

September 2025 Newsletter

Our 86th Year!

Next meeting date: 10.5.2025



Lieblinger-ish word of the month:

“Buwe/Mädel, wass hummir Heit?”

German: “Buben-Mädchen, welcher tag ist heute?”

English: “Boys/Girls, what is today?”

A traditional phrase often heard at our *Kirchweih*, used especially during the *Aufmarsch*. The response is, of course, “*Kirchweih!*”

Präsident's Message

Here we are. It's Kirchweih time. I'm certain that everyone reading this has many memories of Kirchweih. Whether you danced/marched as a child once or many times into young adulthood, I'm sure you remember it. I can assure you that your parents and grandparents remember it well. It's a time for all of us to celebrate our common heritage. We have celebrated Kirchweih for more than 80 years. Ours is also the largest Lieblinger Club in the world. Many clubs have shrunk to the point where they no longer celebrate Kirchweih - what a shame. Some clubs have even disbanded. We, in Chicago, are proud that we have a strong membership base with many new, young members joining our ranks. I am excited about the future of our club with many of the younger generation stepping up and taking leadership roles. I look forward to attending many more Kirchweih's into the future. Until then, “Buwe, wass humm'r heit?”

Rick Stumpf
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Highlights of the September Meeting

The 1,101st meeting was held on September 7th, 2025. The meeting was brought to order by our Präsident at 1:03PM.

The meeting began with a moment of silence for the passing of Jakob Kunz.

Thank you to...

- Nancy & Mike Hall and Rick & Vicky Stumpf for sponsoring lunch and dessert
- Everyone who brought food and snacks
- To the bar committee for always keeping us hydrated!

This month on the 22nd, we observe the 81st anniversary of the exodus from Liebling.

The minutes from last month's meeting were read by Stephanie and accepted as read.

There was discussion regarding the storage of the Tracht pieces and the possibility of renting storage space from the Donauschwaben. Rick said he would inquire, but wasn't sure if there was any extra space available. He asked if it was possible to table the discussion until after the Kirchweih and Christmas party, as we are entering the busy season for the club, but Katie was unsure when she'd next be attending a club function.

New Members

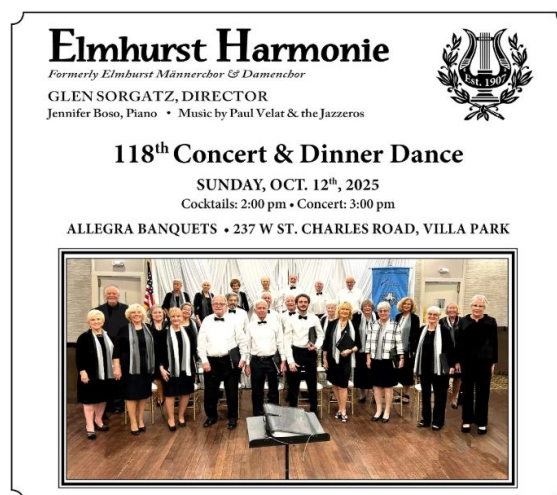
Johanna submitted her sons Jim and Mark for membership. They were approved unanimously. Welcome to the Liebling club, Jim and Mark!

Parents, please remember that your children need to be submitted for full membership when they reach sixteen!

Karen read the financial report and it was accepted as read.

Correspondence

Stephanie mentioned the Austrian Mixed Chorus performance again, as it was upcoming as of the meeting. The Elmhurst Harmonie Concert and Dance is coming up on 9/29 in Villa Park.



The DANK Haus is having a number of events as well, such as Pretzel Making, a Chicago Fire game, and a lecture regarding Friedrich Wilhelm Von Steuben. Check out their [events page](#) for more info!

Old Business

Rick requested an update on outstanding dues, to which Karen responded that she had received a few payments but noted that one person has outdated contact information and is unreachable. There are six members left unpaid; if no response from them by next meeting, they will be removed from the membership records.

New Business

The sign up for Kirchweih tables is at the front table. Please contact Rick for table sign up. As a reminder, children ages 12 and under are free while those 13 years and up attend at adult rates. Marchers' entrance and meals are free as always.



MEETING MINUTES

I brought up the observation that our social media presence on Facebook is inactive... the most recent posts were from last year's Kirchweih. I proposed to take on these duties and our Präsident voiced a quick, resounding YES. Hopefully you see some updates on those groups... just as soon as I get the login info!

Stephanie asked if we had thought about doing local business sponsorship to which Rick responded that we had done so at our 75th anniversary Kirchweih, but not since then. We had one member with a local business that sponsored last year, so we are open to the idea, but haven't solicited additional business sponsorships.

Moment of Culture

George mentioned that we will have a German exchange student at the Schubkegel table for Kirchweih this year. Logan went to Germany over the summer as an exchange student and the boy he was paired up with happens to be coming for the week including our Kirchweih. He is from just south of Dusseldorf.

Prizes donated for this month's raffle:

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- A photograph of a shopping cart filled with various items. A large, clear plastic bag of groceries is the central focus, with a pink tag attached to it. To the left, there is a bottle of beer and a box of tissues. To the right, there is a small potted plant and a box of tissues. The cart is set against a plain, light-colored wall.

Birthdays in September:

Pictured:

Eric Burghardt, Jonathan Helwich, George Helwich, Martin Helwich, Elijah Helwich (Adam is in there as a prop!), Nancy Holl, Christy Schubkegel

Also celebrating:

Megan Mohrdieck, Kimberly Schaefer, Liesl Naurath, Mark Atkinson, Zachary Schmidt, Lindsey Schubkegel, Lauren Lehnhardt, Paul Walker-Bright, Betty Rogers, and Erika Walker-Bright.



Anniversaries in September:

Pictured:

Karen and Mark Rill celebrating 19 years
Angie and Adam Helwich celebrating 16 years
Vicky and Rick Stumpf celebrating 42 years
Nancy and Mike Holl celebrating 39 years

Also celebrating:

Megan and Adam Ferguson celebrating 6 years
Stacy and Paul Brumley celebrating 8 years
Karen and David Grossich celebrating 9 years
Erika and Jeffrey Sampson celebrating 11 years
Jennifer and Jason Vaccarello celebrating 14 years
Nicole and Bert Mohrdieck celebrating 25 years
Pam and Gregory Mohrdieck celebrating 29 years
Lori and Thomas Mohrdieck celebrating 32 years
Deb and Rick Hutfloetz celebrating 40 years





Please join us at our next meeting!

10/5/2025 @ 11:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M

Donauschwaben Hall

625 Seegers Rd, Des Plaines, IL. 60016



Liebling Verein Chicago Presents

KIRCHWEIH 2025

October 11th
Doors Open
6:00pm

Contact:
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John Schafer 1 (708) 707-4488
for reservations or more information

DONAUSCHWABEN HALL
625 SEEGER RD,
DES PLAINES, IL 60016

Entrance Fee \$15.00
Dinner Served 6:30-10:00
Sausage or Goulash
Entrees, Drinks and Dessert
available for additional
charge.

Kleine Kinder March
Große Kinder March
Live Music by Paloma from
7:00-12:00
Dancing
Exceptional Raffle Prizes

A Moment of Culture

If you have something to share at the meeting, please do so! It's great to hear stories of life in Liebling, read a child's book, hear a lullabye or song, or share a treasured item.

Please feel free to reach out with any ideas or suggestions to make this a fun and informative publication! Enjoy!

Christy Schubkegel, Editor

Kirchweih!

The *Kirchweih* is our biggest event of the year and we love seeing everyone come together to celebrate our heritage. Our member volunteers are essential to us pulling off this event. We'd love to see you there and would be delighted if you have time to help us out!

We start setting up at 1:30PM the day of the event. Contact Rick if you are able to help out!

- rick@rickstumpf.us or 630-853-5949 – also contact Rick if you can help with hall clean-up and chair stacking at the end of the night

If you or your child/grandchild wish to dance, contact Karen. She can also assist with a partner if needed.

- karen.rill@gmail.com or 224-875-8522

If you wish to assist by serving on the dessert line or as a ticket taker, please reach out to Vicky.

- vicky@vickystumpf.us or 630-240-6658

Rezept des Monats (Recipe of the Month)

Thanks to the preview of fall weather that we were treated to, I was in the mood for soup! I adore Autumn and soup season, so when I was flipping through the cookbook, this recipe caught my eye. It's not something I have ever had but I had all the ingredients on-hand, so I was able to cook up this flavorful, cozy dish!



Dumpling Goulash (Goulash Knödel)

Ingredients

Goulash:

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| 1 large onion, chopped | 4 c water (approximate - enough to cover ingredients) |
| 3 T Crisco (or oil) | 1 bay leaf |
| 3 potatoes, sliced | salt (to taste - I used about a teaspoon) |
| 1 smoked sausage, sliced | paprika (to taste - I used about two teaspoons) |

Dumplings:

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| 2 eggs | dash salt |
| flour (about 1 cup) | 1-2 tsp water |

- Saute onion in Crisco/oil in a medium saucepan.
- Add remaining ingredients (except for dumplings) and add enough water to cover. Simmer until potatoes are almost done.
- Beat eggs and flour until thick (I used about 1 cup of flour... my best guess!). Add salt to taste (personally used 1 teaspoon) and water. Mix well.
- Add dumplings by spooning them into the saucepan and simmer until dumplings are done. TIP: If you dip your spoon into the hot soup before scooping up a bit of the batter, it will slide right off your spoon!



As noted in the meeting minutes, your friendly neighborhood newsletter editor volunteered to take over posting on our Facebook group, so be on the lookout for more content there. If you have ideas of what you want to see on social media, please let me know!

Did you know? The word *Kirchweih* means “church celebration”.
We are celebrating the founding of the Lutheran church in
Liebling. It was built in 1828!

