



Lieblinger Verein of Chicago Newsletter

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Our 85th Year, 1939-2024

President's Message

We are about to hold our final meeting of the year and, at least for me, the time has flown by. Though it is our last meeting, it is an important meeting. It is our annual "General Meeting" where we conduct elections for the various offices that need to be filled for 2025. You have read in this column over several issues that it is my hope that we engage more of the next generation of leaders for our club and have them in roles taking this club forward into the future. This is expected to be a multi-year process and since we started last year, I hope that by next year, we will have new leadership at the helm of our club providing their experience and new ideas to keep our organization vibrant and growing. I urge you all to be active participants in this process. That aside, we are also looking forward to our upcoming Christmas Party on December 8th. This is always a festive event for families and a chance for everyone to relax and have a good time. You will find detailed information later in this newsletter on deadlines and times, so please make note of these. Finally, if you couldn't be at our Kirchweih this year, I can tell you that everyone had a great time. As always, the goulash and wurst were delicious! Special thanks to Elaine Grossich our Kirchweih Kitchen Manager. Our cooks were George and Joe Schubkegel with assistance from Patti & Christy Schubkegel, Nancy Holl and Jim Wagner. Thanks to everyone else who contributed time and effort to make this a successful Kirchweih.

Rick Stumpf

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Birthdays Celebrated in October

Katie Susami, Gregory Mohrdieck, Fred Nagelbach, Jennifer Swiontek, Maycee Masters, Taylor Masters, Kimberly Masters, Nicholas Mohrdieck, Kimberly Schmidt, Elizabeth Burghardt, Grace Naurath, Walter Schaefer, Jeffrey Grossich, Dan Rath, Mary Rink, Kurt Schaefer, Cathy Schubkegel, Kathryn Kastory, and Stephanie Jankowski



Cathy Schubkegel, Jennifer Swiontek, and Mary Rink

Anniversaries Celebrated in October

Jasmine & Michael Schaefer, Jr. celebrating 7 years, Brittany & James Reichert celebrating 11 years, Rita & David Nebl celebrating 30 years, Elaine & Keith Grossich celebrating 37 years, and Kathy and Ron Faulkner celebrating 44 years.



Wally Helwich (standing in for Keith Grossich)
and Elaine Grossich

Highlights – October Meeting



The 1,091st meeting was held on October 6, 2024.

The luncheon was co-sponsored by Kathy and Ron Faulkner in celebration of their anniversary and Mary Rink in celebration of her birthday. The cake was sponsored by Johanna Swiontek in celebration of her daughter's birthday, Jennifer Swiontek.

Thank you to the Hospitality Committee, Elaine Grossich, Nancy Holl, Christy Schubkegel, and Vicky Stumpf for their efforts in preparing side dishes, purchasing, setting-up and clean-up.

Thank you to Vicky Stumpf, Elaine Grossich, Nancy Holl, Mary Rink, and George and Joe Schubkegel for making and donating snacks and desserts for members to enjoy.

Our thanks to the Bar Committee: Joe and George Schubkegel, Roger Falk, and Adam Helwich. Thanks also to Jim Wagner for helping to serve.

The Minutes of the September meeting were recorded and read by Stephanie Snyder and were approved.

The Financial Report was presented by Liz Steeb and approved.

Mary Wagner reported that she received correspondence from Adam Arnold regarding the end of the Banater Trachtengruppe in Germany. Mary stated that she received an email from Ingrid Manz stating that since they will no longer hold a Kirchweih they have traditional Tracht available. If anyone in our club could use them, they would be willing to provide them at no charge.

There was no update on the Liebling Church or cemetery.

In commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the evacuation of Liebling on September 23, 1944, Mary Wagner read excerpts from her grandfather's written journal of events that led up to the evacuation and the day of evacuation. Mary translated her grandfather's journal word for word. The description of events was very vivid and told the story of the fear and struggles of the evacuation and trying to find safety for his family from gunfire and finding shelter for his family.

The upcoming Kirchweih was discussed and the need for Grosse Marchers this year. Also need more volunteers to help with the set-up of the hall on Saturday, ticket takers, and help to clean up at the end of the night.

There was a brief discussion about getting a flyer prepared to promote our Christmas Party on December 8th. The price of the dinner for members will be decided at the November meeting.

Our November election is coming up and our officers are encouraging our younger members to attend meetings and become involved and consider stepping up to take over some of our board positions so that the Liebling Club can continue to thrive for many years to come.

Birthdays and anniversaries were announced by President, Rick Stumpf, and Vice- President, John Schaefer, presented the donated raffle items.

Kirchweih Tracht

Any member of our Verein in NEED of Tracht, whether a complete set or partial, please contact Mary Wagner - email: mariawagner42@gmail.com Cell phone: (815) 674-1108.

These Tracht are available free for any members who do not have any Tracht and are borrowing but do NEED it for the females marching at Kirchweih.

REMINDER:

Our Kirchweih is our annual fund-raiser for the Club. As a member you are required to support the Kirchweih each year, whether you attend or not, unless you live over 100 miles away.

If you did not attend the Kirchweih, please mail in your check for the \$15.00 per member:

Please mail in your check payable to: "Liebling Pleasure Society"

Mail to: Jennifer Swiontek
1112 Windbrooke Drive, Unit 201
Buffalo Grove, IL. 60089

Pictures from the October Meeting:



Inga Yearwood, daughter, Jennifer Vaccarello, granddaughter, Audrey, and Curt Yearwood



Wally Helwich and grandson, George Helwich

Kirchweih Preparations – Friday Night:

Officers, Committee Members and Volunteers met at the hall to begin preparations for the Kirchweih.

Below are some pictures from Friday night:



Christy Schubkegel, Joe Schubkegel, Patty and George Schubkegel preparing the Goulash.



Nancy Holl – preparing mustard in containers for pretzels.



Mary Rink – preparing the Raffle Ticket Boxes



Rick Stumpf and Mike Holl putting together the two Kirchweih Strauss



Katie Amundsen displaying a Kirchweih Strauss
Katie Amundsen and Christy Schubkegel tied the ribbons on the two Strauss.



Bettie Schaefer put together the table decorations.



Nancy Holl, Vicky Stumpf and Elaine Grossich – made and provided snacks for workers.



George and Patty Schubkegel – Goulash made and ready to go in the refrigerator.

Pictures taken on Friday night by John Schaefer

KIRCHWEIH:

Our 83rd Kirchweih was held on October 19, 2024.

How proud our Founding Members would be to know that the Liebling Club is still holding a Kirchweih 85 years later.

A Kirchweih Pictorial is being prepared... which hopefully will capture all the excitement and joy of this year's Kirchweih.

The Pictorial will also include the speech given by President, Rick Stumpf, honoring all active members who evacuated Liebling 80 years ago.

Thank you to our Kirchweih Sponsors this year:

Platinum Sponsors- \$100

The Blechschmidt Families
Fred and Dorothy Nagelbach
John and Bettie Schaefer
Jim and Mary Wagner
Roger and Cheryl Falk
The Schmidt Family
Rick and Vicky Stumpf
Alpha Adjusting Co.
In Memory of Leni Schaefer
The Stephanie Snyder Family
The Steeb and Naurath Families
The Yearwood (Hirsch) Families

Gold Sponsors- \$50

The Swiontek Family
Eric and Nichole Stumpf

Kleine Kinder and Grosse Marchers:



Kleine Kinder Marchers for 2024

Winners of Strauss:
Lavina Helwich and Charlie Naurath



Grosse Marchers - 2024

Winners of Strauss:
Natalie Rill and Logan Rill

November Club Elections:

The Club elections will be held on November 3, 2024.

Please consider becoming an active member of the club and attending meetings, as well as volunteering to become a Committee Member. For our club to survive and thrive we need to have the next generation of members become active participants.

Christmas Party:

The family Liebling Christmas Party is on December 8, 2024, at Manzo's Banquets, 1571 S. Elmhurst Rd, Des Plaines. Doors Open at 11:30 a.m.

The price of the dinner for members will be decided at the November Meeting.

Santa's Nice List:

Each year Santa Claus makes an appearance and presents gifts to the children.

Children of members under the age of 13, attending the Liebling Christmas Party, will receive a gift from Santa Claus.

Email Bettiesch@aol.com your child's or children's name and age, so that their name or names are placed on Santa's Nice List and given to Santa's Helpers.

Deadline to submit names on Santa's Nice List is November 25th.

Important-

A **Confirmation email** will be sent to you that your email was received. If you do not receive a Confirmation email from Bettie, then your email was not received, and your child's or children's names were not placed on Santa's Nice List.

Upcoming Events:

Liebling Election Meeting – November 3rd
Christmas Party – December 8, 2024

Photographs taken by John Schaefer

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