



# Liebling Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 85th Year, 1939-2024

## President's Message

Spring has finally arrived and stadiums around the country echoed with "Play Ball!" As you probably know, we are now in the midst of a series of themed luncheons at our monthly meetings. Chicken March was enjoyed by many members. Now, prepare for Brunch April. The Hospitality Committee, with the help of numerous contributions from Members, are planning a spread that would rival many hotel Sunday Brunch services. Seriously. We are going to have a huge variety of brunch dishes and drinks – with plenty to go around. So, plan on attending the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. You won't be disappointed, nor will you go home hungry. You will also read further in this newsletter, a series of actions that are underway in Liebling from the continued restoration project of the church to a new initiative to restore and maintain the Liebling cemetery. The club's direct involvement in these projects will continue to be discussed. If you wish to be part of that discussion, please attend the meeting. With the warmer weather of Spring now here, we anticipate improved attendance at our meetings. Last month, we reintroduced Bunco and, based on the fun people had, I expect it will continue. Of course, for those not playing Bunco, the TVs in the bar will certainly be showing a baseball game, or two. No matter who you root for, it is always fun. If you can't make it to our April meeting, consider May where our lunch theme will be Cinco de Mayo featuring Mexican-themed dishes at the buffet and Margaritas in the bar. I hope to see you there!

Rick Stumpf

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## Birthdays Celebrated in March

Helga Schmidt, Pam Mohrdieck, Cheryl Falk, Roger Falk, Rita Nebl, Thomas Mohrdieck, Mark Rill, David Nebl, Andrew, Charlie, and Grant Naurath, George Schubkegel, Chris Atkinson, Jeffrey Sampson, Lori Mohrdieck, Chris Stumpf, April Faulkner, Ron Faulkner, Kevin Conway, Michael Schaefer, Jennifer Vaccarello, Jennifer Rath, and Joe Schubkegel



Joe Schubkegel, George Schubkegel, Roger and Cheryl Falk

## Anniversaries Celebrated in March

Katie and John Susami celebrating their 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, and Patty and George Schubkegel celebrating their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Patty and George Schubkegel

## Highlights - March Meeting

The 1,084<sup>th</sup> meeting was held on March 3, 2024.

The luncheon was sponsored by Cheryl and Roger Falk in celebration of their birthdays. The menu for the March meeting was broasted and fried chicken which was enjoyed by members. Thank you to all the members who made and brought appetizers, side dishes and desserts- all were delicious! A big thank you to the Hospitality Committee: Nancy Holl, Elaine Grossich, Christy Schubkegel and Vicky Stumpf for planning, and preparing the luncheon. The Hospitality Committee is planning a brunch for the April meeting. A sign-up sheet was at the front desk to sponsor the luncheon for the April meeting.

Rick Stumpf thanked the Bar Committee: Joe and George Schubkegel, Roger Falk, and Adam Helwich for serving beverages at the meeting. Also, a shout-out to bartender-emeritus, Jim Wagner, for a special appearance.

The Minutes of the February meeting was read by Stephanie Snyder and were approved as read.

The Financial Report was presented by Liz Steeb and approved.

Heidi Atkinson announced that she is working on the tax-exempt status for the club.

Rick said that he has heard from the Liebling church Pastor, Pastor Sinn, and Waltraut Eberle about their planned visit to the club. Pasto Sinn cannot get a passport in time to visit the club in July.

We are still looking to members to provide requests for Tracht pieces before we contact the Montreal Liebling Club to acquire pieces their members no longer need. Katie Amundsen volunteered to help acquire these Tracht pieces from Montreal.

A question was posed at the meeting to move the Kirchweih to November. A discussion followed and it was determined that November would be a bad month because of the following events in November: Karlsdorfer Kirchweih, Schlachtfest, and Thanksgiving. It was suggested that to keep the Kirchweih costs manageable we set the date and book out two years ahead.

In new business- there was an extended discussion about supporting a Germany-based organization who plans on the cemetery restoration in Liebling and if the club should help fund the restoration and/or maintenance of the cemetery and/or to help fund the restoration of the Liebling church. Rick said that Waltraut said, as quoted in the Ründschreiben, "175 thousand Euros was needed for the Church interior and 130 K Euros was needed for the exterior". Mary Wagner made an impassioned plea to save the cemetery for future generations.

It was also brought up that the church is important because the Liebling church has historical records of Lieblings. There was a lot of discussion about tracking the money donated. The topic was unresolved, and the discussion ended with Rick saying he was going to look into the church's plan for restoration and maintenance. The last question posed by Rick was now that Pastor Sinn is not coming in July, what should the club do with the bookmarks/ornaments that were going to be given to Pastor Sinn?

It was announced that Bunco and cards would be played after the meeting. Bunco would be limited to just six games.

Katie Amundsen read the names of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in March and presented the donate **items**.

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Thank you to Stephanie Snyder for providing the notes to write the Highlights- March Meeting. Highlights are not the Official Minutes that are read at the meetings.

The Official Minutes and Financial Report are presented at the monthly meetings. We encourage you, as a member, to attend and participate in the monthly meetings.

(Bettie)

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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.

If your address, phone number or email has changed, please let Liz know so that we can keep the club's membership list up to date.

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Enjoy these pictures of members attending the March Meeting:



Joe Schubkegel, Roger Falk, and George Schubkegel - serving members at the bar.



Sisters- Heidi Atkinson and Katie Amundsen



Elijah and Lavinia Helwich, Angie Helwich, Georgene Helwich and George Helwich



Johanna Swiontek, Stephanie Snyder, Mary Rink, Liz Steeb, Mary Wagner, Heidi Atkinson, and Jennifer Swiontek



Katie Amundsen, John Stumpf, and Cheryl Falk



John Schaefer, Rick Stumpf, Adam Helwich, Jim Wagner, Wally Helwich, and Keith Grossich



Liz Steeb, Mary Wagner, Georgene Helwich and Mary Rink



Logan Rill, Cathy Schubkegel, Patty Schubkegel, Christy Schubkegel, Karen Rill, Natalie Rill, and Owen Rill

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**Luncheon Menu**

April 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Brunch-based menu with Mimosas and Bloody Marys

May 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Cinco de Mayo – variety of themed foods and margaritas.

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**Upcoming Events:**

Lieblinger Meeting – April 7, 2024

Lieblinger Meeting – May 5, 2024

Lieblinger Meeting – June 2, 2024

Lieblinger Meeting – June 30, 2024

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