



# *Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter*

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Our 85th Year, 1939-2024

## **President's Message**

The days, and weeks and months just keep rolling on. It's August already! And, by now you know it's time for our annual picnic. As of this writing, we are expecting over 50 adults and over a dozen children. If you've been to our picnic meeting in the past, you know there will be plenty to eat and drink. A wide variety of traditional – and some not so traditional – side dishes are always on the buffet table. And the club provides brats and hot dogs. So come hungry. Let's hope for nice weather so the kids and adults can get outside and play. And, when our picnic is held, we will be about 2 months away from Kirchweih. We don't want to cut into playtime/gametime too much but, to help young marchers prepare, we are planning another rehearsal in the large hall as we did last year. This proved to be quite beneficial for kids so they could perform the Stolz Tanz and become more familiar with what to expect at the Kirchweih. If you have any outdoor games suitable for a picnic – for kids of all ages – please bring them along. We will be conducting our business meeting prior to lunch (from 11 AM to 11:30) so we can then all enjoy the picnic together. If you arrive before 11:30, please be aware our meeting will be in progress. We hope to see you on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Rick Stumpf

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## **Birthdays Celebrated in July**

Madeline Conway, Guenther Schmidt, Renee Alberici, Fred Hedrich, Jr., Lavinia Helwich, Bill Lehnhardt, Emma Susami, Joshua Rogers, Jason Rogers, Shannon Rogers, Cayson Rogers, Gavin Stumpf, Braden Lehnhardt, and Bella Grossich



Lavinia Helwich

## **Anniversaries Celebrated in July**

Tressia & Walter Schaefer celebrating 3 years, Renee & Fred Alberici celebrating 30 years, Chris & John Stumpf celebrating 42 years, Bettie & John Schaefer celebrating 51 years, and Dorothy & Fred Nagelbach celebrating 59 years.



Bettie and John Schaefer

### **Highlights – July Meeting**

The July, and 1,088<sup>th</sup> meeting was held on June 30, 2024.

A Moment of Silence was held for our long-standing member, Eric Melerski, who passed away on June 7, 2024. Our deepest condolences to Eric's wife, June, and the Melerski and Grossich family. A Celebration of Life for Eric will be held this Fall in the Chicago area. We will notify members when a date and place has been finalized.

The luncheon was sponsored by Bettie and John Schaefer in celebration of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

Thank you to Joe Schubkegel for making the delicious Sloppy Joes for the luncheon and scrumptious Strudel for dessert. Also thank you to the following people for making or bringing side dishes and/or snacks: Elaine Grossich, Patty Schubkegel, Christy Schubkegel, Irene and Bob Untch, Nancy Holl, and Vicky and Rick Stumpf.

President Rick Stumpf thanked the Hospitality Committee - Vicky Stumpf, Nancy Holl, Elaine Grossich and Christy Schubkegel for organizing, purchasing, and setting-up the luncheon as well as the clean-up afterwards. Thanks also to the Bar Committee: Joe and George Schubkegel and Adam Helwich and Jim Wagner pitching in to help the Bar Committee serve members.

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

The Financial Report was presented by Financial Secretary, Liz Steeb, and approved.

President Rick Stumpf has not received any update on the status of the membership applications for the Liebling Church. 111 Liebling Ornament/Bookmarks were shipped to Eva Popescu, the church curator in Liebling. A church celebration is being planned in September in Liebling which hopefully will draw a crowd and the ornament/bookmarks can be used as a fund raiser. Vicky Stumpf said that the club still has 20 ornament/bookmarks available for sale to members.

No update on scheduling the Kirchweih for the next two years as Rick has not received a reply from the Donauschwaben Club President.

Our August meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Members are asked to bring any games or activities that the children might enjoy. Parents need to supervise their children when they are playing outside.

At the meeting, Vicky Stumpf passed around a sign-up sheet for members to indicate what side dishes and/or desserts they would like to donate or make for the picnic. Vicky will email members this sign-up sheet so that members can choose what items they would like to provide, and the list will help ensure that there is a variety of food. Please let Vicky know if your family is attending the picnic if they normally do not attend the meetings. Vicky's email is – [vicky@vickystumpf.us](mailto:vicky@vickystumpf.us)

The names of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were read by Heidi Atkinson and donated items presented by John Schaefer.

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**IMPORTANT: THE AUGUST MEETING IS BEING HELD AT 11:00 A.M. LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW AT NOON.**

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Waiting in line for those yummy Sloppy Joes and delicious side dishes

The following pictures were taken on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at the Heimat Und Trachten Verein Edelweiss Chicago Spring Dance & 110 Year Anniversary.

Attending this event to represent the Lieblingler Verein Chicago Club:

President Rick Stumpf & Vicky Stumpf,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice -President John Schaefer & Bettie Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- President Katie Amundsen,  
Financial Secretary, Liz Steeb, Mary Rink and  
Mary and Jim Wagner



Mary Rink, Vicky Stumpf and Bettie Schaefer laughing (the feathers from the hat of the Prinz Rheinischer Verein Chicago Mardi Gras were far reaching and tickling Vicky)



### Upcoming Events:

Lieblingler Meeting/Picnic – August 11, 2024  
Lieblingler Meeting – September 8, 2024  
Lieblingler Meeting – October 6, 2024  
Kirchweih – Saturday, October 19, 2024

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