Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 79th Year, 1939-2018

Celebrations



Happy Birthday Hannah Spang & John Schaefer



Roger Falk and Cheryl Zalenski are engaged!



Elaine Grossich congratulated the raffle winner! It's Roger!

The President's Message

Hello everyone!

February is one of those months that seem to just be unimportant, like a filler between January and March on the calendar. Perhaps its most noteworthy distinction is Groundhog Day. For most, that usually means 6 more weeks of winter. For the younger crowd, maybe what comes to mind is the premise in the movie and "it's Groundhog Day all over again!". (Perhaps that might be the take on my columns for some of you). Well, I thought I'd try something different.

Of course, in Chicago, it seems like we always have 6 more weeks of winter, and we certainly saw that with the big snow storm we had. Over the years I have told many friends and acquaintances that in Chicago, winter isn't over until the Cubs or Sox get "snowed out" at least once (since we all know it can still snow in early April)!



Speaking of the Cubs and Sox, can winter really hang on much longer? As I write this, both teams are playing their first Spring Training games! Yay, spring! The improving weather that comes should bring more of you out to our meetings. I, for one, can hardly wait; warmer weather, more friends gathering together, and two TV's in the bar tuned to baseball: one with the Cubs game and the other with the Sox game. Ahhhh, springtime in Chicago, when in March and April we all have dreams of our two teams facing off in the World Series! Around July we'll probably snap out of our dream and come back to reality. In the meantime, enjoy the build-up and anticipation of spring.

Rick Stumpf

We send our deepest condolences to the family of Katharina Reichert on her passing on February 22, 2018.



Vicky & Rick Stumpf, and Nancy Holl enjoying the meeting.

Time to pay your dues!

Pay your \$5 annual dues to: Johanna Swiontek, 1112 Thomas More Terrace, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 by March 31. Thank You!

2018 Meeting Dates

- + Sunday, March 4
- + Sunday, April 15, NEW DATE
- Sunday, May 6
- + Sunday, June 3
- + Sunday, July 1
- + Sunday, August 12, PICNIC!
- + Sunday, Sept. 9
- + Sunday, Oct. 7
- Saturday, Oct. 13, KERWEIH
- Sunday, Nov. 4, ELECTIONS
- + Sun., Dec. 2, Christmas Party

General Meeting Highlights

- On Feb. 4, 2018, twenty-one people attended the 1,022nd meeting.
- + Lunch was sponsored by Hannah Spang in honor of her 93rd birthday and Heinrich Reichert sponsored dessert.
- * Date of April meeting changed to April 15th.
- Members asked to share newsletter mailings and emails to cut costs.
- Raised lunch sponsorship to \$110 and dessert sponsorship to \$30.
- + Committee formed to develop 2019 calendar fundraiser.
- + Additional fundraisers being explored for next year, our 80th year.

Upcoming Social Events: March 10, Donauschwaben Spring Banquet. April 8, Antioch German Club 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Contact Rick Stumpf for details <u>rick@rickstumpf.us</u> or 630-853-5949.

Our Champagne toast to Bella Marie Grossich,

"Welcome Home, Baby Bella!"



Tell us your happy news such as a milestone birthday, anniversary, or wedding. Let Katie know and she'll print it here! Contact: Katie Amundsen, <u>rkamundsen@att.net</u> or 815-337-4508.

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