next Generation Cars; McGrath, Myslinski, Kowalczyk & Nunn; Adirondack Collision; E-Bliss of Clinton; Little Ceasars; Burrstone Ice Cream; Boulevard Trailers; USA Dance Mohawk Valley Chapter 3066; Sunrise Building Supply; Dino's Sausage and Meat; Marcy Hydraulics; Missy Scanlon, Realtor, Century 21; Max's Print Shop; Utica Bread; Carlo Masi; ICAN; Heidelberg Bread; and Rasmussen Rents.

**EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell** – What a Wonderful Bavarian Festival this year. Perfect in every way!! A **Huge Thank You** to our 18 Dancers, for their 11 excellent performances. Fifty dances performed including 23 different dances. Thank you to 2 of our former dancers & 2 guest dancers from the former Troy German Dance Group, who performed with us on Friday! It's always so much fun entertaining everyone. We have a busy August planned with free "Open German Dance Classes" every Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m., during "Grillin & Chillin". These will be non-committing, "Learn How to do German Folk Dancing" classes, open to anyone who might like to try our dancing. We invite all of you, your friends, family & co-workers, to ANY of these Open Dance Classes. We also have 2 scheduled Performances so far – Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> at the "Steuben Old Home Days" 1:45-2:30 p.m., and Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at the NYS Fair, inside the Grange Bldg., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.

**CALLING ALL SHUFFLEBOARD PLAYERS** – All players from last year have been contacted, but anyone who is interested in playing this Fall should contact Marty at (315) 733-4265. The League plays on Thursday evenings, starting **Thursday, September 12, 2024.**

**FOOTBALL FUN FUNDRAISER by Marty (315) 733-4265** - It's time to gear up for our annual Football Fun Fundraiser. Packets of game sheets are available for anyone who would like to sell them so we can have an even more successful fundraiser than we did last year. These will be available on Wednesdays, at “Grillin and Chillin”, starting August 14 or at other days/times by calling me. The first week of the NFL season is Sept. 5-9. Week 2 is Sept.12-16. Week 3 is Sept. 19-23. The last day for turning in game sheets is Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. All game sheets are eligible to win from the day they are received at the Club, so turn them in as soon as possible. Further directions will accompany the packets of game sheets. The success of the fundraiser is determined by your participation in selling and buying the game sheets.

### **MEMBERS – STAY SAFE, STAY WELL**

**REMINDER NOTE:** We are looking for volunteers to chair, cook or work Club events. Long-time Club chairmen are willing to be helpful in giving down 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](mailto: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.