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# Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 82nd Year, 1939-2021

## *SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS EDITION – VIII*

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### **A New Year -- New Hope**

Happy New Year! We have all been looking forward to the end of what was a very extraordinary and troubling year that was 2020. As the year ended, we saw the first people getting vaccinated for COVID-19 and began to feel the hope of witnessing the beginning of the end. Hallelujah! By the time you read this newsletter, Illinois will begin administering the vaccine to an expanded group of people – those over 65 years of age as well as many “front line” workers including police and fire fighters, grocery store employees, teachers and staff. There are 3.2 million people eligible in this Phase 1b rollout. I hope that all of our senior Members, and other members who are eligible are able to receive their vaccines in short order, although it could take many weeks because of the sheer number of us in this group. It is the next step in achieving a level of immunization that will allow us all to gather once again and get back to the way we used to live our lives. There will be many positive outcomes when this happens. Of course, we will be able to resume our monthly meetings and enjoy each other’s company and companionship again. We will be able to get beyond “lockdowns” and quarantining. We’ll be able to travel again. People will be able to get back to work. Our

economy will be able to rebound even stronger. It will be a renaissance, of sorts. It won’t happen overnight, but to put it into perspective, we have been in this dark period for about 10 months. Ten months from now, we should be able to see this far in our rear view mirror. In anticipation of this hopeful outcome, the leadership team of the club has approved a proposed 2021 calendar. I have submitted our requested meeting dates to the Donauschwaben officers and I am waiting for confirmation of those requested dates. Once the dates are finalized, we will send out a 2021 calendar of events. In the meantime, however, I am confident you can pencil in the following dates: Annual Picnic (Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>); Kirchweih (Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>); Christmas Party (Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>). Because I am an optimist, I look forward to calling our first monthly meeting, quite possibly in early April. And wouldn’t that be fitting - getting back together during the season of Easter.

*Rick Stumpf* - [rick@rickstumpf.us](mailto:rick@rickstumpf.us)

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## Birthdays Celebrated in January

Elaine Grossich, Jim Wagner, Karen and Owen Rill,  
Eric Stumpf, Kathryn Faulkner, and Megan  
Ferguson

## Anniversaries Celebrated in January

Katie & Rick Amundsen

**If we missed your birthday in January, please let me know and if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary or some other special event in February, please email me: [Bettiesch@aol.com](mailto:Bettiesch@aol.com)**

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**Wishing everyone a Happy New Year ! Looking forward to seeing everyone again at an in-person meeting in the near future.**

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On Sunday January 10, 2021 the Officers and Committee Members met on Google Meet to conduct Club business.

## Highlights from the Meeting

The Minutes were read by Mary Wagner for the November Google Meet held on November 1, 2020 and were approved. The Financial Report was given by Johanna Swiontek and approved. Heidi Atkinson presented the Yearly Financial Statement to the Officers and Committee Members. **The Yearly Financial Statement was conditionally approved awaiting final acceptance from the full Audit Committee (2 members of which could not participate in the meeting).**

The Lieblinger Club meeting dates for 2021 were reviewed and Rick said he will submit those dates to secure the Donauschwaben Hall for our Sunday meetings for 2021. Rick will then email and/or mail a 2021 Meeting Schedule to members.

A Motion was made and Passed to obtain a Federal ID Number for the Lieblinger Club after Rick informed the Officers and Committee Members of his latest research and his conversation with a

member of the Donauschwaben Club about their experience in obtaining a Federal ID Number. This will allow us to obtain payment for items sold through our website (ornaments and future cookbook sales).

After discussions with Adam Arnold, the Lieblinger Rundschreiben will now be available to our Club for free. Rick receives the quarterly publication electronically, via email, and distributes to Members. In the past, we had a \$12 annual subscription fee. Beginning in 2021, our Members will be able to receive the Rundschreiben free of charge. It is written and published in German so not all members may be interested in receiving a copy. The preferred distribution to our Members is via email (zero cost to the Club) but we will continue to mail printed copies to Members who don't have email. Announced publication dates are: March, June, September and December. **Club members should notify Rick if they would like to receive a copy of the Rundschreiben by email or mail.**

**The Lieblinger Club 2021 dues of \$5.00 per member are now due.** The check should be made out to the "Lieblinger Pleasure Club" and mailed to Johanna Swiontek. A suggestion was made to provide a form at the end of this newsletter to make it easier for members to mail in their dues and provide the necessary information needed by Johanna. **Please do not mail your books.** Simply send in your dues with the completed form. Books can be provided to Johanna when we meet in person to have them updated.

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As previously reported, the Club is compiling a registry of Members' notable dates – Birthdays and Anniversaries. Vicky Stumpf is creating the initial register that will then be maintained by Katie Amundsen. Vicky will be sending out an email and form separately. We ask that you confirm dates with your family members that don't receive email and provide a reply.

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*No events officially scheduled at this time*

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*Editor: Bettie Schaefer*

**Please complete this form and mail with dues check to:**

**Johanna Swiontek  
1112 Thomas More Terrace  
Mount Prospect, IL. 60056**

**Membership Dues for 2021- \$5.00 per person  
Make check payable to "Lieblinger Pleasure Club"**

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**Please provide this information for each member that you are paying for so that our membership records are accurate and up to date.**