



# Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 84th Year, 1939-2023

## President's Message:

### Summer is here!

And unless you've taken out a second mortgage on your home to pay water bills, your lawn is probably looking pretty brown. Oh well, this too shall pass. We want rain, but not on the weekends. Especially not on weekends when we have our monthly meetings. We have seen nice turnouts for our gatherings and I thank everyone who has come out. It's always good to get the "old gang" back together – though it has become increasingly difficult for our super seniors to make the commitment. We miss them terribly, and look forward to having them join us again. But we are seeing new faces. If you have kept up with the news shared in this newsletter, over the past year or so, we have added many new members. It is a testament to the club's vitality and bodes well for our future. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, please plan on joining us. We always have great food and drinks of all kinds, not to mention the comradery of long-time friends getting together for an afternoon. Of course, the July meeting (Sunday July 9) is the next one on the calendar, but on Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual picnic. This has become the most popular monthly meeting of the year. Many families with youngsters come out and enjoy outdoor games and grilled brats & hot dogs. We have great participation from among the members who bring a variety of side dishes, many of which have become crowd favorites. Vicky recently sent out an email for members to choose how they will participate and the side dish they will bring. It's always great fun, so plan to be there. What's summer without a picnic?

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

## Birthdays Celebrated in June

Carl Masters, Calvin Snyder, Katie Naurath, Karen Grossich, Jack Conway, Logan Rill, Ryan Susami, June Melerski, Robert Melerski, Carl Stumpf, Helmut Habenschuss, Rob Naurath, Tracianne Murphy, Adam Helwich, Billy Lehnhardt, Jillian Nagelbach, Katie Amundsen, and Simon Brumley



Katie Amundsen and Logan Rill

## Anniversaries Celebrated in June

Kimberly & Carl Masters, Robert & Nancy Melerski celebrating 5 yrs., Katie & Robert Naurath celebrating 12 years, Georgene & Walter Helwich celebrating 45 yrs., and Heidi & Mark Atkinson celebrating 46 yrs.



Georgene & Walter Helwich and Heidi Atkinson



Correction - last month's May Anniversaries – Barbara & John Nebl celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.



Georgene & Walter Helwich – with the delicious cake they shared with members to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **Highlights from the June Meeting:**

Our 1,076th meeting was held on June 4, 2023.

The June luncheon was sponsored by Katie and Rick Amundsen in celebration of Katie's birthday. A delicious cake was provided by Georgene and Walter Helwich in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Rick thanked the Hospitality Committee, Christy Schubkegel, Elaine Grossich, Nancy Holl and Vicky Stumpf for all the work they do each month in organizing, purchasing, and setting up the luncheon for members and for cleaning up after the luncheon. The Committee also made wonderful homemade snacks for members to enjoy. Rick thanked the Bar Committee, Joe and George Schubkegel, Jim Wagner, and Roger Falk for serving members.

The Minutes of the May meeting were recorded and read by Mary Wagner and were approved.

The Financial Report was presented by Heidi Atkinson and was approved.

Stephanie Snyder, Chairperson of the Relocation Committee to find another venue for our Kirchweih in 2024 reported that the committee could not find another suitable venue that meets all our current criteria. Heidi Atkinson suggested that the committee provide a written report of all the venues the committee checked out. The report should list the pros and cons of each venue so that we can have this information in case our criteria changes and we need to find another venue in the future. Stephanie suggested we look into company sponsorships to create more revenue since the club has lost the bar revenue.

President, Rick Stumpf, said that he has reached out and emailed a letter to the new Donaueschwaben President to see if he can meet with her and discuss our club's loss of the bar revenue. Rick has not yet received a reply.

Katie Amundsen gave a report on the progress of the "Kerweih 101 Project" and provided information regarding the upcoming workshops. A written report by Katie will be printed in the newsletter.

Vicky Stumpf reminded members about our upcoming family event, our annual Picnic/Meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Vicky said that she will be putting together a wish list of items needed for the picnic and asking members to please sign up to bring something to share with members. Vicky said that it is helpful to know what members are bringing so we do not have an excess of any items.

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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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### **"Kerweih 101" Project: - By Katie Amundsen**



Our first Tracht workshop held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, was attended by 18 women representing ten of our families. We were very happy to see eight young women among us who also represented the next generation. Their enthusiasm, questions, and active participation added joy and purpose to the day's event.

Comments from attendees included:

"It was fun. Not surprised by how much I did not know."

"It was a good day, thanks for doing this!"

"I had fun and learned great tips."

"It's wonderful to see the Liebling traditions continue."

We thank Elaine and Keith Grossich for inviting us to their home, and we are indebted to our three presenters, Mary Wagner, Helene Burghardt, and Elaine for their demonstrations and expertise. We also thank Liela



Snyder for being our beautiful model dressed in full Tracht, and our many attendees who provided laughter, snacks, stories, and support.

The Tracht workshop will be presented again on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We invite all of the women of the club to attend, especially the additional 14 women who dressed young women and girls at last year's Kirchweih. Join us as we share the basics and details of the Tracht, the standards of its appearance, and the art of dressing in Tracht.

Please contact me before July 4<sup>th</sup> to sign up for the Tracht workshop.

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

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

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

**This 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 July 10<sup>th</sup> workshop by  
July 4<sup>th</sup>!**

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

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**Enjoy the following pictures:**



**Katie Naurath celebrating her birthday and anniversary in June**



**Our dedicated Hospitality Committee: Christy Schubkegel, Nancy Holl, Vicky Stumpf and Elaine Grossich**



**Group shot of members enjoying each other's company with a drink at the bar!**

### **Upcoming Events for Our Club**

#### **Liebling Meeting – July 9, 2023**

Kirchweih Tracht Workshop – July 10, 2023  
Liebling Meeting/Picnic – August 13, 2023  
Children's Dances Workshop – August 13, 2023  
Aufmarsch Workshop – September 10, 2023

### **Upcoming Events – Other Clubs**

American Aid Society – July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic – Lake Villa

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

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