



Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 84th Year, 1939-2023

President's Message:

Magnificent May – (maybe)

Here we are, with May about to begin and in Chicago, we are experiencing temperatures that seem more like the end of March. It was only a couple weeks ago when we had temps near and above 80 degrees. I guess that was just a tease of what's to come. But I sure hope it comes soon! This should be a time when we can get outdoors (for more than a few minutes, and for more than just a day or two) and enjoy what Spring has to offer. We should be getting ready to plant our gardens. But don't plant them yet! As many of you know, here in the Midwest, there's an old adage that you should wait until Mother's Day before planting outside. Furthermore, in Liebling – and throughout most of Europe – they had a "rule" that states you need to wait until the 3 Icemen have passed. If you aren't familiar, on the church calendar, every day was named for a Saint, and sometimes 2 or more. Of note are St. Pankratius (Pancras), St. Servatius and St. Bonifatius (Boniface). Their dates on the calendar are May 12, 13 & 14, respectively and they are known as the 3 Icemen because you were likely to encounter overnight frost on one or more of those days. Coincidentally – or maybe not – this year Mother's Day falls on May 14! So, if you plan to plant outdoors this Spring, you have been forewarned. But before those dates roll around, our club is kicking off May in style, Mexican style, that is. At our May 7th meeting, we will have a Cinco de Mayo theme with margaritas and many Mexican snacks and foods for all to enjoy. This has been a very popular meeting in the past, and I hope that you have an opportunity to come and enjoy it with us.

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Birthdays Celebrated in April

Magdalena Schaefer, Dolores Eberle, Kailynn Mohrdieck, Benjamin Mohrdieck, Rick Hutflötz, Katharina Nigliacco, Barbara Habenschuss, Danny Schubkegel, Eva Schmidt, Brittney Reichert, Dorothy Nagelbach, Rowan Schaefer, Eric Melerski



Eva Schmidt celebrating her 90th birthday and Magdalena Schaefer celebrating her 92nd birthday.

Anniversaries Celebrated in April

Nichole & Eric Stumpf celebrating their 3rd wedding anniversary, Lauren & Bill Lehnhardt celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary, Kathy & Bill Mohrdieck celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary, and Eva & Konrad Schmidt celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary



Eva & Konrad Schmidt and Nichole & Eric Stumpf

Highlights from the April Meeting:



The 1,074th meeting of the Liebling Pleasure Society was held on April 2, 2023.

The luncheon of broasted and fried chicken, marinated beef and Italian sausage was provided by the Hedrich family in memory of their parents' birthdays, Maria, and Fred Hedrich. Members also donated and provided side dishes for the luncheon. A delicious cake was provided by the Schmidt family in celebration of Eva Schmidt's 90th birthday and Eva and Konrad Schmidt's 71st wedding anniversary.

Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee, Nancy Holl, Elaine Grossich, Vicky Stumpf, and Christy Schubkegel and the Bar Committee, Joe and George Schubkegel and Jim Wagner. He also thanked members for their donation of snacks.

The Minutes of the March meeting were read by Mary Wagner and were approved.

A new member was nominated into the Liebling Club, Calvin Snyder. Calvin is the son of Stephanie Snyder, grandson of Mary Rink, and great-grandson of Maria and Fred Hedrich. There were no objections, and Calvin was voted and accepted into the Club. We welcome Calvin Snyder into the Liebling Pleasure Society.

Liz Steeb gave the Financial Report, and it was approved and accepted. Liz stated that there are members who have still not paid their annual dues of \$5.00. Rick asked Liz to email him the list of members who have not paid their annual dues so that these members can be contacted.

Mary Wagner gave information about the 200-year consecration of the church in Liebling. Mary was informed that the consecration date could be planned on the date that any Lieblings from the United States were coming to visit Liebling in September, but that date would have to be provided in the next couple of weeks. Mary also provided helpful travel information to members who plan to visit Liebling.

Stephanie Snyder told members that the Relocation Committee to find a new venue for the Kirchweih in 2024 did not have an update. Stephanie asked members to inform the Committee if they had any suggested venues that would fit our criteria to hold our Kirchweih next year.

Katie Amundsen gave an update on the "Kerweih 101 Project" at the meeting. A written update by Katie will be printed in the newsletter.

John Schaefer was glad to see younger members today at the meeting and said for them to think about becoming involved and becoming an Officer. Rick Stumpf also stated that their involvement is needed for our Club to continue our traditions and hold our Kirchweih for many years to come.

Katie Amundsen said she was pleased to see so many members today at the meeting who are celebrating their birthday or anniversary. Katie stated that a suggestion at the Officers and Committee Leadership meeting to contact members by email inviting them to celebrate their birthday or anniversary at the meeting worked. We look forward to seeing more members attending the meetings on their birthday or anniversary month.

Cultural Moment -Fred Nagelbach told the story about Martin Wilhelm's family moving to a farm in Alabama during the Depression. Fred shared his family's visit to Alabama more than 70 years ago. On a recent visit to Mobile, Alabama, Fred was able to connect with Leo, Ron, David and Karen Wilhelm. David Wilhelm has just retired as Chief of Police in Mobile. Fred also stated that there are a lot of Lieblings living in other areas besides Chicago.

The "Kerweih 101 Project" –

by Katie Amundsen

In the coming weeks, the "Kerweih 101 Project" will reach its mid-point. At that time we will have completed writing five sections of the guide and move on to the active participation of members in fun, informative workshops and demonstrations. Before our meeting on **May 7th, there will be a planning session at 11 a.m.** to discuss dates, programming and participation for the project's summer and fall activities.

The Kirchweih Committee, project leaders, and all members are invited to support and attend this meeting, plus provide input. Bring your calendars and ideas. Key topics on the agenda include Tracht preparation workshops in June & July, children's dances in August, and finishing with Aufmarsch and dancing rehearsals in September and October.

Join us on May 7th, as we move the project forward from documentation to practice. Your active participation is vital, and I welcome your questions and suggestions.

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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.

Come and join the festivities this month at the May 7th meeting. We are going to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with delicious snacks, side dishes, desserts, and special drinks. If you are attending the meeting and are planning to bring anything to help celebrate Cinco de Mayo, please email Vicky Stumpf ... vicky.stumpf@att.net.

Enjoy the following pictures from our April meeting:



The Hedrich Family- Ron Faulkner, Tom & Betty Rogers, Jason Rogers, Mary Rink, Eric Hedrich, Kathryn Faulkner, Liela Snyder, and Stephanie Snyder



Magdalena Schaefer, Fred Nagelbach, Adam Helwich, Helga Schmidt, Eva & Konrad Schmidt, Dorothy Nagelbach, Kaethe Blechschmidt, and Katie Amundsen.



Gavin and Nichole Stumpf



Jim Wagner, John Schaefer, John Geringer, Rick Stumpf and Rick Amundsen



Logan Rill, Karen Rill, Cathy Schubkegel, Patty Schubkegel, Christy Schubkegel, Natalie, and Owen Rill



Charlie, Georgene and Jonathan Helwich, Katie Naurath, Bettie Schaefer, Jennifer Swiontek, Katie Amundsen, Mary Wagner, Liz Steeb and Grace Naurath



Helga Schmidt, Guenther & Kim Schmidt and Michael Schaefer

Upcoming Events:

- Liebling Meeting – May 7, 2023
- DANK Chicago South – Maifest – May 20, 2023
- Liebling Meeting – June 4, 2023.

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