

Lieblinger Verein (Chicago) Newsletter

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President's Message

Being connected. It's human nature to seek companionship. The communities we are part of include our family, work, neighbors, church & school among others. Of course we also have our community of Lieblingers. 231 years ago, the first community was formed in what became Liebling. The village thrived and over time some Lieblingers spread their wings and began to emigrate to other parts of the world. Many brave souls came to the United States in the early 1900's including a group that settled in Chicago. In 1939, this group of 22 formed the Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein. Today, our club stands as the oldest organized club of Lieblingers in the world! In addition to being connected to each other in Chicago, we are connected to Lieblingers all over the globe. Through the availability of today's technology, these connections bring us closer than ever imagined. (Below, you'll find the website addresses of several other Lieblinger communities. Check them out). Our club also contributes to expanding these connections. Our cookbook, Die Liebling Küche, still available on eBay, has been purchased by Lieblingers in 7 countries on 3 continents – further evidence of the worldwide community of Lieblingers. While we enjoy a vast Liebling network, the true strength of our local club is how we are connected to each other. Join us and get connected with your fellow Lieblingers!

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Check out these Lieblinger websites...

www.liebling-banat.de

www.banater-schwaben.de

www.proliebling.ro

At our April Meeting, we were happy to welcome back many senior members who were unable to attend during the winter months. We also were pleased to see more Hedrich family members at our meeting. They surprised Fred Hedrich by attending the meeting to celebrate his 90th birthday. Also, Konrad & Eva Schmidt's children presented them with a celebratory gift for their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Everyone enjoyed the food, drinks, and delicious desserts provided by these families to celebrate these special events.



Hedrich family celebrating Fred's 90th birthday



Schmidt family celebrating 65th Wedding Anniversary

Meeting Summary

The 1,013th meeting of the Lieblingler Vergnügungs Verein was held on April 9, 2017. There were 48 members present. We had a moment of silence for the passing of Rick Jankowski, husband of Mary Kay (Gerhardt), and Mr. Martin Bock. A memorial service will be held in the Chicago area in mid-June for Rick. Exact date and location will be announced. Our President, Rick, thanked our luncheon sponsors and noted additional sponsors are needed for future meetings. Vicky Stumpf and Joe Schubkegel were thanked for making homemade coleslaw. The 90 day grace period for paying member dues is up; those who have not paid will be contacted. Translated Statuten (bylaws) into English will be voted on for acceptance at the November meeting. Members were asked to bring in baskets suitable to make gift baskets for our Kirchweih raffle. Vicky Stumpf thanked members for their empty, amber pill bottles. They are used as packing material for supplies of medicine shipped to clinics in Africa, South and Central America. Medicine is then dispensed in these pill bottles. May's meeting will have a Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day theme. Katie Amundsen suggested bringing in photos of our moms and grandmothers.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated by:



Eva Schmidt, Dolores Eberle, Konrad Schmidt, Magdalena Schaefer, Maria and Fred Hedrich



Elaine Grossich, Georgene Helwich and Katie Amundsen socializing

Martini Day turned into reality; Joe Schubkegel making Martinis and Chocolate Martinis—fixings' provided by Vicky Stumpf, Christy Schubkegel & Elaine Grossich



Members at the bar enjoying Martinis and non-alcoholic Springtime Punch, made by Heidi Atkinson



George Helwich, youngest participant to win Bunco towel!

Other Upcoming Events:

Heimat und Trachten Verein Edelweiss Chicago Spring Dance – 103rd Anniversary -April 29

Jolly Burgenländer Social Club Spring Dance- April 30

Lieblingler Monthly Meeting- May 7

Siebenbürger Sachsen Maifest – May 13