

Lieblinger Verein (Chicago)

KIRCHWEIHFEST, OCTOBER 19, 2024

Our 83rd Kirchweih

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The Lieblinger Vergnügungs Verein 83rd Kirchweih was held on October 19, 2024.

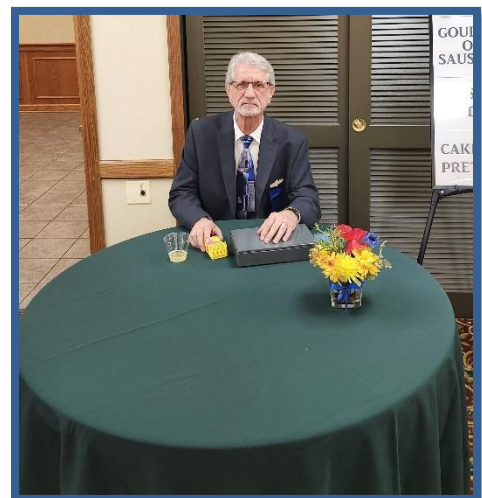
Our Lieblinger Verein Kirchweih is a special celebration of cherished traditions of Liebling and this year on the 80th anniversary of the evacuation of Liebling on September 23, 1944, active members who fled Liebling were acknowledged and honored.



Greeting people at the door – Cheryl and Roger Falk, Jennifer Swiontek and Katie Amundsen



Lieblinger Kirchweih 2024 Strauss



Guenther Schmidt selling dinner and dessert tickets



Elaine Grossich – Chairperson of the Food Service with servers Maggie Luncsford and Justin Bolles



The Raffle Baskets were fabulous thanks to Mary Rink and Stephanie Snyder and members donating baskets.



Assisting Chairperson, Elaine, - Nancy Holl, with servers Maggie and Justin

Thank you to the following people for donating Baskets :

- Katie Amundsen and Erika Sampson*
- Helene Burghardt*
- Kathy Faulkner*
- Katharina Nigliaccio*
- Bettie and John Schaefer*
- Liz Steeb*
- Chris and John Stumpf*
- Vicky and Rick Stumpf*
- Mary and Jim Wagner*



Fred Nagelbach and Kathy Faulkner– desserts were scrumptious

Thank you to Patty Schubkegel for crocheting beautiful quilts that were featured in several baskets !



*Keith Grossich – at the end of the night-
selling dessert tickets*



Kleine Kinder Aufmarch:



Performing the Stoltztanz





and the Chicken Dance



Our Kleine Kinder Marchers

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Grace Naurath and George Helwich, Liesl Naurath and Charlie Helwich, Lavinia Helwich and Charlie Naurath, Taylor Masters and Liam Atkinson, Evie Untch and Owen Rill, Madeleine Jeanneret and Jack Jeanneret, Maycee Masters and Logan Jeanneret, and Audrey Vaccarello, and Peyton Masters

Thank you to Karen Rill and Christy Schubkegel for organizing and directing the Kleine Kinder Marchers.



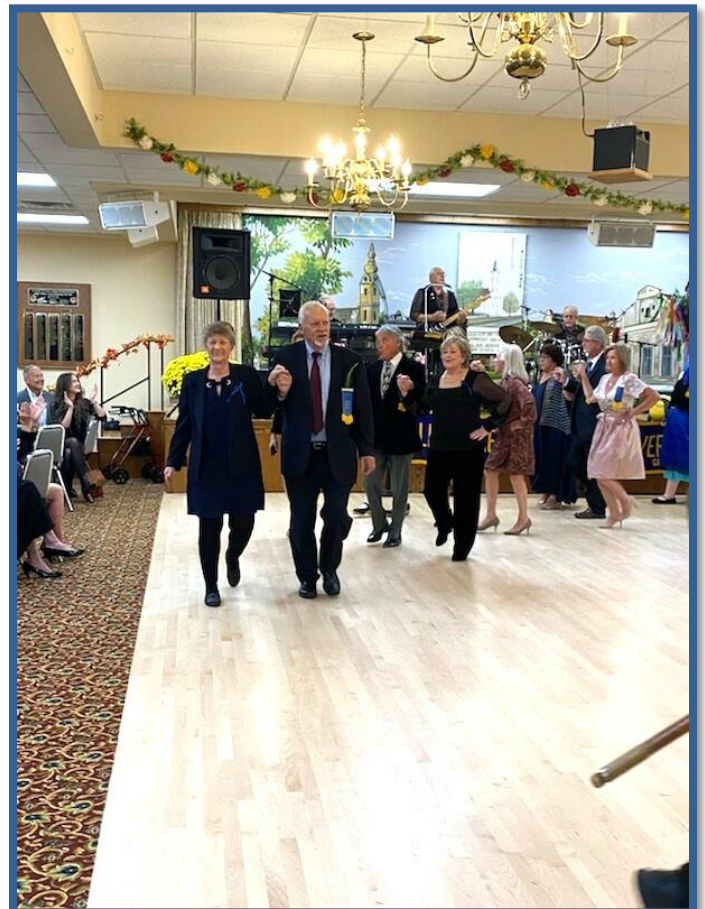


*Winner of the Strauss of the Kleine Kinder Aufmarch:
Lavinia Helwich (Helwich family) and Charlie Naurath
(Naurath -Steeb -Schubkegel family)*

Officers and Committee Members:



Lavinia Helwich with her dad, Adam Helwich, and Charlie Naurath with his mom, Katie Naurath. The tradition goes on, and on ...Katie and Adam were Kirchweih partners for years.





President, Rick Stumpf, welcoming members, and guests to the Lieblingers Vergnügungs Verein 83rd Kirchweihfest.

At our 83rd Kirchweih we honored the active members of the Lieblinger Club who fled Liebling 80 years ago.

Below is President, Rick Stumpf's speech honoring those members:

80 years ago, on September 22, 1944, 2,158 villagers packed up 447 wagons with 898 horses and 122 cows to flee Liebling ahead of the advancing Russian army. They traveled for weeks and weeks trying to settle in various towns along the way. Despite their German heritage, the Lieblingers were not welcome in most of the places they stopped at. They kept traveling west. Eventually, it was recognized they were hard workers and contributed positively to the communities. Many of current Members were born during this time. Eventually, after they concluded they would not be going back to Liebling, many families decided to take a chance for a better life overseas. They settled in countries like: Brazil, Argentina, Australia, England, Sweden, and Canada. In the U.S. they settled in Harrisburg, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Chicago -where we have become the largest and oldest Lieblinger club in the world! Today we take time to honor those brave souls who left their homeland with only the belongings they could load in their wagons. Those Members who departed Liebling on that day, still living, are: Kaethe Heinz Blechschmidt, Barbara Hedrich Blum, Elizabeth Koller Burghardt, Barbara Schmidt Habenschuss, Martin Hedrich, Jr., Kathryn Horwath Kastory, Jakub Kunz, Katherine Stumpf Mohrdieck, Fred Nagelbach, Barbara Schaefer Nebel, Eva Geiring Schmidt, Konrad Schmidt, Elizabeth Nagelbach Tallarico, and Mary Stumpf Wagner. I know you were quite young at the time, but you endured great hardship. Now, for those of you in the audience, if you were born after the Flucht while in Europe, please stand and remain standing. Now, if you are a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of an original Lieblinger, please stand. Ladies and gentlemen, this is our legacy and the legacy of those brave souls who left their homeland 80 years ago And this is why, today, we are the strong club that we are. Thank you.

The members being honored and attending the Kirchweih were then introduced by Rick; Elizabeth Nagelbach Tallarico, Fred Nagelbach, and Mary Stumpf Wagner.



Elizabeth Nagelbach Tallarico, Fred Nagelbach, and Mary Stumpf Wagner

Jugend Aufmarsch:





"Schön ist die Jugendzeit"



Let the Auction Begin:





Thank you to Karen and Mark Rill for their help in organizing and directing the Jugend Aufmarch



Our Jugend Marchers: There were eight couples dressed in Traditional Tracht



Adriana Diaz and Billy Lehnhardt, Cecilia Galicia and Ryan Nagelbach, Ashley Gosse and Calvin Snyder, Liela Snyder and Sammy Rogers, Natalie Rill and Logan Rill, Jennifer Vaccarello and Jason Vaccarello, Karen Rill and Mark Rill, and Christy Schubkegel and Jeffrey Grossich



*Winning Bid for the Rosmarin-Strauss:
Natalie Rill and Logan Rill –
(Rill- Schubkegel family)*

*The Winning Bid – Natalie Rill and Logan Rill
The Rill family and Schubkegel family joining
the Jugend Marchers on the dance floor.*



Proud family of the winners of the Strauss Bid – Natalie and Logan Rill, with parents, Karen and Mark Rill, and brother, Owen Rill.

Members and Guests checking their raffle tickets:



Members and Guests enjoying the food and dessert:



Rill and Schubkegel family with Strauss winners – Natalie and Logan.

Pictured: Karen Rill, Owen Rill, Natalie Rill, Mark Rill, Logan Rill, aunt, Christy Schubkegel, grandparents, Patty and George Schubkegel, aunt and uncle, Cathy and Joe Schubkegel





Getting together with friends:



Rick Stumpf, John Just, and Andy Nagelbach



Dancing to the music of Paloma



Always a special night when grandchildren attend:



Braden and Billy Lehnhardt – grandchildren of Bettie and, 1st Vice- President, John Schaefer





Vicky and, President, Rick Stumpf, with grandchildren, Gavin and Layla Stumpf

The 83rd Kirchweih was a beautiful celebration of Lieblinger Traditions:

I looked up the importance of traditions ... besides the preserving of cultural insights, life lessons, and values passed from one generation to the next...traditions can create lasting memories that can be cherished for a lifetime...here we are, 83 years later, creating memories!

If you missed the Kirchweih this year, I hope that next year, you, and your family, can attend and create some wonderful lasting memories!

The 83rd Lieblinger Kirchweih would not have been possible without the planning, organizing, and work necessary to hold this event by our Officers, Committee Members, and all the Members of the Club who volunteered this year to help set-up before the Kirchweih, serve during the Kirchweih, and clean-up after the Kirchweih. Thank you very much to our chefs, George Schubkegel and Joe Schubkegel and to Elaine Grossich, Chairperson of the Food Service, and to Nancy Holl for assisting Elaine.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the success of the 8^{3rd} Kirchweih!

The following people contributed pictures for this Pictorial: Lauren Lehnhardt, Karen Rill, Liz Steeb, and Vicky and Rick Stumpf.

Bettie

Bettie Schaefer – Editor (and photographer)

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Cheryl and Roger Falk

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