



German American Social Club of Peekskill, NY Inc.

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December 2020 Newsletter



*From Each Member,
To Every Member,
Best Wishes for a
Very Merry Christmas
And a Happy, Healthy, and
Prosperous 2021*



*T'was a month before Christmas,
And all through the town,
People wore masks, that covered their frown.
The frown had begun way back in the Spring,
When a global pandemic changed everything.
They called it corona, but unlike the beer,
It didn't bring good times, it didn't bring cheer.
Airplanes were grounded, travel was banned.
Borders were closed across air, sea and land.
As the world entered lockdown to flatten the curve,
The economy halted, and folks lost their nerve.
From March to July, we rode the first wave,
People stayed home, they tried to behave.
When summer emerged the lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution, many folks drifted.
Now it's November, and cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived, much to our disliking.
It's true that this year, has had sadness a plenty,
We'll never forget, the year 2020.
And just 'round the corner - the holiday season,
But why be merry? Is there even one reason?
To decorate the house and put up the tree,
Who will see it, no one but me.
But outside my window the snow gently falls,
And I think to myself, let's deck the halls!
So, I gather the ribbon, the garland and bows,
As I play those old carols, my happiness grows.
Christmas is not canceled and neither is hope.
If we lean on each other, I know we can cope.*

2021 OFFICERS:

President: A. Gerald Schramek

1st Vice President: Roland Link

2nd Vice President & Secretary,

Anna Schramek

Treasurer: Herbert Seeff

Financial Secretary: Monika Wolf

DIRECTORS:

Renate Rao - Chairlady

Marilyn A. Buck

Tom Farrell

Kurt Kamp

Trudy Link

Walter McDonald

Fred Miehl

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR:

Rosemarie Slany

Gerry Beyrer

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

ABC Officer: Ernest Wieting

Bar Manager: ←

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Building: Walter McDonald

Entertainment: (3)

Herbert Seeff,

Herman A. Buck

Marilyn Buck

Facilities Use Manager: (Rentals)

Herbert Seeff

Facebook: Volunteer Needed ←

Mai Fest: Renate Rao &

Herbert Seeff

Grounds Manager: VACANT ←

Inventory: (3)

1. Herbert Seeff - Bar Supplies

2. Herman A. Buck -

Plastic & Paper Goods

3. Marilyn A. Buck -

Kitchen Supplies

Kitchen Manager: Marilyn A. Buck

Membership: All Officers

Newsletter & Special Events Flyers

Herman A. Buck

Oktoberfest: Herbert Seeff & Renate Rao

PR Director: Renate Rao

Webmeister: Kurt Kamp

Web Editor: Jen Scheuermann

It is with regret that we announce the death of former member, Jim Kenny, which occurred on Nov. 30, 2020

REMINDER: CLUB DUES FOR 2021, ARE NOW DUE:

Membership dues are \$75.00 per year. Please send or give your 2021 dues payment to **Monika Wolf**. Members who have belonged to the club for ten years, and are collecting Social Security, are entitled to have their dues reduced to \$40.00. Please send or give your dues payment to **Monika Wolf**.

Monika's address is: 13 Boswell Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

As we now reflect on the ending of 2020, we look back on a year that was filled with national and international problems. Primarily, the Chinese Disease which is referred to as Covid 19. But hope is on the horizon. The promised vaccine should be available shortly. Many of us in this club will probably be close to the top of the list for receiving this vaccine. Why, because of our ages, and the many additional medical problems that many of us are suffering from. Looking to the future, (2021) our calendar for the upcoming year has been prepared. It is a full schedule covering all of our annual events. Bands have been hired, and for our Christmas Party we have reserved the *Victoria Z On The Lake*. Also, in 2021 we will be 85 years old. Herb has made some tentative arrangements for us to celebrate this milestone event, also at the *Victoria Z On The Lake*. At the recent November membership meeting, our officers for 2021 were installed by *Herman. Gerry and Roland* are now in their 10th year as president and vice-president. No one remembers how many years *Monika* has been on the board. The same thing applies to *Kurt. Herb*, as always, is again serving the club in a position of responsibility. For his Covid 19 meals on 10 Sunday's, *Steve Brunner* was honored as our 2020 Member of the Year. *Marianne* cooked the meal and was assisted by *Marilyn*. Although we had to cancel our major events for 2020, the year was not a loss. We were able to survive 2020 because of our success the previous year. We look forward to the new year with much hope and with great expectations that our lives will return to what is normal for each of us. The club's success for the New Year will rely on all of us supporting club functions and contributing the needed help.

◇◇◇◇◇ 2021 Tentative Calendar of Events ◇◇◇◇◇

January 17: Sunday, 3:00 PM, Blind auction

February 7: Sunday Afternoon Super Bowl - Details will follow

February 21: Sunday afternoon Meeting

March 20, Sunday Afternoon 3:00 PM Meeting, St. Patrick's Day Dinner Celebration, Corned Beef Dinner

April 1: April Fool's Day

April 4: Easter Sunday

April 18: Sunday Afternoon - Meeting

April 24: Spring Clean-Up, 9:00 AM

May 7: Wurst Night, 7:30 PM - A Smorgasbord Delight

May 8: Saturday, Meeting, 6:00 PM - Mother's Day Meeting

May 9: Mother's Day

May 31: Memorial Day - Always Honor-A-Soldier, Always Honor-A-Veteran

June 5th & June 6th: MAI FEST Featuring THE SPITZBUAM

June 14: Flag Day Proudly Fly "OUR" Flag

June 19: Saturday, Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM

July 4: America's Birthday - Fly Your Flag ←

July 10: Meeting, 6:00 PM

July 17: Pig Roast

August 21: Membership Meeting 6:00 PM, BBQ Dinner

September 11: Oktoberfest, (Bands to be Announced)

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September 18: Annual Steuben Day Parade - Club Is Marching

October 17: Sunday afternoon meeting, 3:00 PM, Nomination of 2022 Officers

November 13: Fall Clean-Up, 9:00 AM

November 21: Sunday Afternoon - Membership Meeting, Election of Officers

November 25: Thanksgiving

December 5: Christmas Party - Bud & Linda Gramer - Reservations Required

December 25: Christmas Day Fröhliche Weihnachten! Merry Christmas

December 31: New Year's Eve Alles Gute zum Neuen Jahr Happy New Year



When "OUR" club re-opens,
support all club functions and
volunteer your services.

