

# Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 79th Year, 1939-2018

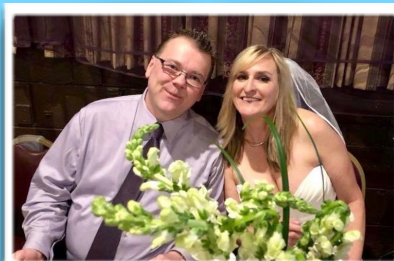
## CELEBRATIONS



**June and more May birthdays:  
Adam Helwich, Katie Amundsen,  
Mary Wagner, & Wally Helwich.**



**Georgene and Wally Helwich  
celebrating their anniversary.**



**Congratulations and best wishes  
to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Falk!**

## The President's Message

Hot time, summer in the city.

Many of you know those lyrics from a song that was popular when I was a teen. Others may recognize those words describing what we Chicagoans experience in July and August. In either case, with kids home from school and people coming and going on vacations, we inevitably spend more time with family doing things we can't do other times of the year. The kids are off playing with their friends, or swimming, or going to games, concerts or festivals. Parents move their activities outside, whether it's gardening and landscaping or just sitting out in the backyard and grilling. And then, when all of those things come together - being outside playing games, listening to music and grilling - something truly worthwhile occurs...a picnic! And who doesn't like a picnic?



While many of us will be celebrating Independence Day on July 4th with picnics, Lieblingers will come together on August 12th for our annual picnic. Since we reintroduced this tradition several years ago, it has become the meeting with the highest attendance all year. It really is a special day.

This year, we're looking to make it even more special. You've probably read many times in this column about our Lieblinger focus on family. This year, our picnic will feature more fun and games to make it truly family friendly. Weather permitting, we will have supervised games and activities for the kids. (If inclement weather, we will move the games indoors). We don't want to bore the kids, so those games and activities will continue while we conduct our business meeting.

So please make plans to join us on August 12th! Pack up the babies and grab the old ladies. We can spend some time together!

**P.S. Please RSVP to me so we can plan for the picnic!**

*Rick Stumpf*

Congratulations and best wishes to these members:

- ◆ Matthew and April Faulkner, grandparents Kathy and Ron, and great grandparents Fred & Maria Hedrich welcome the birth of Benjamin Matthew on May 21st. The Hedrich's now have 14 great grandchildren!
- ◆ Best wishes to Mrs. & Mrs. Roger Falk on their May 19th wedding. We welcome Cheryl, as our newest member.
- ◆ Best wishes to Mr. Jakob Kunz, who is relocating to California. We'll miss you!



**Helga Schmidt and Käthe Erk  
enjoying Bunco.**



**Konrad Schmidt and Heinrich  
Reichert , life-long friends, happy  
to be together at the meeting.**



**Good turn out at the June meeting!**

## 2018 Meeting Dates

- ✦ 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 June 3, thirty adults attended the 1,026th meeting.
- ✦ Lunch was sponsored by Katie & Rick Amundsen in honor of Katie's birthday and dessert was sponsored by Hanna Spang.
- ✦ On July 1st, we will have a planning meeting for the August 12th picnic.
- ✦ We voted to sponsor the 98th German Day and 53rd Von Steuben Parade with a \$100 donation. We are annual members of the \$100 Club.
- ✦ Show and Tell: Rick Stumpf presented his research on how he is related to the Hedrich family.

## *Keeping the Story Alive*

by Katie

This is Immigrant Heritage Month. Here's some of the story of human migration to and from Liebling. Settlement of Liebling began in 1787, during "the Third Wave" of Swaben emigration to Banat from the German-speaking regions of Württemberg, Hungary, Hessen, Pfalz, and Batschka, among others. Migration to Liebling continued for the next 40 years, largely because Liebling had empty houses available due to the death of one third of its citizens. By 1830, Liebling was running out of room and young families began leaving Liebling for neighboring villages such as Birda, Kleinschemlak, and Waldau.

Beginning in 1890, Lieblingers, and other Donauschwaben, began emigration to American cities in the industrial Midwest, especially Chicago and Harrisburg, PA. In Chicago, the steel mills and the Pullman Palace Car Company were large employers, so Lieblingers settled on the South Side. Fathers often arrived first and once they found work, sent for their wives and older children who also became wage earners. Often younger children were left in Liebling with their grandparents. Families usually planned to return to Liebling within two or three years, but by then some of their older children chose to remain in the United States and never returned to the Heimat. The outbreak of World War I ended immigration from Banat until 1990, and additionally forced families to remain in the United States until the end of the war.

Following World War I and through the late 1930's, America's anti-foreign and anti-immigrant sentiments were reflected in the Johnson-Reed Act of 1924, which greatly reduced immigration quotas from eastern Europe. However, many Lieblingers, like other Europeans, beat the US quota system by emigrating first to Canada, then five years later, they were allowed United States entry.

It has been said that the greatest human migration in history occurred at the end of World War II in Central Europe. On September 22, 1944, Russians attacked Liebling. Half of the village's population, 2,158 women, children, and old men fled to the west in 447 wagons. The Liebling Trek continued westward for months over a 1,000 km journey through Romania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Austria to Braunau by Germany's southern border. (More in July).

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