

Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 81st Year, 1939-2020

Traditions don't always live on

You have read in these columns, many times, about the Lieblinger traditions and how we are dedicated to maintaining them. But, traditions change. Some of you may be familiar with the Lieblinger Rundschreiben – a bi-monthly newsletter that is subscribed to by some of us in our local club. It is the work of Adam Arnold who lives in Germany and whose family came from Liebling. Adam, selflessly, receives news and information from Lieblingers around the world and composes the newsletter, often 8 ~10 pages, and then distributes it to the subscribers. It's a fun read (in German) and it gives our older members a chance to reminisce occasionally reading about some of their long lost friends. In addition to the Rundschreiben, Adam also produces a "Rundmail" – a somewhat impromptu mass email to a large list of subscribers. In the Rundmail, Adam includes interesting attachments and links to items of interest to Lieblingers. One topic that he added to his latest Rundmail piqued my interest because it raised a question about a tradition. As many of you (hopefully) know, in Liebling brides wore black. Every picture I have seen of a wedding couple shows the bride dressed in black. Adam recounted how recently, in conversation with some of his colleagues, they wondered exactly when the tradition changed from brides in black to brides wearing white, which they have been doing for a number of years. He has put the question out to the Lieblinger world community, so I will ask it. Does anyone know who the very first Lieblinger bride was to wear white?

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Birthdays Celebrated in March



Roger and Cheryl Falk, Helga Schmidt, George and Joe Schubkegel and Mark Rill

Wedding Anniversaries



Patty and George Schubkegel celebrating 42 years

Congratulations to Kathryn and Ronald Faulkner on the birth of their 2nd grandchild, Nolan Fredrich Faulkner. Kathryn said they are blessed and moved that April and Matthew honored her father, Fredrich Hedrich.

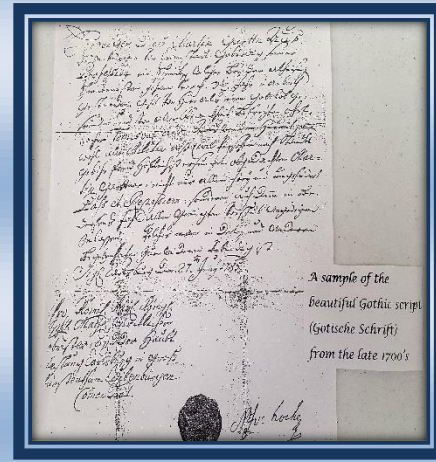
Meeting Summary/Highlights:

The 1,044th meeting of the Lieblinger Club was held on March 1, 2020. The luncheon was sponsored by George and Joe Schubkegel in celebration of their Birthdays. The cake was sponsored by Patty and George Schubkegel in celebration of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary. Rick Stumpf thanked everyone who brought snacks to share with members. Rick said that there are several available dates to sponsor the luncheon and cake for our monthly meetings. The Minutes of the February meeting were written by Katie Amundsen, read by Mary Wagner, and were approved by members. The Financial Report was given by Johanna Swiontek. Johanna reported that 37 members have not paid their yearly dues. Vicky Stumpf reported on the results of the survey about our meeting luncheon. She thanked everyone for their response and said that members commented that they would like to have more homemade cookies and desserts. Vicky told members that if they are bringing any homemade desserts to the meeting to let her know so that she can adjust the amount of desserts the Club is buying. Rick thanked Vicky and Nancy Holl for their work, good decisions, and concern about the preference of members. Vicky Stumpf also reported on the sale of our Lieblinger Ornament/Bookmark and said that they will be available for sale at our meetings. She said that the presentation of our Ornament/Bookmark will be tweaked on our website. Mary Wagner read two letters she received from families looking for relatives. If you can provide any information about Eva Loch (grandchildren Hans and Ingrid) and for Hutflötz, please contact Mary. A Motion was made and passed to accept four new members into the Lieblinger Pleasure Club. They are Brittney (Schaefer) and her husband James Reichert and Megan (Schaefer) and her husband Adam Ferguson. Brittney and Megan are the daughters of Walter Schaefer (granddaughters of the late John Schaefer, Sr.) For our Cultural Moment, Vicky Stumpf showed members an old document that served as a passport (this document is featured in our Cultural Corner).

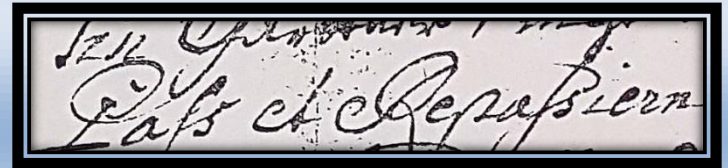
Members are reminded to pay their yearly membership dues of \$5.00. Checks should be payable to the "Lieblinger Pleasure Club" and can be mailed to Johanna Swiontek, 1112 Thomas More Terrace, Mount Prospect, IL. 60056

Upcoming Events: Lieblinger Meeting – April 19
As of the writing of this newsletter it was not decided if our April meeting would be cancelled. Please stay in touch and check our Facebook page.

Cultural Corner



This is the old passport document that Vicky Stumpf passed around to members during our Cultural Moment.



What is most interesting is the handwriting style in this document. This handwriting style was used in Germany before the second half of the 20th century, it is known as Kurrentschrift or Gotscheschrift. This script was taught in German schools until the 1930's, when the government declared that a Latin-based font was to be the new form of writing. If you have an old document that you would like to read, you can go on the website <https://familytreetours.com>. This site provides Ten Tips for Deciphering German Handwriting.



Lavinia was so excited to win her very first towel playing bunco

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