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(FRIDAY DINNER SERVING 5:30 – 8 P.M.)**

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Website www.uticamaennerchor.com

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FRIDAY SPECIALS: **March 7** – Sauerbraten/noodles, red cabbage; **March 14** –
Corned beef/cabbage, potatoes, carrots; **March 21** Baked Lasagna/garden salad;
March 28 – Meat loaf/mashed potatoes, braised carrots.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEB. 28 – Girl Scout Cookie Sale during Fish Fry
MAR. 3 – Board of Officers & Trustee's Meeting – 5 p.m.
MAR. 4 – CHORUS RESUMES – 5 P.M. mixed rehearsal
MAR. 7 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.
MAR. 7 – Girl Scout Cookie Sale during Fish Fry
MAR. 14 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.
MAR. 15 – ST. PATRICK'S PARTY – Noon – 5 p.m.
MAR. 20 – SPRING ARRIVES!!!
MAR. 21 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.
MAR. 28 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.
APR. 13 – SUNDAY Sauerbraten Dinner Noon – 2:30 p.m.
MAY 3 – 160TH Anniversary Banquet
JUNE 8 – Spring Concert – 2 p.m.
JULY 18-19-20 – German Festival (name changed from Bavarian Festival)

*DUES FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP WERE DUE JANUARY 2025.
NEW DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE WHEN SHOWING YOUR 2025 CARD.
IT IS OUR WISH THAT EVERYONE RENEW.
REMEMBER, IT IS OUR 160TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR.*

2025 CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – Thank you to all who have renewed
your membership in a timely manner. If you haven't renewed your membership
yet, it's not too late. Remember, we now offer member discounts on various
items. In March, we will update and post member's names on the bulletin board
at the Club. Any membership concerns, contact Secretary Judy (315) 736-7014.

NEW MEMBERS – We would like to welcome the following new members to our
Maennerchor Family: Tiffany Blum, Michael Long, Anne Dyson, Mark Dyson,

Lisa Gee, Missy B. Schwenzfeier. Thank you for joining and we hope you enjoy our friendship and Club activities.

We encourage our members to sponsor relatives and friends as we celebrate our 160th Anniversary. Applications can be found on our website and at the information table as you enter the Club. It is through growth and participation that we survive.

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CHORUS – It is still very much winter although spring is on its way – I think! We have work to do on several pieces of music to prepare ourselves for the Club's 160th Anniversary Celebration on May 3rd, the New York State Saengerbund in Albany the weekend of May 31st, and our Club's Spring Concert on June 8th.

Chorus rehearsals will resume Tuesday, March 4th at 5 p.m. with the mixed chorus only. At that time our Director, Mark Radlowski, will schedule and share rehearsal information for the balance of the month. We look forward to seeing our members attend for the love of music and friendship. If you like to sing, new members are always welcome.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE – Please support the Girl Scouts as they tempt us with their cookie sales during Fish Fry on February 28th and March 7th. The girls selling the cookies are grandchildren of one of our Club members. It is also our Club's way of giving back to a community youth activity.

BAVARIAN FESTIVAL – July 18-19-20 – We are happy to announce the festival band this year is Die Lustigen Almdudler's. They will be playing from 5:30 – 10 p.m. on Friday & Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Keep these dates available. The Club needs your help to fill the many work slots necessary to have a successful festival, while still allowing time for you to have some fun with family and friends.



ST. PATRICK'S CLUB PARTY – What better way to enjoy winter in the Mohawk Valley than to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our well-established Club party taking place after the Utica Parade. Save the date: **MARCH 15th from noon – 5 p.m.** We will be entertained by Craobh Dugan O'Looney Musicians along with the Butler Sheehan Irish Dancers. Sandwich-type lunches include corned beef, limburger cheese, liverwurst, hamburgers, hot dogs, wursts, macaroni salad, coleslaw, cheese and crackers, and chips. Our dessert table offers various treats and Irish Coffee. This is a family event for all to enjoy. Hope to see you there wearing your green and enjoying the afternoon.

Note: At this special event, your monthly membership card free drink will not be accepted.



2024 FOOTBALL FUN WRAP UP by Marty Culan – Once again our Club successfully completed another year of Football Fun due to the outstanding support of our members and friends of the Club! It's hard to believe that eighteen weeks went by so quickly. It was fun checking which teams were the high scorers each week and checking our numbers against the high scoring teams to see if one of our tickets was a lucky winner. I would like to thank everyone who made Football Fun a successful fundraiser for the Club this year – those who bought tickets and special thanks to those members who did such a great job selling so many tickets. Your help is greatly appreciated and vital to the success of our fundraiser. **MANY THANKS!!**

GERMAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE MOHAWK VALLEY – George Weaver (originally Weber) settled in Deerfield in 1773 and founded the town with two others; his son John, served as commander of a militia during War of 1812 and founded the First Baptist Church on Herkimer Road. The Weaver family operated a substantial brick manufacturing facility, which at one time was the largest in central New York.



EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell – Several of our dancers participated in our weekly "Learn How" Classes held every Wednesday in February. We also had two guests attend the German classes and six guests attend the Square-Dancing classes. Our German classes included our usual dances, plus learning a new one. Square-Dancing classes were a lot of fun again this year, and I enjoyed calling the Squares for it! (Maybe, someday, the Edelweiss Schuhplatterlers (ES) can host a good Old-Fashion Square Dance upstairs at the UMC.) On Feb 22nd, four of our dancers attended the annual "Mohawk Homestead Volunteer Brunch". The brunch is a special recognition event to honor those who donate time entertaining their residents.

In March, we have some performances, but no rehearsals, since eleven of our German Dancers are also Craobh Dugan-O'Looney (CDO) Irish Ceili Dancers. Come see our dancers, while the CDO Musicians perform at the UMC St. Patrick's Party! They'll even teach you a couple Ceili Dances there too!! But, before the UMC Party, both ES & CDO Dance Groups will be performing at the Conkling Elementary Multi-Cultural Evening on March 5th. Both groups will be marching together in the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15th. On March 13th

the ES Dancers will be performing during a special daytime program, at the Rome School for the Deaf. ES will also be teaching Rome students a dance and some Cow-Bell ringing.

That's all for this month. As the Irish would say.....Slainte (Health)!!

MEMBERS – STAY SAFE, STAY WELL

REMINDER NOTE: We are looking for volunteers to chair, cook or work Club events. Long-time Club chairpersons are willing to be helpful in sharing 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.