

# Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 79th Year, 1939-2018



George Schubkegel, Roger Falk, Cheryl Zalenki, Helga Schmidt, Mark Rill, and Joe Schubkegel had March birthdays, and George & Patty Schubkegel celebrated their anniversary.



Johanna Spang, Käthe Blechschmidt, and Barbara Blum enjoyed being together again.



Joe, Jim, George, and Dave, our bartenders, entertained us with jokes, stories and drinks.

## The President's Message

"Happy Spring and news from abroad!"

When you receive this we have officially entered Spring, a time of renewal. It's time to shake off the winter - including any remaining snow and ice. Spring flowers start to peek up through the ground, the grass doesn't look quite so brown, and temperatures start to warm. Although we can still expect to get freezing weather, by and large, things are looking up. We also expect to see some of our members finding the opportunity to come out to our monthly meetings again. In many cases, alte Kameraden may not have gotten together for several months during the cold winter. This is yet another situation where Spring brings about "renewal".

I know some of you receive the Lieblinger Rundschreiben (LR), the German language newsletter, published by a fellow Lieblinger in Germany and distributed worldwide. Like our newsletter, the LR has news, articles, and announcements from individuals and clubs. In the February issue of LR, Adam Arnold, the Editor, included an update of the Lieblinger census which we have reprinted below. You may be pleasantly surprised to see how many Lieblings there actually are around the world! LR keeps us all connected, just like our little newsletter helps to keep our group connected.



Germany	2,740	Romania (without Liebling)	78
USA	1,338	Liebling	55
Canada	859	Brazil	91
Austria	737	Other	33
		Switzerland	19
		France	14
		Hungary	9
<b>TOTAL LIEBLINGERS WORLDWIDE 5,973</b>			

I hope you enjoy the arrival of Spring, and hope to see you at an upcoming club meeting!

*Rick Stumpf*

## PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES BY MARCH 31st

Send your \$5.00 dues to:

**Johanna Swiontek, 1112 Thomas More Terrace, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056**



**It's Women's History Month and these officers are making history!**



**Lieblings were all smiles at the Donauschwaben Spring Banquet!**

## 2018 Meeting Dates

- ✦ **Sunday, April 15, NEW DATE**
- ✦ Sunday, May 6
- ✦ Sunday, June 3
- ✦ Sunday, July 1
- ✦ Sunday, August 12, PICNIC
- ✦ Sunday, Sept. 9
- ✦ Sunday, Oct. 7
- ✦ Saturday, Oct. 13, KERWEIH
- ✦ Sunday, Nov. 4, ELECTIONS
- ✦ Sun., Dec. 2, Christmas Party

## General Meeting Highlights

- ✦ On March 4, thirty-six people attended the 1,023rd meeting.
- ✦ Lunch was sponsored by George and Joe Schubkegel in honor of their birthdays and Roger Falk sponsored dessert for his birthday.
- ✦ Observed moment of silence for the passing of Katharina Reichert.
- ✦ As of March 1, we had 176 members, 47 have not paid dues.
- ✦ We voted to sponsor a \$50 ad in the New Yorker Staats Zeitung.
- ✦ Updates were given on fundraisers. If you have artistic photos of Liebling we could use for a calendar & ornament, please submit to Katie.
- ✦ Show & Tell was a pair of Liebling bridal gloves from Margaret Langton, a 2nd cousin of Mrs. Blum,

## *Keeping the Story Alive*

by Katie

Our club is honored to have several members who lived in Liebling and are primary sources to tell us about their Easter celebrations. Here's their story.

In Liebling, Confirmation Day was observed simply during Holy Week with a church service on Green Thursday or Good Friday. Every household served creamed green spinach at the main meal on Green Thursday, and all meals on Good Friday were meatless. In the afternoon of Confirmation Day the Godparents presented their female Godchild with a bolt of fabric for an overskirt or their male Godchild with money. Then the confirmands presented their Godparents with a personal letter of thanks for their years of love, support and generosity.

The Saturday before Easter was a day of preparation and shopping. Easter eggs were hard-boiled with onion skins to give them a reddish-brown color, then they were rubbed with bacon fat for a shiny finish. Soups were made and tortes were baked for the four course Sunday meal. Children made Easter nests from grass and waited for the Easter Bunny to fill them with a single chocolate bunny, candy, and eggs on Easter morning.

Easter began with a church service and continued with the Sunday meal of soup meat, soup, roast with potatoes and vegetables, then tortes and baked goods. In the afternoon, children visited their Godparents to receive a special treat such as Lebzelten or Pflastersteine (gingerbread cupcakes)!

As you prepare and celebrate your Easter this year, consider keeping a Liebling tradition or share this story to keep it alive. Frohe Ostern!

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