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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2018 and the 150th Anniversary of the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor. Wouldn't it be interesting to know what our founders would say if they could see how their society has changed and how Kingston has grown. Interesting thoughts to ponder.

We are busily making plans for the Saengerfest in June and hope that you have marked your calendars accordingly. The concert, banquet and dance will be held on June 9. A special Saengerfest issue of the newsletter is scheduled for early March. That newsletter will give you all the information you need about the festivities including histories of all participating societies, histories of the venues as well as the schedule of events. It is an exciting year for us and we do hope that you will visit us for one of our events.

Many of you are accustomed to using the adjacent former bowling alley parking lot when you come to our events. Since the bowling alley closed the parking lot has not been maintained and has become a freeway between Broadway and Greenkill Avenue. The parking lot is now fenced off. On or about April 1, 2018 deconstruction/construction will begin at the site. The bowling alley will be torn down and there will be new construction along Cedar Street. There is ample on street parking so there should be no problems finding a spot. However it would be wise to leave yourselves a bit

of extra time as you negotiate this new endeavor.

Finally, thank you all for supporting us through 2017. We had a very busy year and are always grateful for you our members and friends. Best wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Hildegard Edling

2018 EVENTS

Look what is coming up!

PIZZA PARTY AND RAFFLE

The pizza party and raffle begins at 1:00 on 14 January 2018. All participants are eligible for 20 drawings of \$25.00. There are also 3 drawings for the GRAND PRIZES. First prize is \$300.00, second prize is \$200.00 and third prize is \$100.00. Tickets are \$20.00 a person and one guest per ticket allowed at \$10.00. Music will be provided by Sluzar. For more information call the club at 845-338-3763.



KAFFEEKLATCH

Kaffeeklatch will continue on the first Sunday of the month until May 6. Coffee and cake are served and a DVD about Germany or German culture is shown. It is from 2:00 to 4:30 and a donation of \$5.00 is requested. Mark your calendar for the next few months: 7 January: Andre Rieu von Wien, New Year's concert; 4 February: Kaltern am See und Schnalstal; 4 March: Stuttgart und Tressingen; 1 April: Entland der Mosel von Koblenz bis Trier; 6 May: Marianne und Michael. Das Beste aus "Lustige Musikanten"

January 14	Pizza party / raffle
March 11	Spring breakfast buffet
April 22	Taste of Germany
June 9	Saengerfest Concert
June 9	Saengerfest Banquet and Dance
August 5	Wurstfest
September 23	Fall breakfast buffet
November 18	Herbst Konzert
December 3	Staff Christmas Party

Our amazing talents!!

Franz Heigimeier will be having an art show May 4 -25 at the Duck Pond gallery at the Esopus Library . It will be a retrospective and half price sale. The opening will be Friday, 4 May from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. A great chance to see Franz's great work!

SPRING BREAKFAST BUFFET 11 MARCH 2018

Breakfast will be served from 8:45 – 11:30. Eggs, bacon, sausage, ham. Potatoes, herring, buckwheat pancakes rolls, coffeecake, bagels, fresh fruit salad, juice, coffee and tea will all be available. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 years and under. Please make reservations by 8 March as seating is limited. For more information or reservations PLEASE CALL ALINA 339-5969 HILDEGARD 757-5135 OR THE CLUB 338-3763

CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF THE MAENNERCHOR WITH A TASTE OF GERMANY 22 APRIL 2018

We will be celebrating from 1:00 to 4:00 with a special "Flea Market Table", giftware, special vendors, "Take a Chance Auction", Raffle, homemade German treats, including special German Desserts

Can't get over to Germany? Come visit us at 37 Greenkill Ave., in Kingston and enjoy a little bit of Germany in our own back yard. Bring your family and friends and help support our club! See you in April!

YOUR DUES ARE DUE

Dues for 2018 remain at \$40.00 per year per member and students are at \$20.00 each, payable to Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor. Please mail payment to the club to my attention or bring in while the club is open (such as Thursday afternoons). Payment of DUES ARE DUE NOW and must be paid BY June 30, 2018 to maintain current membership. After that date, a person must apply for reinstatement to reactivate membership.

Please be advised, do not assume that if you are receiving the club newsletter that you are a current member. We also send them to "Friends", which include former members.

You are welcome to contact me with any questions and leave a clear message with your phone number.

Thank you.

Annemarie Harms, Financial Secretary
Home phone (845) 336-7440

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Hildegard Edling Historian/Archivist

Recording Secretary

Somehow while doing this series I completely overlooked those hard working members who served as Recording Secretary over the years so here they are.

Kitty Decker	1973 – 1976
Don Ryan	1977 – 1979
Josie Brendle	1981 & 1982
Monika Kaufmann	1983 – 1986 & 1988 – 1990
Hildegard Edling	1987, ½ 1994, ½ 1996, 1997 – 2001
Dorothy Birmingham	1991, 1992, 1995, ½ 1996
Joan Arena	1993, ½ 1994
Annemarie Harms	2002 – Acting Recording Secretary most of 2003
Helga Nowak-Razey	2003 (Jan to Aug),
Georgann Long	2003 (Aug to Dec)
Christa Scheitz	2004 - present

Thank you to all who served in this position and a special thanks to Christa Scheitz who is the longest serving recording secretary with 13 years and counting.

With this article I sign off as Historian/Archivist and pass the baton to Bruce Wolf. The past 25 ½ years recording the history of the Maennerchor have been a lot of fun. The many cartons of material brought in by members over the years have been recorded and quite an extensive library covering the 150 years of the Maennerchor's existence has been developed. My best to Bruce as he continues to build on this legacy.

STAMMTISCH

The Stammtisch is a small to medium size group of dedicated German learners and speakers. We gather at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings for interesting conversation on a variety of topics.

For the new season we are hoping and looking forward to welcome new interested participants to our group. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me:

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Or phone: [845-527-4925](tel:845-527-4925)

We are planning on meeting on the following dates:

11, 25 January 8 February

OFFICERS AND STAFF 2017

President	Hildegard Edling
Vice President	Jefferson Davis
Treasurer	Angela Hartrum
Recording Secretary	Christa Scheitz
Corresponding Secretary	Terry Strini
Financial Secretary	Annemarie Harms
Archivist / Historian	Bruce Wolf
Trustee 2018	Christa Kohler
Trustee 2019	Alina Nitzschner
Trustee 2020	Donna Wolf
Honorary President	Dorothy Birmingham
Honorary President	John Bruening
Honorary President	Herman Koelmel
Honorary President	Ernie Mann

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Bar	John Bruening
House	Walter Vogt, Richard Edling
Music	Hildegard Edling
Good and Welfare	Marion Holm
Kaffeeklatch	Alina Nitzschner
Stammtisch	Michael Scheunemann
Scholarship	Waltraud Vianale
	Annemarie Harms
	Stephanie Martino

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Rosemarie Kleuger; Ernest and Hanna Mann

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WILLKOMMEN!!

HANS GUNDERUD

Hans became a member May 10th, 2017. He was no stranger to the club as he is also a member of the Sons of Norway and his wife, Hetty, is also a member of both clubs. He joined as a singer but I noticed at our annual Wurstfest, he was busily helping the chefs. Hans was born in Kingston and then moved to Saugerties.

He graduated from Saugerties High School, attended the Pratt Institute for 1 year and then transferred to the University of Illinois. He went to an apprentice program at IBM for 2000 hours to study Tool and Die Making. He then went to IBM on Wall Street, NYC and studied to become a Customer Engineer. His profession though is in Industrial Design and he worked for 30 years in Wappingers Falls, NY. He also was an Inspector for Building, Zoning and Fire Enforcement.

Hans and Hetty have been together for 54 years. They have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren. On their 50th anniversary they cruised to Bermuda with their family. Hans and Hetty love to travel. He also enjoys gardening, landscaping, car restoration and skiing. He is a very talented guy. After retiring, Hans built 3 houses and rebuilt 2 other houses. I bet he is a jack of all trades!

VERA TSUMAGARI

Vera joined the Maenner and Damenchor this year (2017) and she joined as a singer. She was introduced to the Chor by fellow singer, Heidi Schmidt. Vera is from the Netherlands and came to the United States in 1973. She lived in NYC and while there joined the New Hope Singers International. The group traveled extensively, including exotic locations like Japan and Korea. She lived in Texas for 15 years and all of her four children were born there. In 2000 the family moved to Barrytown. Vera and her husband are waiting for the birth of twin granddaughters, sometime this spring.

Vera is a watchmaker apprentice and also does sales at Lemmere & Co, She also does housekeeping. In addition to the Maennerchor, Vera is a member of the Old Dutch Gardening Club in Red Hook. Needless to say, she enjoys gardening very much, but also knits, likes to go camping and hiking too.

TO ALL MAENNERCHOR AND MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HEALTH ISSUES, WE WISH YOU WELL IN THE NEW YEAR.

VIELEN DANK

On behalf of the director and staff of St. Joseph's Social Ministry Hurley Food Pantry we would like to Thank the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor for the generous donation of food.

Without the help of the members of your club and private donors we would not be able to help the needy in our community.

Thank you again for your donations. They are greatly appreciated and much needed.

Cathy Johnson

CONDOLENCES

Member Veronica Elflein on the passing of her grandmother Rose M. Walkowski; Jay Marrus on the passing of his wife Jean; and Christa Scheitz on the passing of her brother, Edmund Eyring

NEWSLETTER ALERT !!

Dear Members and Friends,

Let's admit it, we all enjoy receiving "snail mail" whether we want to admit it or not. However, increased printing and postage costs are forcing us to switch over to e-mail for the majority of our newsletter distribution.

Please advise us as soon as possible of your preference – e-mail or hard copy by filling out and returning the short form below. This new distribution format will most likely begin with the special March issue so your prompt response is appreciated. Please return your response to Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor, 37 Greenkill Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401

Thank you for assisting us with this changeover. As always if you have any questions please leave a message on the club phone 845-338-3763.

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