

Lieblinger Verein (Chicago) Newsletter

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President's Message

It is with pleasure that I write this note to you in our inaugural newsletter. Our club is strong. We have many dedicated members whose interest is the continued preservation of our organization for the fellowship of its members. We not only provide a place where Lieblingers can get together on a regular basis and share our common bond, we also genuinely enjoy our comradery and finding opportunities to maintain our heritage – not to mention sharing a good meal and drink! The Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein – Chicago is the longest organized Lieblinger club in the world – in our 78th year! We got to this point because our predecessors – our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and their friends - had the foresight to form the club as a place where they could all come together, despite the inevitable dispersal of the Lieblinger community throughout Chicagoland. These gatherings continue 78 years later. The officers and other elected officials of the club, who are listed in this newsletter, are all dedicated to continuing these traditions not only for our families and friends who emigrated from Liebling but also for all of us who are 1st, 2nd and even 3rd-generation Lieblingers to know and experience what it means to be a proud Lieblinger. If you are a “regular,” then I thank you. You help make this club what it is. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, or inclination, to become a “regular,” I ask “Why not?” I can tell you from personal experience, some of my closest friendships have developed with my Lieblinger friends since I became active about 25 years ago. Give it a try. I'm confident you'll enjoy it. And you, too, will proudly say, “Ich bin ein Lieblinger!”

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Welcome to our very first Lieblinger Verein-Chicago Newsletter. It is a New Year –and a New President. Rick Stumpf, the new President of the Lieblinger Club, and our Officers and Committee members would like to keep you informed of our monthly meetings, and events planned throughout this year.

First, let us introduce you to our new Officers and Committee Members this year; they are: Rick Stumpf, President, First Vice President-John Schaefer, Second Vice President-Katie Amundsen, Secretary-Mary Wagner, Treasurer-Heidi Atkinson, Financial Secretary-Johanna Swiontek, Ticket Treasurer-Elaine Grossich, Auditors- Roger Falk, Guenther Schmidt, Helga Schmidt, Hospitality-Nancy Holl, Vicky Stumpf, Bar-George Schubkegel, Joe Schubkegel, Bunco-Elaine Grossich, Helga Schmidt, Flag Bearers-Rick Amundsen, George Schubkegel, Rundschreiben Representative-Eva Leber, Website Master-Guenther Schmidt, and Newsletter Editors- Bettie Schaefer, Rick Stumpf, Mary Wagner, Katie Amundsen.

Meeting Summary

*The 1,011th meeting of the Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein was held on February 5, 2017: There were 36 people in attendance at our Super Meeting (Super Bowl Day). We had a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Henry Welker at age 95. It was noted that the **April Meeting is changed to April 9, 2017** (so please mark your calendars). Our Lieblinger Statuten (the formal By-Laws) was completely translated into English by Katie Amundsen and her mother, Katherina Blechschmidt, who proudly stated it was done with pleasure. A down payment of \$300.00 was made to Manzo's for our annual Christmas Party in December.*

February Birthdays were celebrated by:



Henry Reichert, Johanna Spang, Barbara Blum and John Schaefer

Here are a few pictures of members enjoying the great lunch of sausage provided by George and Joe Schubkegel



Pictured are: Martin Helwich Sr., Henry Reichert Sr., Konrad Schmidt, Rick Stumpf and Fred Hedrich Sr.

More Members enjoying the luncheon: Pictured are: Mary Wagner, Johanna Swiontek, Georgene & George Helwich, Heidi Atkinson, Nancy Holl, Bettie Schaefer and Helga Schmidt.



Members enjoying drinks at the bar: Pictured are: Jim Wagner, George and Patty Schubkegel, Vicky Stumpf, Fred Hedrich Jr., Joe Schubkegel (behind bar), Wally Helwich and Elaine Grossich.



*Come and enjoy our next meeting on **Sunday, March 5, 2017**... besides our usual selection of cold cuts and sandwich fixings provided by the Club...our luncheon will include several homemade soups, provided by members of the Club.*

In other news...

A meeting of officers and committee members was held at the home of Rick and Vicky Stumpf. Our President's goal was to discuss ideas of how we can come up with plans to improve the experience for our members and to sustain the club for many years to come. One of the outcomes of that meeting is this newsletter. Others will follow, and we hope you find these changes to your liking.

Other upcoming events...

March 18th Donauschwaben Spring Banquet

(Contact Rick Stumpf for more information)

Our monthly newsletter will be emailed to all members that have provided us with an email address. If you do not have an email address, a copy of the newsletter will be mailed to your home (if no member in your household has provided us with an email). If you receive this newsletter by mail, but have an email address please notify:

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