



Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 84th Year, 1939-2023

President's Message:

Welcome to 2023!

Happy New Year! Time to turn the page and begin another new chapter. As you will read further in this newsletter, our club kicked off the new year in style. We had a good turnout at our January Meeting, with Lena Schaefer celebrating another milestone with her family and Lieblinger friends by her side. Our meeting and event schedule is available on our website. Generally, with a few exceptions, our monthly meetings occur on the first Sunday of each month (but check the calendar for specifics). This year (2023) marks the 200th anniversary of the completion and consecration of the church in Liebling. We plan to have a special celebration at this year's Kirchweih, so plan to attend. I'm also happy to report that our membership is increasing. We ended 2022 with 198 members. Thanks to the many new members that have joined our club – 45, in all, in the last five years. We hope that we continue to provide you with good reasons to be active members and to help our club grow for many years to come. I am also pleased to report that our club's finances are strong. While we all struggle with fluctuations and surprises in our lives, we Lieblingers have been able to keep our accounts steady over the past five years. Thanks to all of you that have participated in our events and especially the Officers and Committee Members who have done a marvelous job of providing us with all the food, beverages and services while working diligently on holding down expenses. Be assured that we are managing the club's money wisely – we are Lieblingers, after all – because we want to keep the club strong for you to enjoy many years to come.

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year... and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings this year. Please mark your calendars for our Family Events this year, our Annual Picnic Meeting on August 13, Kirchweih on October 7, and Christmas Party on December 3.

We celebrated December and January birthdays at our January meeting since we do not have a meeting in December.

Birthdays Celebrated in December:

Rick Stumpf, Audrey Vaccarello, Nicholas Schubkegel, Kaethe Blechschmidt, David Grossich, Jason Vaccarello, Peyton Masters, Cecilia Galicia, Katharine Mohrdieck, Keith Grossich, Nancy Melerski, Bettie Schaefer, Nichole Mohrdieck, Laura Reichert, and Leah Steeb.



Keith Grossich, and Rick Stumpf

Birthdays Celebrated in January:

Martin Helwich, Inga Yearwood, Elaine Grossich, Owen Rill, Curt Yearwood, William Mohrdieck, Paul Brumley, Rick Amundsen, Eric Stumpf, Megan Ferguson, Karen Rill, Mike Holl, Kathryn Faulkner, and Jim Wagner



Jim Wagner, Mike Holl, Elaine Grossich, Owen Rill, and Karen Rill

Anniversaries Celebrated in January

Katie and Rick Amundsen



Katie & Rick Amundsen celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary

Highlights from the January Meeting

The 1,071st meeting of the Liebling Pleasure Society was held on January 8, 2023

Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee, Nancy Holl, Elaine Grossich, Christy Schubkegel and Vicky Stumpf and the Bar Committee, Joe & George Schubkegel, Roger Falk and Jim Wagner. Rick also thanked members who made and donated snacks. The luncheon and cake were sponsored by Magdalena Schaefer in celebration of her 73-year membership in the Liebling Club.

The elected Officers and Committee Members for 2023 were officially installed at the January Meeting.

Franz Mausser, husband of Barbara Mausser, was nominated for membership into the club. Franz was accepted and voted into the club. We welcome Franz Mausser into the Liebling Pleasure Society.

The Minutes of the November meeting were read by Secretary, Mary Wagner, and were approved. Roger Falk gave the Financial Report. Guenther Schmidt said that the Audit Committee reviewed the financial records and were approved. Five members who have not paid their Kirchweih Entrance Fee have been contacted. The 2023 membership dues of \$5.00 are now being accepted.

Checks need to be made out to “Liebling Pleasure Society”. The bank will not accept checks made out incorrectly.

Rick thanked Elaine and Keith Grossich for their generosity for paying for all members attending the Christmas Party.

A Motion was made, voted, and accepted to have the Kirchweih at the Donauschwaben Hall for 2023. A committee will look into finding another venue for upcoming years. Elaine Grossich will contact the band, Paloma, to see if they are available to play at our Kirchweih. If they are not available, we will need to look for another band.

A Motion was made, voted, and accepted to have the Christmas Party at Manzo’s Banquets on Dec. 3, 2023.

Mary Wagner received correspondence from Waltraut Elberle of Germany about the 200- year consecration of the Liebling Church and Temeschwar (Timisoara) has been named a European Capital of Culture in 2023.

Thank you to John Schaefer and Mary Wagner for their notes to write the meeting summary.

Reminder: To pay your Annual Liebling Dues of \$5.00. Checks need to be made out to “**Liebling Pleasure Society**”. Mail your check to Liz Steeb, 6635 Dawn Avenue, Countryside, IL. 60525.



Magdalena Schaefer celebrating 73 years as a member. Ms. Schaefer has the honor of having the longest membership in the Club.



Officers for 2023: Mary Wagner, Katie Amundsen, Rick Stumpf, Liz Steeb, Heidi Atkinson, and John Schaefer

Upcoming Events:

Liebling Meeting- February 5,2023
Liebling Meeting- March 5,2023

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