

# Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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

## Happy New Year!

We just said good-bye to the last decade and said hello to the new one. While Spring is often thought to be a time of renewal. I think the same can be said when we turn the page on the calendar and are presented with a new year. We take time to reflect. We take time to look ahead. And we take time to resolve how we can make our lives – and the lives of those around us – better.

As we begin 2020, we also think about those we have lost the past year, and the possibilities of how new and exciting changes in the coming year will enrich our lives. It can be a year full of promise. We just need to let it unfold and embrace the changes that will come our way.

As a club, we celebrated very well this past year. Whether it was our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, our 80<sup>th</sup> Kirchweihfest or our annual Christmas Party, we had great opportunities to get together with friends and family to appreciate our heritage and strengthen those bonds. We also welcomed some new members in 2019. Some “long lost” Lieblingers have come back to join the club. We also have some “next generation” Lieblingers who have become active members. In speaking with each of them, there is a common feeling among them, shared by us all. It is the experience of making that connection with our past - a connection with our heritage and that of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents - to show respect, recognition and honor for the traditions they shared with us.

As we embark on another year as the Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein of Chicago, I hope we can all continue to make this a strong club for everyone. Please join us at our monthly meetings and at our special events throughout the year. Happy New Year!

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## Birthdays Celebrated in December



Katharine Mohrdieck, David and Keith Grossich, Rick Stumpf, Bettie Schaefer, Nicholas Schubkegel, Peyton Masters, and Kaethe Blechschmidt

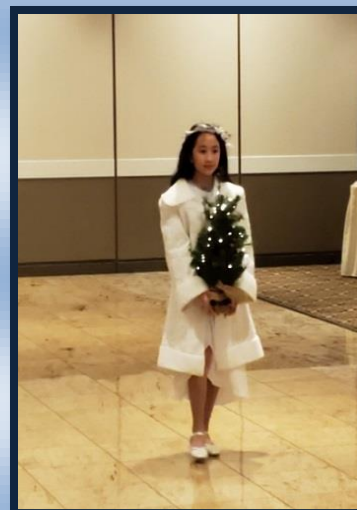
The Lieblinger Club 's Annual Christmas Party was celebrated at Manzo's Banquets on December 1<sup>st</sup>.



Thank you to Katie Amundsen for preparing our Christmas Program and for designing and printing our souvenir Program Book.



*Our President, Rick Stumpf, welcoming members*



*Mikayla Steeb – Das Christkind*

*Some of the Children's Performances:*



*Nichole Carrasquillo singing the National Anthem*



*Madeleine, Jack and Logan Jeanneret*



*The Invocation was delivered by Jeffrey Grossich*

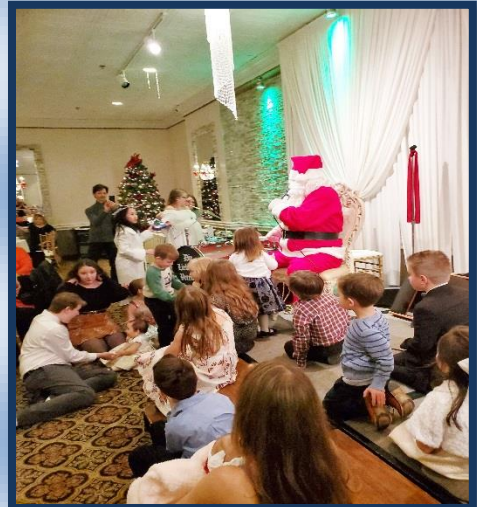


*Grace Naurath performed a dance to Jingle Bells*



*Hannah Steeb playing the violin*

*Samta Claus and the children*



*"Die Liebling Vereiners" - Keith Grossich, John Stumpf, John Schaefer, David Steeb and Kimberly Schaefer*



*Families Enjoying the Liebling Christmas Party:*



*"Die Liebling Vereiners Dancers"- Dancing to Jingle Bells: Katie Amundsen, Elaine Grossich, Mary Wagner and Heidi Atkinson*





*Many of our members were able to go home with a wonderful gift or treat...thanks to our members for their generously donated Raffle Gifts.*



*We hope you enjoy these pictures of the Christmas Party taken by our Photographer, Cheryl Falk. Thank you so much Cheryl for capturing this event in pictures.*

*I hope that everyone had a Joyous Christmas and I want to wish all of you a very blessed, healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings each month or at our family events this coming year...please feel free to share any news that you would like to have printed in the Lieblinger Newsletter. ..Bettie at [Bettiesch@aol.com](mailto:Bettiesch@aol.com)*

*Upcoming Events: Lieblinger January Meeting – Jan 12, 2020*

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