



Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 84th Year, 1939-2023

1st Vice- President's Message:

Since our President, Rick Stumpf, and his lovely wife, Vicky, are sunning themselves on vacation, it is my pleasure to step into his shoes and write to you.

For those of you that attended our August 13th Meeting and Annual Picnic you saw how many people showed up for great BBQ food, drinks, outdoor games, and friendship. A fantastic time was had by all, and the large number of attendees was a testimony to the continued strength of our Club. This casual gathering of a few friends, in 1939, is still going strong 84 years later.

I was 3 years old when my family came to America, so I was born into this adventure. I marched at my first Kirchweih, at age 5, with Katie Blechschmidt, and I think I enjoyed it!!! For many years after that I tried to avoid getting involved with the Club, except when I was dragged to meetings as a little kid, and, of course, every single Kirchweih that followed. My dad was President of the Club for 20+ years and I was the good son that needed to show up, or else!!!

In the 1990's, my dad had a heart attack and a couple of strokes. He was unable to drive anymore, and I could see he was always very anxious to be part of the monthly meetings. So, as a result of that, Bettie and I volunteered to drive him each month to the meeting. At first it was a bit strange and uncomfortable for me, but as the months went by, I started becoming more comfortable with the people at the meetings, many of them my own age, and I was actually having fun!!!...then guess what happened? I decided (with some nudging) to step into the Vice President position, under President Heinrich Reichert. I did that for 7 years and then low and behold, this Liebling rebel, from way back, became President!!! Man, how things changed since I was 5. Currently I am Vice President again, under President, Rick Stumpf, and our Club is still very strong, bringing in new members almost every month...I always say, "Life changes on a dime". It's all in your head. I wish my dad were still here to see how I changed. He would be proud!

If you want your children and grandchildren to enjoy and embrace this Club, and its rock-solid heritage, then you must make up your mind to do something positive about that. They will look up to you one day and say "Thank you" for something they would not have without your commitment. Come to our next meeting, September 10th, and bring your family...you will enjoy it!!

John Schaefer

1st Vice President [-Johnscha73@aol.com](mailto:Johnscha73@aol.com)

Birthdays Celebrated in August

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



Liz Steeb, Patty Schubkegel, Johanna and Tom Swiontek

Anniversaries Celebrated in August

Lisa Menninger and Chris Atkinson celebrating 15 years, Kim and Guenther Schmidt celebrating 23 years, Julie and Michael Schaefer celebrating 40 years, Johanna & Tom Swiontek celebrating 43 years, Irene and Bob Untch celebrating 51 years, Inga and Curt Yearwood celebrating 55 years, and Mary and Jim Wagner celebrating 58 years.



Mary & Jim Wagner and Irene & Bob Untch



Johanna & Tom Swiontek and Inga & Curt Yearwood (holding granddaughter Audrey)

Highlights from the August Meeting

Our 1,078th meeting was held on August 13, 2023.

The August Picnic/Meeting was very brief so that members could enjoy the delicious food and fun activities planned for the day.

The luncheon sponsors were Mary and Jim Wagner and Kim and Guenther Schmidt in celebration of their anniversaries and the cake was sponsored by Jennifer Swiontek to celebrate her parents, Johanna and Tom Swiontek's birthdays and anniversary.

The Minutes from the July meeting were read by Mary Wagner and were approved and the Financial Report was given by Liz Steeb and was approved.

Two new members were nominated, voted on, and accepted into the club. Michael Tice, husband of Isabella Snyder and Bonnie Goerlich, We welcome them both into the Lieblingers Vergnügungs Verein.

Katie Amundsen gave a brief update on the "Kerweih 101" Project. Katie reported on the German Fest in Milwaukee and our club being represented in the Trachtenshau. Pictures and information will be provided in the newsletter along with an update for the Project. Katie also provided a sign-up sheet for the Kleine Kinder and Grosse marchers for the Kirchweih.

Rick Stumpf announced that an Officers and Committee Members pre-meeting will be held before the meeting on September 10th at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the upcoming Kirchweih.



Kerweih 101" Project – by Katie Amundsen

The workshop for the "Big Kids/Grosse" marching in the Kirchweih's Grand Aufmarsch, will be held immediately following the meeting on September 10, at 2:00 p.m. The rehearsal will be led by Karen Rill and Rick Stumpf. Depending on interest, we plan to hold a second rehearsal on Saturday afternoon, September 30th OR on Sunday, October 1st, at 2 p.m. following the meeting. If you are interested in the second rehearsal, please notify me which date is most convenient for you. We invite all to attend the Aufmarsch workshops as there will also be dancing!

At the August 13th meeting and picnic, we held a workshop to rehearse the children's dances for the Kirchweih. Twenty-six children flawlessly performed the Lieblingers Stolz Tanz twice and then were joined by an almost equal number of adults in the Chicken Dance. It was great fun! Thank you to all the families who participated in the event! If you could not attend and would like a handout of the dance steps, please notify me.

Liela Snyder elegantly represented our club and proudly wore the Lieblingers Kirchweih Tracht on stage at German Fest's Trachtenshau in Milwaukee on July 29th. Mary Wagner, Elaine Grossich, and I dressed Liela in the beautiful heirloom Tracht from Elaine's mother. Liela was cheered on by our group of 20 fun-loving Lieblingers. While we were loud, we were again invited to return next year, and in kind, we invited the crowd to our October 14th Kirchweih! Thank you to Liela, our Tracht experts, and our supportive groupies!

The written guide for the project is completed and will be presented at next month's meeting. As the Kerweih 101 nears its completion date of October 1, only the task of uploading the project onto our website remains. Since the Tracht section is needed now to prepare for the Kirchweih, I've distributed copies of that section to the 15 families who marched in last year's Kirchweih. Contact me with questions or if you need help.

Thank you for your support of the Kerweih 101 Project! Your participation has made it a rewarding and fun-filled summer for our club. See you soon as we culminate at the Kirchweih!

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Liela Snyder on stage at the German Fest Trachtenshau in Milwaukee



Elaine Grossich Liela Snyder, Katie Amundsen , and Mary Wagner at the German Fest



Calvin Synder, Ralph Snyder, Isabella (Synder) Tice and Mitchell Tice, Mary Rink, Ashley, and Stephanie Snyder at the German Fest

Upcoming Kirchweih – October 14, 2023

Katie Amundsen said that we are currently recruiting marchers for the Kirchweih and already have 11 children's couples (aged 3-12) and 6 young adult couples signed up. We also have a list of those searching for a partner and can help members contact others. If you have a couple wanting to march, or are searching for a partner, please contact Katie Amundsen.

Important – Please volunteer and sign- up to help serve at the Kirchweih – we need everyone to help to make our 2023 Kirchweih a success!

Email: kamundsen73@gmail.com

Or Phone/text: 815-353-4906

Reminder: Liebling Annual Dues are Past Due – Checks need to be made out to “Liebling Pleasure Society” in the amount of \$5.00 for each member. Mail your check to Liz Steeb, 6635 Dawn Avenue, Countryside, IL. 60525

We had a fabulous turn out for our Meeting/Picnic! The food was delicious and there were so many luscious desserts that it was hard to decide on just one, two, or three!

Please enjoy these pictures from our Meeting/Picnic:



Our grillers and helpers: Mike Holl, Rick Stumpf, John Hummel, John Stumpf, and Guenther Schmidt





Vicky Stumpf and Nancy Holl, two of our Hospitality Committee Members, with all the yummy desserts.



Betty Rogers with her son, Jason Rogers



Irmgard Hummel , Rick Stumpf, and Bonnie Goerlich



Kids and Adults enjoying outdoor games.

Thank you to our Hospitality Committee, Elaine Grossich, Christy Schubkegel, Vicky Stumpf and Nancy Holl for all their work in organizing and setting up all the food as well as clean- up. Thank you also to our Bar Committee for keeping us all refreshed; George and Joe Schubkegel, Roger Falk, and Jim Wagner.

Thank you to Rick Stumpf, Jim Wagner, John Schaefer, and John Hummel for helping set up the hall.

A special thank you to each member who contributed homemade food and/or desserts for the picnic, or supplies.

A shout out and thanks to Kim Stumpf for supervising the games outside.



Katie Amundsen leading the kids in the Lieblingler Stolz Tanz



Kids practicing the Chicken Dance with adults joining in



John Hummel and John Stumpf getting into the spirit of it and danced the Chicken Dance with the kids!

Upcoming Events:

Lieblingler Meeting – September 10, 2023
 Aufmarsch Workshop – September 10, 2023 -2 p.m.
 Aufmarsch Workshop-Tentative- Sept. 30, afternoon
Lieblingler Meeting – October 1, 2023
 Aufmarsch Workshop – Tentative -Oct. 1, 2023, 2 p.m.
Kirchweih – October 14, 2023

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