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# Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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## Adapting to Change...

Well, in my last newsletter column, I was asking everyone to get ready for a Kirchweih. As you should know, by now, we have postponed this year's event. It is truly disappointing but there were just too many unknowns and uncertainties. Many of the families with young children were expressing reluctance to commit to having their kids march this year. There is currently an indoor masking requirement which would likely cause a drop in attendance. And, while recent data is encouraging, there was a concern that a resurgence in positive tests could prompt a reintroduction of capacity restrictions for large indoor events. Under these circumstances it was the right decision to make. We adapted to the situation, as we all must do. Nonetheless, we continue to try to move the club forward! We are kicking around the idea of holding a large Spring event, like a Maifest, to get everyone together again. We will keep you all posted on our plans. In the meantime, we have elections coming up in November, and we are always looking for Members to join our leadership team. New ideas and new ways of doing things is what we need to adapt to the changing times and keep our club strong. I encourage any Member who is interested in serving as an Officer or Committee Member to get in touch with me in the next few weeks. That November Meeting will be our last of 2021, but we are still planning our annual Christmas Party (at Manzo's Banquets, where it has been for the past several years). It is something everyone looks forward to as an opportunity for families to get together in a festive atmosphere and enjoy each other's fellowship. We will provide details soon.

*Rick Stumpf* - [rick@rickstumpf.us](mailto:rick@rickstumpf.us)

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## Birthdays Celebrated in September

Eric Burhardt, Megan Mohrdieck, Liesl Naurath, Katherine Erk, Nancy Holl, Mark Atkinson, Martin Helwich, Zachery Schmidt, Christy Schubkegel, George Helwich, Lauren Lehnhardt, Kimberly Schaefer, Erika Walker-Bright, Paul Walker-Bright, and Jonathan Helwich



**Christy Schubkegel and Nancy Holl**

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## Anniversaries Celebrated in September

**Congratulations to:** Adam & Megan Ferguson celebrating 2 years, Stacy & Paul Brumley celebrating 4 years, Karen & David Grossich celebrating 5 years, Erika & Jeffrey Sampson celebrating 7 years, Jennifer & Jason Vaccarello celebrating 10 years, Adam & Angie Helwich celebrating 12 years, Mark & Karen Rill celebrating 15 years, Bert & Nichole Mohrdieck celebrating 21 years, Pam & Gregory Mohrdieck celebrating 25 years, Thomas & Lori Mohrdieck celebrating 28 years, Mike & Nancy Holl celebrating 35 years, and Rick & Vicky Stumpf celebrating 38 years.



**Mark & Karen Rill**

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**Congratulations to Adam & Angie Helwich on the birth of their son, Jonathan Stephen , 7lbs, 15oz. 21.25" long, born on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:23 a.m. ,and Congratulations to Grandparents, Georgene & Walter Helwich.**



Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee, Vicky Stumpf and Nancy Holl for all their efforts in purchasing and setting up the luncheon. Also, thanking George Schubkegel for keeping everyone refreshed . The luncheon was sponsored by Vicky & Rick Stumpf , celebrating their anniversary and Nancy & Mike Holl celebrating their anniversary and Nancy's birthday.

The Minutes from the meeting held on August 8<sup>th</sup> were read by Katie Amundsen and approved. The Financial Report was given by Heidi Atkinson and approved.

A Motion was made and passed to send a donation of \$100 to the United German American Societies of Greater Chicago, Inc. in support of the Steuben Parade 100 Club, which our Club has supported annually.

Bettie Schaefer reported on the progress of converting our Liebling recipes to an E-book. Bettie said that a new document had to be created for each recipe , then converted to a pdf document, and then combined into one pdf document. She hopes to have the E-book completed by the end of September.

John Schaefer took a moment in the meeting to thank Magdalena Schaefer and Kaethe Blechschmidt for attending the meeting.

Rick stated that an Officers and Committee Meeting was held before the general meeting to discuss the upcoming Kirchweih. After much discussion, it was their decision to recommend to members that the Kirchweih be postponed because of the uncertainty of mask mandates in Illinois and the potential for additional capacity restrictions for large events. A Motion was made and passed to postpone the Kirchweih this year. John Schaefer suggested that we hold a Spring event.

Rick said that at this time we are still planning on holding our Annual Christmas Party at Manzo's Banquets on December 5<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that since some of our Kirchweih raffle baskets may



### **Highlights from the Meeting**

The 1,057<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Liebling Pleasure Society was held on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

Rick asked for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on the United States on September 11, 2001.

have perishable items that we raffle these baskets at our Christmas Party.

Vicky Stumpf reminded members that our Liebling Ornament and/or Bookmark can be purchased at our meetings as well as on our website.

Vicky Stumpf informed members that several new words have been added to our Liebling-ish Words and said that the list has been updated and can be viewed on our Club website

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Despite not being able to hold our Kirchweih two years in a row – and missing out on our biggest fundraising activity – we are still in a good financial situation. This is thanks to many Members who followed through with Kirchweih Sponsorships even though we couldn't have a Kirchweih. Thank you for your generosity!

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**Pictures taken at our meeting in September:**



**Magdalena Schaafer & Kaethe Blechschmidt**



**Michael Schaefer & Nancy Holl**



**Enjoying each other's company and refreshing drinks**

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If you have any Special Events or Celebrations you would like to share and have printed in the Liebling Newsletter...please email me, Bettie Schaefer at [Bettiesch@aol.com](mailto:Bettiesch@aol.com)

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**Upcoming Events:**

- Liebling Meeting – October 3, 2021**
- Kirchweih- October 9,2021 -POSTPONED**
- Liebling Meeting/ Election – November 7,2021**
- Christmas Party – December 5, 2021 (Manzo's)**

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