
Liebinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS EDITION – IX

Time flies...

...even when you're not having fun. In this case, this issue marks our 4-year anniversary of the monthly newsletter. I have found it worthwhile and I hope you have found these newsletters to be helpful, informative and possibly even entertaining. In previous years of this February issue, I have written about Spring and this year is no different. The days are getting longer with more sunshine and the temperatures are beginning to warm up. Thank goodness after that frigid February and all that snow! As of the issue date shown above, there are 22 more days until Spring! Throughout the world, Spring marks a rebirth and renewal. A renewal, and some might even say a reset, is exactly what we need for Spring 2021 after what we have endured over the past 11 months. But a renewal is coming. I can taste it, and I expect many of you are feeling the same way. The progress that all of us have made in just the past 3 months is amazing. The entire state of Illinois has advanced to Phase 4 of the Reopening Plan. Although it has been frustrating for many, availability of vaccines is increasing rapidly. For our older members, if you have not yet been able to get your vaccine, I'm sure your opportunity will come very soon. For those

who have been fully vaccinated, you must feel relieved. I know I feel that way having received my second dose this week. The Test Positivity Rate continues to be reported at "record lows." These are all good developments and bode well for a true reset of the world around us. I also feel energized about the prospect of a normal Spring. Baseball is underway in Arizona and Florida with hopes that regular games will begin in just 5 weeks. Easter is just a little more than 5 weeks away, as well. When the Club's Leadership Team meets on March 7th, one of the topics to be discussed will be if we can resume our in-person Meetings on April 11th. We will be discussing safety protocols that would be put in place to protect everyone's health should we be able to meet. I am hopeful that many members will have been fully vaccinated by then and would feel comfortable gathering once again. We will let everyone know the decision of the Team. Until then, stay safe and stay healthy!

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Belated Birthday Wishes to : Rick Amundsen

Birthdays Celebrated in February

Barbara Blum, Barbara Nebl, Heinrich Reichert, Krista Reuter, Johanna Spang, Monica Yearwood, and John Schaefer

Anniversaries Celebrated in February

June & Eric Melerski

If we missed your birthday in February, please let me know and if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary or some other special event in March, please email me: Bettiesch@aol.com

As I am typing this newsletter, the snow is falling outside and really piling up...hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter we are enjoying warmer weather and starting to see some grass. Please stay healthy and warm and I look forward to seeing all of you in the near future and able to once again share pictures from our meetings.

On Sunday , February 7, 2021 the Officers and Committee Members met on Google Meet to conduct Club business.

Highlights from the Meeting

A Moment of Silence was held for the passing of one of our long-standing members, John Geringer. Our condolences to the Geringer family.

The Minutes of the January 10, 2021 Google Meet meeting were read by Mary Wagner and approved.

The Yearly Financial Statement prepared by Heidi Atkinson was approved by the Audit Committee.

Johanna Swiontek reported on the members who did not pay their dues last year. A reminder for members to pay their yearly dues of \$5.00 , and to use the form provided in the last newsletter so that the Club has current and up to date information on member's address, email, and phone numbers.

The Liebling Club meeting dates for 2021 at the Donauschwaben Hall have been confirmed. The full calendar of Meeting Dates and Events is available on our website. Click on the Meetings Calendar tab at the top. Printed copies are being mailed to members receiving this newsletter by mail.

Rick informed members that the Club has received a Federal ID Number which will allow the Liebling Club to obtain payment for items sold through our website (ornaments and future cookbook sales). The Federal ID Number will also now be linked to the Club's checking account and a new account can now be established with our current Officers, and previous Officers taken off the account. If you have not paid your dues, please make your check payable to "Liebling Pleasure Society", which is the name on the new business account.

Rick asked Cheryl Falk, who designed and maintains our Liebling website to transfer last year's newsletters to the achieve and to add the January newsletter for 2021.

Vicky Stumpf reported that she has been able to obtain birthdays and anniversaries for 156 people. Vicky stated that she will email and/or mail members who have not responded. The Club would like to recognize and acknowledge every member's birthday and anniversary. If you have not responded, please contact Vicky at vicky@vickystumpf.us Once Vicky creates this list, the 2nd Vice President, Katie Amundsen will maintain this list.

See our website for our 2021 Meetings and Events Calendar

We will post an announcement on our website regarding the final decision of an in-person April 11th meeting.

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