

Lieblinger Verein (Chicago) Newsletter

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President's Message

"Buwe wass hun mir heit?? -- KERWEI!!" That's a phrase I have heard, and shouted, hundreds of times over the years. A chant that not only sets the stage for a fun time, but echoes through the years continuing our Lieblinger tradition – our annual Kirchweihfest. On October 14th, we celebrate our 78th Kirchweih. I know many of us mark this date on our calendar every year because we wouldn't miss it. Some of you may not have attended in a while and I want to take this opportunity to invite you to join us. To be sure, it is the club's annual fundraiser. It helps keep the club afloat throughout the entire year. But it's more than that. It is arguably the most genuine traditional schwäbisch festival remaining in the Chicago area. While other German clubs have their own Kirchweih and other dances & fests, we Lieblingers are the only group that still has the marching couples dressed in the original "tracht" – the folk dress worn in, and brought from Liebling. Our grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters and wives have shown tender loving care in keeping the skirts, petticoats, blouses, vests and shawls in excellent condition to be used year after year after year. I have a hard time getting my head around the fact that most of these items are more than 70 years old, and they're still colorful and beautiful. But tradition is important to us Lieblingers and we do what we need to do so that our traditions remain alive and so that they can be passed on to new generations. Be sure to join us as we admire how the 'kleine kinder' perform the Stolz Tanz and 'junge' march in intricate patterns and carry on the Lieblinger Kirchweih tradition. Buwe, wass hun mir heit?

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Grilled brats, hot dogs, baked beans, German potato salads, cole slaw, cucumber salad, pasta salads, fruit, mouth-watering appetizers, delicious homemade desserts, and refreshing drinks were enjoyed by members at our annual August Picnic Meeting.



At the bar sampling those appetizers and cold drinks are: Vicky Stumpf, Georgene Helwich, Mary Wagner, Elaine Grossich, Rick Stumpf and Roger Falk

Meeting Summary

The 1,017th meeting of the Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein was held on August 13, 2017. There were 34 members present. A moment of silence was held for the passing of Elizabeth Staub and Martin Heintz. Rick thanked everyone who contributed food for the picnic. He also thanked Guenther Schmidt and Rick Amundsen for grilling the brats and hot dogs, and Vicky Stumpf and Nancy Holl, for setting everything up, and Walter and Adam Helwich for pitching in for the Bar Committee. Rick informed the members of the discussion that the Officers and Committee members had prior to the meeting to have the food catered this year rather than being prepared by members of the Club. Rick said that we were considering two catering companies that have been used by various other German Clubs. Elaine Grossich provided members with the details. The food at the Kirchweih will be buffet style and we will serve our usual menu of goulash and sausage. John Schaefer, our Fest President, reminded everyone that we still need plenty of help to set up and serve at the Kirchweih. Katie Amundsen and Heidi Atkinson are asking members to provide them with the names of the Kinder who are marching this year. Mary Wagner reminded everyone about the need for donated Raffle gifts to be brought in by the September meeting. An Ad for our Kirchweih will be placed in the New Yorker Staats Zeitung. Our next meeting is September 10, 2017.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated by;



Guenther Schmidt, Johanna Swiontek, Mary and Jim Wagner, Georgene and Angie Helwich



Lieblinger Officers: Johanna Swiontek, John Schaefer, Heidi Atkinson, Mary Wagner, Katie Amundsen, and Rick Stumpf



Bettie and John Schaefer, Lauren and Bill Lehnhardt with Braden and Billy (the boys loved the desserts!)



Some of the Raffle Gifts already donated for the Kirchweih

Upcoming Events:

Lieblinger September Meeting- September 10, 2017

Donauschwaben Kirchweih – September 23, 2017

Lieblinger October Meeting –October 8, 2017

Our Kirchweihfest – Saturday, October 14, 2017