



Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 85th Year, 1939-2024

President's Message

Happy Summer! And in true Chicago fashion, summer has come with a vengeance. After a late, wet spring, we are now dealing with some pretty hot weather. I hope everyone is taking it easy and, as my Dad used to say in his mashed up English-Lieblingish, "net over-do-uh." Nonetheless, it's still good to get out a bit and be productive in the garden, or the landscape, or just relaxing on the patio. Your club is preparing for the upcoming Annual Picnic meeting. This year, it will be held on August 11. It has been confirmed that, once again, we will conduct our business meeting at 11 AM and begin lunch service at 12 Noon followed by fun & games for everyone! This has become a great family outing for kids of all ages. Personally, I enjoy watching the kids play their games outdoors, but will occasionally engage in a game of "bags" or "gateball." (If anyone wants to challenge – I'm ready). Also, with the success of last year's Kirchweih 101 project, we will once again conduct an organized rehearsal of the kids Kirchweih dances for kids that come. This was well received by parents and well attended by kids last year, so this would be a great opportunity for the kids to brush up, or for new marchers to learn. We hope to see you then!

Rick Stumpf

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Birthdays Celebrated in June

Carl Masters, Katie Amundsen, Katie Naurath, Karen Grossich, Jack Conway, Logan Rill, Ryan Susami, June Melerski, Robert Melerski, Carl Stumpf, Helmut Habenschuss, Rob Naurath, Tracianne Murphy, Adam Helwich, Billy Lehnhardt, Jill Nagelbach, Calvin Snyder, and Simon Brumley.



Adam Helwich and Katie Amundsen

Anniversaries Celebrated in June

Kim & Carl Masters, Nancy & Robert Melerski celebrating 6 years, Katie & Robert Naurath celebrating 13 years, Georgene & Walter Helwich celebrating 46 years, and Heidi & Mark Atkinson celebrating 47 years.



Georgene & Walter Helwich and Heidi Atkinson

Highlights – June Meeting



The 1,087th meeting was held on June 2, 2024.

The luncheon was sponsored by Cheryl and Roger Falk in celebration of their birthdays in May.

Thank you to the Hospitality Committee, Vicky Stumpf, Nancy Holl, and Christy Schubkegel for organizing, purchasing, setting-up and clean-up, as well as making appetizing snacks for members to enjoy. Thank you also to Joe Schubkegel and Mary Rink for making delicious side dishes for the luncheon.

As always, a big thank you to the Bar Committee, Joe and George Schubkegel, Roger Falk, and Adam Helwich. Thank you to Jim Wagner for helping today.

The Minutes of the May meeting were read by Stephanie Snyder and were approved as read.

The Financial Report was presented by Liz Steeb and approved. Heidi Atkinson told members that the IRS has received and accepted our application for the tax-exempt status. Heidi said that it will take some time before the IRS approves our application and she will keep members informed when our Club receives approval of the tax-exempt status.

Katie Amundsen has contacted the Montreal Liebling Club to acquire Kirchweih Tracht but has not received a reply.

The President of the Donauschwaben Club has not gotten back to Rick about scheduling our Kirchweih dates for the next two years.

Rick has not heard from Waltraut Eberle about the church registrations. Rick stated that he will be sending the Liebling ornaments/bookmarks within the next week to Pastor Sinn to help with the fund raising to restore the Liebling Church.

The August Picnic schedule will be the same as last year with a short meeting held at 11:00 a.m. and then lunch to follow. Rick asked members to volunteer to supervise the games with the children and for members to bring any games and activities that the children might enjoy. Vicky Stumpf will be emailing out a menu asking members to donate or make side dishes and/or desserts for the picnic. The list will help ensure that there are a variety of side dishes.

Kate Amundsen asked members if they would like to hold a workshop to rehearse the children's dances for the Kirchweih at the August Picnic Meeting this year. Members with children agreed that this was a good idea. Katie will coordinate the workshop.

The names of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were read by Katie Amundsen and donated raffle items presented.

Cultural Moment- Vicky Stumpf said the Liebling-ish word list on the club's website has been updated. Check out the new words.

Special luncheon Menu for the June 30th Meeting:

Joe Schubkegel has offered to make home-made Sloppy Joes. This will be in addition to the usual assortment of lunch meat. Joe will also be bringing home made strudel.



Enjoying drinks and snacks at the bar:
Adam Helwich, Roger Falk, Walter Helwich, Mary
Wagner, Liz Steeb, Jim Wagner, and George
Schubkegel



Katie Amundsen presenting the birthday and
anniversary items donated for raffle gifts



Angie and Jonathan Helwich, Lavinia Helwich,
Mary Wagner, Liz Steeb, Nancy Holl, Vicky
Stumpf, and Georgene Helwich



Jennifer and Johanna Swiontek selling raffle tickets
with Lavinia Helwich's help

Pictures taken by John Schaefer

Upcoming Events:

Lieblinger Meeting – June 30, 2024
Lieblinger Meeting/Picnic – August 11, 2024
Lieblinger Meeting – September 8, 2024
Lieblinger Meeting – October 6, 2024
Kirchweih – Saturday, October 19, 2024

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