

Chicago Lieblinger Verein

April 2025 Newsletter

Our 86th Year!

Next meeting date: 5.4.2025



Lieblinger-ish word of the month:

Kerrich - church (German = Kirche) The pews in the *Kerrich* are often very full on Easter Sunday!

President's Message

Welcome to Spring! It's been a long time coming, but nice weather is finally here. As we bring April to an end, we're getting ready for May. And for us Chicago Lieblingers that means Cinco de Mayo at our next meeting. It's always a fun time when we change up the lunch menu and most folks look forward to it. We'll still have some traditional lunch stuff for those who prefer, but the stars of the day will be Mexican food and drinks. As always, if you plan on bringing food/drink, please advise in advance!

In this newsletter you'll find some interesting reading – as well as some things to do for the kids. (Thanks, Christy)! You'll also note that our annual membership is behind schedule. We require that dues (\$5-per-year) be paid during the first quarter, but our Financial Secretary reports there are a significant number of members who have not yet paid their dues. Please do so as soon as possible to keep your membership in good standing. Your support of the club is important and helps us thrive.

If you have an opportunity, please plan on joining us in the coming months at our monthly meetings. They're actually fun!

Rick Stumpf

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Highlights of the April Meeting

The 1,095th meeting was held on April 6th, 2025. Rick brought the meeting to order at 1:04 PM with a moment of silence in memory of Eva Schmidt.

Stephanie read the minutes from last meeting; they were accepted as read.

Dana Grossich - the bride from last month's out-of-town wedding - was nominated for membership by Elaine as her new mother-in-law. Membership approved.

Karen read off the financial report; there were no questions.

Old Business

Rick brought up the topic of sharing contact information for members and reported that he had received a number of responses asking that personal info not be shared.

In regards to the band Paloma, we have not received a contract from them yet, but they have committed to our dates for the Kirchweih for both this year and next.

The discussion about the coffee maker that was tabled from last month prompted a bit of a heated debate. After much discussion, Liz offered to donate a Keurig for the club to store in our cabinet at the hall.

Correspondence

- Jolly Burgenlander - **Austrian Spring Dance** 4/27/25 @ Gaelic Park 1:30 PM
- DANK Haus - **"Night on the Red Carpet"** 5/3/25 @ DANK Haus Marunde Ballroom 6-11 PM
- American Aid Society - **Frühlings Banquet** - 5/4/25 @ Lake Villa - Noon
- American Aid Society - **Memorial Day Picnic** 5/25/25 @ Lake Villa - 10 AM
- American Aid Society - **Golf Outing** - 6/21/25 @ Round Lake Beach - 9:30 AM

THANK YOU!

- Maria Rink and the Hedrich clan for sponsoring "Chicken April" in memory of their parents' birthdays.
- Joe for his yummy strudel
- Vicky and Rick for bringing a tres leches cake in honor of their granddaughter Layla's birthday
- to the Hospitality team - Elaine and Christy - for setting up our lunch
- the bar committee for their always excellent service
- and for all the snacks brought by Vicky, Elaine, Christy, Joe, and anyone we may have missed!

Heidi reported on the discussions she's had with Manzo's banquet hall regarding our Christmas party for this year. There was a minor price hike which wasn't unexpected due to the economy. She will be checking back with them regarding holiday decor. The menu for the party will be discussed later, but some suggestions were made. George made a motion to pay the deposit with a second from Joe.

An update regarding our tax exempt filing status was also given by Heidi... We are waiting on a response from the State of Illinois.

Rick received an update on the Liebling cemeteries (noted 1 year and 22 days after original inquiry). An organization was formed separate from the church to handle regular upkeep of both the East and West cemeteries from April-October. This adds up to about 1500 Euros for both per year. The restoration costs are estimated at 9,000 euros for the East cemetery and 12,000 for the West. 7,000 euros have been raised so far.



MEETING
MINUTES

The facilities manager of the Donauschwaben hall reached out to Rick asking if our June meeting could be rescheduled as they have a member that would like to rent the hall for the same day. The currently scheduled date is June 8th; the dates suggested were the day before (Saturday June 7th) or the following Sunday the 15th, which is Father's Day.



After much discussion, Karen made the motion that we request to move to June 1st, but if not, to decline to reschedule. Tom seconded. An addendum to that motion was made by Stephanie, suggesting that if that the 1st is not available, we skip the June meeting entirely. Jen seconded the amendment and the motion carried. Rick will get back to the Donauschwaben and will report back next meeting. *(It has been determined that there will be **NO CHANGE** to our original June 8th meeting date).*

Karen noted that she received dues for Mikayla Steeb, but that she was not a registered member. Rick conceded to go back to new membership for Liz and Mikayla was voted in so that her dues could be processed. This led to discussion about the age that children could become members, which is 16 years old.

MEMBERSHIP

Karen also made note that she has not received membership dues from quite a lot of our members. As this is April, we are now at the point where if dues are not received, people will be removed from our membership list. An estimated half of our membership are now in arrears. If you have not paid your membership dues, please mail to:

Karen Rill
Lieblinger Verein
557 N Geri Ct
Palatine, IL 60067



On the subject of membership, Karen noted that she and I are updating our membership list to make it easier to read. We will add birthdays and anniversaries to the list instead of having multiple different listings. Also, there isn't a list that specifically shows children of members and we'd like to add them in. This will help for situations like reaching out for Kirchweih and Christmas party needs, and help us keep track of our future members!

Yours truly had some ideas for this publication and requested information from members.



- For our new recipe book, we need to use a recipe from our cookbook if none is submitted.
- To involve the kids more, I suggested a section to involve them, be that a crossword, word search, or coloring page that could be shared. (Members suggested a coloring page involving a tracht or something similar.)
- The section that I'm most excited about (and I hope you are, too!) is adding a "Link to Liebling" where we can find out things like what people have in their gardens (what's the same, what's different from what we have?) or how they celebrate holidays, etc. If you have ideas, please let me know!

Rick noted that Guenther - who is our main ticket-taker for the Kirchweih - has an out-of-town wedding to attend on the same date. We will need someone else to cover those times. Roger and Keith volunteered, but they are at the front table at the beginning of the event so can't cover that timeframe. As we get closer to the time of the Kirchweih, we will revisit the topic.

Installation of new officers is now done with the swearing in of Liela to the Kirchweih raffle committee.

There weren't any members in attendance that had birthdays or anniversaries in April, however, Elaine read the list of celebrants.

Birthdays in April:

Dolores Eberle, Kailynn Mohrdieck, Benjamin Mohrdieck, Katharina Nigliacco, Barbara Habenschuss, Brittney Reichert, Dorothy Nagelbach, Eric Melerski, Rick Hutflötz, Danny Schubkegel, Rowan Schaefer, and Kristin Jankowski.

Anniversaries in April:

Nichole and Eric Stumpf, Lauren and Bill Lehnhardt, Kathy and Bill Mohrdieck.

Raffle prizes donated:

- Ron & Cathy for parents' anniversary
- both Jen and Elaine brought chocolates "just because"
- two towels were brought out from the cabinet to add to the prizes

As you can see below, Liesl made out like a bandit in the raffle!



Karen mentioned that her daughter, Natalie, is doing a history report on Lieblinger history and asked for any input. Unfortunately this project is due a week after the meeting, so there wasn't a lot of time to gather information.

Many words were submitted for the "Lieblinger-ish words" list.

Mitzje - a jacket worn over a shirt when women went to church. It had little white, fabric-covered buttons on the back in the shape of an upside-down V and puckered sleeves.

Gattjer - Loose, overall type garment worn by men to keep cool. It was baggy and lightweight, like gauze.

Schmick - the lash of a whip

Kotze - a horse blanket

Arschkitzel - rosehip

Krutzen - the core of an apple; also a smart aleck kid

Gesche - horse with white socks/legs

Schleicher - slip-on shoe you would wear in the yard, like a garden clog

Schnuddel - to drool

Lutsch - a binky; pacifier

George motioned to adjourn; Christy seconded. Meeting adjourned!





Happy Chicken April! Fried and broasted chicken were provided by Mary Rink and the extended Hedrich Family.



A table full of materials available to take home.





Please join us at our next meeting!

5/4/2025 @ 11:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M

Donauschwaben Hall

625 Seegers Rd, Des Plaines, IL. 60016

We will be having a taco bar in honor of Cinco de Mayo... please feel free to bring a side dish to go along with the feast! (A small selection of sandwich fixings will be available for those who prefer that option.)

Süsskraut

This recipe was submitted by Angie and Adam in honor of Eva Schmidt who shared it with them.

Ingredients

half of a cabbage, diced

3 or 4 potatoes, diced (Angie suggests yellow potatoes)

bouillon soup cube or powder (Angie uses Vegeta powder)

1 cup water

pinch of salt

Combine all ingredients in a pot and cook until soft, then mash. If desired, you can drain off some of the water first so that the finished product isn't as thin.

Editor's note: *I'd never had this before to my knowledge, but I needed a photo, so...*

I used white potatoes with the peels on (because I'm lazy like that) and chicken Better than Bouillon (that's what I've got). It was quite yummy!



Tracht Pieces

The Lieblinger Verein in Germany has disbanded. They have Tracht available for adults and children and have offered to give it to us for free. If you want either a complete set or just certain pieces, then please send your name, email/phone, and description of what you want to Mary, even if you have already told her previously. Her contact in Germany is sorting what they have and would want to know soon in order to complete by end of April:

Mary Stumpf Wagner

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815-674-1108

Die Kinderecke (Kid's corner)

Coloring and activity books - along with crayons, markers, and colored pencils - were provided and the children quickly found them! (below)

To the left, two of the Hedrich boys posed for the camera (after the youngest kept escaping when I tried to get a photo of him toddling around with the cookie he liberated from the dessert table!)



Pastor Sinn was so kind as to send Mary Stumpf Wagner the Easter bulletin from the church in Liebling. She forwarded it to me and I've taken the liberty of borrowing the photos and some of the other contents of the service to share with you... enjoy!



Der Herr ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden! Halleluja!

To the left, a Nanking Cherry tree. Below and to the right, several colors of hyacinths.



Below, the Liebling church in Spring.



Above, star hyacinths and a white stork on a nest.



Hey, kids! Several varieties of hyacinths were featured in the Liebling church bulletin... what color would you plant? Show us below!

