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NEW CLUB HOURS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST MONDAY – THURSDAY 5:30 – 10; FRIDAY 4 – 10 (FRIDAY DINNER SERVING 5:30 – 8 P.M.)

Please keep informed thru our:

Website www.uticamaennerchor.com

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FRIDAY SPECIALS: Nov. 1 – Chicken and Biscuits w/Peas & Carrots; Nov. 8 – Pasta e Fagioli (Pasta fazool) w/Garden Salad; Nov. 15 – Meatloaf w/Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans; Nov. 22 – German Goulash w/Spaetzle & Broccoli; Nov. 29 – Stuffed Peppers w/Braised Carrots & Garden Salad.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV. 1 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.
NOV. 3 – Sunday **SAUERBRATEN DINNER** – Noon – 2:30p.m. (or sold out)
(set clocks back 1 hr.)
NOV. 4 – Board of Officers & Trustee's Meeting – 5 p.m.
NOV. 8 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.
NOV. 15 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.
NOV. 22 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m. **CLUB PIE SALE DURING FISH FRY**
NOV. 28 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING – CLUB CLOSED
NOV. 29 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.
DEC. 8 – **CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT** @ 2 p.m.
JULY 2025 – Bavarian Festival July 18-19-20 (save the dates – mark your calendar)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – In next month's newsletter renewal notices will be included along with the benefits of membership. As it is our 160th Anniversary year, it is our goal to increase our membership with your help. We are the only German/American cultural club in Central New York and keeping German traditions alive is our goal. While you are enjoying your membership, try and think of a friend or family member that would like to become a member. Being of German descent or living in the Mohawk Valley is not required. We hope they would just like being a member of a Club that has been around for 160 years and enjoy our German culture. Please give it some thought.

NEW MEMBERS – We welcome the following members to our Club: Richard J. Kiel, Alexandria Fischer and Mark Alan Pfisterer. Thank you for joining and we hope to see you at some of our Club events. Our new member, Richard, is already volunteering with the Wednesday work crew that is much appreciated.

MISSING A JACKET/COAT?

– If you are missing a jacket or coat, please check the coat closet located in the downstairs bar area. There are several jackets/coats hanging there since last spring. On Dec. 1st, we'll donate them to a local charity.

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BEREAVEMENT – We are sorry to report that one of our long-time members passed away after a brief illness last month. Jeanette Baumgartner joined the Maennerchor in 1953, along with her husband Hans, and was a Chorus member for 71 years! She was Chorus Secretary and Club Historian for several years and continually contributed to Club events. In recent years she was the Club's "telephone caller" encouraging our members to bake for our bake sales and peel potatoes whenever German potato salad was being prepared. Her positive attitude and smile will not be forgotten. Jeanette will be remembered during the memorial service at our 160th Anniversary celebration.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS – If you have been a Club member for at least two years and would like to be considered for a Board position, contact one of your Club officers **by Nov. 4th**. Two open positions are available – one on the House Committee and one on the Bar & Grill Committee. If you have the energy, time and motivation to help your Club, please let us know.

ONGOINGS AT THE CLUB – Football Fun: Results are posted in the bar area each week. Thursday is Wing Night, Shuffleboard and football is on the TVs, along with the World Series. Pitch League is on Tuesdays. The Club is open to all. Stop by and check it out for food, beverages, and fun.

ANNUAL FALL FOOD DRIVE – Annually we hold a food drive as a way for our Club to give to the needy in our communities. Please consider donating (perhaps a flat of canned goods). Boxes for non-perishable items will be in the UMC bar area starting Friday, October 25th. The Food Pantry volunteers will pick up our donations on Monday, November 25th in time for Thanksgiving. Your generosity is appreciated.

FALL SAUERBRATEN DINNER – Sunday November 3rd – What a wonderful event to celebrate the month of November. It takes a "small army" to prepare this meal for your pleasure from marinating the meat for two weeks, to making the potato salad, black forest cakes, preparing the dining room, set-up, serving and cleanup. On **Sunday, November 3rd**, our Sauerbraten dinner will be held from **Noon – 2:30 or sold out**. Your donation of \$20 (tax included) includes German Potato Salad, Sauerbraten, Noodles, Red Cabbage, Gravy, Rolls and for dessert, Black Forest Cake. This year we are going to improve the "flow" and have sit-down dinners in the upstairs ball room, while take-out only dinners will be available in the downstairs bar room. If you are ordering a take-out along with your sit-down dinner, you can do both in the upstairs ballroom. We hope this makes our serving time more efficient for all. We hope to see you and please invite your family and friends and enjoy an afternoon at the Utica Maennerchor. ***Keep in mind, Daylight-Saving Time so (set clocks back one hour)!***

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE – Our annual Pie Sale will take place during Fish Fry on November 22nd. If you are not a pie maker, we will be accepting "fall-type" cakes (e.g. pumpkin, apple, spice) to expand on this year's dessert selection. If you are willing to bake, call Secretary, Judy at 315-736-7014 and leave a message. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for our bakers. Donations of \$10 - \$15 are also acceptable.

CHORUS – We thank our members for singing at the German/American Flag Raising ceremony at City Hall on October 4th. We are pleased to have accepted presentations, which can be viewed in our Club display cabinet, from Mayor Michael Galime and Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon. We thank them both. Our **Christmas Benefit Concert** will be held on **Sunday, December 8th at 2 p.m.** followed by coffee and desserts for all to enjoy. We are pleased that New Horizons Barbershop Chorus has accepted our invitation to perform a few selections. Two of our members, Andy Drozd and Mark Radlowski are members of this chorus, and all enjoyed their presence last year. Mark your calendar and support your Chorus while giving back to the community with your donation. Charity to be determined soon.

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – Our Oktoberfest Gigs sure were a LOT of FUN (and we still have two left to perform)!!! We started them at the "Lake George Village Oktoberfest" on Okt. 13th. Even though it rained all day, it still was a very festive time inside the big tent with everyone! On Okt. 16th, we had the opportunity to entertain the residents at Valley Residential in Herkimer. What an enthusiastic group! We still are performing on Okt. 26th at "Old Forge Oktoberfest" (11 a.m. – 6 p.m.) and Okt. 27th (2-8 p.m.), at the inaugural "Rome Elks Club Oktoberfest". A German Band was at Lake George and will be in Old Forge, which added to the pleasure of performing. We will FINALLY be able to perform the "Bandltanz" (Maypole Ribbon Dance) at both Old Forge & Rome! For November Rehearsals, we switch things up and start working on our Christmas Dances for the Holiday

Season. As always, our first Christmas Show will be for "Christmas on Main Street", being held at Utica's Union Station on Nov. 23rd. Meanwhile, we are still available to practice our regular dances. Keep us in mind for December Events you may be part of and book our German Christmas Show!!)

NOTED GERMAN – UTICA HAS A SAINT – Saint Marianne Cope was born in Germany in 1838 and declared a saint at the Vatican on October 21, 2012. She came to Utica at age 2, joined the Franciscan Order in 1862; taught at St. Joseph's School in Utica; Administrator at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse; managed St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica; worked with lepers of Molokai and founded Maui's first hospital; founded a home for daughters of leprosy patients and remained free of leprosy till death.

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. The Club is connected to Wi-Fi; drop in some evening with your computer if you do not have Internet access at home.