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Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 82nd Year, 1939-2021

A Return to Normal

It was a long 14 months since we held our inperson meetings, but on Sunday May 2nd, we got back to it. The smiles on the faces of those who came were unmistakable. Everyone there was happy to be back. Over the past several weeks, as you went out, you could see how people were feeling good about things again – mostly because you could see their faces without masks! People are travelling. (Vicky & I just got back from a week in Curacao). Everyone seems anxious to get back to normal. In Illinois, we have entered the "Bridge" phase, anticipating that in early June we will see a complete return to a full "opening" of the state in Phase 5. With a majority of the state having received at least one vaccine, we are making considerable progress. More importantly for our club, more than 70% of seniors are fully vaccinated! I hope you are. I can speak from personal experience that the vaccination is a liberating feeling. As more data comes out from the scientific community, we are learning that it is highly unlikely that vaccinated people can not only avoid catching the virus, they are also less likely to transmit it. We have learned that the virus is not likely to be spread from surface contact because it is transmitted airborne. Vaccinated people can gather together again. I hope that our senior Members feel comfortable with the situation so that they can come out and join us again and visit, in-person, with their friends in the Verein! So come and join us on Sunday June 6th. A return to normal.

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Birthdays Celebrated in May

Jude Brumley, Rylie Mohrdieck, Tyler Nagelbach, Walter Helwich, Konrad Schmidt, Natalie Rill, Andrew Nigliaccio, Adam Ferguson, Katharina Juhn, Heidi Atkinson, and Mary Wagner.

Anniversaries Celebrated in May

Congratulations to: Cheryl & Roger Falk celebrating their 3rd anniversary, Cathy & Joe Schubkegel celebrating their 41st anniversary, Eva Leber, and Barbara & John Nebl celebrating their 60th anniversary.

Mary Wagner , Natalie Rill celebrating birthdays and Roger Falk (Cheryl missing) celebrating their anniversary



Message from Katie Amundsen:

We recognize birthdays of the children of members only when they are under the age of 16. Once the children of members become 16 years of age, they may become full members of the Liebling Pleasure Society. We invite all young people 16 and over, and all our Lieblinger families to become members of our Verein and we look forward to meeting them at future meetings and Kirchweihs. If we missed your birthday or anniversary in May, please contact me at rkamundsen@att.net

<u>Reminder:</u> To pay your annual Lieblinger dues of \$5.00 ... checks should be made payable to "Liebling Pleasure Society". Mail your check and the form provided with the January Newsletter or <u>include</u> your current address, phone number and email address to Johanna Swiontek at 1112 Thomas More Terrace, Mount Prospect, IL. 60056.



Highlights from the Meeting

It is with great joy to write the 1,053rd meeting of the Lieblinger Club was held at the Donauschwaben Hall on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

A Moment of Silence was held for Marty Helwich, Katharina Just, Andreas Schubkegel, John Geringer, Maria Roth and John Weidenbach, members who passed since our last in-person meeting held in March, 2020.

Rick thanked Vicky Stumpf and Nancy Holl for all their preparation in purchasing and picking up the pre-packaged sandwiches and snacks for the meeting. He also thanked George Schubkegel and Jim Wagner for the extra snacks and for serving drinks to members. Rick said that members can now sign up to sponsor the luncheon and cake.

The Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Google Meet on April 11, were read by Mary Wagner and approved. Johanna Swiontek stated that there are 18 members who still need to pay their \$5.00 yearly dues.

Pay Pal is now available on the Lieblinger website to purchase our Ornament/Bookmark. Reminder – the members avoid shipping costs if purchased at a meeting, and there is a discount the more you buy.

The Officers and Committee Members will maintain their current positions until more members are present at a meeting to vote or until our November meeting.

New members nominated to the Club were presented to the members at the meeting. They are: Ryan Susami, Michael V. Schaefer, Megan Mohrdieck, Rylie Mohrdieck, and Carl Stumpf. They have been accepted and voted in as new members of the Club. We welcome them into the Liebling Pleasure Society!

Our President, Rick, announced that there will be a Lieblinger Kirchweih on October 9th. A motion was made and passed to have the band, Paloma, play at the Kirchweih.

For the Cultural part of the meeting — Vicky Stumpf told members about the old tradition of match book covers printed up with the picture of the girl who won the Kirchweih Strauss. The match books would then be distributed to Members and placed on tables at the next Kirchweih. Vicky distributed match boxes she had ordered with a picture of Nichole and Eric Stumpf, the last couple who won the Strauss at our Kirchweih in 2019. On one side is their picture and the other side is printed: "Lieblinger Vergnugungs Verein Chicago- Kirchweih -2019- Nichole Carrasquillo and Eric Stumpf". (See picture below).



Message from Mary Wagner about the Kirchweih Raffle Baskets

The Raffle Baskets at our Kirchweih are one of the biggest money makers for our Club. You may or may not know that most of the baskets are the product of generous donations from members in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, a new grandchild or great-grandchild or just because. We especially need items this year due to the lack of in-person meetings for over one year. Please be aware that any donations should be new and unused and if the item, such as chocolate, has an expiration date, that it should not be any earlier than our Kirchweih. Also, be aware that we raffle at every meeting and some items are selected for that raffle. We will, of course, honor your wishes if you have a particular desire.

Donations may be brought to our meetings, or you may give it to a fellow member to bring if you cannot attend. I store these items at my home until such time when I will transport them to Chris Stumpf, who has volunteered to do the raffle basket assembly this year. Items can also be droped of at my home at 2556 Kane Lane, Batavia, Illinois . My phone No. is 1-815-674-1108.

In our last newsletter, Vicky Stumpf asked members to bring in their empty amber pill bottles so that they can be donated. They need to be clean – no labels. Here is a very safe and easy way to remove those labels and glue using vegetable oil. I had 6 bottles, so I poured a small amount of vegetable oil in a bowl, took the lids off the bottles and rolled them in the oil making sure the label was completely wet. I then placed them on a paper towel for a couple of hours. The labels then

simply came off in one piece with no or little glue. Any remaining glue-use a paper towel and wipe the bowl you used or the paper towel the bottles sat on that has some oil on it. Then you can put liquid dishwashing soap in the bowl along with the pill bottles and wash off the oil. *Bettie*

Pictures of Members attending our first in-person meeting since March, 2020.





Upcoming Events:

Lieblinger Meeting – June 6, 2021 Annual Picnic - August 8, 2021 Kirchweih – October 9, 2021

See our website for our 2021 Meetings and Events Calendar

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