
Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 82nd Year, 1939-2021

SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS EDITION – X

Calling All Members...

As you will read further on in this newsletter, after a good discussion the Club's Leadership Team decided that our April date was too early to hold an in-person meeting. However, we are hopeful that as more and more of our Members receive their vaccinations, and the overall status of "reopening" continues to improve, we will be able to have our May 2nd meeting in person. It's not certain and we still need to hope for further improvement, but we may be able to meet in May! In the meantime, we will be sending out a survey to obtain the input of the Membership on in-person meetings. Look for the survey in your mail/email. We want to know your thoughts about reconvening. I can tell you that the Donauschwaben have communicated a rather strict protocol to be able to use their hall, and we will certainly follow those rules. In addition, we will likely add some safety measures of our own. We will certainly follow the guidelines of the state and local health departments with respect to gatherings, the maximum number allowed and how to treat people who are fully vaccinated. It has been more than one year since we have been together, and as a social club it's important that we are able to visit with one another – but we cannot risk people's health and

safety. The facilities, tables and chairs will be cleaned and sanitized. The food service will be modified to follow safe guidelines. And bar service will also be modified to comply with appropriate restrictions. One of the other requirements is that we will all need to sign a couple waivers – one from the Donauschwaben and one of our own – that releases the 2 clubs from any liability should anyone later test positive for Covid. We will be going to great lengths to make sure the hall is clean and safe. To further ensure everyone's safety, we will also require that anyone attending the in-person meeting must show that they either have been fully vaccinated or have a negative Covid test result (taken within 72 hours of the meeting date – just like the airlines and TSA require). We also plan to take forehead temperatures at the door. With all of these safety measures in place and with continued progress on vaccinations and beating back the virus, we hope that enough Members will feel safe enough to attend a meeting in person. So, if you receive a survey, please take the time to complete it and send it back to us. We want to do what's best for the Membership!

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Belated Birthday Wishes to : Liam Atkinson, Lisa Menninger, and Bert Mohrdieck

Birthdays Celebrated in March

Helga Schmidt, Pam Mohrdieck, Cheryl & Roger Falk, Rita & David Nebl, Thomas Mohrdieck, Mark Rill, Andrew, Charlie, & Grant Naurath, George Schubkegel, Chris Atkinson, Joe Schubkegel, Jeffrey Sampson, Lori Mohrdieck, Kevin Conway, Michael Schaefer, Sr., Jennifer Vaccarello, and Jennifer Rath

Anniversaries Celebrated in March

Congratulations to Patty & George Schubkegel who are celebrating their 43rd Anniversary this month.

We would like to celebrate every member's birthday and/ or anniversary, if you have not provided your birthday and/or anniversary month yet, please email Katie Amundsen at rkamundsen@att.net, or you can text her at 815-353-4906 or call and leave a message at 815-337-4508. You can also mail your information to Katie at 4508 Gayle Drive, Woodstock, IL. 60098. If we missed your birthday or anniversary in March , please let Katie know or by emailing me, Bettie at Bettiesch@aol.com

Reminder: To pay your annual Liebling dues of \$5.00 ... checks should be made payable to "Liebling Pleasure Society". Mail your check and the form provided with the January Newsletter or include your current address, phone number and email address to Johanna Swiontek at 1112 Thomas More Terrace, Mount Prospect, IL. 60056.

On Sunday , March 7, 2021 the Officers and Committee Members met on Google Meet to conduct Club business.

Highlights from the Meeting

A Moment of Silence was held for the passing of one of our long-standing members, Maria Roth (geb Gerhardt) Our condolences to the family of Maria Roth.

The Minutes of the February 7, 2021 Google Meet meeting were read by Mary Wagner and approved.

Johanna Swiontek reported that 44 members have not yet paid their annual \$5.00 dues. She also stated that there are several people who would like to become members of the Liebling Club. The Club's Bylaws require the nominated members to be presented to the members at a Club meeting but since we are not having in person meetings yet because of the virus, Rick will email and/or mail out a letter asking if there are any oppositions to their membership.

Heidi Atkinson reported on the Club's new business checking account that has been set up now that the Club has a Federal ID Number. By setting up this business account, the Club has been able to take previous Officers off the account and have our President, Vice President and Treasurer on the account. Rick said that this business account has allowed us to set up a Pay Pal account on the Club's website which will enable anyone in the world to purchase our Liebling Ornament , as well as enable us to now proceed with an Ebook of our Liebling Cook Book. Pay Pal will automatically convert any foreign payment to US currency.

The Liebling website has been updated to include the 2021 Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletters.

A discussion was held by the Officers and Committee Members regarding the possibility of holding in person meetings at the Donauschwaben Hall in April. The CDC's guidelines were discussed as well as the Donauschwaben Hall requirements. The Officers and Committee Members also discussed the procedures our Club would have to put in place. After much discussion it was determined that we hold off for another month. This will allow time for more members to become vaccinated.

Vicky Stumpf was thanked for all her work in obtaining and creating a Master List of member's birthdays and/or anniversaries. The list has now been turned over to Katie Amundsen, 2nd Vice President. The birthdays and anniversaries for the month of March were read by Katie.

Below is another informative article from Katie about life in Liebling. Now that Spring is here, and more family and friends have been vaccinated, I am hoping that you too can once again enjoy a "Maj".

Keeping the Story Alive ...

by Katie Amundsen

Life in Liebling was built upon a solid foundation of support from family and neighbors. "Die Familie" consisted of the basic family structure of parents, children, and grandparents who usually all lived together in one household. In Liebling, relatives such as uncles, aunts, and cousins, plus all extended relatives were known as "friends". For example, one would say, "We are friends with that family" meaning our families were related and we have a binding kinship.

The circle of relatives, known as "die Freunde" or "der Freundshaft" was highly honored and respected since it played a significant role in the family's social, spiritual, and emotional lives. The entire "Freundschaft", which was composed of all of one's relatives, was invited to weddings, making this event a large family affair. In contrast, becoming a Godparent was a great honor, as Godparents were chosen only from the closest relatives within the "Freundschaft", further strengthening those family bonds. "Freunde" also helped one another with large tasks such as fieldwork, butchering, livestock, or building their homes.

Neighbors were also a major support for Lieblings. Equal in status with one's relatives in the "Freundshaft", good neighbors were held in high regard. When an extra hand was needed, in times of trouble or in an emergency, one's neighbors were the nearest friends to offer immediate help. Neighbors socialized with each other. On winter evenings neighbors visited each other's homes for a casual gathering called the "Maj". The women brought their spinning wheels, or knitting, crocheting, and sewing, while the men enjoyed playing cards. Neighbors greeted each other daily, sat together on street benches in their old age, were

invited to family weddings and when neighbors departed this world, dug the graves of their friends.

The ties of support from relatives and neighbors bound Liebling together to create a strong community, which enriched daily lives and continued from generation to generation.

Events:

Liebling Meeting – April 11 – no in person meeting

Liebling Meeting- May 2, 2021 – possibility of an in person meeting – so mark the date!

Liebling Meeting – June 6, 2021

Liebling Meeting – July 11, 2021

See our website for our 2021 Meetings and Events Calendar

May 2, 2021 - American Aid Society - Spring Banquet – 12 Noon – Lake Villa, reservations required. For more information you can go to their website:

<http://www.americanaidsofgyd.org>.

May 16, 2021 – German American Club of Antioch – Spring Banquet – 12 Noon, American Aid Society Hall, Lake Villa. Reservations required. Call Delores Eberle for details: 847-302-4493

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