

Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 80th Year, 1939-2019

Spring is coming!

While we have endured some extremes this winter, it's good for the soul to recognize that spring is almost here! With it comes the customary routine of renewal – a time when we all can anticipate not only warmer weather but also getting out and about more. I am looking forward to seeing many of our senior Lieblinger members, who have found it difficult to make the sometimes challenging travel, to once again join us at our monthly meetings. Sharing their companionship and their cultural heritage is important to our club.

In addition to the expected changes that spring brings, there are some changes to our club activities that I want to make sure everyone knows. First, we have changed the date of our April meeting from the originally scheduled April 7th so that we will now meet on April 14th instead. (This is being done so that members can choose to attend the 75th Anniversary celebration of the American Aid Society being held on April 7th). And, while on the subject of anniversaries, our Lieblinger Club will forego our regular May meeting so that we can formally celebrate our club's 80th Anniversary which will be held on Sunday May 5th. The luncheon will take place at Manzo's Banquets in Des Plaines, the same location as our annual Christmas Party. Details will be finalized soon. Be sure to check our website in the coming weeks for all of the particulars.

And if spring is coming, can summer be far behind? (Yes, I have been called the eternal optimist). Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual picnic and BBQ. This year it will be Sunday August 11th. We are planning more changes, adding even more fun activities for youngsters. And then not too long after the picnic are our Kirchweih and our Christmas Party. We have so much to do before winter is upon us once again! ☺

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Members at the February meeting



Kathryn Kastory, Kaethe Erk, Madgalena Schaefer

Congratulations to Mrs. Erk on the birth of her 8th great-grand child, Zachary John



Members enjoying snacks and refreshments

Meeting Summary/Highlights:

The 1,033 meeting of the Lieblinger Club was held on February 3, 2019. Johanna Spang sponsored the luncheon and Barbara Blum sponsored the dessert in celebration of their birthdays. A Motion was passed to change the date of the April meeting so that members can attend the 75th Anniversary of the American Aid Society . Johanna Swiontek reminded members to pay their yearly dues and reported on the number of members who have paid. Vicky Stumpf informed members that 432 cook books have been sold and that only 19 are available for sale. Rick told members that the Officers and Committee members were looking at other fund raiser ideas to help offset the costs of our events. Vicky Stumpf presented to members a metal ornament that could also be used as a bookmark or key chain that was personalized with a picture of the Lieblinger church on the front, and can be engraved on the back side. More research will be done regarding cost and options. The 80th Lieblinger Anniversary Luncheon will be held on May 5th at Manzo's with the Johnny Walker band

Birthdays Celebrated in February



John Schaefer , Barbara Blum and Heinrich Reichert, Sr.

Upcoming Events:

Next Meeting, March 3, 2019

April 7- 75th Anniversary American Aid Society

April Meeting, New Date, April 14, 2019

May 5 th – 80th Lieblinger Anniversary Luncheon

Keeping the Story Alive: by Katie Amundsen

80 years ago, Konrad Hack, one of 22 founders of the Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein, was elected the first President of our club.

Konrad Hack was born in Liebling in 1894, and was the eldest of four children. Konrad fought in Russia in World War I, was captured, returned to Liebling, and in 1920, Konrad married my grandfather's older sister, Eva Heinz. They had one son, Konrad Hack, Jr. (my Godfather) born in 1921, in Liebling.

As with Lieblingers before them, Konrad Hack and family planned to work in the US and later return to Liebling with their nest egg. However, the Johnson-Reed Act of 1924 greatly reduced immigration from eastern Europe, so the Hacks first emigrated to Canada. After five years the family was allowed to emigrate to the US, and abandoning their plans to return to Liebling, they resettled in Chicago.

Konrad met other Lieblingers in Chicago, lived on the North Side, and found work at Tavern Pale Brewery. In 1939, following his love of politics, Konrad helped establish our club just as his son was graduating from Lane Technical High School. Konrad Hack was our President from 1939-1942 and Eva Hack served as Vice-President in 1947, and 1951-1965.

In late 1944, Konrad Hack worked with Nick Pesch to establish the American Aid Society to bring food, medicine, and assistance to displaced Lieblingers and Banater Donauschwaben in Austria. Konrad became the first AAS Secretary and together with Pesch, John Meisner, and Senator Everett Dirksen worked to create the US Congressional Displaced Persons Commission which changed US immigration laws to create the 1948-1952 and the 1953-1956 Displaced Persons Act, allowing families to emigrate to America.

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