

Lieblinger Verein (Chicago) Newsletter

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President's Message

"Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein." What does it mean? Literally, it means "Lieblinger Pleasure Society" – a club formed for the pleasure of its members, and that means many different things to our members. For some, it's getting together with old friends to catch up on what's going on in their lives and an opportunity to play Bunco or cards. For some it's building bonds with people that share a common heritage. It's also an opportunity for cross-generational sharing. We're all aware of how cultures, for millennia, have handed down traditions from generation to generation. While the internet explosion has resulted in vast amounts of "recorded history" available with the click of a mouse, it still assumes that the history is recorded. Our club has been very fortunate in that much of the Lieblinger history has indeed been recorded and published around the world throughout the years. Many of you probably have at least one of these volumes, and you understand the value they have for you and your family. But our Lieblinger history is still evolving. Our club is rich with members who bravely emigrated to provide a better life for their families. I am in awe every time I have a conversation with one of them and learn about life in Liebling. And I realize I am participating in the cross-generational sharing of traditions. Since our first newsletter, some of you have become inspired to re-engage with our club. I am thrilled because it means that not only will we have an opportunity to build new friendships, we will also have more opportunities to share traditions and pass them on to the next generation which will keep our club going strong. I'm hopeful this new tradition will continue.

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Our First Issue of the Lieblinger Verein (Chicago) Newsletter was received with great reviews. We were happy to hear from so many Lieblinger Club members that they enjoyed our first newsletter. We had a few glitches; with a couple of incorrect email and mailing addresses. So, if you are planning on moving or your email address changes, please let us know.

"Die Suppe serviert wurde" (the soup was served) at our March 5th meeting. Homemade soup and chili were provided by Katie Amundsen, Elaine Grossich, Johanna Swiontek, Patty and Christy Schubkegel, Karen Rill and Mary Wagner. Ach, wie gut ist die suppe! (Oh, how good is the soup!). The soup and chili were all delicious and it was hard to decide, fortunately, there was more than enough to sample a little of each. See pictures of members below enjoying the Suppe!



Meeting Summary

The 1,012th meeting of the Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein was held on March 5, 2017. There were 38 members present. We had a moment of silence for the passing of Mrs. Catherine Wilhelm at the age of 92. Rick thanked our luncheon sponsors George and Patty Schubkegel and Joe and Cathy Schubkegel, and also the members who provided the homemade Suppe for today's meeting. Johanna Swiontek gave the financial report and reminded everyone that dues are payable in January. Everyone has a 90 day grace period before their name will be dropped from the membership list. The dues are only \$5.00 a year, and anyone who has not paid; please pay before April. We still have English translated copies of the Statuten for anyone who needs it. Our Suppe was such a success... it was suggested that we have a dessert bar in June. Other ideas entertained; having a Martini Day! For our Show & Tell: Vicky Stumpf brought in Mulberry Leaves from Liebling. The members had a lively discussion about how the leaves were gathered and stored for the silk worms.



Members discussing the Mulberry Leaves

Four couples attended the K.G. Rheinischer Verein Chicago 1890 Grand Masquerade Ball: Rick & Vicky Stumpf, Rick & Katie Amundsen, Keith & Elaine Grossich and John & Bettie Schaefer



Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated by:



Joe Schubkegel, Roger Falk, George Schubkegel, Helga Schmidt, and Patty Schubkegel

We would like to share some of the many pictures taken at the March meeting:



Kathryn Kastory, Kaethe Erk, Eva Schmidt & Madgalena Schaefer enjoying the Suppe!



The Schubkegel Family, Steeb Family & Helwich Family



Members enjoying drinks at the bar

Other upcoming Events: Lieblinger Meeting-April 9, 2017