

# Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 80<sup>th</sup> Year, 1939-2019

## Honor - Transition - Sun

June is now upon us. Can Summer be far behind? It's a busy month for many of us. We remember our Fathers and the importance they played in our lives. Their sacrifices; their devotion; their love. All of these and more are what I remember of my father. Fathers are pillars of strength. They teach us. They guide us. They mold us. Within the Lieblinger community fathers have a special place. Although times and roles have changed, for generations fathers did everything necessary as providers for the family. Though we recognize Father's Day in June, we also honor and respect our fathers the year round.

Whether you are celebrating one yourself, were invited to one or have experienced one in your neighborhood, June is also the month of many graduation parties. Graduation is a milestone. It marks a transition for the graduate and paves the way for starting a new chapter in their lives. Whether it marks the transition into high school, into college or into "the real world," we know that graduates are full of excitement and rightly so. Congratulations to all our graduates!

By the time you receive this newsletter, it should officially be summer. Yay! (It's about time, is all I can say). We will experience a day of 15 hours and 14 minutes of sunshine on June 21<sup>st</sup>... that is, of course if the clouds stay away! So, here's to summer – and sunshine! Come join us at our summer meetings!

Rick Stumpf

## Birthdays Celebrated in May & June



Walter Helwich, Katie Amundsen, Mary Wagner, Heidi Atkinson and Konrad Schmidt

## Weddings & Anniversaries in May & June



Cathy & Joe Schubkegel, Walter & Georgene Helwich and Cheryl & Roger Falk



Our new member, Jen Swiontek with her Grandmother, Johanna Spang

**Meeting Summary/Highlights:**

The 1,036 meeting of the Lieblinger Club was held on June 2, 2019. The luncheon was sponsored by Cheryl and Roger Falk in celebration of their 1<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Georgene and Walter Helwich sponsored the cake in celebration of their 41<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Members attending the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration were very pleased with the decorations, the delicious food and cake, and the beautiful Programs prepared for this special occasion. A video of the Cultural Display tables was taken by Cheryl Falk and can be viewed on the Lieblinger Verein Facebook page. The Lieblinger ornament/bookmark is now on ebay and can be purchased on-line. A motion was passed to make a donation to support the 2019 General Von Steuben Parade and the German Day Celebration being held in Lincoln Square in September. The August Meeting/Picnic was discussed and members signed up for the food items they will be providing for this special fun family event. Jen Swiontek was welcomed as a new member at the meeting.

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*Members enjoying refreshments at the bar*

**Keeping The Story Alive ... by Katie Amundsen:**

In "the good ol' summertime" we look forward to outdoor concerts & entertainment, water sports & boating, baseball, swim meets & soccer, outdoor dining, relaxing vacations, walks in parks, and perhaps attending a summer wedding. Summer in Liebling meant none of the above.

In Liebling, "summertime" meant long hours of working in farm fields, from sunrise to dusk, 16 hours per day, 6 to 7 days per week. It was hard backbreaking work, and a large labor force was needed daily from May to September. It was not unusual for a train of wagons loaded with laborers to leave the village at 4 a.m. and return later in the dark. Some Lieblings with distant acreage, slept in their fields overnight.

The vast farm fields of Liebling consisted of more than 36,000 acres which our farmers purchased from Hungarian estates and surrounding Romanian villages, tripling the land holdings of original Liebling. Lieblings kept buying as much land as they could and with their ever increasing acreage, came more work.

Every family owned some field acreage, however small, where corn, wheat, other grains and hay was grown for livestock and family consumption. Shopkeepers, craftsmen, tradesmen, day laborers, and others having no horses nor wagons, asked farmers to work their small field, then helped the farmer with the labor. In this way, every family had farm workers, even if they were not considered "farmers".

From hoeing endless rows of corn in early May through June, to the wheat harvest in July, through stacking, threshing, hauling straw and chaff in August, ending with the corn harvest in



*Katie Amundsen displaying all the items brought by members to celebrate birthdays & anniversaries*

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**Congratulations to Mrs. Erk on the birth of her 9<sup>th</sup> Great Grandchild, Benjamin Andrew**

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*September, the entire town worked and supported the farm workers. Even children, at the age of 12 years who were confirmed, were expected to work in the fields. Every able-bodied adult was needed to work all summer long in the fields of Liebling.*

*(Is it any wonder generations of Lieblings truly know the value and importance of hard work? – R.S.)*

**Upcoming Events :**

*Liebling Meeting – July 7, 2019*

*Liebling Meeting/Family Picnic – August 11,*

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