

Liebinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 81st Year, 1939-2020

Is it Spring, yet?

I don't know if your Ground Hog saw his shadow, but as I sit here and write this column, my thoughts turn to Spring. The sun is shining and the snow (most of it, at least) has melted into the lawn. It's almost March!! While the cold and snowy Winter often has the effect of keeping us indoors and close to home, when the weather starts to turn, we want to get out. I, for one, am looking forward to many outdoor activities. I'm looking forward to crisp, though not frigid, air. And the first Spring Training baseball games are about to begin!! This will help us all get over the disappointing performances of our Bears, Bulls and Blackhawks. ☹ I consider my wife, Vicky, properly forewarned as I have a small plaque in our house that says: "Honey, do you have anything to say before baseball season starts?" I'm also looking forward to more pleasant weather bringing out more Members to our monthly meetings. The comradery that Members share during our get-togethers is somehow enhanced when we don't have to wear heavy coats and boots. Of course, having 2 TVs in the bar allows both baseball teams' games to be watched by their respective fans. I think everyone is just in a better mood when Spring is approaching. However, I realize we still live in Chicago – and winter isn't over until the Cubs or the White Sox have a game postponed due to snow! Yes, we probably will still have snow – but, hopefully, not on Meeting Sundays! (Go Sox)!

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Birthdays Celebrated in February



John Schaefer, Rick Amundsen, Barbara Blum, Johanna Spang and Heinrich Reichert



President, Rick Stumpf, presiding at the February Meeting.

Special Wedding Celebration

Meeting Summary/Highlights:

The 1,043rd meeting of the Liebling Club was held on February 2, 2020. The luncheon was sponsored by Johanna Spang in celebration of her Birthday and the cake was sponsored by Barbara Blum in celebration of her Birthday. Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee, Nancy Holl and Vicky Stumpf and the Bar Committee, George and Joe Schubkegel, Dave Steeb and Jim Wagner for their service. The Minutes were read by Mary Wagner, and approved, and the Financial Report was given by Johanna Swiontek. Mr. Konrad Schmidt presented to Mary Wagner the Official Secretary of State Certification and documentation for the Liebling Pleasure Club. Mary Wagner will now be the contact person with the Illinois Secretary of State. (In our last newsletter, we incorrectly stated that Heidi Atkinson would be the contact person) Mr. Schmidt also brought to the meeting Secretarial Books going back to the very first Liebling meeting. Rick stated that these books would be kept in our locker and locked up. Rick told members that the contract for the band, Paloma, has been signed for the Kirchweih this year and that the price is the same as last year. Vicky Stumpf provided a survey sheet for members to fill out regarding the luncheon menu. Rick Stumpf informed members that a Planning Meeting with the Officers and Committee Members has been set up for later this month.. Reminder, there are several meeting dates open to sponsor the luncheon and cake.

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

Upcoming Events: Liebling Meeting- March 1

Congratulations to Rick and Katie Amundsen ... Rick and Katie celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 25, 2020.



Rick and Katie Amundsen, with Katie's mother, Kaethe Blechschmidt. As Rick so eloquently stated, "It is not often that a mother can celebrate her daughter's and son-in-law's 50th Wedding Anniversary".



Members enjoying the refreshments and snacks

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