

Lieblinger Verein (Chicago) Newsletter

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President's Message

Kirchweih—some things change, but traditions live on. I was thinking back to some of my earliest memories of Kirchweih. Over 50 years ago, I remember Kirchweih's at Lincoln Turner Hall and St. Demetrios Hall. I imagine many years ago there were more than 1,000 people at our Kirchweih. There were two halls with a band playing in each hall. It was loud. It was smoky. It was raucous. It was a party and it was a good time. The whole family was there. Of course, Mom and Dad were working part of the night- and dancing when they weren't working. That meant Oma & Opa would be watching the grandkids. Sometimes Uri, who was still part of the family would be there also. No matter what your age, you were bound to have fun! I'm sure those Kirchweih's didn't start winding down until well past 1 A.M. I remember having the run of the place- literally. My buddies and I would run; play tag; play hide & seek; and explore. Of course, the highlight was marching! We were among family and friends. Everyone watched out for one another. It was a safe place. One thing is certain, we got worn out. I know I wasn't the only kid sleeping on Oma's lap with people still dancing and the bands still playing. Fast forward to 2017. Times have changed. We now hope to have 300 people in attendance in one hall with one band. Things start winding down well before midnight. But, traditions live on. There will still be "junge" and "kleine" marching in Lieblinger Tracht. There will be plenty to eat and drink. There will be plenty of dancing. The Strauss will still be "versteigert". And, I expect there will still be kids asleep on Oma's lap. I hope that everyone reading this comes to our Kirchweih to relive old memories and make new ones.

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Fall is here...and final planning is underway for our Annual Kirchweihfest on October 14th. As Lieblinger Members we take great pride in our Kirchweih, and to put on a successful Kirchweihfest we need everyone's help.

Enjoy the pictures below of our Lieblinger members at our September meeting:



Heinrich Reichert, Jakob Kunz, Konrad Schmidt, and Fred Hedrich



Eva Leber, Kaethe Blechschmidt, and Johanna Spang

Meeting Summary

The 1,018th meeting of the Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein was held on September 10, 2017. A moment of silence was held for the passing of Lydia Bauer, who was a relation of the Juhn and Heinz families. Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee, Vicky Stumpf and Nancy Holl for setting up our luncheon, and Dave Steeb and Jim Wagner for bar duty. He also thanked Madgalena Schaefer for the Gwetsche Kuche she brought for dessert. Also thanked and acknowledged were our dessert sponsors, Nancy and Mike Holl and Rick and Vicky Stumpf for the luncheon food. Vicky Stumpf thanked members for bringing in their empty amber pill bottles, and also mentioned the sale of masks for next year's Mardi Gras celebration. Preparations for our Kirchweihfest, which is the Club's major fund raiser, were discussed. Elaine Grossich reported that many members have already pre-paid for their entry fee. Elaine also informed members that Perry's will be our caterer for our Kirchweih. Elaine and Madgalena Schaefer went to Perry's to sample the food to be served and were very pleased. Katie Amundsen reported that some Kleine Kinder (little children) need partners. Katie also said that many more volunteers are needed to help serve food and take tickets. Heidi Atkinson reported that there are 7 Grosse Kinder marching. Heidi also asked everyone if they could bring extra hats in case they are needed. Mary Wagner thanked everyone who brought in Raffle Gifts. Rick reminded everyone that in November we will be voting on the English translation of the Statuten (By-Laws). Our next meeting is October 8, 2017.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated by:



Nancy Holl, Rick and Vicky Stumpf, Kaethe Erk, and George Helwich

Playing Bunco:



Kathryn Kastory and Helga Schmidt



Elaine Grossich and Madgalena Schaefer



Heidi Atkinson and Johanna Swiontek



Dave Steeb and Jim Wagner at the bar



Members enjoying a drink together!

Upcoming Events:

Lieblinger October Meeting – October 8, 2017

Our Kirchweihfest – Saturday, October 14, 2017