
Liebinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 82nd Year, 1939-2021

'Tis the Season

With our elections held on November 2nd, all the officers and committee members, with one exception, have remained in their roles leading the club for another year. I want to take a moment to personally thank Johanna Swiontek for her past work as our Financial Secretary but she has asked to step down due to personal health reasons. Roger Falk will be taking on that responsibility effective January.

Ho, ho, ho! It's time for our annual Christmas Party, Sunday December 5th at Manzo's Banquets in Des Plaines. Many of us are looking forward to spending an afternoon with family and friends celebrating the season. As we have come to expect, the food will be good and the company will be even better. Understandably, the crowd will be a little smaller this year – but not that much smaller. We are expecting close to 90 members and guests, including children and, of course, Santa Claus! I enjoy this event almost as much as the Kirchweih, and since we didn't have a Kirchweih (again) this year, this makes our Christmas Party all that much more special for me, and I hope for you, as well. We will still have a program, although a bit simpler. Children will remain at the tables with their families to observe a safe protocol. We will have any children performing that afternoon come up to the stage individually. I look forward to seeing all of you soon. If not at the Christmas Party, then at our monthly meetings which begin on January 9th. Merry Christmas!

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Birthdays Celebrated in November

Happy Birthday to: Ryan Nagelbach, Erika Sampson, Stacy Burghardt-Brumley, John Susami, Jacob Kunz, John Nebl, Eva Leber, Micah & Charlie Helwich, Stefan Just, Lola Walker-Bright and Vicky Stumpf



Vicky Stumpf

Anniversaries Celebrated in November

Congratulations to: Helene & Eric Burghardt, Liz & Kevin Conway, Jennifer & Dan Rath, Heinrich Reichert, Erika & Paul Walker-Bright and Lindsey & Daniel Schubkegel

Belated Congratulations to: Michael & Jasmine Schaefer, they celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary in October.



Highlights from the Meeting

The 1,059th meeting of the Liebling Pleasure Society was held on November 7, 2021. Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee, Vicky Stumpf and Nancy Holl for setting up the luncheon and the Bar Committee, George & Joe Schubkegel and Jim Wagner. The luncheon was sponsored by Katie & Rick Amundsen and the cake was sponsored by Heidi & Mark Atkinson.

The Minutes were read by Mary Wagner and were approved. The Financial Report was given by Johanna Swiontek and approved. Johanna reported that the club had 186 members at the beginning of the year. The Club has voted in 11 new members since January bringing the count to 197 members.

John Geringer, was nominated and presented to the members as a new member. John was accepted and voted into the club. We welcome John into the Liebling Pleasure Society.

Bettie Schaefer is working on the modifications to the Liebling Family Recipes E-book Edition. One of the additions to the e-book is a new divider page on Desserts in Liebling written by Katie Amundsen. Katie has also edited the pages she wrote for the cookbook describing aspects of the culture and life in Liebling. The e-book should be completed by the Christmas Party.

At the October meeting, members voted to compensate the band, Paloma, to keep in good standing with them since we cancelled the Kirchweih-no amount was determined. After discussion, a Motion was made to compensate Paloma for one-half of the amount we contracted with the band.

Rick reported that he received a copy of the Coat of Arms of Liebling from Waltraut Eberle and said that the club will use it in the future. (Picture is posted on page 3).

Rick contacted Manzo's Banquets regarding the minimum number of people the club would have to guarantee for the Christmas Party. To reduce the

guarantee to 80, the Christmas Party will be held in a new room. The price for the dinner: adults \$24 and \$17 for children 3-11. A Motion was made and passed for the club to pay half of the cost for members as in previous years. The cost to members is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 3-11, under 3 years old, free. The cost for Non-Members is \$24 for adults and \$17 for children 3-11.

Rick will email the Christmas Party Invitation to members. The cut-off date to provide the name and age of member's children to receive gifts from Santa is November 22, and that is also the cut-off date to reserve a table for your family.

Members attending the Christmas Party should bring a wrapped grab bag gift (under \$25). The club will also be raffling off a couple of the Kirchweih raffle gifts that have perishable items that cannot be kept until our Kirchweih next year.

The Maifest was discussed and members decided this event would not be a fund-raiser, but a break-even banquet at Manzo's, with a band, so that members can get together. A Motion was made and passed to plan a Maifest and book a date in spring.

Elections took place – Johanna Swiontek stepped down as Financial Secretary. Roger Falk was nominated and voted in as the new Financial Secretary. All other Officers accepted their positions.

Committee changes: Roger Falk served previously as an auditor; Christy Schubkegel was nominated as an auditor and accepted by the club. Christy, however, was unable to attend the meeting, so her acceptance is needed. Dave Steeb is unable to serve as a bartender for next year. John Geringer was nominated and accepted as the 4th bartender. All other Committee Members accepted their previous positions.

Mary Wagner stated that the painting by Friedrich Eberle will be displayed at the Christmas Party.

Vicky Stumpf passed out a survey on the food served at the meetings and asked members to please fill them out.

John Schaefer thanked Johanna Swiontek for her service as Financial Secretary and her dedication to the club.

Cultural Moment-

Rick showed members a 1954 match book from that year's Kirchweih of Mrs. Magdalena Schaefer. Elaine Grossich also presented to members a newspaper from the 1979 Kirchweih.



Stephanie Wanek & John Geringer



Vicky Stumpf & Nancy Holl , our Hospitality Committee, who served members all year.

Liebling Coat of Arms



Thank you to Katie Amundsen for taking notes for me at the November meeting since I was unable to attend. These notes enabled me to write the meeting highlights this month. (Bettie)

Upcoming Events:

- Christmas Party – December 5, 2021 (Manzo's)**
- Reminder – to bring a wrapped grab bag gift**
- Meeting – January 9, 2022**

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Konrad Schmidt & John Schaefer



Magdalena Schaefer & Katie Amundsen