



Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 85th Year, 1939-2024

President's Message

I hope you were able to enjoy our annual picnic a few weeks ago. It was a beautiful day and there sure was plenty to eat and drink. There were nearly a dozen kids and, from what I saw, they had fun as well as receiving some practice for the upcoming Kirchweih. Please remember, that although the initial calendar had the Kirchweih set for October 12th, we changed the date and it will be held on October 19th! This will be a special Kirchweih as we will be remembering the exodus of our families from Liebling 80 years ago. We still have many members who were part of that trek and we will recognize them and their arduous journey. We can all be thankful they got out of harm's way and eventually made it to America. We, their families, have much to be thankful for. But we will also take the opportunity to have great fun – as we always do at Kirchweih! Paloma will, again, be providing the music for plenty of dancing and, of course, playing the “never ending” songs as the kids march. If you haven't been to a Kirchweih in a while, please make plans to attend this year – you won't regret it. Again, that's October 19th, and we will be serving our crowd favorite goulash and sausage with kraut. Come hungry! (Do you sense a recurring theme about food)?

Rick Stumpf

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Birthdays Celebrated in August

Aiden Novak, Oliver Atkinson, Helene Burghardt, Tom Swiontek, Liz Conway, Georgene Helwich, Luke Nagelbach, Lara Nagelbach de Galicia, Nichole Stumpf, Johanna Swiontek, James Reichert, Kaitlyn Jeanneret, Julie Schaefer, Natalie Reuter, Patty Schubkegel, Liz Steeb, Angie Helwich, Henrik Hughes, Owen Hughes, Veronika Nagelbach Keese, Levi Schubkegel, Isabella Snyder Tice, Logan Jeanneret, and Tressia Schaefer



Johanna Swiontek, Liz Steeb, and Patty Schubkegel

Anniversaries Celebrated in August

Lisa Menninger and Chris Atkinson celebrating 16 years, Kim and Guenther Schmidt celebrating 24 years, Julie and Michael Schaefer celebrating 41 years, Johanna and Tom Swiontek celebrating 44 years, Irene and Bob Untch celebrating 52 years, Inga and Curt Yearwood celebrating 56 years, and Mary and Jim Wagner celebrating 59 years.



Irene & Bob Untch, Mary & Jim Wagner, Johanna Swiontek and Kim and Guenther Schmidt



Inga and Curt Yearwood

Highlights – August Meeting

The 1,089th meeting was held on August 11, 2024.

The luncheon was sponsored by Mary and Jim Wagner in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary and the cake sponsor was Jennifer Swiontek to celebrate her parents, Johanna's and Tom Swiontek's birthdays and 44th wedding anniversary.

Thank you to the Hospitality Committee: Nancy Holl, Elaine Grossich, Vicky Stumpf, and Christy Schubkegel, for organizing, setting-up and clean-up of the picnic luncheon. Thank you to our Grill Masters: Guenther Schmidt and Mike Holl.

President, Rick Stumpf, thanked all the members who contributed to the picnic luncheon - everything was delicious.

Our thanks to the Bar Committee: Joe and George Schubkegel, Adam Helwich and Roger Falk. Thank you also to Jim Wagner for pitching in and helping to serve members.

The Minutes of the July meeting were recorded and read by Stephanie Snyder and were approved.

Heidi Atkinson gave the Financial Report and was approved. Heidi informed members that the Burghardt family made a donation to the club and would like to sponsor the November luncheon. Heidi acknowledged and thanked the Burghardt family.

Stephanie Snyder told members about her trip to Liebling with her mother, Mary Rink, and reported on the condition of the Liebling cemetery. Stephanie said that the cemetery in certain areas is inaccessible due to high weeds and the gate to the cemetery is falling apart and rusted. She said that there is a lot of work that needs to be done to restore the cemetery.

Katie Amundsen has been in contact with the Montreal Liebling Club about getting tracht for our Kirchweih. Katie stated that the Montreal club is willing to donate the tracht items to us.

Rick Stumpf reminded members that our Kirchweih is coming up on October 19th and that there are only two meetings before the Kirchweih. Rick said that the Leadership Committee will have a 10:30 a.m. pre-meeting on September 8th to discuss and plan for the Kirchweih.

Katie Amundsen said that the Kerweih 101 Project documents have been placed in a binder and everyone is welcome to peruse them.

Birthdays and anniversaries of members were announced by Katie Amundsen and the donated items to be raffled were presented.

**Elaine Grossich invited everyone to
The Celebration of Life for her brother,
Eric Melerski, who passed away on June 7,
2024.**

The Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday,
October 13, 2024.

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall
121 N. Douglas Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL.

Elaine stated: "that this is not a memorial service, but a celebration of life, so it is casual, and there will be food and drinks and plenty of space to mingle."

A few famous poems “beautifully depict the magic of picnics”

One of the magics of picnics is “the sense of joyous togetherness.”

We hope that all members who attended the picnic experienced the joy of being together on a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon...along with savoring all the absolutely delicious appetizing snacks, food, and desserts.

Enjoy the following pictures:



Grill Masters: Guenther Schmidt and Mike Holl





Photographs taken by John Schaefer



Upcoming Events:

Lieblinger Meeting – September 8, 2024

Lieblinger Meeting – October 6, 2024

Kirchweih – Saturday, October 19, 2024

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