



Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 84th Year, 1939-2023

President's Message

This is a big time of year for Lieblings. And this is a special year for Lieblings. As you read this, many Lieblings just participated in a special celebration of the 200-year anniversary of the founding of the Liebling Church. The event drew people from around Europe and some of our own Chicago Members also made the trip to Liebling! We will be holding our own celebration in less than 2 weeks at our annual Kirchweihfest. We always have a great event, but I anticipate this year will have special meaning to many. I have already received word from numerous Lieblings who plan to attend that have not been to a Kirchweih in years, and for some of them, decades! We can all look forward to a wonderful time. As always, it is you, our membership, that helps to make this a grand event and helps keep the club moving forward. We have seen a tremendous influx of new members – the next generation – with many of them getting directly involved in the operation of your club. It's a wonderful thing, and I look forward to many more Kirchweih's in the future, particularly due to the work done by the "Kerweih 101 Project" to help prepare the next generation to carry on the tradition. There is quite a lot of work that gets done to put on a successful Kirchweih. In decades past, when the membership was several hundred strong, there were plenty of members to go around and get the work done. These days, however, we ask for volunteers to fill in the gaps to help get things done and to make it a successful Kirchweih. If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up to provide assistance. It is always appreciated. See you on October 14th!

Rick Stumpf

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Birthdays Celebrated in September

Eric Burghardt, Megan Mohrdieck, Kimberly Schaefer, Liesl Naurath, Nancy Holl, Mark Atkinson, Zachary Schmidt, Christy Schubkegel, Bernard Faust, Lindsey Schubkegel, Jonathan Helwich, George Helwich, Martin Helwich, Lauren Lehnhardt, Paul Walker-Bright, Betty Rogers, and Erika Walker-Bright



Callie Rogers, Betty Rogers, Bernard Faust, Christy Schubkegel, and Nancy Holl

Anniversaries Celebrated in September

Megan and Adam Ferguson celebrating 4 years; Stacy and Paul Brumley celebrating 6 years; Karen and David Grossich celebrating 7 years; Erika and Jeffrey Sampson celebrating 9 years; Jennifer and Jason Vaccarello celebrating 12 years; Angie and Adam Helwich celebrating 14 years; Karen and Mark Rill celebrating 17 years; Nicole, and Bert Mohrdieck celebrating 23 years; Pam and Gregory Mohrdieck celebrating 27 years; Lori and Thomas Mohrdieck celebrating 30 years; Nancy and Mike Holl celebrating 37 years; and Vicky and Rick Stumpf celebrating 40 years.



Vicky and Rick Stumpf, Bernard Faust and Nancy Holl



Karen and Mark Rill

Highlights from the September Meeting

The 1,079th meeting was held on September 10, 2023.

A Moment of Silence was held for Rick Amundsen, husband of 2nd Vice President, Katie Amundsen, and for Johanna Spang who passed away on Saturday, September 9th. Our deepest condolences to Katie and her family and to Johanna Spang's family.

The sponsors for the luncheon and cake were Nancy and Mike Holl in celebration of their 37-year anniversary and Vicky and Rick Stumpf in celebration of their 40-year anniversary.

Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee: Nancy Holl, Vicky Stumpf, Christy Schubkegel for preparing and setting up the luncheon and thanked Natalie Schubkegel for helping today. Rick thanked the Bar Committee, Joe and George Schubkegel and Roger Falk. Vicky Stumpf and Nancy Holl were thanked for providing snacks and Joe Schubkegel for the sausage appetizers.

The Minutes were read by Heidi Atkinson and Rick made one correction; that Bonnie Goerlich was not a new member but a re-instated member to the club. The Minutes were corrected and approved.

Liz Steeb gave the Financial Report and was approved.

Rick Stumpf received a letter from the CSA Fraternal Life in Lombard thanking members for their collection and donation of empty, and clean amber pill bottles which are recycled and used in third world countries.

A Motion was made, seconded, voted, and passed to continue the sponsorships for the Kirchweih. The Platinum level is \$100, Gold level is \$50, and the Silver level is \$25. There will be a printed card on each table listing the name of the Sponsors.

Rick informed members that Elaine Grossich and Joe and George Schubkegel are preparing and working on the food service for the Kirchweih.

The Donauschwaben contract for the hall on Friday night to prepare food and Saturday for the Kirchweih was sent to Rick and signed. There are 2 minor changes to the contract, a small increase for the linens of \$50 and the use of the hall on Friday night and for the bartenders of \$50. The time for members to come to the hall to prepare food on Friday night will be determined at the October 1st meeting.

This year, Keith Grossich, John Schaefer, and Roger Falk will greet and check in members and guests at the front table. Karen and Mark Rill, and Christy Schubkegel will coordinate the Grosse marchers. Katie Naurath and Lauren Lehnhardt will coordinate the Kleine Marchers.

Heidi Atkinson said anyone wishing to march should make sure they are on the sign-up sheet. If someone wants to march but does not have a partner; they should still sign up in case someone else is looking for a partner.

Heidi has the club's Tracht pieces and if anyone needs to borrow an item, they should contact her. Heidi will have the Tracht items available at the October 1st meeting.

Heidi Atkinson: Cell: 630-625-2917 (text or call)
Or Email: Heidi.m.atkinson@gmail.com

Members are needed to volunteer to serve at the dessert table and take tickets and we also need ticket takers at the food line. We also need volunteers at the end of the night to help put away chairs, etc.

The Raffle Table is now chaired by Mary Rink and Stephanie Snyder, and Mary Wagner's daughter, Jennifer Rath, will help at the raffle table the night of the Kirchweih. The PA system and computer system will be set up to distribute the prizes. It was determined that no tickets will be sold at the raffle table until after the marchers have finished selling all their tickets. A last call to buy tickets will be made before winners are chosen and can be purchased at the raffle table. Anyone donating a completed raffle basket should bring it to the October 1st meeting.

The entry fee for the Kirchweih on October 14th is \$15 and the price of the dinner will remain the same as last year despite the increase in food prices. The dinner ticket is \$15, the sandwich ticket is \$10, the dessert is \$4, and pretzels are \$3.

Moment of Culture-

John Schaefer showed members a picture of the altar of the church in Liebling. This is a picture that was in Magdalena Schaefer's home and given to John by Michael Schaefer to display at the Kirchweih since this year the Liebling church is celebrating its 200-year anniversary.

Kerweih 101" Project – by Katie Amundsen

This project had its beginning at last year's Kirchweih when our daughter, Erika, was asked at the last minute to coordinate the Grosse marchers. She was given brief verbal directions and had no notes, so she relied on her past experiences. On our drive home Rick, Erika, and I shared our stories of the events of the happy evening as we always had for so many years. Erika stressed to us that her generation was ready to assume leadership responsibilities at the Kirchweih, but they needed guidance and details of how to carry on our traditions. I promised that I would work to make that happen, and together with our board, created this project.

Over the next eight months as we collaborated, wrote sections, presented workshops, and worked hard to create a helpful guide, I never suspected that Rick and I would be the first to relinquish our duties for the 2023 Kirchweih. This year after carrying the flag for 52 years, my husband will not be in the first Aufmarsch, nor in the kitchen. This year after attending every Kirchweih from 1950-2022 and being a volunteer or participant, I will not be there either. Our many tasks are being filled and completed by the next generation, and I am very grateful. There is no greater honor than to pass our work on to the future, that's what Kerweih 101 was all about. Our beloved club is in good hands!

Thank you to Karen and Mark Rill, Roger Falk, Kate Naurath, Lauren Lehnhardt, and Christy Schubkegel for stepping forward, and to Rick Stumpf, John Schaefer, Heidi Atkinson, Liz Steeb, and Mary Wagner for their leadership. I know that everyone in the club will support their work and efforts to make this Kirchweih a big success. Remember to register your marchers the week before the Kirchweih, bring extra hats, starch the blouses until they're like a board, be patient, kind, and thank our volunteers.

Thank you to all for your kindness to Erika, Jeff, and me at this difficult time.

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Upcoming Kirchweih – October 14, 2023



Grosse Marchers (big kids) and Kleine Marchers (little kids)

Please sign -up if your kids are planning on marching at the Kirchweih. If they do not have a partner, please sign up as well, as maybe someone else is looking for a partner.

To sign- up Grosse Marchers, please contact:

**Karen Rill: Email: karen.rill@gmail.com
Or Text: 224-875-8522**

To sign- up Kleine Marchers – please contact:

**Katie Naurath: Email: Naurath11@gmail.com
Or:**

Lauren Lehnhardt: Email: Laur91980@aol.com

Servers and Ticket Takers– Volunteers

Please volunteer and sign- up to help serve at the Kirchweih. If we have a lot of volunteers, we can do shorter serve times. The Officers and Committee Members all have assigned jobs to do at the Kirchweih, so we need members to step up and help at the Kirchweih.

We need volunteers for the dessert table to serve and take tickets and ticket takers at the food line. Get your favorite time slot by volunteering early.

We also need volunteers to help at the end of the night to help put away chairs, etc.

The Kirchweih is our annual fund-raiser for the club, and we need your help to make this Kirchweih a success!!

Please contact Bettie Schaefer :

Email: Bettiesch@aol.com

Text: 708-921-4488

Kirchweih Sponsorships

Platinum Level is \$100.00

Gold Level is \$50.00

Silver Level is \$25.00

Please make out your check to "Liebling Pleasure Society" and mail to Heidi Atkinson, 7 N 290 Fox Bend Drive, Campton Hills, IL. 60175

Proper Attire for the Kirchweih Marchers

The girls wear the 5-piece traditional Liebling Tracht; pleated overskirt, pleated underskirts, blue satin apron with black lace, white blouse with pleated short sleeves, Halstuch. For the Grosse Marchers, no headpieces such as flowers, long ribbons, or big bows. Boys wear long pants, a solid color shirt, a Kirchweih hat with a red satin ribbon and flowers on the left side. Optional pieces include vest, sweater, or blazer/suit jacket.

Raffle Baskets for the Kirchweih

If you are making and donating a raffle basket here are some ideas: Christmas themed baskets, Halloween themed baskets, Birthday Party themed baskets, etc.

Completed donated baskets should be brought to the Liebling October 1st Meeting.

If you wish to donate some items to help create a raffle basket, here are some needed items:

Specialty Crackers, Chocolates, Cured Sausage and Gourmet Coffee or Tea. Members can also donate gift cards to be placed in the baskets for restaurants, or specialty stores (bookstores, gift shops, etc.) Tickets to movies/plays/music venues. Wine glass sets to go with wine bottles, or other wine accessories.

Table Reservations for the Kirchweih

To reserve a table for the Kirchweih, please Contact:

Rick Stumpf, Liebling President,
Call: 630-852-4115 or Text: 630-855-5949

Or, John Schaefer, Vice President,
Call or Text: 708-707-4488

Here are some pictures from our September meeting:



Jason Rogers, Callie Rogers, Tom Rogers, Mary Rink, Betty Rogers, Stephanie Synder and Liela Snyder



Joe Schubkegel, George Schubkegel, Mark Rill, Logan Rill, Cathy Schubkegel, Patty Schubkegel, Christy Schubkegel, Karen Rill, and Natalie Rill

Rehearsal for the Aufmarsch – at the September meeting:



If you have any special event that you would like to share with members, please email me the picture and information ...Bettiesch@aol.com.

Upcoming Events for Our Club

Lieblinger Meeting – October 1, 2023

Aufmarsch Workshop – Tentative

-Oct. 1, 2023, 2 p.m.

Kirchweih – October 14, 2023

Lieblinger Meeting (Elections) – November 5, 2023

Christmas Party – December 3, 2023

Other Club Events:

American Aid Society – Oktoberfest – Oct. 7

Lake Villa, 6:30 p.m. to midnight

Kirchweih – October 21st – Lake Villa

Schlachtfest – November 5th – Lake Villa
(Reservations are needed to attend)

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Angie and Adam Helwich on the birth of their son, Elijah Anthony Helwich, born on September 13th, at 7:41 a.m. 7lbs. 1 oz. and 21” long.



Editor: Bettie Schaefer

Congratulations also to grandparents, Georgene and Walter Helwich.