
Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 81st Year, 1939-2020

SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS EDITION - IV

And the beat goes on...

It has now been more than 5 long months since we have held a monthly meeting of the Lieblinger Verein. The situation we all face is certainly disappointing – especially for a social club – but we clearly know that everyone’s health is of primary concern. We hope and pray that all Lieblingers and their families have remained healthy and strong during this pandemic. We will get through this. On a personal level, I feel quite fortunate that I retired on February 28th – just a couple of weeks before “lockdown.” As a result, I didn’t have to deal with all of the issues of getting my team set up to work from home to keep the business running. Thankfully, my successor took on that responsibility. (I feel for you, Gerry)! More importantly, I feel, is that I didn’t need to ride the crowded Metra train every day, twice each day. Or, walk through crowded Union Station. Or ride in crowded elevators. My timing was impeccable, but as Vicky reminds me even a blind squirrel finds an acorn now and then. Be that as it may, I was given advice by many people prior to my retirement that I would have a hard time without a routine. That I would not even know what day of the week it is. Well, I have to admit, that despite developing a new routine, I still have difficulty sometimes knowing which day of the week it is. But, I have spoken to many people, recently, who aren’t retired and this

pandemic has created a similar day-of-week-fog for them, as well. On the positive side, there are many projects around the house that have been done, which is probably true for many of you. (I wish I had purchased Home Depot stock at the beginning of the year). The to-do list that I had prior to retiring is still long, but it got shorter in a hurry. And, with no vacation planned for the foreseeable future, several more projects will get crossed off before the end of the year. Yay! This extra time also allows me to spend a little more time on club matters. Although our September meeting is officially cancelled, the Officers and Committee Members will again meet electronically to take care of club business. One of the topics we will be discussing is how to plan for elections, always held in November, if we cannot gather the membership for a general meeting. Another is to find workable ideas to help fill the gap in club revenue since we will not have the benefit of the thousands of dollars our Kirchweihfest usually brings in to fund our annual operations. We will keep everyone informed of our outcome, but rest assured that every last member of the leadership team is committed to keeping this club thriving for many years to come. After all, there are children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that should be able to experience the Lieblinger heritage!

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Members are reminded to pay their yearly membership dues of \$5.00 . Checks should be payable to the "Lieblinger Pleasure Club" and can be mailed to Johanna Swiontek, 1112 Thomas More Terrace , Mount Prospect, IL. 60056.

It was great hearing from several Lieblinger members letting me know that they enjoy receiving the newsletter and especially enjoyed reading the article written by Katie Amundsen about Village Services in Liebling. Reading about the summers in Liebling brought back some wonderful memories of my childhood summers at my Aunt's and Uncle's farm in Wisconsin. I sent an email to Katie telling her how much I enjoyed this article and particularly the part about the cows since I spent every morning and night helping to milk cows with my two cousins. I loved Katie's response: "There are many Lieblinger traditions and cultures that relate to other cultures and ways of life, as we are all connected and share more than we know". Katie also said she hopes "others see the connections to their own lives and that's how Liebling's story will remain alive". I hope too that you can see the connection in your life!

The August Picnic/Meeting was cancelled and the Officers & Committee Members didn't meet either. Even though we cannot be together, let's continue to celebrate member's Birthdays & Anniversaries.

Birthdays Celebrated in August

Georgene Helwich, Tom and Johanna Swiontek, Patty Schubkegel, Liz Steeb, Julie Schaefer, Dave Steeb, Kaitlyn Jeanneret, James Reichert, Angie Helwich, Henrik and Owen Hughes

Anniversaries Celebrated in August

Irene & Bob Untch, Jim & Mary Wagner, Tom & Johanna Swiontek, Kim & Guenther Schmidt , Inga & Curt Yearwood, and Julie & Michael Schaefer

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary in August, please let me know and we will post it in our next newsletter. Also, if you have a Birthday or Wedding Anniversary coming up in September or any other announcement, please let me know so we can acknowledge your special day or event. My records only reflect birthdays and anniversaries of members who have attended meetings, but it would be great to celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries of members...so please email me, Bettiesch@aol.com and let me know the special celebrations in your life!

Funding Appeal

You are probably aware that our annual Kirchweihfest is the club's primary fundraiser. The surplus generated at the Kirchweih helps fund not only our monthly meetings throughout the year but also results in reduced costs to attend our annual Christmas Party. This year, of course, we will not have a Kirchweih. The Officers are naturally concerned about the financial stability of the club for 2021 and beyond. We are looking at other ways of generating revenue for the club, but we would also like you to consider helping. Please take a moment and think about how much you would normally spend at our annual Kirchweih. Perhaps you could make a contribution to the club of a portion of that amount...20%, or 10%. Although there will be no Kirchweih, no Goulash or Wurst, and no Strauss auction, your donation to the club would be very helpful in bridging the gap in our annual budget. Thank you for your consideration.
- Rick Stumpf

Also, email me, Bettiesch@aol.com if you know of a member who is ill and could use some cheering up by receiving a get well card from Club members.

Events:

September Lieblinger Meeting – cancelled
Kirchweih – cancelled

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