

DECEMBER 2012 - Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe Newsletter

Dear Families,

For those of you that attended the Frauengruppe Gründungsfest in November, you witnessed the recognition of years of service that was presented to Lisa Schaadt, by the committee, on behalf of the children and families. I look forward to continuing Lisa's passionate work with the Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe. Be sure to read at the Nachrichten article for the highlights of the evening.

We are so pleased to welcome two new dancers to our Jugendgruppe: Cooper Blundell and Owen Dupuis.

The first snow has fallen and I'm reminded of how close we are to Christmas. The children are preparing special performances for our Christmas Luncheon as the committee plans some festive activities. Don't forget to get your tickets from Melissa in the office on Thursday evenings or by emailing her at schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com.

In the past few years many of our families have participated in the candlelight procession to open the Christkindl Market. This year it takes place in the evening on Thursday, December 6th. Unfortunately, this is the last practice before our Christmas Luncheon. If you and your family would like to continue this tradition please inform the instructor.

The Schwaben Club Choir has invited the children from the dance groups to participate in singing with them at the luncheon. They have invited the children to practice with the choir December 6th, right after the Kindergruppe practice. The Jugendgruppe children that wish to participate will have to leave their practice early. If your child would like to participate, please let me know or sign up at the communication table so I can forward the music (Stille Nacht and Little Drummer boy) to you in order for your child to participate.

Our last practice before the Christmas break will be December 13th. It will be a shorter practice so we can enjoy some time together over some holiday treats. Dance practices will resume January 10th, 2013.

As we continue to grow in size, this is an exciting time but also know that need to keep our communication open. Thank you to everyone for checking in at our **Communications Table** each week during dance practice. We appreciate your help. This new initiative will help us communicate as a committee to you, our parents/guardians. Rather than searching for the right person to ask, you have the opportunity to go to one central location:

- Sign-up for upcoming performances/events/volunteering
- Receive monthly Parent Newsletters and Calendars
- Ask about any uniform concerns such as sizing, alterations, repairs
- Ask any questions, bring forward concerns, socialize

Sincerely,

Kathy Beckett, Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe President

Reminders for DECEMBER:

Sunday December 9th	Christmas Luncheon
Schwaben Club	Doors open at 11 am, Lunch at 12:00 pm. Purchase tickets from Melissa in the office or email her
Dress for girls: Fancy dress with petty pants or shorts underneath (for the dance with the lift), hair done any way Dress for boys: Semi-formal dress	

UPCOMING:

Christmas Closure – last practice December 13, 2012, first practice January 10, 2013

Saturday, January 26, 2013	Miss Schwaben – Greek Theme
Schwaben Club	Purchase tickets from Melissa in the office or email her

Saturday, February 9, 2013 – NOTE DATE CHANGE	Spaghetti Dinner - Fundraiser
Schwaben Club	Tickets will be available for you to sell to family and friends in December. Start thinking about items to donate for the Silent Auction.

For tickets, please see Melissa in the office or email her at schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com