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WICHTIGE DATEN 2013

March 23 Main Hall	Spaghetti Dinner Kinder/Jugendgruppe	
	Schlachtfest	
April 6 <i>Main Hall</i>	Schlachtiest	
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Арін із	Rhine Danube Club, Learnington	
April 26	Spring German Show	
Schwaben Hall		
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September 14	Kirchweih	
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December 31	New Year's Eve	
Main Hall	Golden Keys	



IMPRESSUM

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Praesidentenbericht

Hallo März. Letztes Jahr um diese Zeit hatten wir einen Februar, der sämtliche Rekorde für warme Temperaturen brach. Dieses Jahr fühlt es sich so an, als ob wir sehr viel Schnee erhielten und wechselnde Temperaturen von äußerst kalt bis warm, sogar weit über null Grad. Hoffentlich wird der März etwas wärmer.

Am 23. Februar veranstalteten wir das Gründungsfest, das 82. Jubiläum unseres Klubs. Der Saal war voll für diese Feier und unsere Tanzgruppen und die Golden Keys habe uns wieder wunderbar unterhalten. Ich möchte mich bei allen freiwilligen Helfern, sowie dem Küchen- und dem Bedienungspersonal, welche dazu beitrugen diesen Abend erfolgreich zu gestalten, bedanken. Ich denke nicht, dass irgendjemand hungrig nach Hause ging. Ich bedanke mich auch bei unseren Tanzgruppen für die großzügigen Geschenke an unseren Klub. Insbesondere ein großes Dankeschön geht an die Kinderund Jugendgruppe, sowie an die Schwabenund Donautanzgruppe für deren großzügige Bargeldspende.

Wir erhielten auch Blumen von der Frauengruppe und den Tanzgruppen, welche zur Dekoration des Saales beitrugen.

Anerkannt wurden Mietglieder, die ihre 10-jährige, 25-jährige und 50-jährige Zugehörigkeit zu unserem Klub feierten. Darüber hinaus wurden auch einige Mitglieder für ihren kontinuierlichen, ehrenamtlichen Beitrag zu unserem Klub anerkannt.

Ich nutzte die Gelegenheit unseres 82. Jubiläums um eine wichtige Botschaft an unsere Mitglieder und Gäste weiterzugeben. Die Botschaft ist eine, die oft gehört werden muss. Ich forderte unsere Mitglieder, vor allem die jüngere Generation auf, den Beitrag, den unsere Vorfahren gemacht haben, indem sie in ein neues Land auswanderten und unseren Klub etablierten, anzuerkennen. Meine ganze Botschaft kann am Ende dieses Berichtes gelesen werden.

Im März veranstaltet die Kinder- und Jugendgruppe ihren "Spaghetti Fundraiser". Die Veranstaltung findet in diesem Jahr ein wenig später statt, aber wir freuen uns wieder auf die Gelegenheit die Kinder und Jugendlichen unterstützen zu können. Wenn Sie noch nie zu dieser Veranstaltung kamen, denken Sie doch dieses Jahr daran zu kommen. Die Einnahmen dieser Veranstaltung helfen zum Kauf der Tanzkleider (Dirndls, usw.) und anderer Gegenstände, die von beiden Gruppen benötigt werden. Diese Fundraising-Bemühungen haben dazu beigetragen, dass unsere Kinderund Jugendgruppe in der Lage war die jüngeren Tänzer in neue Dirndls einzukleiden, die sie dann zu unserem Jubiläum vorführten. Die neuen Dirndl waren ein Hit. Nun muss die Kleidungskasse wieder aufgefüllt werden. So, bitte kommt zu der Fundraising-Veranstaltung! Nach dem Spaghetti-Essen führen die Gruppen normalerweise ihre Tänze vor und ich bin sicher sie werden ihre neuen Dirndl wieder vorzeigen.

Gründungsfest Speech:

Here we are at our 82nd anniversary. 82 years of furthering our culture. The Donau Swabians cre-

ated organizations, such as this one, to assist each other in times of sickness or need, as well as supporting the German language, youth groups, folk dancing groups, and choirs, thus preserving our language, songs, dances and customs. 82 years of keeping the conviction and passion. I have to ask what drives us to keep the desire strong and stay committed to maintaining our traditions. I believe it is in part to the deep pride we have in our history and in our ancestors. In September last year we erected a monument to honour these ancestors. Many of you have visited the monument but for those here tonight who have not had the opportunity I would like to read to you what is on the monument.

"In memory of those Danube Swabians whose courage and sacrifice, throughout the centuries, inspired us, their descendants, to honour, cherish, and further our cultural traditions.

A simple statement that embodies a deep respect and love we have for our parents, our grandparents, our aunts and uncles and all the generations who came before them. They boldly forged ahead and headed towards the hope of new opportunities and prosperity. I am in awe that through hardships these bold and hard working farmers and tradesman continued to sing, dance, and embrace their fellow Schwobs. A deep respect that is shared by many and that respect for some has motivated them to volunteer their time and talents to establishing and maintaining our clubs. Tonight I want to highlight the efforts of those men and woman who have taken on the added responsibilities that come with being a board member. These dedicated club members have guided our club through 82 years. 82 years of board meetings, at times passionate debates, decisions, and stewardship. They have taken on the accountability to keep our club viable and vibrant. And that task only becomes harder with each passing decade. To these dedicated members, both past and present, I want to give my heartfelt thank you. Board members may not always agree with each other from time to time but we never lose the respect we have for the dedication each possesses.

Thank you for all you do. My hope is that we can foster the same depth of devotion to our club in our younger generation and that our flag will continue to be held high at our Swabian events for generations to come. Thank you.

President's Report

Happy March! Last year at this time we had a February that broke several records for high temperatures. This year it feels like we have had record snowfalls and a mix of temperatures from extreme cold to well above zero. Lets hope March comes in a lot warmer.

On February 23rd, we hosted Gründungsfest, our club's 82st anniversary. The hall was full for our celebration and our dance groups and the Golden Keys once again wonderfully entertained us. I want to thank the volunteers, kitchen staff and servers for all their hard work to make the evening's dinner such a success. I do not think anyone went away hungry. I also want to thank the generosity of our dance groups for their gifts to our club. In particular, I would like to thank the Kindergruppe/ Jugendgruppe, Schwaben and Donau dance groups for their generous cash donation. There were also flowers from our Ladies Frauengruppe and the dance groups, which help to decorate our hall.

We again recognized members that were celebrating their 10th, 25th and 50th anniversary as a member of the Club. In addition we also recognized a selected few for their continued volunteering contribution at the Club.

I used the opportunity of our 82st celebration to deliver an important message to our members and guests. The message is one that needs to be heard often. I urge our members, especially our younger generation, to recognize the contribution and sacrifices our ancestors made to travel to a new country and establish our Club. To read the speech in its entirety I have included at the end of my message.

In March the kinder and jugend will be hosting their spaghetti fundraiser. The event is a little later this year but we are happy to once again have the opportunity to help support the kids and youth. If you have not been out to this event please think about coming out this year. The funds raised at this event help to support the group's purchase of dance costumes and other items needed by the two groups. These fund raising efforts have resulted in our Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe being able to provide our younger dancers with new dirndls that they debuted at our anniversary event. The new dirndls were a hit. So the costume funds once again need to be built back up. Some please come out. The groups usually treat us to a performance after the spaghetti dinner and I'm sure they will have on their new dirndls again.

Gründungsfest Speech: see previous page

George Kraehling President

Manager's Report "What's Going On"

Well, we do live in Canada! This February we sure experienced an old fashion Canadian Winter, it's been awhile. I hope you had a chance to enjoy it, and not stress too much over the driving and shoveling. I think many people hibernated this winter as we have been a little slower business-wise, so far this year, but I will continue to book events as we move forward. We have some ideas we are working on for more fun events for this year at the club, so keep an eye on the bulletin board and the Nachrichten for more details.

Believe it or not preparations for this years' 45th Oktoberfest are already being worked on and I'm sure it will be great as usual.

Please support the club, come out to as many special events as you can that we will be offering for your enjoyment and entertainment.

See you at the Schwaben Club.....

Don Egley Manager

Frauengruppe

It's March; time to start the birthday meetings again. We will have our birthday meeting this month.

Just a reminder. Schlachtfest is coming up. We will be making Krapfen again this year. I would appreciate as many volunteers as possible for this task.

Thank you, Frauen, for all of your time and efforts on behalf of our Club. It is truly appreciated.

Susan Cook President, Frauengruppe

NEUE MITGLIEDER NEW MEMBERS Hilda Kreitzer Johanna Holland Gary Dupuis Adam Moss Sven Orum Ein herzlich willkommen

Kindergruppe/ Jugendgruppe

We are beating the February blahs by showing our fresh new look. If you were at Grundungsfest, you would have seen us feature our new dirndls as the Kindergruppe and Jugengruppe performed. We are so pleased that our seamstress Cedica was able to join us for the evening.

The Kindergruppe will say goodbye to Amy and Erika as they join the Jungendgruppe. Our group will be busy as we prepare for our upcoming spaghetti dinner fundraiser on March 23rd. It will be a feast to remember!

Our groups continue to grow, but we are always looking for new dancers. Visit our website for more information.

Kathy Beckett

President, Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe

Der feste Freund der großen Schwester ist Ostern zum Mittagessen eingeladen worden. Nach dem Essen sagt er artig: "Mein großes Kompliment. So gut habe ich lange nicht mehr gegessen!" Da meint der kleine Bruder schnell: "Wir auch nicht…"

Membership

Liebe Mitglieder

Memberships are now due for 2013.

Membership Prices: Family \$75.00 Single \$45.00 Senior (65 & over) \$37.50 Students (with I.D.) \$22.50 New Members- 1st time fee \$25.00 extra

Please pay for your membership at the March Member's meeting March 6th OR at the club office with Melissa- Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

2013 Membership cards are signed and will be given to you after paying for your 2013 membership.

If your contact information has changed recently, please inform myself or Melissa at the office so we can work on updating membership files.

Heidi Peller-Oliver Membership Secretary



Zwei Hasen kommen nach China. Sagt der eine zum anderen: "Wir hätten mal lieber Stäbchen mitnehmen sollen, denn hier werden wir mit unseren Löffeln auffallen."



Geburtstage Für April

Allen Mitgliedern des Kitchener Schwabenklubs, die im Monat April Geburtstag feiern Herzlichen Glückwunsch und das Beste im neuen Lebensjahr.

Name	<u>Geburtstag</u>
Janzen, Bernard	01
Nuxoll, Marion	02
Stuetz, Adele	02
Grau, George	02
Kniess, George	03
Dyck, Henry	03
Orsan, James	03
Baumann, Bryan	05
Kreitzer, Heinz	08
Bowman, Donald	09
Adam, Christopher	09
Tadros, Helen	09
Blundell, Greg	11
Killingbeck, Tracey	11
Sertic, Anton	12
Konarski, Adelheid	12
Ungar, Katharina	12
McQuabbie, Tina	15
Speckner, Peter	16
Adam, Jakob	17
Beiler, Franz	17
Heidt, Henry	17
Otterstein, Juergen	18
Henn, Rose	20
Bromberg, Alice	22
Ungar, Heinrich	23
Schuster, Katharina	24
Leuschner, Karola	25
Wideman, Joel	25
Piller, Cecilia	27
Kahnke, Michael	29
Hohnsbein, Elisabeth	30
Adam, Johanna	30
Schramek, Helene	30
Groh, Mihaela	30
Groh, Paul	30

NACHRICHTEN DONATIONS RECEIVED *Adam Cook* Vielen Dank für die Spende



Our Miss Schwaben 2013

Ericha Schiketantz

"Ericha has been a member of the Schwaben Club and the Schwaben Dancers now for two and half years. This past year she enjoyed serving her time as Costume Director for the Schwaben Dancers. She recently joined the Frauengruppe and has also joined the Schwaben Club's Bowling League. She has been dancing since she was three years old starting off with the Hungarian Kossuth Dancers. Ericha is currently working as an assistant manager at Stepss as of September 2012, but is also still hairdressing as she has been the last seven years, now working from her own home.

Ericha is excited for the opportunity to be Miss Schwaben 2013 and is looking forward to continuing her involvement in the Schwaben Club."







May 12 & June 2 2-Part Movie



Life of a Donauschwob

The following story could be the life of any Donauschwob. A happy community life, changed forever by the ravages of war, yet found again in a country thousands of miles away.

Robert Geimer, the third of five sons born to Jakob and Hermine (Hehn) Geimer, was born March 1, 1925, at Tereblesti, Romania. He was baptized on March 11, 1925 in the Evangelical Church in that city, and in 1941 he was also confirmed there. The family worked on their farm, and Robert would most likely have remained in Romania working the land in the tradition of his family and culture.

However, in 1943 during WWII, at the age of 17, he was pressed into military service, serving on both fronts, and he narrowly escaped death several times. Briefly a prisoner of war, after release he traveled to Austria, where he was reunited with his parents and most other family members, who had fled to the west in the face of the advancing Soviet armies.

In 1951 the family emigrated to Canada, settling in Kitchener, home to many immigrants of Germanic

background, who came to this country to try and make a better life for themselves. He was united in marriage to Leokadia Lück on February 25, 1956. The wedding service was conducted by Bethel's first Pastor Rev. Christian T. Wetzstein at the church building on Church Street. Later that year, the couple moved near Ridgeway, Ontario to run a hospitality business they had purchased.

In 1988 they retired and returned to live in Kitchener. Robert was a member of the Lions Club in Ridgeway, and joined the Schwaben Club when back in Kitchener, where he served for a time as treasurer. Robert's life was filled with rich and varied experiences. He enjoyed gatherings of family and friends, owning racehorses, loved gardening, playing cards, was an avid hockey and baseball fan, and always faced life with a good sense of humour. Robert's health was a concern for most of his life, beginning from the time he served in the military. Gradually failing health left him less and less mobile, until he was finally called to his eternal rest this past Monday morning (February 25th), family at his side. Rest in Peace.



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A Wonderful Birthday

It only comes once a year, so you have to really savour it when it's here. That's right, we're talking about the annual Gründungsfest of the Schwaben Club, and it was on February 23rd.

You could tell the evening was special as soon as you walked in. There were beautiful flowers at the entrance, donated by the various Untergruppen of the Club. Servers circulated through the room with warm hors d'eourves. And everybody was mingling with everyone else; whether you were a civic dignitary, President of a German organization, or a Club member. It was a very joyful atmosphere.

Then it was time for dinner. First, we all stood for the 3 National Anthems, paying tribute to the occasion. Miss Schwaben Ericha Schiketantz, fresh of her recent crowning, came up and said her very first Grace. It was well done, and ushered on the servers to start with the first course. Both Caesar and House salads were available, a little something for everyone. The entrée was next, consisting of schnitzel, roasted chicken thighs, Schwaben beans, Parisienne potatoes, and glazed carrots. A delicious Hazelnut torte completed the meal.

While dessert was being enjoyed, both the Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe performed. Wearing brand new dirndls, both groups did a great job, showcasing their talents and group size to all the Club's guests of the evening. Phil Neidert was next, coming up to speak as the Vice-President of the Verband der Donauschwaben Kanada. He congratulated the Club on its success and bright future, and wished us all the best. Then the Club President, George Kraehling, and our Miss Schwaben were summoned to the front to hand out the pins. We would like to thank all the recipients, and take a moment to mention those that received the Volunteer Appreciation Pin: Joann Nuxoll, Kathy Beckett, Melissa Gissing, Frank Nemeth, Josef Hoedl, and Walter Marzinko. Their efforts and hard work have bettered the Club over the years and we thank them for their service. Finally, our own President spoke about the occasion; his speech has been reprinted in the Präsidenten Bericht at the beginning of the newsletter.

The Golden Keys started playing, giving our guests a chance to dance away some of that fantastic meal. *continued on page 15*

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Sagt die eine Blondine zur anderen: "Ich hab mir letztens einen Hasen angeschafft!" Antwortet die Zweite: "Weil die so schön kuschelig sind?" Sagt die Erste: "Neee, dann hab ich immer frische Eier!"



Be part of the Saturday/Sunday Programs! Henning Grumme "Continental Breakfast" - Saturday 6- 8am Hermann & Christel "German Hit Parade" - Saturday 8-10am Hans & Harry "Musik Melodies" - 12noon – 1pm You can call the Studio during the shows at 519.886.9878

Seniorentreffen – Concordia - 11:30 Uhr

Spaghetti Night - Youth Group - 18:30 Uhr Chorkonzert - Alpine Club - 12:00 Uhr

Seniorentreffen - Concordia - 11:30 Uhr Mitgliederabend/Ballroom Grad - 18:30 Uhr

Weber, Joseph

Passed away suddenly on February 17, 2013

at the age of 82. He leaves behind his beloved wife Elisabeth, his son Marc and his wife

Brenna, and his three grandchildren Eric,

Matthew and Jenai. He also leaves his sister

Mary Kalvniak, and sister Kathi Sabo and

Geimer, Robert

Passed away peacefully at home, surrounded

by his family, on Monday, February 25, 2013,

Luck. Father of Ralph and Catherine Geimer.

Opa of Mallarie. Brother of Herbert Geimer

(Marie) and brother-in-law of Elfie Geimer

and Lisa Geimer. Predeceased by his parents,

Jakob (1975) and Hermine (Hehn) (1987); a

daughter in infancy, his son John; and three

brothers, Johan, Gerhard, and Siegfried.

just a few days short of his 88th Birthday.

Beloved husband of Leokadia Geimer (nee

many relatives in Canada and in Europe.

TCK Jahreshauptversammlung/AGM - 14:00 Uhr



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Cultural Director



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