



# Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 84th Year, 1939-2023

## President's Message

As our club year winds down, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the state of our Verein. Elections were just held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and I am proud to be continuing in my role as your club President for an 8<sup>th</sup> year. Much has been accomplished over recent years. We, of course, survived through the Pandemic. We continue to honor the legacy of our parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles by maintaining many of the traditions they passed on to us. We have added many new members. And those younger generations are actively involved in the club. They are stepping up into leadership roles, as well. Our Leadership Team has heard me say many times over the past few years that I don't intend on being the last President. I think it's safe to say that with the interest and commitment demonstrated by the next generations, I don't have to worry. You will see later in this newsletter, that we have some new officers and committee members. I have made it my goal, that over the next 3 years, we will have all new leadership running this organization. I learned long ago during my business career that it is imperative for the health and long-term strength of an organization, you need to have an active succession plan - constantly looking for talented and committed people to step up into roles of increasing responsibility. I'm happy to report that this process continues...and I want to have it continue for a long time. I encourage all of you to think deeply about committing some time and energy into the long-term future of our Verein and consider a future role in guiding this club forward. We are the oldest Liebling Verein in the world! We are proud of our heritage and we want to ensure its future success.

Rick Stumpf

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## Birthdays Celebrated in November

Ryan Nagelbach, Vicky Stumpf, Micah Helwich Erika Sampson, Stacy Burghardt-Brumley, John Susami, Jacob Kunz, John Nebl, and Charlie Helwich



Micah and Charlie Helwich, and Vicky Stumpf

## Anniversaries Celebrated in November

Helene and Eric Burghardt, Liz and Kevin Conway, Jennifer and Dan Rath, Erika and Paul Walker-Bright, and Lindsey and Daniel Schubkegel

## Highlights from the November Meeting

The 1,081<sup>st</sup> meeting was held on November 5, 2023.

Vicky Stumpf sponsored the luncheon in celebration of her birthday and Cheryl and Roger sponsored the cake for the meeting.

The Hospitality Committee, Vicky Stumpf, Nancy Holl, Elaine Grossich, and Christy Schubkegel were thanked by President, Rick Stumpf, for their preparation of the luncheon and clean-up. The Bar Committee, Joe and George Schubkegel, Jim Wagner and Roger Falk were thanked for serving drinks to members. Vicky, Nancy, Christy, and Joe prepared and donated delicious snacks which were enjoyed by all the members.

The October Minutes were read by Mary Wagner and were approved.

Mary informed members of the correspondence she received from Waltraut Eberle. Ms. Eberle informed Mary that the Liebling Church has been beautifully restored, but that there is still some remodeling to be accomplished. Ms. Eberle also stated that the cemetery in Liebling needs to have some maintenance work performed. Ms. Eberle and the Liebling church Pastor would like to arrange a trip to visit our club next year.

Mary Wagner received an email from Rick Hutfloetz, our Liebling member in Canada, who provided information about a 2024 tour planned by the Schwaben Club in Canada. The tour is called "Return to the Heimat Tour 2024". This tour originates in Canada. The itinerary states that you "will be traveling to 5 countries, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Serbia, and Romania in two weeks, with a combination of historical tours/stops, visits with Donauschwaben Clubs, and free days in major centres". This is a 15-day tour – from July 20, 2024 -August 3, 2024. A deposit is required to reserve your spot on the tour - availability is on a first come – first serve basis – and is limited to 50 people (capacity of the bus). We can provide anyone interested with all the information we received and the person to contact to reserve your spot for this tour.

The Financial Report was given by Liz Steeb and was approved. Heidi Atkinson, Club Treasurer, reported on the success of this year's Kirchweih. Heidi said that the Raffle Committee, Mary Rink, and Stephanie Synder did an outstanding job and hit a new record this year. Heidi reported that 115 members attended the Kirchweih and that there were 138 guests present. She also stated that there are members who have not paid the Kirchweih entrance fee, and that members are required to support the Kirchweih, whether or not they attend, unless they live 100 miles away.

Rick Stumpf thanked George and Joe Schubkegel, our Chefs for the Kirchweih, and the Schubkegel families since it was a team effort to prepare the food for the Kirchweih. Members agreed that the goulash and sausage were delicious and that guests raved about the food. Elaine Grossich, Chairperson of the Food Service, was thanked for her time, and effort before and during the Kirchweih.

Rick stated that our Liebling Ornaments have been purchased by most members of the club and that we still have an inventory of these ornaments. Rick suggested that we donate these ornaments to the Pastor of the Liebling church so they can sell these ornaments to help with the cost of the remodeling that still needs to be done. A Motion was made, voted, and passed to give these ornaments to the Pastor.

The Up-coming Christmas Party was discussed, and a sign-up sheet was provided at the front table for members to RSVP their table and to sign-up member's children, under the age of 13, attending the Christmas Party, so that they receive a gift from Santa Claus.

## **The Elections took place-**

**Officer Changes-** Mary Wagner stepped down from Recording Secretary and Corresponding Liaison to Liebling Rundschreiben so that a younger generation can step in. Stephanie Snyder was nominated, voted in, and Stephanie accepted this position for 2024.

Elaine Grossich stepped down from the Kartenschatzmeisterin position and Jennifer Swiontek was nominated, voted-in, and Jennifer accepted this position for 2024. (This position is responsible for receiving and accounting for all members' Kirchweih entry fees).

**Committees** – Jim Wagner stepped down from the Bar Committee and Adam Helwich was nominated, voted-in, and Adam accepted this position for 2024.

Joe Schubkegel was nominated as a Flag Bearer. Joe was voted in and accepted to this position in 2024.

All other Officers and Committee members accepted their positions for 2024.

## **Cultural Moment-**

Elaine Grossich shared with members that her niece, Lexi Melerski, a fourth-grade teacher, created a display board on Germany and Liebling for Cultural Day at her school. Lexi dressed in Tracht and treated the students with homemade kolackies, prepared by Elaine Grossich. Elaine said that Lexi was the hit of Cultural Day (it was an all-school event).



Display Board created by Lexi Melerski



Lexi Melerski dressed in Liebling Tracht, and ready to share those kolackies with her class, made by her aunt, Elaine Grossich.

**REMINDER:**

Our Kirchweih is also our annual fund raiser for the Club. As a member you are required to support the Kirchweih each year, whether you attend or not, unless you live over 100 miles away.

If you did not attend the Kirchweih, please mail in your check for the \$15.00 per member.

Please make your check payable to "Liebling Pleasure Society"

Mail to: Elaine Grossich  
2568 N. Haddow Ave.  
Arlington Heights, IL. 60004

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

Please join us for our fun, family Christmas Party on December 3, 2023.

At Manzo's Banquets, 1571 S. Elmhurst Rd, Des Plaines, IL. Doors Open at 11:30 a.m.

For Members, the cost for the dinner for adults (13 and over) is \$20.00 and the cost for children (3-12) is \$10.00. Children under 3 are free.

For Non-Members, the cost for the dinner for adults (13 and over) is \$40.00 and the cost for children (3-12) is \$20.00. Children under 3 are free.

**Reminder- To bring a wrapped gift to the Christmas Party for the Raffle.**

**Santa's Nice List-**

The deadline to submit your child's name (or children's names) on Santa's List has ended. If a child is attending, and is not on Santa's List, you are invited to bring a wrapped gift for that child. Please keep the price of that gift to around \$12.

**RSVP –**

The deadline to reserve your family's table is November 27<sup>th</sup>.

RSVPs are required to attend the Christmas Party since a head count is given to Manzo's.

**RSVP to Rick Stumpf 630-852-4115 or John Schaefer, 708-707-4488.**

**Upcoming Events for Our Club**

**Christmas Party – December 3, 2023  
Liebling Meeting - January 7th**