



Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 83rd Year, 1939-2022

President's Message:

Happy New Year!

Well, we've done it. We turned the page on the calendar and can now put 2021 behind us. As a club, we started the year without being able to conduct any in-person monthly meetings though the Leadership Team continued to meet monthly via remote mobile apps. Then, in May, we resumed our regular get-togethers and haven't looked back. We have seen more and more Members attending these gatherings – which is good to see. Everyone seems to be enjoying the "return to normal." Our club continues to be strong, both financially as well as in membership numbers. We have added numerous new Members over the past year. It's heartwarming to see the next generation joining us and sharing our heritage and the legacy of our parents and grandparents. It is a rich heritage and it's important to pass it on generation to generation. Our traditions are returning, too. Our Christmas Party at Manzo's drew a nice crowd. Ninety adults and children attended. I am confident that we will be able to reinstate our annual Kirchweih in October. Mark your calendars for October 15th! But don't wait until then to meet up with old Lieblinger friends. Come join us at our Monthly Meetings. The formality of the business portion of the meeting is relatively short. Most of the time is spent enjoying each other's company and, of course, good food and drink. Our upcoming meeting schedule appears at the end of this newsletter and the full year meeting calendar can be found on our website. I hope to see you soon.

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Birthdays Celebrated in January

Martin Hedrich, Inga Yearwood, Elaine Grossich, Owen Rill, Curt Yearwood, William Mohrdieck, Paul Brumley, Rick Amundsen, Eric Stumpf, Megan Ferguson, Karen Rill, Mike Holl, Kathryn Faulkner, and Jim Wagner



Karen & Owen Rill, Jim Wagner, and Elaine Grossich

Birthday and Anniversary List – If you would like to have your birthday and anniversary printed in the newsletter, please contact Katie Amundsen. Her email is rkamundsen@att.net

A New Year – and a New Look to our Newsletter!

Notice we have added the Liebling Coat of Arms at the top of the newsletter. Friedrich Eberle, a Lieblinger artist, created the Coat of Arms in 2016. It was given to our Club by his daughter, Waltraut.

Katie Amundsen provided this information about the Liebling Coat of Arms symbols. The double eagle at the top of the Coat of Arms appears on the Official Donauschwaben Coat of Arms, so it means Liebling is a Donauschwaben village. The field of bright Royal Blue symbolizes the color known as "Lieblinger Blue," which was painted on the foundations of many houses in Liebling and appears on the Liebling flag. This blue also appears in the blue aprons worn in the formal Tracht of

the young girls. The church of Liebling is flanked by sheaves of wheat and grape vines, both symbols of Banat, as Liebling was a rich agricultural village. Liebling was founded in 1786, during the third and final Donauschwaben migration from Austria-Hungarian lands.

Highlights from the Meeting

The 1,060th meeting of the Liebling Pleasure Society was held on January 9, 2022. Members had a Moment of Silence for the passing of long-standing member, Katharina Blechschmidt Juhn. Our condolences to the family of Mrs. Juhn.

Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee, Nancy Holl and Vicky Stumpf for setting up the luncheon and the Bar Committee, George Schubkegel and Jim Wagner for their service. The luncheon and cake were sponsored by Magdalena Schaefer in celebration of her 72 years of membership in the Liebling Club.

The elected Officers and Committee Members were officially installed at the January meeting. Christy Schubkegel accepted her auditor position.

The Minutes from the November meeting were read by Mary Wagner and approved. Johanna Swiontek gave the Financial Report. Guenther Schmidt stated that the Schatzmeister's Report was reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee.

Kathy Smith, the daughter of Liz Nagelbach Tallarico and the granddaughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Nagelbach was nominated for membership. Kathy was accepted and voted into the club. We welcome Kathy into the Liebling Pleasure Society.

Rick Stumpf informed members that 22 E-Book cookbooks were sold in the United States and 8 E-books were sold internationally in the month of December. Rick said that we have already recovered the cost of the project and are seeing a profit. The Liebling Family Recipes E-books are for sale on our website under Shop for \$5, along with our Liebling Ornament/Bookmark. Rick said that we will send a Liebling church ornament to both the Pastor and the caretaker in Liebling, which they can show as souvenirs. A Motion was made and passed to price the Ornament/Bookmark at \$10, plus shipping.

Eric Freiburger, band member of Paloma, returned the check that we sent the band to compensate them for cancellation of our Kirchweih. Rick said that he thanked Eric and the members of Paloma for their generosity to our club.

Our Maifest was discussed, and Rick said that Manzo's Banquets is not available for May 15th. He will check other venues and report to members at the meeting in February.

Rick reminded members that our Club has a members-only Facebook page and a second Facebook page for non-members. Elaine Grossich said it would be nice to have an Instagram Page for our club also, and that she will set up this account for the club.

Rick stated that he has several "Wandkalender" for sale at \$10.00 each.

Reminder: To pay your annual Liebling dues of \$5.00. Checks should be made payable to "Liebling Pleasure Society." Mail your check to Roger Falk, 4849 N. Natchez Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60656.

In order to keep our Membership List up-to-date and accurate, please include with your check- any changes to your address, email, and phone number. Note: If you provided a landline phone number and no longer have the landline, please include a cell number.



Magdalena Schaefer celebrating 72 years as a member. Mrs. Schaefer has the honor of having the longest membership in the Club, itself only 83 years old.

A reminder to members that our monthly newsletters are posted on the Liebling website. Of particular interest to our new members may be the **Keeping the Story Alive** articles written by Katie Amundsen that are printed in our newsletters. These are articles written about life in Liebling...school, harvesting, weddings, Kerwei, Christmas, etc. There are also Kirchweih Pictorials and Christmas Pictorials posted. Also, recently added is a recording of Konrad Schmidt telling members at our September 2019 meeting about his personal experience of the exodus from Liebling in September 1944

While writing this newsletter, I have been informed by Elaine Grossich that our Club now has an Instagram account. If you have an Instagram account ...you can follow us on "Liebling_Verein_Chicago".

Upcoming Events: Liebling Meeting – Feb. 13, 2022
Liebling Meeting -March 6,2022
Liebling Meeting – April 3, 2022
Liebling Meeting- May 1,2022
Maifest – May 15, 2022

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