# Lieblinger Verein (Chicago) Newsletter

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## President's Message

It's summer. School's out. Kids are busy with their activities-quite different today than when I was on summer break some 45~55 years ago! Not worse, not better-just different because the times are different. In my case, the summer meant baseball & beaches, but not until after I completed my summer relief janitor work. I know some of you reading this will remember your own summer relief janitor work, as well. Even before I was old enough to get my own summer janitor jobs, I still got up before 5 AM with my Dad & brother (who is 7 years older than me) and the 3 of us went together to take care of my dad's buildings and the buildings my brother had during the summer. For years, the 3 of us would work together, then, by the time I was old enough to have my own buildings, my brother already was out on his own. But there was still the tradition of working together with Dad during the summers. I was still a kid, so I looked forward to finishing the work because then I could get together with friends. We went to the beaches which were a short walk from our Rogers Park homes. We played baseball and we went to most every Cubs home game. It cost 12¢ each way on the "L" and \$1 for bleacher seats (\$1.25 for General Admission). The cost was no problem - I was working! I'm no kid anymore, though I'm still working, and now enjoying new traditions. I still go to dozens of ball games each year but now it's with my son, Eric, and we are Sox fans, tailgating every chance we get. There are some new traditions being enjoyed by us Lieblingers, too. One of the most popular is our annual picnic which we started about 5 years ago. We have a great time together. After all, who doesn't like a picnic? Won't you join us and make this a new summer tradition for you and your family?

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We were delighted to see families with their young children at our June meeting. What a great day to attend with our Father's Day and Dessert Bar Theme. Our members brought in so many desserts it was impossible to just choose just one dessert!



There were so many desserts...the photo couldn't even capture all the sweets... because on the far left was an assortment of chocolates!



Our President, Rick Stumpf and Vicky Stumpf

## Meeting Summary

The 1,015th meeting of the Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein was held on June 4, 2017. There were 36 members present. A moment of silence was held for Maria Susami. A thank you note was read on behalf of the Susami family. Details of the Memorial Service to be held for Rick Jankowski in the Chicago area on June 25th were announced. Rick Stumpf thanked our luncheon sponsors, Heidi & Mark Atkinson. He also thanked everyone for bringing in the delicious desserts; and thanked the members of the Hospitality and Bar Committees. He informed everyone that the officers and committee members had a pre-meeting to discuss the preparations for the Kirchweih. John Schaefer will be "Fest President" and Heidi Atkinson will work with the Grosse Kinder (big kids) and Katie Amundsen will work with the Kleine Kinder (little kids). Also discussed was the need for a large Rosemary Strauss; and donated items for the raffle gifts baskets can be brought in. At our next meeting, July 9th, our theme will be "Tropical Month".

Birthdays were celebrated by:



Georgene and Walter Helwich, Katie Amundsen, Mary Wagner, Logan Rill, and Adam Helwich



Heinrich Reichert, Martin Helwich and Fred Hedrich toasting and celebrating our Father's Day Theme.



Johanna Spang, Kaethe Blechschmidt, and Barbara Blum



Roger Falk and his guest, Cheryl Zalenski



Liz Steeb and daughter, Katie with husband, Robert Naurath, and children, Grace, and triplets, Andrew, Charlie, and Grant.

## Other Upcoming Events:

Lieblinger Monthly Meeting-July 9, 2017 Tropical Theme (Hawaiian shirts; tropical drinks)

Lieblinger Monthly Meeting and Annual Picnic August 13, 2017