

# Lieblinger Verein (Chicago) Newsletter

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### President's Message

*It's Springtime! A time when Lieblingers were busy working the land after a cold winter. It is no different here in Chicago. While many of us are hard at work landscaping and planting – between the spring rains – we still make time to get together every month as Lieblingers and share our comradery and heritage. For my generation, our parents instilled in us a strong work ethic, one that holds true for us today. In the spring, we also honor our parents: in May with Mother's Day and Father's Day in June. On these days we make a special effort to tell them how much they mean to us and how much we love them. For those of us who have lost one, or both of our parents, these days are especially poignant. While we certainly enjoy the time spent with our own children, we still take pause to reflect on our relationships with our own Mom and Dad. We remember their hard work and their sacrifice to make a better life not just for themselves, but mostly for us – their children. Their love was expressed every day, in so many ways. Though it is not unique to our culture and heritage, family has a special place among Lieblingers. Households in Liebling often were comprised of 2 or 3 generations under the same roof. All family members participated in one way or another in the operation of the household, everyone pitching in. It is that same spirit that makes our club work - everyone participating in one way or another, pitching in. On any given meeting Sunday, you're still likely to find 3 generations of Lieblingers all under one roof, working hard (and having fun) but especially in May & June, coming together honoring the legacy of our mothers and fathers.*

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*May was a particularly pleasureable meeting for our "pleasure club." We had 35 members present all enjoying the fellowship. The weather had turned nice, and everyone wanted to get out and get together! Of course, adding some additional fun food and fun drinks is always something that will attract folks. Lots of happy people in these pictures!*



*Katie Amundsen and Heidi Atkinson flanking their Mom, Kaethe Blechschmidt*



*John Schaefer among those lining up for the buffet*

### Meeting Summary

The 1,014<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein was held on May 7, 2017. There were 35 members present. Dual themes for the day were celebration of Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo. Our President, Rick, thanked our luncheon sponsor, Martin Helwich, and noted additional sponsors are needed for August & November. Katie Amundsen prepared a lovely table where pictures of mothers and grandmothers were on display. To make the Cinco de Mayo celebration special, many members brought in a variety of holiday dishes and drinks, among them: Heidi, Mark & Karen, Joe, Inga, Johanna, Liz, Christy, Roger & Cheryl, Nancy, and Vicky. Next month's meeting, on June 4<sup>th</sup>, will continue our effort at setting some new traditions with a special dessert bar theme, as well as a celebration of Father's Day.

Birthdays were celebrated by:



Konrad Schmidt, Heidi Atkinson, Wally Helwich and \_\_\_\_\_ Rill



Mothers and Grandmothers were honored with a display of photographs and memorabilia.

Cinco de Mayo gave us all an excuse to have a good time – as if we needed an excuse!



The Rill's... Getting ready for a Hat Dance?



Martin Helwich, Johanna Swiontek, Konrad Schmidt, Henry Reichert and Fred Hedrich – mmmmm, Taco Dip!



Eva Schmidt and Lena Schaefer sampling the (non-alcoholic) Margaritas

### **Other Upcoming Events:**

Chicago Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe Reunion & Dinner, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Des Plaines

**Lieblinger Monthly Meeting- June 4**