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**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT OUR EVENTS:**

Because of the ongoing uncertainties due to the Covid-19 situation, the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor will offer Take-Out meals as shown on our calendar until further notice. **Reservations are highly recommended**, as the meals have been very popular. Please reference each event for the correct contact information. **MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PLEASE.** Updates can be found on our website, Facebook page or calling the chairperson of a given event.

**WINTER WURSTFEST—Saturday, February 20 (Snow date Sunday, February 21)**

Pickup Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m., back entrance. **Preorders** BY Friday, February 12 and are highly recommended. Choice of Bratwurst and Weisswurst. Platters are served with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, roll and dessert. Platter with two Wursts @ \$ 13.00 each, Platter with one Wurst @ \$11.00. Additional Wursts @ \$3.00 each.

Prepayment by Checks, Credit Cards or Venmo; Cash at the door. Arrangements for curbside pickup can be made in advance. Walk-ins welcome while supplies last. To preorder or for more information, call co-chairs Marian @845-546-3534 or Annemarie @ 845-336-7440.

**FABULOUS RAFFLE**

Celebrate Spring 2021! **FIRST PRIZE:** A HUGE gift box with various items, including gourmet foods, gift cards, handmade gifts, and assorted gift items, over \$300.00 value. **SECOND PRIZE:** Scratch-off Lottery Board, \$100.00 value. **THIRD PRIZE:** \$50.00 Gift Card. Donations are: One ticket @ \$5.00, three tickets @ \$10.00 and ten tickets @ \$15.00. Tickets will be available at the Wurstfest and Bavarian Lunch, from club members (beginning January), and from Terry, Chairwoman @ 845-338-4094. Drawings will be on the day of the March lunch. All PRE-SOLD TICKETS must be returned to Terry or to club hall BY March 16. Let's support this wonderful raffle.

**BAVARIAN LUNCHEON TAKE-OUT—Saturday, March 20. (Snow date Sunday, March 21)**

Pickup time: Noon to 1:30 p.m., back entrance.

Menu includes Bavarian Meatballs, Spaetzle, green beans Almondine, bakery roll, and homemade dessert, all for \$15.00. Preorders BY March 16. Call Terry @ 845-338-4094 or club hall @ 845-338-3763. Please leave a clear message with return phone number.

**LEBERKAESE LUNCH—Sunday, April 4**

Pickup time: Noon to 1:30 p.m., back entrance. Menu is Leberkaese, potato salad, rolls and dessert, for \$15.00. Orders and payments required BY Monday, March 29. Walk-ins welcome while supplies last. We accept checks, credit cards and cash. To order or for more information, call Alina @ 845-339-5969 or Hildegard @ 845-757-5135.

**KAFFEKLATSCH - Sunday, May 2**

From 2 to 4 p.m. After a long hiatus, come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon with an enjoyable German-themed DVD, delicious desserts and beverage, and camaraderie. More details to be announced.



## MEETINGS

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

Wednesday, January 13. Meeting begins 7 p.m. We prefer to meet in person; however, we sometimes must meet via Zoom. Please contact us or check the website or Facebook before coming in person.

### REHEARSALS

Monday evenings, starting 6:30 p.m., indefinitely on hiatus. For safety concerns, we are currently not rehearsing. If that should change, the music committee will contact the singers.

### STAMMTISCH

Depending on the restrictions of Covid-19 and the weather, Michael hopes to resume these pleasant get-togethers starting on the second Thursday in January (the 14<sup>th</sup>), 5:30 to 7 p.m. Please contact him in advance to confirm, by email at MichaelScheunemann@ymail or phone (845) 527-4925. Thank you.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

**DUES ARE DUE!** Yes, it's that time again where payment of membership dues and continued support of the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor are greatly appreciated. Dues are still \$40.00 per member, with a few exceptions (Junior Member, for one). They can be mailed or dropped off at the club. Please have envelopes addressed to my attention. To remain a member, dues must be paid by June 30. If you wish to resign, please contact me. Better yet, if you want to propose a new member, let me know. Of course, we hope that everyone will continue their membership.

Please note, any changes to your membership need to be provided to me so the records can be updated.

**NEW MEMBERS:** If you would like to sponsor a member, please contact me for an Application of Membership. The completed application is returned to the Financial Secretary. The person needs to attend two meetings, preferably with their sponsor in attendance. If that is not possible, we might be able to make another arrangement. Dues are not expected until a person is accepted for membership. Feel free to contact me for any questions regarding membership.

Annemarie Harms, Financial Secretary  
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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

I recently received a piece of sheet music from Hildegard that was stamped Cecilia Singing Society, Rondout, NY. Apparently we had gotten this from them and we were both curious - who they were? I did some researching and found the song was written between 1852 and 1853. The only similarity to that group I could find was a Cecilia Chorus based in New York City. They are a professional 180-piece chorus that performs at Carnegie Hall and other New York venues, but are a non-affiliated group. I believe they may have just shared the name Cecilia, who was a female martyred Saint designated the patron of musicians. She supposedly sang to God at her wedding as well as at her time of passing. We may never find out who they were but it is nice to think like their namesake - maybe we could have sung our way from Washington Hall to Carnegie Hall.

Bruce Wolf, Historian, Archivist

*“Musik allein is die Weltsprache und braucht nicht uebersetzt zu werden, da spricht Seele zu Seele.”*  
*“Music is the only language of the whole world. It needs no translation because soul speaks to soul.”*  
~ B. Auerbach

## **HAPPY NEWS**

Congratulations to Vivian Longto who had her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on November 12.

Until this past fall, Aaron McCasland was the German teacher at Red Hook High School but is now an Assistant Principal in Rockland County. Michael Scheunemann was hired to replace Aaron as the new RHHS German teacher. Much luck to you both in your new positions.

Best wishes to our Music Director, Dorcinda Knauth, her husband Luke Massie, and family. Leander is now "big brother" to baby sister, Zora Andromeda Massie, born on November 8.

## **CONDOLENCES**

We have had much heartbreaking news this fall and send our thoughts and prayers to the families and friends of those who have passed away. Josette (Josie) Brendle, was a 61-year member of the Maennerchor and sang like a nightingale in our Chor. She passed away October 11, 2020. Former six-year member and longtime friend Roger Kelley passed in September after a lengthy illness. Member Donna Wolf's father, Charles Whitaker, died September 29 and member Waltraud Vianale's husband, Daniel, passed away October 11.

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS**

Our thoughts are with the following members and friends of the Maennerchor who are going through difficult times. To members Inge Luettge, Ed Brown, Jack Furman, Walter Vogt, Hans Safer, Christa Scheitz, Liz Hansen, plus Bob Schneller and Tony Stegner, both of whom are in Golden Hill. Warm wishes to our friends Carol and Bruce Hoehn, Heinz Holzauer and Inge Martin. A card or phone call would be a nice gesture. Ruth Froehlich is doing well as is Ana Linneman's son, Karl.

## **MEMBERS CORNER**

Prof. em. Edith Borchardt continues to write and publish short stories. Her most recent contributions to the 2020 Fall issue of TRANS-LIT2 (a peer-reviewed journal for creative work by contemporary German-speaking authors in America) are "Der dunkle Reiter" ["The Dark Horseman"] and "Begegnung in Montral" ["Encounter in Montreal"]. She gave a reading of these stories to members of the *Stammtisch*, the German Round Table, before submitting them for publication.

[Editor's note: This item was submitted by Edith Borchardt, Ph.D., Professor of German, Emerita. We are so fortunate to have people like Edith who help keep the German language alive in our country. Vielen Dank!]

## **CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION**

The Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor awards Certificates every year, usually at our concerts. As you know, this was not possible in 2020. The following members have received certificates for 2020:

5 years - Hetty Gunderud, Stephanie Martino, Terry Strini, Larry Riedener, and Bruce Wolf. 15 years - Marion Hohn. 25 years - Peter Weitze. 65 years (!) - John Breuning. (John continues to do a lot for KM&D.) Hildegard Edling - 45 years of "Outstanding Leadership", 13 years as President, and 38 years as a member of the Executive Board. We are blessed to have such outstanding members who help keep our organization going. Many, many thanks!

## **NACHRICHTEN LEICHT**

Are you trying to improve your German? Newspapers seem to be the "go to" for reading, but the vocabulary can be daunting for some. Here is a website for you: [Nachrichtenleicht.de](http://Nachrichtenleicht.de). Every Friday afternoon this site publishes "the most important news of the week" in simple language. You can also hear an article spoken by a native speaker. So check it out! Language can be fun and this site may be the answer for you.

Submitted by Hildegard Edling

## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

How the idea of a newsletter began is that, back in 1992, I opened my big mouth at a business meeting and suggested that our organization should have one. There were so many members who were unable to attend social gatherings or meetings, usually due to health issues or distance. I was then asked to write it, so I wrote and distributed them twice a year from 1992 to 2000 using my trusty IBM Selectric typewriter. (You remember typewriters, right?) Hildegard Edling, the late Donna Stegner, and I worked on them for about seven more years. It was a team effort and great fun. Herman Koelmel took over from May 2008 until May 2017. Herman and his wife Linda are now residents of Tennessee. I have carried on as editor since then. Over the years, Hildegard has always been an indispensable, integral part of this publication. She continues to be a superb support of this effort, with great suggestions and many articles and information since forever. Many thanks to Brent Wasser, who offered to do the layout of our Newsletter, starting with this issue. This is a huge help and greatly appreciated.

I want to also recognize the following people who have helped promote our events and organization: Hans Safer, who has hosted the German Hour for over 30 years; Warren Lawrence and Radio Kingston (formerly WKNY, 1490 AM); KingstonHappenings.org; Marian Elflein and Ana Linneman who update our Facebook page; Fran Thompson, our webmaster; and Jeff Davis, who sends out email blasts as needed.

As you read through the pages of our Newsletter, you can see the names of our officers, chairpersons and donors who so generously help the Maennerchor stay not only solvent but thriving. There are also the "unsung heroes" who help KM&D in so many ways, including donations of time, money and items.

As the Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor enters its 153<sup>rd</sup> year, it is our hope that the newsletters bring helpful information, joy and a sense of community to our members and friends. We welcome articles and news from you, so feel free to send a note by mail or email, or call me.

Annemarie Harms, Newsletter Editor

## **GOOD AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

We are so fortunate to have diligent chairpersons for this committee. After a number of years as chair, Doris Vogt passed the baton to Marion Hohn about four or so years ago. Marion continues to do a terrific job and often includes funny notes and comic strips with the cards. Her cards always make me laugh.

Many cards are sent throughout the year: Birthdays, special anniversaries (like Walter and Doris Vogt – 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary last August 12!) to our workers and singers. Get well, thinking of you, and sympathy cards (too many), Christmas cards, and whatever else is needed. Last year (2020), Marion sent about 55 birthday cards, 25 Christmas cards, and approximately 25 or more get well and sympathy cards. That's a lot of writing!

Thank you, Doris, for your earlier service and Marion, for continuing this important job.

Submitted by Hildegard Edling

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## CALENDAR 2021

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| February 20<br>Snow date Feb. 21 | Winter Wurstfest Take-out  | Noon – 1:30                                                                                        |
| March 20<br>Snow date March 21   | Bavarian Luncheon Take-out | Noon – 1:30                                                                                        |
| April 4                          | Leberkaese Lunch           | Noon – 1:30                                                                                        |
| May 2                            | Kaffeeklatsch              | 2 – 4 p.m.                                                                                         |
| May 16                           | TBA                        |                                                                                                    |
| June 5                           | Spring Concert             | Concert 6 – 7 p.m. Dance 7 p.m.<br>Food (light fare) available after 7 p.m. Music<br>by Bud Gramer |
| July 10                          | Bier Probe/Beer Tasting    | 6 – 8 p.m.                                                                                         |
| August 8                         | Wurstfest                  | 1 – 4 p.m. Music by Joe Unger                                                                      |
| September 19                     | Dessert Event              | TBA                                                                                                |
| October 16                       | Oktoberfest                | Music & time TBA                                                                                   |
| November 21                      | Fall Concert               | Noon – 5:30 p.m. Kassler Ripchen Dinner. Music<br>by Gregory and the Brauhaus Band.                |

**THE GERMAN HOUR** is hosted by Hans Safer every Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m. with a variety of German music and announcements of coming events. Tune in your radio to 1490AM or 107.9 FM, or visit any time on [www.RadioKingston.org](http://www.RadioKingston.org)

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