



Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 84th Year, 1939-2023

President's Message:

Spring Forward

Spring has arrived! While we have been fairly lucky this year having survived a mild winter – at least most of us – it's still exciting to be talking about getting winter behind us and looking to all the happy things Spring brings our way. I have seen signs that the grass is starting to perk up and some trees and shrubs are beginning to sprout some buds. (For those of us with seasonal allergies that also means we need to start our regimen of Claritin and Zyrtec. Oh well). March Madness is in full swing. And by the time we hold our April meeting on the 2nd, the baseball season will have already begun. Both the Cubs and Sox will have their eyes on the prize. We'll see how long that lasts. As the saying goes, "hope springs eternal." As I've written in this column previously, Spring is a time of renewal. It's a time when we can look to start the cycle, again. But it isn't always exactly the same. It's an opportunity for making some slight improvements. Whether it's planting some new items in our gardens, spring cleaning or simply trying something new, we have an opportunity to make things better. Our club is in the midst of doing just that. You probably already know about the "Kerweih 101" project. You will read an update on this project further in this newsletter. (As a reminder, we have changed the date of this year's Kirchweih from the original Oct 7 date to Oct 14th. Please make a note of the change). With the warmer weather of Spring, we expect to see more members getting out and hopefully joining us at our monthly meetings. For many of you in the Chicago area, this is a great time to get together and renew old friendships. We look forward to seeing you!

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Birthdays Celebrated in March

Helga Schmidt, Pam Mohrdieck, Cheryl Falk, Rita Nebl, Roger Falk, Thomas Mohrdieck, Mark Rill, David Nebl, Andrew, Charlie, and Grant Naurath, George Schubkegel, Chris Atkinson, Michael Schaefer, Sr., Jennifer Vaccarello, Jennifer Rath, Joe Schubkegel, Jeffrey Sampson, Lori Mohrdieck, and Kevin Conway.



Joe Schubkegel, Cheryl and Roger Falk, Helga Schmidt, Mark Rill, and George Schubkegel

Anniversaries Celebrated in March

Katie and John Susami celebrating their 2nd anniversary and Patty and George Schubkegel celebrating their 45th anniversary.



Patty and George Schubkegel celebrating 45 years.

Highlights from the March Meeting:



The 1,073rd meeting of the Liebling Pleasure Society was held on March 5, 2023.

In celebration of their birthdays, Cheryl and Roger Falk sponsored the luncheon. The Club sponsored the cake for this meeting. There are several dates available to sponsor the cake and luncheon.

Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee, Nancy Holl, Elaine Grossich, and Christy Schubkegel. To add more variety to our luncheon, Karen Rill and Christy Schubkegel made and donated three homemade soups: Potato Leek, French Onion and Chicken. Rick thanked them and members who made and donated side salads and snacks for members to enjoy. Thank you also to the Bar Committee serving members today; Joe and George Schubkegel, Jim Wagner, and Roger Falk.

The Minutes of the February meeting were recorded by Katie Amundsen and read by Mary Wagner. The Minutes were approved.

Three new members were nominated into the Liebling Club: Emma Susami, and Kailynn and Rudy Mohrdieck. No objections were made and they were voted and accepted into the Club. Welcome Emma Susami, Kailynn and Rudy Mohrdieck into the Liebling Pleasure Society.

Liz Steeb gave the Financial Report and it was approved and accepted. Liz stated that there are a number of members who have not paid their annual dues of \$5.00.

Katie Amundsen gave an update on the “Kerweih 101 Project” at the meeting and will provide a written update for the newsletter.

Cultural Moment – Mary Wagner showed members a small book that she found and is giving to Rick Stumpf to share with his grandson. Mary explained that it is a book of German songs for children. Mary and several seniors sang a few of the songs. Some of the younger members remembered their parents singing these songs to them when they were little. As always, this cultural moment was enjoyed by members.

The “Kerweih 101 Project” –

by Katie Amundsen

The project to create a guide for future generations to preserve Kerweih traditions has a team of dedicated experts. The following leaders have volunteered to write, teach, record, or publish the guide. Heidi Atkinson, Helene Burghardt, Cheryl Falk, Elaine Grossich, Mike Holl, Karen Rill, Rick Stumpf, Stephanie Snyder, Mary Wagner. Thank you to this talented team who will be working on “Kerweih 101”.

The focus this year is to write five sections of the guide: the Kleine Marchers, the Große Marchers, the Strauß, Tracht, and Aufmarsch. We will also conduct four hands-on workshops: Preparing the Tracht, Dressing in Tracht, Children’s Dances, and the Aufmarsch (which includes dancing a waltz and polka). Cheryl will video the workshops and Stephanie will publish the guide and workshop videos online.

Project timeline, topics, and leaders:

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| Jan. | write proposal (completed). Katie write Kleine marchers (completed). Katie |
| Feb. | write Große marchers (completed). Katie, Heidi |
| Mar. | write Strauß (underway). Rick, Mike, Elaine, Heidi write Aufmarsch (underway). Rick, Karen |
| Apr. | write Tracht prep (underway) Elaine, Mary, Heidi |
| May | write Tracht dressing (underway) Elaine, Mary |
| Jun. | workshop, Tracht prep/dressing. Elaine, Mary, Helene, Cheryl, Stephanie |

- Jul. workshop, Tracht prep/dressing. Elaine, Mary, Helene, Cheryl, Stephanie
- Aug.13 workshop, children's dances, Katie & others, Cheryl, Stephanie
- Sept. 10 workshop, Große Aufmarsch/dancing. Rick, Karen & others, Cheryl, Stephanie
- Oct. 1 workshop, Große Aufmarsch/dancing. Rick, Karen & others, Cheryl, Stephanie
- Oct. 14 KERWEIH!



Potato Leek Soup, French Onion Soup, and Chicken Soup – prepared by Karen Rill and Christy Schubkegel

The project is vigorous and the timelines ambitious; but the membership is “lustig”, and the team is energetic! I welcome your active participation and suggestions. Join us!

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Reminder: To pay your Annual Liebling Dues of \$5.00. Checks need to be made out to “Liebling Pleasure Society”. Mail your check to Liz Steeb, 6635 Dawn Avenue, Countryside, IL. 60525.



Pictured – just a few of the side salads prepared and donated for the luncheon.



Karen Rill, Natalie, and Christy Schubkegel – in the kitchen warming up their delicious homemade soups for the luncheon.

If you are a new member or if we missed your birthday or anniversary month, please contact Katie Amundsen to be placed on our Birthday and Anniversary List. Email: rkamundsen@att.net.

Please remember to change the date of the Kirchweih on your calendar to October 14th. Also, don't forget to mark down in your calendar the August Meeting/Picnic on August 13. A new meeting schedule is posted on our website

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Upcoming Events:

- Liebling Meeting- April 2, 2023
- Liebling Meeting – May 7, 2023
- Liebling Meeting – June 4, 2023.