



# Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 84th Year, 1939-2023

## President's Message

I hope you were there, because it was a great Kirchweih! As usual, our chefs did a tremendous job preparing the goulash and wurst. The marchers – young and not so young – were a site to behold as they paraded around the floor in traditional tracht. It was beautiful! We had just around 250 people in attendance to help celebrate the 200-year anniversary of the founding of our church in Liebling. (Further in this newsletter, you will see some of the photos that were taken in Liebling and shared with us). We had a tremendous outpouring of volunteers to help with the hall set-up, food prep, serving and clean-up at the end of the night. Thank you all. Now we're getting ready for our Annual Christmas Party to be held at Manzo's Banquets on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's always a fun time for kids as well as adults so please plan to attend. Details of the event can be found later in this newsletter and a flyer is also being sent. But even before the Christmas Party, we are conducting our annual elections at our November 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting. We have seen a considerable number of new members join our ranks in the last few years and we are hopeful that some of them will look to join the leadership team in one form or another. Our club is strong and we hope to continue that strength for many years to come. Whether you become an elected member of the team, or not, I still urge you to actively participate in the activities of the club. Come to the meetings. Share your views. Make new friends and renew old friendships. We'd love to see you

Rick Stumpf

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## Birthdays Celebrated in October

Katie Susami, Gregory Mohrdieck, Fred Nagelbach, Jennifer Swiontek, Maycee Masters, Taylor Masters, Kimberly Masters, Nicholas Mohrdieck, Kimberly Schmidt, Elizabeth Burghardt, Grace Naurath, Walter Schaefer, Jeffrey Grossich, Dan Rath, Kurt Schaefer, Cathy Schubkegel, Kathryn Kastory and Mary Rink



Jennifer Swiontek and Mary Rink

## Anniversaries Celebrated in October

Jasmine & Michael Schaefer, Jr. celebrating 6 years, Brittany & James Reichert celebrating 10 years, Rita & David Nebl celebrating 29 years, Elaine & Keith Grossich celebrating 36 years, and Kathryn & Ron Faulkner celebrating 43 years.



Elaine Grossich and Rick Stumpf



## **Belated Congratulations:**

Deb and Rick Hutfloetz celebrated their 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Highlights from the October Meeting**



The 1,080<sup>th</sup> meeting was held on October 1, 2023.

A Moment of Silence was held for Heinrich Reichert who was a long-standing member. Mr. Reichert also held the positions of Vice-President and President during his many years in the club. Our deepest condolences to the Reichert family.

The sponsors for the luncheon were Elaine and Keith Grossich and Kathryn and Ron Faulkner in celebration of their anniversaries. The cake was sponsored by Johanna and Tom Swiontek In celebration of Jennifer Swiontek's birthday.

President, Rick Stumpf, thanked the Hospitality Committee: Nancy Holl, Vicky Stumpf, Christy Schubkegel, and Elaine Grossich for preparing and setting up the luncheon and the Bar Committee: Joe and George Schubkegel, Jim Wagner, and Roger Falk for serving members. Rick also thanked Nancy, Elaine, Vicky, and Joe for providing delicious snacks.

The Minutes for the September meeting was read by Mary Wagner and approved. The Financial Report was given by Liz Steeb and was approved.

Rick reminded members to please reserve their table for the Kirchweih. A sign-up sheet was provided after the meeting.

Rick thanked Bettie Schaefer for contacting members to volunteer to take tickets at the hot food line and take tickets and serve at the dessert table. Bettie will contact members to fill the new extended time slot to sell desserts and sausage. An updated Serving Schedule will be emailed to volunteers the Thursday before the Kirchweih.

Rick went through all the necessary preparations to be performed on Friday and asked members to sign up. The timeline to arrive at the hall on Friday was set at 3:00 pm. The set-up for the hall on the day of the Kirchweih will begin at 1:00 pm.

The Auction bidding rules were discussed, and members voted with a show of hands to revert to the 10 cent bidding rules unless members in the audience bid.

The Christmas Party was discussed so that a Flyer can be prepared and printed and put on the table at the Kirchweih and sent out with the October newsletter.

The price of the dinner for members is \$20.00 for adults (12 and over), \$10.00 for children (11-3), and children under 3 free. The price for non-members is \$40.00 for adults (12 and over) and \$20.00 for children (11-3) and children under 3 free.

Cultural Moment – Roger Falk mentioned that he saw pictures of the Liebling Church 200- year consecration celebration posted by Dorothy Nagelbach. Bettie Schaefer said she would post pictures of the ceremony in the newsletter.

Konrad Schmidt reminded members that on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, it was 79 years ago that 2,150 people had to flee their beloved village of Liebling. Mr. Schmidt told members of his experience fleeing Liebling. His account was recorded a couple of years ago and can be found on our Liebling website.



Officers and Committee Members at the pre-meeting discussing preparation for the Kirchweih.

## **200 – Year Consecration Celebration of the Church in Liebling**







The one thing noted by Vice-President, John Schaefer, was how many young people attended the Kirchweih and that they were embracing and enjoying the night. Our Club's Founding Members would be so proud that the club just celebrated its 82<sup>nd</sup> Kirchweih!

About twenty years ago, at a regular meeting, the Super Seniors made a motion to discontinue the Kirchweih because they felt they could no longer do all the work necessary to host the Kirchweih. It was at this point that our younger past officers, present officers, and committee members said they would do the necessary work to continue to host the Kirchweih.

The dedication, commitment, and hard work of the Officers, Committee Members and the Members who volunteered helped make this year's Kirchweih possible. The Club's election is being held at the next meeting. We invite you to come to the meetings, join a committee and help with the continuation of our Kirchweih and the future of the Liebling Club.

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**Special Thanks** to our Chefs – George Schubkegel and Joe Schubkegel who spent Friday night and Saturday morning preparing and making the Goulash and Sausage for the Kirchweih, **and**, to Elaine Grossich, who is the Chairperson for the Food Service ...who worked for days ahead of, as well as the entire evening of the Kirchweih.

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### **REMINDER:**

Our Kirchweih is also our annual fund raiser for the Club. As a member you are required to support the Kirchweih each year, whether you attend or not, unless you live over 100 miles away.

If you did not attend the Kirchweih, please mail in your check for the \$15.00 per member.

Please mail in your check payable to "Liebling Pleasure Society."

Mail to: Elaine Grossich  
2568 N. Haddow Ave.  
Arlington Heights, IL. 60004

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### **KIRCHWEIH SPONSORS:**

#### **Platinum Level -\$100.00**

The Blechschmidt Family  
Cheryl and Roger Falk  
The Hedrich Family  
In Memory of Martin & Rosina Hedrich  
Dorothy and Fred Nagelbach

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### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Dan & Lindsey Schubkegel on the birth of their son, Levi, born on August 18<sup>th</sup>. 7 lbs., and 20.5 inches.



Congratulations also to grandparents, Cathy & Joe Schubkegel

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Our 82<sup>nd</sup> Kirchweih was held on October 14, 2023 ...it was a joyous celebration!

As always, the hall was decorated beautifully, the Raffle Baskets were fabulous and enticing, the food and desserts were declared delicious by members and guests. Watching the Kleine Kinder and Grosse Kinder Marchers you could see they were having fun and the girls looked amazing in their traditional Tracht. The boys were handsome with their colorful ribbon hats.



**Platinum Level - \$100.00 (cont'd)**

The Naurath and Steeb Family  
In Memory of Lena Schaefer  
Bettie and John Schaefer  
The Schmidt Family  
Vicky and Rick Stumpf  
Mary and Jim Wagner

**Gold Level - \$50.00**

Nancy and Mike Holl  
Nichole and Eric Stumpf  
Johanna and Tom Swiontek

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A lot of time and effort go into preparing for the Kirchweih... here are some pictures taken on Friday night.



Elaine Grossich and Nancy Holl in the kitchen doing food prep for Saturday



Our Chefs- Joe and George Schubkegel



Christy and Patty Schubkegel helping in the kitchen



Master Crafters – Mike Holl and Rick Stumpf Making the Strauss for both the Kleine Kinder and Grosse Kinder Marchers



Decorating the Strauss – Karen Rill, Heidi Atkinson, Mary Rink, and Natalie Rill



Bettie Schaefer working on the flower table decorations

A Kirchweih Pictorial of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Kirchweih is being worked on and will be emailed and sent out to members after completion.



Kleine Kinder Marchers for 2023  
Strauss Winners -  
Grace Naurath and George Helwich



Grosse Kinder Marchers for 2023  
Strauss Winners-  
Nat Berger Mandello and Zach Rogers

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## **CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

Please join us for our fun, family Christmas Party on December 3, 2023.

At Manzo's Banquets, 1571 S. Elmhurst Rd, Des Plaines, IL. Doors Open at 11:30 a.m.

For Members, the cost for the dinner for adults (12 and over) is \$20.00 and the cost for children (3-11) is \$10.00. Children under 3 are free.

For Non-Members, the cost for the dinner for adults (12 and over) is \$40.00 and the cost for children (3-11) is \$20.00. Children under 3 are free.

Reminder- To bring a wrapped gift to the Christmas Party for the raffle.

## **SANTA'S NICE LIST:**

Each year Santa Claus makes an appearance and presents gifts to the children.

Children of members under the age of 13, attending the Liebling Christmas Party, will receive a gift from Santa Claus.

Email [Bettiesch@aol.com](mailto:Bettiesch@aol.com) your child's or children's name and age, so that their name or names are placed on Santa's Nice List and given to Santa's Helpers.

**Deadline to submit names on Santa's List is November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

A Confirmation email will be sent to you that your email was received. If you do not receive a Confirmation email from Bettie, then your email was not received, and your child's or children's names were not placed on Santa's Nice List.

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## **RSVP –**

**The deadline to reserve your family's table is November 27<sup>th</sup>.**

RSVPs are required to attend the Christmas Party since a head count is given to Manzo's.

**RSVP to Rick Stumpf 630-852-4115 or John Schaefer, 708-707-4488.**

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## **Upcoming Events for Our Club**

**Liebling Meeting (Elections) – November 5th**  
**Deadline for Santa's List – Nov. 20th**  
**RSVP Deadline for Christmas Party – Nov. 27th**  
**Christmas Party – December 3, 2023**  
**Liebling Meeting - January 7th**

## **Other Club Events:**

**67<sup>th</sup> Karlsdorfer Kirchweih – Nov. 18, 2023**  
**Donauschwaben Hall -RSVP required**

**Editor: Bettie Schaefer**