April 2015



WICHTIGE DATEN 2015 Fish Fry Fridays GOOD FRIDAY: NOON TO 8 PM

April 8 NEW Monthly Club Meeting AND THE 2nd WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

> April 11 RUSH Tribute

April 12 Filmnachmittag: Stilles Tal

April 18 Landestreffen in Toronto

> April 25 Spaghetti Dinner

May 3 Mothers' Day Luncheon

May 30 Viennese Gala Ball

May 31 Filmnachmittag: Trapp Family Part 1

June 7 Filmnachmittag: Trapp Family Part 2

June 21 Picnic: Waterloo Rod & Gun

August 7, 8, 9 Landestreffen (Los Angeles, CA)

> September 12 Kirchweihfest

October 9 – 17 Oktoberfest

November 21 Frauen Gruendungsfest (Ladies Anniversary) For the Kitchener Schwaben Club & Community

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mannan,

Sunday, May 3, 2015



Caesar Salad & Rolls Schnitzel with Hunter Sauce BBQ Chicken Braised Red Cabbage with Apple Garlic & Herb Roasted Potatoes Pork Gravy Corn Niblets Strawberry Mousse

Doors open: 12 pm · Lunch served: 1 pm

Member: s21.75 + HST = \$25.00 Non-Member: s24.36 + HST = \$28.00 Child (6-12): s8.70 + HST = \$10.00 For tickets contact the Schwaben Club 1668 King St. E. Kitchener, ON 519-742-7979

Bericht des Präsidenten

Während ich diesen Bericht schreibe, genieße ich den Sonnenschein, der durch die Fenster unseres Wintergartens kommt. Unser Schnee ist fast weg. Ich sehe Gras und warte auf den Frühling.

Unsere Veranstaltungen im März fingen mit unserer 'Spring Show' an. Wiederum scheint es, dass wir nicht viel Unterstützung von unseren Mitglieder bezüglich dieser Show erhalten. Es waren nur etwas 90 anwesend und wir müssen zumindest etwa 140 haben um über die Runden zu kommen. Warum ist die Besucherzahl so niedrig? Wenn jemand eine Antwort dazu hat, irgendeine Antwort, dann bitte kommt zu mir und sagt es mir. Wir würden gerne mit diesen Konzerten weitermachen, brauchen aber eure Unterstützung.

Danach am 21. März war unser 'Jährliches Schlachtfest' und der 'Presidents Ball' im Concordia Klub ebenfalls am 21. März. Betty und ich haben beide Veranstaltungen besucht. Zuerst das Essen und die damit verbundene Kameradschaft im Concordia Klub. Dazu möchten Betty und ich uns beim Präsidenten Rob Kerr und dem Concordia Klub für den schönen Abend bedanken.

Bei unserer Rückkehr zu unserem Schwaben Klub waren wir begeistert eine volle Halle anzutreffen "ein volles Haus'. Wie gut ist das! Ein großes Dankeschön an alle unsere Mitglieder und Freunde für diese erfreuliche Unterstützung. Ein noch größeres Dankeschön geht an unsere Frauen, die beim Backen unserer berühmten 'Schwaben Krapfen' geholfen haben. Sie waren sehr lecker und eure Hilfe wird sehr geschätzt.

Ein besonderer Dank geht an alle die beim Dekorieren der Halle geholfen haben und bei der Vorbereitung und dem Servieren der "Wurstplatten" – sehr originell.

Abschließend möchte ich noch einmal alle Mitglieder daran erinnern: 'IHR' seid der Klub und eure Unterstützung ist für den Klub 'LEBENSNOTWENDIG'.

Nun wünsche ich allen recht Frohen Ostern und wir werden uns bei unserer nächsten Veranstaltung wieder sehen.

President's Report

As I am writing this report, I am enjoying the sunshine coming through our sunroom windows.

Most of our snow is almost gone. I see grass and I am looking forward to spring.

Festivities for March started with our "Spring Show". Again, it would appear our members are not very supportive when this show is here. We only managed about 90 in attendance and we need, at least, about 140 to make ends meet. Why is the attendance so low? If you have an answer, any answer, please come and tell me. We would like to continue with these concerts but we need your support.

Next up, on March 21st was our "Annual Schlachtfest" and the "Presidents Ball" at the Concordia Club – also on March 21st. Betty and I tried to split our time and so we attended both functions. First, the dinner and the accompanying camaraderie at the Concordia Club. Here, Betty and I would like to thank President Rob Kerr and the Concordia Club for our invitation and for the enjoyable evening.

Upon our return to our Schwaben Club, we were thrilled to see our hall filled to capacity "A Full House". How good is that! A big thanks to all our members and friends for this encouraging support. An even "Bigger" thanks to all our ladies who helped with the baking of our famous "Schwaben Krapfen". They were delicious and your help is very much appreciated.

Also, a special thank you to our decorating help and all the people who helped and served the "Wurst Platters", how very original.

In closing let me again remind all members that the club is "YOU" and your support is "VITAL".

Happy Easter to everyone and we will see each other at our next function.

Phil Neidert President

WHAT'S GOING ON Manager's Report

April showers bring May flowers and hopefully a nice spring and summer, I'm sure we are all looking forward to that. It was a cold winter but a very busy one which took the chill out of an otherwise nasty winter.It will be great to get the grounds all cleaned up and nice for the weddings booked for the rest of the year. Enjoy the summer because, before you know it, Oktoberfest tickets will be on sale. The wheels of life just keep on turning round and round. Don't let any moss grow under you feet; stay active, and also enjoy all the festivities at your Schwaben Club.

We are having a very good year so let's keep it going. Also, don't forget all the games that there are in the Stube room; shuffleboard, foosball, darts, pool, and cards. It's a great spot to visit on a hot summer day for a cold beverage and a game with friends.

If everyone is enjoying the Fish Fry Fridays, we will continue to offer it throughout the year.

Make your best times here at the Schwaben Club.

Don Egley Manager

Frauengruppe

First of all I would like to thank my team of volunteers who produced the delicious krapfen for Schlachtfest. They include Betty Neidert, Katie Geimer, Katie Kraehling, Katie Neuberger, Joann Nuxoll, Karin Kahnke, Lea Becker and Emma, Annie Lutz, Monica Anstett, Lena Herold, Andrea Speckner. Thanks also to Phil Neidert who helped wherever needed. It seemed to go very well.

Geburtstage für Mai

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

| Lebensjam. | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Name | <u>Geburtstag</u> |
| Brattan, Henry | 01 |
| Schaadt, Richard | 02 |
| Albrecht, Wilhelm | 05 |
| Dupuis, Gary | 06 |
| Anstett, Monica | 09 |
| Szierer, John | 10 |
| Schilling, Andrew | 11 |
| Gaysek, Karin | 12 |
| Schick, Magdalena | 15 |
| Thompson, Catherine | 16 |
| Hoedl, Monika | 16 |
| Becker, John | 16 |
| Ruland, Tracy | 16 |
| Gissing, Melissa | 17 |
| Borch, Katelyn | 17 |
| Vogel, Erich | 23 |
| Ries, Irma | 24 |
| Borch, David | 24 |
| Switzer, Norma | 28 |
| Pilz, Emma | 29 |
| Gellner, Andrew | 30 |
| Koehler, Christel | 30 |
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The club is going to meet every month again and is meeting April 8.

Mother's Day luncheon is coming up and we will gratefully accept donations of raffle prizes again. We will need volunteers to set up the hall on the morning of the event.

Our 80th Anniversary picture will be May 6 at 6:30 promptly. All members of the frauengruppe are invited to attend. Please wear dirndls or skirts and blouses.

Our June supper will be June 3rd at 6 PM.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Susan Cook President

Kinder/Jugendgruppe

The sun is shining more and the hope of spring is upon us. Many of us celebrated the first sign of spring at Schlachtfest with family and friends at the club. The

Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe dancers again shared

community.

dinner is April 25th! We are looking

for

their talents with our guests. We continue to practice each

multicultural festivals in our

Don't forget our annual

Thursday to get ready for some



our silent Auction and would welcome any donations to help our dance groups. Thanking you in advance. Items can be dropped off at the office with Melissa.

Kathv Beckett President, Kindergruppe/Jugengruppe

spaghetti for items

Donau Dancers

We started off the Schlachtfest night with our famous wurst platter. Delicious!

The pork roast and sausage was one of best I could remember. Hats off again to our cook Michael and his kitchen staff.

Monica Anstett's story about the Schwaben ancestors reminded us of the importance of the pig for them in their day to day life not only as food but the various household uses.

We showcased again one of newer dances called Muehlrad. It is a dance that was learned by the Erste

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Filmnachmittag April 12, 2015



May 31, 2015 Die Trapp Familie



continued June 7, 2015 Die Trapp Familie in Amerika



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(first) Donauschwaben Trachtengruppe of our club. I hope everyone enjoyed it! The men wore the "Butcher's Apron" as an addition to our costume in honour of the evening.

Steve Angel and Europa music was very enjoyable. Everyone obviously enjoyed themselves.

The Viennese Ball plans are well under way. Please come out and support us – it will be an evening you will not forget!

So take this opportunity to get dressed in your finest, enjoy a gourmet meal and a complimentary glass of champagne and dance the night away! [Tickets will be available at the club as well as from any Donau dancer.

Helga Peller President, Donau Dancers

Membership and Benefits

Just a further update to March's Nachrichten; President's Report of announcement of members who have received Club Service awards at Grundungsfest/ 84th Club Anniversary event. The following members' names were also announced at Grundungsfest - on Feb 21st but unfortunately were not able to come and accept their award that evening.

10 Year Pins Rosie Flint Larry Wettlaufer Stan & Karin Gaysek

Volunteer Pin for exemplary service: Monika Hoedl

These members above have been contacted by myself, congratulated and arrangements made for them to pick their awards or pins at the Club office.

Membership Dues Reminder! For those who have not yet paid their club dues, please do so as soon as possible. Late Fee of \$5.00 will be applied effective May 1st.

Membership Dues can be paid at the club office and is also available Thursday evenings & on April 8th, new monthly Members' meeting.

Club Dues are: Student >> \$25; Seniors >> \$38; Single >> \$50; Family >> \$80

To assist club members with any questions, concerns or changes about your club membership and /or your sick and death benefits, contact me directly at any time at: **heidi.schwaben@bell.net**

Heidi Peller-Oliver Membership Director & Finance Secretary

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Looking for players and spectators for our FC Schwaben team/teams for June 6th for the

Concordia Farm Soccer Tournament open to all members regardless of skill level; ages 10 years and up

so come on out and do our club proud, or cheer our schwobs on to victory. This tournament is a friendly affair, so we will have some good laughs and some bbq

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4pm–Doors Open / Einlass 5pm–Dinner / Abendessen 7:30pm–Opening Ceremonies/Einmarsch 8pm– Trachtenparade & Performances

Guest: \$15 Performers/Trachtentraeger: \$13 Children (6-12): \$10 Under 5 Free A delicious buffet dinner is available for \$15. Please call the club at 416-296-0404 Dienstag: 10 Uhr-14 Uhr

Mittwoch: 13 Uhr- 16Uhr

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Die Krapfen!!















Schlachtfest























Leaving a Legacy

Gruendungsfest celebrates the founding of our club; the beginnings of our club. Being the new year, this is also the time when we, the members, reflect on the years that have passed, achievements and mistakes, ups and downs. We also look to the future.

But as we look to the future, we must never forget our past and those who walked beside us during years gone by and still support us to this day. Our senior members of today and our ancestors.

We must remember the labours, resolve, and sacrifices made by our ancestors and senior members, to create and develop future opportunities for their children, grandchildren, and for those yet unborn. Our seniors dared to dream and built a legacy of community. Much pain and much happiness accompanied their day-to-day and yearto-year struggles and accomplishments.

Our seniors remember the fruitful life they shared in their homeland along the Danube. They also carry the burdens of the hell they went through in the concentration camps and their ultimate escape or release.

My father, Matthew Wingrad, was interred in a concentration camp, ultimately escaped to Austria and then made the long journey to Canada. The stories he told were vivid, frightening, shocking. Yet, these stories demonstrated the strength and courage of our senior members and ancestors. How many of our members, here, went through a similar experience; some survived the hardships, came to Canada and created this wonderful club for their children, for our children and grandchildren and many still support it today. Without them, there would be nothing to cherish, nothing to hold dear, nothing to keep alive for future generations.

We , all, still have an extraordinary "Legacy" to pass on to those that follow. It is not a material legacy. It is not money, land, diamonds or gold. Without question, we have something of far greater value. We have the gifts of strength, hope, courage and survival that have been given us inherently by our ancestors and seniors. These are the rocks on which we stand. They are the pillars that support our Club. The young have forgotten much, but what we can remember is potent and will enhance the lives of future generations. All we need do is tap into our memories and share the collective wisdom of our seniors.

I have a great and deep respect for all of the senior members of our club. Their actions should never be taken for granted. We must say thank you to them for creating a club which our youth can enjoy, maintain and love. We speak of and to our youth often. We put our faith in our youth to care for and maintain our Donauschwaben culture, language and memories. We hope that they enjoy being here and make use of this club.

Every New Year, we begin a new chapter of our Schwaben Club history book. Every member is a page filled with memories and ideas. So many pages have been torn out of our book over the years. Let us remember them and their legacy.

So, in light of this, I want to take this opportunity to say a sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to every senior man and woman of our Schwaben Club. Thank you for being who you are and doing what you did. You have given us a strong past, a bright future and this Club, a home to share and enjoy.

I do have a short poem. You know me, the poem lady.

"ANCESTORS"

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If you could see your ancestors All standing in a row. Would you be proud of them or not Or don't you really know? Some strange discoveries are made in climbing family trees And some of them you know Do not particularly please.

If you could see your ancestors All standing in a row. There are some of them perhaps; You wouldn't care to know. But there's another question Which requires a different view, If you could see your ancestors, Would they be proud of you.

Thank you. Speech at Club Gruendungsfest, 2015; Catherine Thompson

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piece of fish, hash browns and dinner roll with butter.

HOTDOG PLATE is \$5 and consists of a hotdog on a bun and hash browns

We, at the GCHFC, would like to invite you and your fellow members of the Schwaben Club and look forward to meeting you there

Entertainment Directors of GCHFC Susan Nagy and Kathy Richmond Cox

SCHWABEN CLUB PARKING STICKERS

The club is now actively enforcing parking regulations for our parking lot by ticketing cars improperly parked.

Please have your Schwaben Club parking permit (sticker) displayed in the bottom corner of the windshield on the drivers side of your vehicle BY MAY 1, 2015

Parking permit stickers are available at the office, functions or monthly meetings. Let us know if you need more than one.

After May 1, 2015, if you receive a parking ticket, you will be required to pay it. We will have a grace period until then for our members.



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Information for Landestreffen der Donauschwaben Los Angeles

Fellow Members and friends, planning is well underway for our Schwaben Gathering in LA.

The festival runs from August 7 to 9. Workshops are planned for August 6 and August 10.

The club was not able to secure a good group rate through the airlines or travel agents so it will be up to all individuals participating to make their own travel arrangements.

Pricing ranges from \$400 to \$700 for a U.S. Departure to \$800 to \$1000 for a Canadian departure.

If you would like some assistance to help book, please let us know.

We have secured a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn in Anaheim. The hotel rooms are being held on behalf of the club with pricing starting at \$99 per night. (There are suite rooms available starting at \$130 per night.) Rooms are reserved under the "Kitchener Schwaben Club" and will need to be booked by the end of February. Below is the hotel info.

Holiday Inn Anaheim Resort Area

1915 South Manchester Ave. Anaheim. CA. 92802. Phone (714) 748-7777

For booking call.

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Transportation while in LA will be

up to each individual. There is public transportation that runs right past the Treffen from the hotel.

If you have any questions, please contact Kirk Hanke or Sheri Thompson.

> New Members Welcome! Lucy Bowers Jennifer Lehman Lindsay Cook Amy Ernest & Bevan Lantz Robert & Brigitte Mueller Ruth Zinke



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