

Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 79th Year, 1939-2018

Leadership Team January Planning Meeting



Rick Stumpf, President.
Nancy Holl, Hospitality.



Heidi Atkinson, Treasurer. Katie Amundsen, VP. Vicky Stumpf, Hospitality. Bettie Schaefer, Newsletter. Rick Amundsen, Flags.



Johanna Swiontek, Financial Secretary. Elaine Grossich, Bunco.

The President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed time with family over the holidays. It's a time of year when we have moments that are incredibly stressful and moments that are thoroughly relaxing that help us recharge ourselves as we turn the calendar. And with the New Year, we have our own renewal. We have a new newsletter editor and I'm sure you'll notice the new look for the newsletter. Katie Amundsen has taken over this task after Bettie Schaefer helped us launch our newsletter in its inaugural year. Thanks, Bettie! And thank you, Katie!



In this issue you will see that we conducted our second annual Leadership Team Planning Meeting. Twelve elected officers and committee members discussed the state of the Verein and ways to set a course for our future direction. Certainly the club is not the same as it was 79 years ago, nor is the world around us. We recognized that as a healthy, thriving organization, we needed to adapt. And we will. No radical changes - things are going well - just ways to keep us on a strong course for years to come.

We all realize that we need to find ways to increase membership and increase member engagement. One of our changes is to make our annual picnic on August 12, become a family-friendly event with games for children and young adults. We hope to attract young families and younger adults. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

We have more ideas which we are still developing, some of which will take place in 2019, for the Verein's 80th Anniversary. We are the oldest Lieblinger organization in the world! And that deserves special events and recognition. Our fellowship and camaraderie resumes on Sunday, February 4th, and every month thereafter as we gather at our monthly meetings.

Rick Stumpf

Gentle reminder that it's January and time to sign up with Rick to sponsor lunch or dessert for a meeting and pay your \$5.00 annual dues to Johanna Swiontek, 1112 Thomas More Terrace, Mt. Prospect IL 60056, by March 31.

Leadership Team January Planning Meeting



John Schaefer, VP.



Joe and George Schubkegel,
Bartenders.

2018 Meeting Dates

- ✦ Sunday, Feb. 4, Super Bowl
- ✦ Sunday, March 4
- ✦ Sunday, April 8
- ✦ Sunday, May 6
- ✦ Sunday, June 3
- ✦ Sunday, July 1
- ✦ Sunday, August 12, PICNIC!
- ✦ Sunday, Sept. 9
- ✦ Sunday, Oct. 7
- ✦ Sunday, Nov. 4, ELECTIONS

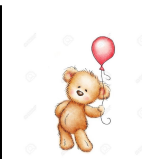
General Meeting Highlights

- ✦ On Jan. 7, 2018, twenty-two people attended the 1,021st meeting.
- ✦ Lunch was sponsored by Lena Schaefer in honor of becoming a member in 1950.
- ✦ Our 2018 officers were sworn into office.
- ✦ Heidi & Johanna shared financial reports for December, year-end finances, and the 2017 Kirchweih.
- ✦ Our Auditors Roger Falk, Gunther Schmidt, & Helga Schmidt submitted the 2017 Annual Report from the Abrechnung/Audit and announced that finances balanced and the club broke even.
- ✦ There are only 28 cookbooks left. We will not be ordering more.
- ✦ We voted to hold the 2018 Christmas Party at Manzo's on Dec. 2.
- ✦ We voted to hold the 2018 Kirchweihfest and hire Paloma.

Tell us your happy news such as a milestone birthday, anniversary, or wedding. Let Katie know and she'll print it here! Contact: Katie Amundsen, rkamundsen@att.net or 815-337-4508.

Roger asked, and

Cheryl said, "YES"!



Welcome Home Bella!

Our 2018 Kirchweihfest will be on October 13

Mark your calendars, call your family, it's never too early to plan on getting together to celebrate the Kerweih!

More Social Events! We are so much fun that we're invited to: The German American Club of Antioch's celebration of their 40th Anniversary with a Dinner-Dance on April 8, and the Rheinischer Verein Maskenball on Feb. 10. Call Rick for details 630-853-5949, join the fun!

2018 Newsletter: Katie Amundsen, editor & photos. Mary Wagner and Rick Stumpf, articles. Big thanks to Bettie Schaefer for her hard work and commitment to organize, print & send our first newsletters!