

Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 79th Year, 1939-2018

August 12th Meeting and Picnic



Celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Georgene Helwich, Johanna Swiontek, Mary and Jim Wagner, Dave Steeb, Patty Schubkegel, Angie Helwich, and Liz Steeb.



The Grillmasters: Eric Stumpf, Rick Amundsen, Günther Schmidt, and Rick Stumpf.



Lauren Lehnhardt directed the boys in a Tug of War.

The President's Message

It's almost that time again!

On Sunday, August 12th, the weather cooperated and we had a beautiful afternoon to enjoy our Annual Family Picnic, despite the temperature being a little warmer than some would like. But hey, it's August and picnics are supposed to be in warm weather. In this newsletter you will see pictures of many members enjoying the day. We had a great turn out! If you were there, I hope you had a good time. If you were unable to attend this year, please consider joining us next year.

With the conclusion of the picnic, it's time to think about our premier event, the **Kirchweih**, (which is coming up in just 7 weeks) on **Saturday October 13th**. It surely is our biggest event of the year and a great deal of effort goes into making it a fun evening for all, plus a successful fundraiser for the club! There will again be the traditional menu of *goulash und wurst mit kraut*, as well as other favorites and desserts! The band, Paloma, will play a variety of music from traditional German to contemporary, so bring your dancing shoes. We can always use volunteers to help serve food, so please consider helping us. Mark your calendars, if you haven't already, and come join us for a good time at our traditional celebration and support our club!

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation on behalf of me and my family for all the support, prayers and compassion the members of the Lieblinger Verein have expressed at my Mother's recent passing. She would be very proud that her Lieblinger friends remembered and honored her in this way.

Rick Stumpf

We send our deepest condolences to the family of Katharina Stumpf on her recent passing on August 14, 2018



2018 Meeting Dates

- ✦ **Sunday, Sept. 9**
- ✦ **Sunday, Oct. 7**
- ✦ **Saturday, Oct. 13, KERWEIH**
- ✦ **Sunday, Nov. 4, ELECTIONS**
- ✦ **Sun., Dec. 2, Christmas Party**



Kindergarten in Liebling

- ✦ Established in 1912, it was called by its Hungarian name, "Ovoda".
- ✦ Full day instruction.
- ✦ Housed in a separate building with a playground, toilets, and one teacher living quarter.
- ✦ Taught by one female teacher with a helper.
- ✦ From 1912-1944, the teachers were as follows:
Charlotte Graßel 1912-1913
Gisela Klein 1914-1923
Emma Scholtes g. Graßel 1924-30
Mathilde Kunz 1930-1944

General Meeting Highlights

- ✦ On August 12, seventy-nine people attended the 1,028th meeting. In attendance were members Mary Kay & Kristen Jankowski from Arizona!
- ✦ Lunch was sponsored by Mary and Jim Wagner in honor of their anniversary and Patty Schubkegel sponsored dessert for her birthday.
- ✦ Johanna announced all members have paid their 2018 dues.
- ✦ Voted to again provide food for the Kirchweihfest by Nick's Catering.
- ✦ Mary asked members to bring donations for the Kirchweih Raffle Baskets to the next two meetings. Our raffle is a big fundraiser for the club.

Keeping the Story Alive

by Katie

From 1927 -1944, the Lutheran School in Liebling instructed classes from Kindergarten through grade seven, from September to May or June, five and a half days a week. At 8 am the school children were called to line up and enter school by the chime of a hand-held school bell. At noon the children walked home for lunch, and returned to attend school from 1-4 pm. Students were divided into 8 classrooms by their age and were assigned to a classroom with one teacher. Classes were very large and it was not unusual to have seventy or more children in one room! Beginning in 1869, schoolchildren attended church services every Tuesday and Friday.

In the classrooms, girls sat on the left and the boys on the right, with an aisle separating them. Students sat together on long benches behind long desks set in rows. The students were seated according to height, with the shortest children sitting in front. Teachers paced the aisles carrying switch sticks which they could tap to discipline students. A large slate blackboard was displayed at the front and a wood-burning stove tended by workers provided heat. Rows of windows along a wall gave light and ventilation.

A prayer began the school day, followed by German instruction in reading, literature and poetry, writing, spelling, mathematics, history, geography, religion, and singing. In 1868, an hour of daily instruction in Hungarian was required by the government, which changed after World War I, to eight hours of instruction per week in Romanian.

Every child provided their own set of school books, had a small slate with an attached cleaning rag on a string, and/or a feather pen with an ink well. At the beginning of the school year, the school library loaned each student a book and directed students to read it, then exchange the book with others. Instruction was by rote memorization. Report card grades of "10" were the highest, with "4" denoting failure. At times students were not promoted. The school held high standards, was strict, and prepared students well.

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