

Lieblinger Verein (Chicago) Newsletter

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President's Message

Another year – another Kirchweih. It was a great turn out despite some nasty weather. Thank you to all who helped make it a fun & successful event! It was especially great to see so many young Lieblingers there. We had 10 'Junge' couples and 23 'Kleine' marching this year. That brought great joy and pride to so many. It is also a sign that our club is still thriving and that we have a promising future. I just received a Rundmail from Adam Arnold with his summary of three Kirchweih's that were recently held by Lieblinger clubs around the world. While it is heartening to learn that Legelshurst had 150 people in attendance and the Montreal club held their Kirchweih again, sadly there were only 49 Lieblingers in attendance in Montreal. They are clearly struggling to keep their traditions alive, yet they persevere! We had 3 Lieblingers make the trip from Canada to attend our Kirchweih. Maria & Peter Erk, and Peter's sister Liz told me they had such a good time recalling many memories of past Kirchweih's in Canada and appreciated how we, in Chicago, have been able to keep a strong club. They assured me they will come again. We are very fortunate that we have a group of committed young members who have answered the call to serve our Verein. Thank you! That includes their children & grandchildren actively participating in our Kirchweih to keep our traditions alive. It illustrates the pride we have in our heritage. That's why we do what we do...to honor our parents and grandparents who bravely came to this country to make a better life for their families but did not abandon their traditions. Thank you. To you, and to all Lieblingers, I say "m'r sein stolz" (we are proud)!

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If you missed our Annual Kirchweihfest on October 14th ... our Newsletter Staff is working on a Special Pictorial Issue which will be emailed and mailed out, as well as placed on our Lieblinger web site. Our next special yearly family event is the Christmas Party on December 3rd.

Below are pictures of our members at our October meeting.



Two cousins; Grace and Natalie enjoying the day together.



Johanna Swiontek and Heidi Atkinson at work.

Meeting Summary

The 1,019th meeting of the *Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein* was held on October 8, 2017. There were 38 members present. The luncheon was sponsored by Elaine and Keith Grossich in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee as well as the Bar Committee. He also thanked everyone that brings extra snacks, desserts, and drinks to the meetings. Rick asked members to contact Johanna Swiontek if their email or address changes, or members of their families, so that we have current information. The Kirchweih Committee Members held an earlier meeting to finalize the details for the Kirchweihfest. Rick discussed some of these details: assembling the Strauss on Friday, the time members should be at the hall to set up, the price of the dinners and sandwich. Also discussed was the timing of the Aufmarch and the dress code for the little ones. Rick said that there are 11 couples for the Kleine and 9 couples for the Grosse. Rick told members that Katie Amundsen would be handling the pre-payment of the entry fee for the Kirchweih after the meeting. Rick also informed members that this year we were seeking sponsorships for our Kirchweih. This would help cover some of the items like flowers and snacks. Sponsorships would be: Platinum - \$100.00, Gold- \$50.00 and Silver \$25.00. Sponsor names will be printed on a card and placed on each table. Konrad Schmidt reminded us all that on September 22, it was 73 years that the Lieblingers left their beloved Liebling. Our next meeting is November 5, 2017. The translation of the Statuten (by-laws) will be discussed as well as the installation of Officers and Committee Members at our November Meeting.



Christy Schubkegel, Karen & Logan Rill and Teddy Bears!



Barbara Blum, and Kaethe Blechschmidt



Members enjoying the meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Lieblinger November Meeting - November 5, 2017

Lieblinger Christmas Party – December 3, 2017

Other Club Events:

Karlsdorfer Kirchweih – November 18, 2017



Mary Wagner with some of the Raffle Gifts for the Kirchweih.