

Chicago Lieblinger Verein

January 2025 Newsletter

Our 86th Year!

Next meeting date: 2.2.2025



Lieblinger-ish word of the month:

Helfgott - a Christian hello (German equivalent - Grüssgott)

There is a new email address specifically for the newsletter: LieblingerChicagoNews@gmail.com. Please make sure you add this address to your safe list so that you don't miss any updates!

President's Message

Hello, and Happy New Year! Obviously, you have noticed a new look for our newsletter. After many years of managing and preparing our newsletter, Bettie Schaefer has stepped down. Christy Schubkegel is now our newsletter editor. Christy is one of the young Lieblings who are stepping up into leadership roles in our club, along with a few others. While we continue to emphasize the continuation of our traditions - those handed down to us from our parents and grandparents - this transition gives us an opportunity to infuse our Verein with new ideas and new ways of doing things to keep our club vibrant and keep us strong in the future. This is all good stuff and I am thankful for their willingness to be active participants. We look forward to continuing this journey and hope that many of you will take the opportunity to also become more active and contribute to our organization. I hope to see you at future meetings.

Rick Stumpf

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Highlights of the January Meeting

The 1,093rd meeting was held on January 5, 2025.

While there weren't any official sponsors of the meeting's food or dessert, we enjoyed a lovely meal of Kirchweih wurst and kraut. Thanks to the hospitality committee and Joe Schubkegel for an excellent lunch!

There are opportunities to sponsor food for upcoming meetings! Please reach out to Rick if you wish to become a sponsor!

The November 3rd meeting minutes were read by Katie Amundsen and accepted as read.

Liz Steeb presented the financial reports and they were also entered as read.

Heidi Atkinson went over the details of the Kirchweih. 186 people attended and although costs were up due to the state of the economy it was still a great function!

The Christmas party was also a huge success with 138 in attendance including 32 member children on Santa's Nice List. Santa's elves did a great job of reducing costs on gifts despite rising prices.

Ornament sales are closed, but we still have continuing sales for cookbooks.



MEETING MINUTES

Correspondence

We received a thank you from CSA Fraternal Life thanking the club for our continued donations of amber pill bottles.



Thank you to...

- the hospitality committee and Joe Schubkegel for an excellent lunch!
- the bar committee for keeping us hydrated and in good spirits!
- to everyone who brought snacks to keep us going until we could feast on wurst!!



Vicky Stumpf reviewed the responses to the survey that was handed out in regards to meeting lunches →

- Members enjoy the various coffee options and other beverages, along with the variety of desserts.
- Suggestions were made for low sugar desserts. Ideas for lunches: Italian beef, pizza/salad, having salads more often, chicken (several people commented that they appreciated this change when offered), theme months was also mentioned by several people.
- Also, there were new ideas such as having a chili cook-off or having a month that offered stuffed cabbage or other entrees.

There was discussion about where to have the Christmas party this year, as there were a few concerns after our event. Manzo's is under new management and while there were a few snafus, it was ultimately decided to give them another chance this December.



Future booking of the band Paloma for our Kirchweih was also mentioned. Motions were passed to book the band ahead of time to prevent any scheduling conflicts.



Prizes donated for this month's raffle:

- Happy New Year from Joanna
- In honor of Jim Wagner's birthday
- In honor of Katie & Rick Amundsen's anniversary
- In memory of Rick Amundsen's birthday
- In honor of Elaine Grossich's birthday





New faces at the head table include Karen Rill as Financial Secretary (far left) and Elaine Grossich as 2nd Vice President (far right)

President Rick Stumpf recognized and thanked outgoing officers/position holders:

- Katie Amundsen was 2nd Vice President for 15 years, helping rewrite and translate the Statuten and heading the Kirchweih 101 project. Elaine Grossich will be taking on this role.
- Liz Steeb is leaving the position of financial secretary; this is her second time holding this position. Karen Rill is stepping into this position.
- Bettie Schaefer has resigned as newsletter editor, a position she also held for the second time. Christy Schubkegel is your new editor.
- Vicky Stumpf is resigning from the Hospitality Committee after 15+ years of service. The remaining members of the committee will continue serving: Nancy Holl, Elaine Grossich, and Christy Schubkegel. Karen Rill added extra thanks for Vicky's continuous support of special dietary needs and going the extra mile for necessary accommodations.

New position holders took their places at the head table.

Birthdays in January:

Martin Hedrich, Inga Yearwood, Elaine Grossich, Owen Rill, Curt Yearwood, John Stumpf, William Mohrdieck, Paul Brumley, Eric Stumpf, Megan Ferguson, Karen Rill, Mike Holl, Kathryn Faulkner, Camie Rogers and Jim Wagner

Anniversaries in January:

There were no Anniversaries in January to celebrate.

No new members at this time.





Please join us at our next meeting!

2/2/2025 @ 11:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M

Donauschwaben Hall

625 Seegers Rd, Des Plaines, IL.

February brings both the Superbowl and Valentine's Day, so please feel free to bring themed snacks to share!



A Moment of Culture

If you have something to share at the meeting, please do so! It's great to hear stories of life in Liebling, read a child's book, hear a lullaby or song, or share a treasured item.

New years mean new beginnings! I hope you enjoy a new look for our newsletter. Please feel free to reach out with any ideas or suggestions to make this a fun and informative publication! Enjoy!

Christy Schubkegel, Editor

Die Kinderecke (Kid's corner)

Thanks to Henry Reichert Jr for agreeing to appear as Santa's helper last minute... you made our Christmas party a success!

We thought we'd give you a little behind-the-scenes insight as to how Santa's elves procure and wrap the kids gifts...

Sisters Christy Schubkegel and Karen Rill have been playing as elves for a number of years now and this year were joined by Karen's daughter Natalie!



There's two carts full of gifts this year... a total of 32 children to buy for! We always aim to take advantage of the sales on Black Friday and get everything in one fell swoop. Gifts are wrapped with Santa-themed paper and are ready to go!

