



# Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 84th Year, 1939-2023

## President's Message:

### Let's get warmed up!

We're getting ready for summer. We had a great day for our Cinco de Mayo themed meeting a few weeks ago, and look forward to continued warm and sunny weather for our June meeting (June 4<sup>th</sup>) and despite the cautions about the 3 Ice Men, it turns out that was a false alarm. Nonetheless, with what we spend on plants every year, it's better to be safe than sorry! I expect that many of us will be experiencing graduation parties in the coming weeks and I, for one, am looking forward to helping friends and neighbors celebrate these special occasions for their young adult children. Then, before you know it, we'll be celebrating the Fourth of July, and not far behind will be our annual Liebling Picnic meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Last year we tried something new that was quite successful so we will do it again this year. We will conduct our business meeting starting at 11:00 AM and enjoy our picnic lunch after the meeting. Of course, we will have plenty of outdoor games and activities. The kids really enjoy the games, and many adults have found their way outside to play some of the games. We always have horseshoes, gate ball and cornhole ("bags") for the adults. It's a great time for the kids to play with others they see only rarely. Finally, as part of our preparation for Kirchweih and the "Kerweih 101" project, there will be a workshop on all things Tracht. Read more about it in Katie's update in this newsletter. We will also be conducting marching rehearsals prior to the Kirchweih, so stay tuned for more information about that. We hope to see you all at our upcoming meetings!

Rick Stumpf - [rick@rickstumpf.us](mailto:rick@rickstumpf.us)

## Birthdays Celebrated in May

Rylie Mohrdieck, Jude Brumley, Walter Helwich, Konrad Schmidt, Tyler Nagelbach, Natalie Rill, Andrew Nigliaccio, Adam Ferguson, Heidi Atkinson, Mary Wagner, and Ben Faulkner



Walter Helwich, Natalie Rill, Konrad Schmidt and Heidi Atkinson. Special shout out to Konrad Schmidt who is celebrating his 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

## Anniversaries Celebrated in May

Cheryl and Roger Falk celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Cathy and Joe Schubkegel celebrating their 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and Barbara and John Nebl celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary.



Roger Falk and Cathy and Joe Schubkegel

## “Kerweih 101 Project: - By Katie Amundsen

### Highlights from the May Meeting:

Our 1,075th meeting was held on May 7, 2023.

A Moment of Silence was held for Magdalena Schaefer. Mrs. Schaefer celebrated 73 years as a member of the club in January, which was the longest membership held by a member, and was an active member in the club. We extend our condolences to the Schaefer family.

President, Rick Stumpf, welcomed members and thanked everyone who brought snacks, drinks, and side dishes to share for our festive Cinco de Mayo celebration. Mary and Jim Wagner sponsored the luncheon to celebrate Mary's birthday and Heidi Atkinson sponsored the cake in celebration of her birthday.

Rick also thanked the Hospitality Committee, Elaine Grossich, Christy Schubkegel, Vicky Stumpf, and Nancy Holl for organizing, setting up and cleaning up after the luncheon. Thanks to the Bar Committee, George and Joe Schubkegel, Jim Wagner, and Roger Falk, for serving members and making special Margaritas.

The Minutes for the April 2nd meeting were read by Mary Wagner and were approved.

The Financial Report was presented by Liz Steeb and was approved. Liz stated that there are still some members who have not paid their annual dues of \$5.00.

The Relocation Committee, to find a new venue for the Kirchweih in 2024, did not have an update. If anyone has any suggestions about venues, please inform the committee.

Katie Amundsen provided an update on the “Kerweih 101 Project”. Katie stated that a Kirchweih Tracht Workshop will be held on June 11 and July 10, 2023. See the Invitation to participate and attend that is printed in the newsletter.

Vicky Stumpf thanked all the members for bringing snacks, food, and desserts to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Vicky asked members to let her know if they had suggestions about other fun themes and foods that members would enjoy at our meetings.

Cultural Moment – A reminder – if you plan to plant outdoors this Spring to wait until after St. Pankratius (Pancras), St. Servatius and St. Bonifatius (Boniface) known as the 3 Iceman come. The dates on the calendar are May 12,13, and 14. If you plant before these dates, you might experience overnight frost.

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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.**

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We are happy to announce the dates for our series of five workshops. The women of the club are invited to attend a Tracht workshop on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. or on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., please sign up for the workshops most convenient for you. The invitation is printed below with details, or check your email box. Please notify me and sign up today if you plan to attend the June 11<sup>th</sup> Tracht workshop.

The children's Stolz Tanz and Chicken Dance workshop will be at 1 p.m. on August 13<sup>th</sup>, during our annual family picnic. We'll also present an Aufmarsch Rehearsal and dance practice on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m., and again on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m. (or the day before, Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, TBD). These workshops will be held at the Donauschwaben Hall.

All 5 of our workshops are planned to be fun, casual social events for our members and their families, and all workshops need **your** support and active participation. Join us as we come together to celebrate, laugh, and learn about our traditions. Help us as we teach the future.

Contact me for June 11<sup>th</sup> workshop sign up, and your suggestions, or questions.

**The women of the club are invited  
to attend and participate in**

### **A Liebling Kirchweih Tracht Workshop**

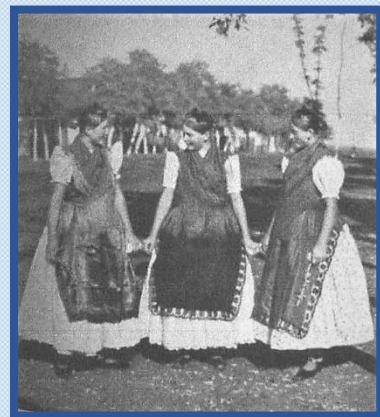
**on Sunday, June 11 at 1 p.m.**

**or**

**on Monday July 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Attend the workshop which is most convenient for  
you**

**Each workshop will address and demonstrate:  
Dressing in the Children's & Adult Tracht  
How to Prepare the Tracht  
Preserving the Tracht**



**Presented by our experts:  
Helene Burghardt  
Elaine Grossich  
Mary Wagner**

Held at the home of Elaine & Keith Grossich:  
2568 N. Hadow Avenue  
Arlington Heights

Join us for a fun event where we learn to carry on  
Liebling's traditions.

Sign up to attend the June workshop by  
June 4<sup>th</sup>!

To sign up, email, text, or phone:  
Katie Amundsen

NEW email: [kamundsen73@gmail.com](mailto:kamundsen73@gmail.com)  
Phone: 815-353-4906



Our Future Leaders - Children (and grandchildren) of members had fun and enjoyed the Cinco de Mayo festivities at the meeting.

Enjoy the following pictures from our May meeting:



May Meeting – Rick addressing members



Irene and Bob Untch, Inga and Curt Yearwood



A toast in memory of Magdalena Schaefer – who always enjoyed making a toast with members at the meetings.



The Hedrich Sisters – Mary Rink, Betty Rogers, and Kathy Faulkner

### Upcoming Events For Our Club

Liebling Meeting – June 4, 2023  
Kirchweih Tracht Workshop – June 11, 2023  
Liebling Meeting – July 9, 2023  
Kirchweih Tracht Workshop – July 10, 2023  
Liebling Meeting/Picnic – August 13, 2023

### Upcoming Events – For Other Clubs

German Fest, 2023 – Friday, June 23 and  
Saturday, June 24, 2023. – Forest Park

American Aid – Annual Picnic – Sunday, June  
25, 2023 – Lake Villa

Egerlander 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diner & Dance-  
August 12, 2023

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