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WICHTIGE DATEN 2012/2013

December 9 Main Hall	Christmas Luncheon Various Groups
December 11 Schwaben Hall	Christmas Show: Alle Jahre Wieder
December 19 Schwaben Hall	Frauengruppe Christmas Supper
December 31 Main Hall	New Year's Eve Ball Band – Seven Castles
2013	
January 6 _{Keller}	Filmnachmittag: Melodien der Berge
January 12 Alpine Club	Kameradschaftsabend
January 26 Schwaben Hall	Miss Schwaben Ball Various Groups - Tour of Greece
February 3 Keller	Filmnachmittag: Salem Aleikum PETER ALEXANDER
February 9 Main Hall	3rd Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe
February 23 Main Hall	Gründungsfest

January Meetings Rescheduled

The Members' Meeting and the Frauengruppe meeting have been moved to:

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

Members' Meeting begins: 8:00 pm Frauengruppe meeting begins: 7:30 pm

IMPRESSUM

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Praesidentenbericht

Die Frauengruppe hat ihr 77. Gruendungsfest im November gefeiert. Das Essen und die Musik waren hervorragend. Ich moechte mich bei allen Mitwirkenden fuer ihren Einsatz und Bereitschaft, einen erfolgreichen Abend zu gestalten, bedanken. Neue Kinder-und Jugendgruppe-Praesidentin Kathy Beckett bedankte sich bei der ausscheidenden Lisa Schaadt fuer ihre langjaehrige Arbeit mit den Gruppen. Herzliche Geburtstagsgruesse gingen auch an Susan Cook, die am naechsten ihr Wiegenfest feierte.

Mary und ich nahmen am 18. November am Volkstrauertag im Woodlandfriedhof teil. Das Wetter war unglaublich schoen und gemuetlich. Es war ermunternd, so viele Anwesenden, neben den ueblichen Gesandten von der Stadt Kitchener, Waterloo, Region, sowie vom Deutschen

Konsulat, zu sehen. Dieser unvergleichbarer Gedenktag wuerdigt nicht nur die 187 deutschen Kriegsgefangenen, sondern auch die anderen Gefallenen, die in anderen Kriegen zum Opfer gefallen sind. Nach Weltfrieden muessen wir immer wieder streben. Als die Transylvaniablaskapelle spielte und der Concordia-Chor sang, koennte ich die Waerme dieser Rufe nach Frieden und globalem Respekt bei den sonnigen Temperaturen wahrnehmen. Es war schoen, ein Bisschen Zeit mit anderen zu verbringen, den Gefallenen zu gedenken. Normalerweise zaehlt der Monat November nicht zu meinen Lieblingsmonaten. Er is ein kalter, ein nasser , ein grauer Monat. Er ist fuer Warmwetteraktivitaeten nicht mehr geeignet und trotzdem auch nicht fuer richtige Winterfreizeittaetigkeiten. Dieser November fing mit sehr gemuetlichen Tagen an, aber allmaehlich setzte sich das kalte Wetter doch mal ein und der erste Schneefall kam am 23. November...kaum zu glauben, Weihnachten ist nur ein Monat entfernt! Im Klub werden die Raeumlichkeiten jahreszeitgemaess geschmueckt. Das Weihnachtessen findet am 9. Dezember im Klub statt. Ich freue mich auf Ihr zahlreiches Erscheinen. Der Chor und die verschiedenen Gruppen sind fleissig dabei, ein schoenes Weihnachstprogramm zusammenzustellen. Das deutsche Weihnachtskonzert, unter dem Motto: Alle Jahre Wieder, wird am 11. Dezember veranstaltet. Karten sind fast ausverkauft, so verpassen nicht die Gelegenheit dabei zu sein!

Zum Schluss moechte ich Sie an unsere grosse Silvesterfeier erinnern. Dieser immer beliebter Abend wird dieses Jahr ein Bisschen anders gestaltet sein. Ein 4-Gaenge Menue wird am Tisch serviert werden.....keine Warteschlangen mehr. Nachtisch kann man sich natuerlich immer noch selbstbedienen. Wenn Sie nicht mal im Schwabenklub zu Silvester waren, dann kommen Sie mal raus. Die meisten Gaeste kommen schon seit Jahren und wissen Bescheid. Wir haben aber noch Platz, so bitte nehmen Sie mal die Gelegenheit , bei uns Gast zu sein, und die Gastfreundlichkeit, gutes Essen und die tolle Atmosphaere zu geniessen.

President's Report

This November the FrauenGruppe celebrated their 77th anniversary. The dinner and music were great. I thank all those that gave their time and effort to make this evening such a success. The evening included a presentation by ??? Beckett to Lisa Schaadt who was stepping down as president of the Kinder and Jungen groups for all her efforts. We also had a chance to wish Susan Cook happy birthday given it was the following day.

Mary and I attended the German Remembrance Day event at Woodland Cemetery on Sunday November 18^{th.} The weather was unusually warm and sunny. It was nice to have so many in attendance along with the dignitaries from Kitchener, Waterloo and the Region as well the German Consulate. It is certainly a remembrance service unlike any other as we pay respect to not only the 187 German prisoners of war but also to the fallen of any of our world's conflicts. The need to strive for world peace was a recurring theme. As the Transylvania brass band played and the Concordia choir sang I could feel the warmth of those calls for peace and global respect mix with the warmth of the sunny day and it felt good to have stopped and taken the time to join others in remembering the sacrifice of the fallen.

Normally November is not one of my favorite months. It is a month of cold wet and gray days. You can no longer do any warm weather activities and you can't do any cold weather activities vet. But this November started with a lot of wonderful warm days however the cold weather finally set in and we received our first snowfall on November 23rd. It is hard to believe that Christmas is only a month away. We are getting the club ready with Christmas decorations for the holidays. Our Christmas Luncheon is on Sunday December 9th. Hopefully you can come out and join us for this event. Our choir and dance groups are all busy working on songs and skits to entertain you. So don't miss the fun. The Christmas German Show, on December 11th, is also coming up and tickets are almost sold out. Don't be disappointed and get your tickets as soon as possible.

Finally, don't forget about our New Year's Eve bash. Given the popularity of this event we are going to structure the evening more formally this year. We will be serving the first four courses and desert will be self-serve If you have not joined us in the past then don't miss out yet again. The majority of our guests for this evening are repeaters. They know a good thing when they find it. We still have room for more, so come on out, but again do not wait too long to get your tickets. Hopefully you can join us for one or all of our holiday events. Make the Schwaben Club one of your holiday stops and enjoy the opportunity to share holiday fun and food with your Schwaben family.

George Kraehling President

Manager's Report "What's Going On"

2012 was a very eventful year here at the Schwaben Club. I hope that everyone had a chance to come out to at least one of the great functions held here at the Club this past year, and I truly hope you had a great time too. The Club was quite busy and very much alive with many, many activities. It seemed like there was always something happening here on the weekends and during the week. It was satisfying to see all the involvement from our members and the general public. It is nice to know the Schwaben Club is a popular place to be. Let's keep it up and see what 2013 will bring.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Don Egley Manager

Frauengruppe

First of all I would like to present our Committee:

President: Susan Cook Vice-President: Elizabeth Klenk Secretary: Elizabeth Schicketanz 1st Treasurer: Monika Hoedl 2nd Treasurer: Joann Nuxoll Social Convener: Annie Lutz

All members of the committee volunteered to stay on, but I am especially grateful to have Elizabeth Klenk take on her position for another 2 year term, as she was due to step down this year. We rookies need the experience that she and Annie Lutz bring to the committee.

Our Grundungsfest was held on November 17th. It was a lovely evening of good food and dancing. I always appreciate the entertainment by our Dance Groups. It is there dedication to practicing and representing our Club that helps keep us strong. I would also like to once again extend sin-

Geburtstage Für Dezember

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

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Name	Geburtstag
Edel, George	03
Eberl, Rolf	04
Dupuis, Nancy	04
Frey, Heinrich	07
Klomp, Romano	07
Bauer, Elisabeth	08
Preis, Josef	08
Speckner, Shelley	09
Doepner, Hans	10
Tworuschka, Peter	12
Adam, Vanessa	12
Cook, Adam M.	13
Watchorn, Joanne	14
Lorfing, Rudolf	15
Wettlaufer, Wayne	16
Kahnke, Wolfgang	17
Gerber, Stefan	17
Weber, Elizabeth	18
Petsch, Johann	19
Furbacher, Maria	20
Bogen, Irma	22
Zai, Michael	24
Zimmermann, Steve	24
Williamson, Melanie	24
Kraehling, George	25
Schaadt, Susanne	28
Gruber Barbara	29
Matyas, Irma	30

cere Thanks to our Club Committee for the cheque which George Kraehling presented to us. It is very nice to be acknowledged for our contribution to our club events.

I had the pleasure of teaching the cooking class on Nov. 25th. I shared the cookie recipe that I remember my Grandmother making, and then my Mother and now myself with my family members. It was an enjoyable afternoon and the result was some delicious cookies!

The Ladies own Christmas Supper is on December 19th at 6:00 pm. We will do the prize draw again this year, so don't forget your raffle prizes.

I also wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Christmas!

Susan Cook President, Frauengruppe

Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe

The dance groups celebrated the 77th year of the Frauengruppe. It was quite a night. Many people were recognized for their years of service. I was given the opportunity to take a few minutes to recognize someone very special. And here's what was said. "On behalf of the Kindergruppe /Jugengruppe committee, dancers and their families we want to say a huge Thank- You to Lisa Schaadt.

When Lisa told the committee that she was stepping down I thought to myself. "Meins du das oder sagst das nur so". I never thought she would give up leading such a dynamic group of dancers that have exploded in numbers. Lisa started this group 6 years ago from 8 dancers to now 44.

She has been relentless in making it successful from recruiting instructors and committee members, advertising, fundraising, organizing performances, and building relationships in the club and the community. Without her passion we wouldn't have such thriving dance groups."

I look forward to continuing Lisa's great work with the help of our dedicated committee. Johanne, Lea, Christie, Tawn, and Helga.



I would like to welcome two new dancers to the Jugengruppe, Owen Dupius and Cooper Blundell. Date change! Our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner is now February 9, 2013.

Kathy Beckett

Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe President



Nusskipfel.....Yummy!!

Thank you, Susan Cook, for sharing your family recipe for Nusskipfel and for taking a chunk out of your busy schedule to teach this class. I and the rest of your students truly appreciate it.

And we, the students, had a ball. In fact, lots of balls. That is because when the dough is mixed, it

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Celebrating the Ladies in Our Lives

Every year, the Schwaben Club has the honour of celebrating the anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary (Frauengruppe). It is a chance for everyone to acknowledge all the hard work the ladies contribute to the Club year round. And this celebration was a wonderful evening, befitting one of the most vital groups of our Club.

The evening began with a short welcome from the Frauengruppe and grace by our own Miss Schwaben, Carole Zettel. Then it was straight to the food and it was delicious. The meal started with both House and Caesar salads. The entrée was even better. It included specially seasoned Chicken Schnitzel, moist Pork Loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, and yellow & green beans. It was impossible not to eat your fill with all that amazing food sitting in front of you. Dessert was the always scrumptious Grand Marnier torte. All in all, a fantastic meal.

After dinner, there were some poignant speeches from both the President of the Frauengruppe

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Gründungsfest der Frauengruppe























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Nusskipfel Cooking Class



















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Susan Cook, and the President of the Club George Kraehling. Then began the performances. First up, the Kindergruppe. They danced up a storm, looking cute as buttons the entire time. As the Jugendgruppe lined up to perform, there was a special presentation made. The President of the children's dance groups, Kathy Beckett, presented outgoing President Lisa Schaadt with a bouquet of flowers and a heartfelt thank you for all her hard work. It was an emotional moment, not only for the ladies, but for everyone as well. Lisa's impact was immediately seen when she was rushed by the Kindergruppe children for a big group hug!

The Jugendgruppe came out next, and put on quite a show. It is always to see that group growing a bit larger all the time. And their performance of Jugendfreude, a dance previously performed by the Schwaben Dancers, brought a certain continuity to the evening. With the Jugendgruppe finished, it was time to strike up the band. The Golden Keys were ready to go, and their energetic music helped everyone dance their dinner away. The final two performances, during the band breaks, were from the Schwaben Dancers and the Donau Dancers. The Schwaben Dancers showcased their new dance, the Kowboy Polkatanz, last seen at our own Landestreffen. The Donau Dancers performed a few classics, some instantly recognized as preserved from the old Trachtengruppe. Once again, the younger generation carries the torch from the older group.

Overall, it was a beautiful evening, full of great food, exciting performances, and touching moments. It was exactly what you'd expect for an evening celebrating our Frauengruppe. With everything they do, I don't see why they shouldn't get a 2nd function honouring them. I'd be there, that's for sure! And they certainly would deserve it.

Peter Speckner Cultural Director

> Mr Henry Brattan made a donation to the Nachrichten newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.





THANK YOU

I would like to congratulate Monika Anstett on her recent election to the Board Of Directors as Director-At-Large. She is a person of strong character and initiative and will work tirelessly for the benefit of the club.

I would like to thank the membership who put me in the position three years ago. Your support was most appreciated. To the members of the Board, I thank you for allowing me to be a part of a vibrant group of decision-makers. It has been a rewarding experience to say the least.

It has been a pleasure to serve. **Bob** Foster

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Ring in the New Year at the Schwaben Club

Monday, December 31, 2012 with the Seven Castles

Members: \$55 +tax Non-Members: \$65 +tax

Doors Open: 5:00 pm Hors D'oeuvres: 5:20 pm-5:50 pm Dinner: 6:15 pm

Menu Late Night Buffet Hors D'oeuvres Champagne at Midnight First Course Assorted Cheeses • German Salami • Pickles • Potato Pancakes Second Course Tomato & Cucumber Salad Third Course to & Roasted Red Pepper Bisque Tourth Course (Entrée) Prime Rib · Glazed Sesame Chicken · Parisienne Potatoes · Yellow & Green Beans Fifth Course Assorted Cakes & Pastries

Transylvania Club Dates to Remember

- 05. Dezember Frauenverein Christmas Dinner 18:00 Uhr 16. Dezember Weihnachtsfeier – Christmas Program – 14:00 Uhr 19. Dezember Seniorentreffen – Seniors' Luncheon – Concordia - 11:30 Uhr **31. Dezember** Silvester – New Year's Eve – 17:00 Uhr 2013 12. Januar Kameradschaftsabend - Alpine Club -18:00 Uhr Seniorentreffen - Seniors' Luncheon -16. Januar Concordia - 11:30 Uhr
- 16. Januar Frauenverein Jahreshauptversammlung/AGM - 19:00 Uhr
- 09. Februar Frauenball – 18:30 Uhr





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





Membership

Liebe Mitglieder

We are approaching the end of another successful year here at our club. It's time to start a new year and be thinking of paying for new 2013 Membership.

The good news is the Membership prices will not be going up for 2013; they are remaining at the same rates. Some members have paid for their membership early, and it is appreciated to those members who have done so.

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

If you could come into the club office to pay for your membership dues, or at the January's members meeting on new date January 9th, it would be greatly appreciated. Club Office is open Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm.

Upon paying for your membership, you will receive your new 2013 Membership card signed by myself, your Membership Secretary.

If your address and/or phone number have changed in the last year, please inform Melissa in the club office, so she and I can work on getting the membership files updated.

Danke Schoen

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr!

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Membership Secretary & Sick/Death Benefit Funds Secretary

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must then be rolled into small balls and refrigerated over night. Just like the TV cooking shows, the cold balls magically appeared, ready to be rolled. (Susan made them ahead of time.)

Also, thank you to Jake Adam for grinding the walnuts for the filling. There were some additions to the filling that gave it a great flavour. (Sh-sh-sh... our secret)

These cooking classes are great; an enjoyable learning experience. Join us for the next class. You'll love it.

Catherine Thompson Roving Reporter



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