



Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 83rd Year, 1939-2022

President's Message:

"Come out, come out, wherever you are!"

Ah, a chant from our past that many of you, I'm sure, yelled when playing Hide-and-Seek. Being old and retired gives me plenty of time to think back on the fun days in my life getting together with friends and enjoying carefree play. As I write this column, I am looking forward to the removal of vaccine and indoor mask mandates on February 28th and resuming life the way it was a couple years ago. We could all get together, comfortably, and enjoy each other's companionship – and that will be the case again very soon. While we have had good attendance at our meetings for many months, I know that many of you just simply didn't want to attend due to concerns about the virus or the mask requirements. I'm sure you know that COVID case counts have dropped dramatically over the past several weeks. State health officials have deemed the threat has diminished enough to eliminate the need to wear masks indoors. I hope this will give all of you a sense of comfort and well-being, enough to once again join your families and friends sharing good times – and good memories. Of course, our monthly Meetings continue (the next Meeting will take place on Sunday March 6th), but we are also putting together a Maifest. The last Maifest we had was in 2019. Not having held a Kirchweih for a couple years, the Leadership Team recommended, and the Membership decided, it would be good to hold a Maifest this year. Sunday May 15th. Mark your calendars and look for further details. And – *"come out, come out, wherever you are!"*

Rick Stumpf - rick@rickstumpf.us

Birthdays Celebrated in February

Barbara Blum, Bert Mohrdieck, Barbara Nebl, Liam Atkinson, Lisa Menninger, Krista Reuter, Michael Schaefer, Jr., Monica Yearwood Novak, Johanna Spang, Heinrich Reichert, Sr., and John Schaefer



Heinrich Reichert, Sr. and John Schaefer

Anniversaries Celebrated in February

Eric & June Melerski

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

Reminder: To pay your annual Liebling dues of \$5.00. Checks are to 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 you no longer have the landline, please include a cell number.



Highlights from the Meeting

The 1,061st meeting of the Liebling Pleasure Society was held on February 13, 2022. Members had a Moment of Silence for the passing of long-standing member, Stefan Just. The club extends their condolences to the family.

The Hospitality Committee, Nancy Holl and Vicky Stumpf were thanked along with the Bar Committee, George Schubkegel for their service. There are several meeting dates available to sponsor the luncheon and/or cake. Rick thanked members for the bountiful snacks donated for our Super Bowl Meeting.

Officers and Committee Members who were not able to attend the January meeting were officially installed.

John Schaefer made a Nomination to install Tressia Schaefer, wife of Walter Schaefer into the club. Tressia was accepted and voted into the club. We welcome Tressia into the Liebling Pleasure Society.

The Minutes of the January meeting were read by Katie Amundsen and were approved. The Financial Report was given by Roger Falk and was approved.

Rick Stumpf found two venues that are available for our Maifest. They are Ashton Place and White Eagle. Several Officers and/or Committee Members will check out these two places regarding appearance and the food quality in the next couple of days. A hold for the date has been placed at both venues. A Motion was made at the meeting that once the report came back from the members checking out the venues; that the Officers and Committee Members be authorized to choose the venue since this event is only a few months away and a place would need to be secured quickly. The Motion was voted and passed by members.

The Maifest on Sunday, May 15th will be an afternoon event – from 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. John Schaefer suggested we contact the one-man band, Zicke-Zacki, that performed at the Karlsdorfer Kirchweih in November. John said that the music was good, and the gentlemen was also entertaining; and that it would be more cost effective. John will contact the band to check for availability.



Rick & Katie Amundsen celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary in January

After our January Newsletter was printed and distributed, Mary Wagner received an email from Waltraut Eberle, the daughter of Friedrich Eberle, in response to our question about the symbols on the Liebling Coat of Arms.

Waltraut informed Mary that there is a letter on the Liebling-Banat website explaining the design of the Liebling Coat of Arms written by Mr. Eberle.

Here are his words: “The coat of arms was designed according to the rules of heraldry and is described as follows: ““Blue with golden shield head. In gold a half black double eagle with a red tongue and a gloriole. In blue 3 gold-silver ears of wheat bound together, a gold-silver church with a black church tower roof, a grapevine with 3 golden grapes and 3 silver vine leaves. Banner under the coat of arms with the slogan Liebling 1786”.”

“The double eagle is a reference to Emperor Joseph II under whose reign Liebling was founded in 1786. The 3 ears of wheat bear witness to the fact that Liebling cultivated predominantly grain. Center and guarantor of the cohesion of the community was the Church. The grapevine symbolizes the text of John 15:5. Jesus Christ says, ““I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing””.”



A Memorial Toast to Fritz Hedrich and Stefan Just (who recently passed). Both always had time to share a shot with members.

Upcoming Events: Lieblinger Meeting – March 6, 2022
Lieblinger Meeting – April 3, 2022
Lieblinger Meeting- May 1, 2022
Maifest – May 15, 2022