Januar 2016

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For the Kitchener Schwaben Club & Community

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WICHTIGE DATEN 2016 Fish Fry Fridays With Schnitzel 5 PM TO 8 PM

January 13 Members' Meeting

January 16 Kameradschaftsabend

> January 30 Miss Schwaben

February 7 Filmnachmittag Ewiger Waltzer

February 10 Members' Meeting

February 20 Gründungsfest

March 6 Filmnachmittag Wunder von Bern

March 9 Members' Meeting

> March 19 Schlachtfest

April 2 Spaghetti Dinner

April 13 Members' Meeting

April 20 German Spring Show May 1 Mother's Day Luncheon May 11 Members' Meeting May TBA Viennese Gala Ball



Bericht des Präsidenten

Wieder einmal ist ein Jahr gekommen und gegangen, wie eine kühle Brise. Das Herbstwetter, so schön es auch war, hatte bestimmt einen Effekt. Keine Mäntel, keine Stiefel und keinen Schnee. Es kann nicht besser sein. Ich möchte meinen aufrichtigen Dank an alle meine Vorstandsmitglieder aussprechen für ihren Fleiß und ihre Mitarbeit während 2015, um dies ein erfolgreiches und angenehmes Jahr zu machen. Ich freue mich auf 2016 in der gleichen Weise und im Geiste der "Gemütlichkeit" wie wir 2015 verbrachten. Harmonie auf jeder Vorstandsebene ist wichtig und dadurch macht die Zusammenarbeit viel mehr Spaß.

Die gleiche Bitte geht an alle unsere Mitglieder, um unseren Klub durch ihre Teilnahme und Ideen zu unterstützen. Das macht unseren Klub stark und dynamisch, wenn alle Untergruppen auf ein gemeinsames Ziel zusammenarbeiten. Dies ist, was wir tun sollten und ich hoffe, dass wir dies schaffen werden.

Seit meinem letzten Bericht, hatten wir unser "Christmas Luncheon". Die Teilnahme war gut, aber hätte besser sein können. Das Essen war ausgezeichnet und das Programm, das folgte, war auch sehr gut. Vielen Dank an alle, die dazu beitrugen. Eure Arbeit wird geschätzt.

Am 16. Januar werden wir "Kameradschaftsabend" in unserem Klub haben. Ein Abend an dem alle anderen "Deutschen Klubs" vertreten sind. So, dies sollte ein unterhaltsamer Abend für alle sein.

Am 23. Januar werden wir unsere neue "Miss Schwaben 2016" krönen. Ich bitte aufrichtig für ihre Unterstützung. Last uns alle kommen und Venessa Pastoric für ihre Regentschaft als unsere "Miss Schwaben 2015" danken und unsere neue "Miss Schwaben 2016" willkommen heißen.

Ich freue mich darauf sie alle in unserem Klub zu sehen und bedanke mich schon im Voraus für ihr Kommen.

President's Report

Once again a year has come and gone, like a cool wind that blew through. The fall weather, as nice as can be, I am sure had some effect. No coats, no boots and no snow, it surely cannot be better. I would like to express my sincere thank you to all of my Board of Directors for their diligence and involvement during 2015 and making this a successful and enjoyable year. I look forward to 2016 in much the same spirit and "Gemütlichkeit" as we enjoyed in 2015. Harmony at any Board level is important and makes working together much more enjoyable.

The same request goes to all of our members, to support our club by your attendance and ideas. This is what makes our club strong and vibrant. All subgroups supporting and working together towards a common goal. This is what we should be doing and I sincerely hope we will be doing. Since my last report, we had our Christmas Luncheon. Attendance was good, however, could have been better. The food was excellent and the program that followed was also excellent. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Your work is appreciated. On January 16TH, we will be hosting "Kameradschaftsabend" at our club. An evening with all the other "German Clubs" in attendance. So this should be an enjoyable time for everyone.

On January 23rd, we will be crowning our new Miss Schwaben for 2016. I sincerely ask for your support. Let us all come out and thank Venessa Pastoric personally for her reign as our "Miss Schwaben" and our club ambassador during 2015, and also welcome our new "Miss" for 2016. I look forward to seeing you all at our club. Thank you beforehand for your coming.

Phil Neidert President

WHAT'S GOING ON Manager's Report

I hope everyone had a great New Years and that you are looking forward to all the best that 2016 will offer.

It does appear, however, that the shows and events like the New Years Eve party, and the Frank and Dean dinner show that we offered up for your enjoyment are events that the membership really isn't too interested in attending. As you can see in this edition of the Nachrichten, we are again starting the year off with some very good events.

If these events don't tickle your fancy, I would love to hear from you on any ideas for events that you would like to see at the Schwaben Club. That would give me an idea of what type of events you would like to attend. As this point most our events lately have been attend by outside non members.

So let me know and I will see what I can do. In the meantime I will be busy booking weddings and other occasions as best as I can.

Have a great year and see you at the Schwaben Club. *Don Egley Manager*

Membership and Benefits

Membership Rates for 2016

Student >>> \$25 Seniors >>> \$40 Single >>> \$50 Family >>> \$80

Signed 2016 membership cards for paid dues are now ready and available at the Club office during the day and with me at member's meetings Jan 13th and Feb 10th.

For Sick Benefit members who are not exempt, the annual \$12 fee is due for 2016.

Death Benefit members - there is \$2 due in 2016 for 2 members who passed away in 2015.

Bring your Sick and Death benefit booklets when paying for your membership dues so we can update them for you.

Our club still has the lowest club membership rates among all local German clubs. Encourage your friends & family to join our club!

Good news! A record has been set: 24 new members have joined our club in 2015!

Ich wuensche euch alle ein Gluckliches Neues Jahr!

I wish all of you peace and prosperity in 2016.

Happy New Year! Heidi Peller-Oliver Membership Director & Finance Secretary

Kinder/Jugendgruppe

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than our annual Christmas Luncheon? The Kindergruppe sang a lively "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "We Wish you a Merry Christmas". We love how they changed the lyrics to ask for a piece of schnitzel and a big cup of beer, instead of the traditional figgy pudding and cup of cheer! How appropriate for our Schwaben audience!

Our Jugendgruppe cleverly adapted their Jäger choreography to a techno version of "Rudolph". Its great how well the dancers brought this together considering half of the group only started a few short weeks ago!

I think my favourite part of the afternoon, was the impromptu choir that came together for our Christmas carol sing-a-long. People spontaneously came to the front to join us, and before we knew it, we had a choir! Thank you to Cathy Thompson for helping by taking the lead with the carol sing, as well as for her lovely accordion accompaniment.

Our dance groups continued to practice for two more weeks in December, before breaking for the holidays. At our final 2015 practice, the children enjoyed a festive ice cream treat.

In the new year, we are hoping to start a children's choir. Children up to the age of sixteen will be welcome to join. Please contact me at:

lea_schwabenclub@icloud.com if you are interested. New dancers are always welcome too!

We hope you enjoyed a safe and joyous Christmas holiday with your families and friends. We look forward to seeing you all in January.

Happy New Year!

Lea Becker President, Kindergruppe/Jugengruppe

Geburtstage für Februar

Allen Mitgliedern des Kitchener Schwabenklubs, die im Monat Februar Geburtstag feiern.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch und das Beste im neuen Lebensiahr

Lebensjahr.	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Geburtstag</u>
Gruber, Frank	02
Marzinko, Ruth Anne	02
Klenk, Michael	03
Speckner, Siegfried	03
Orum, Sven	04
Birl, Edmund	04
Frank, Nicholas	05
Kraehling, Anneliese	05
Nesser, Andreas	08
Kauck, Ingrid	09
Heitmann, Michael	09
Hennessey, Owen	09
Bruckhardt, Matt	11
Heffner, Nick	12
Petsch, Katharina	16
Nicholls, Jennifer	16
Groh, Elisabeth	17
O'Reilly, Peter	17
Adam, Joan	17
Kraehling, Katharina	18
Gellner, Rosemarie	24
Bowman, Laura	25
Schummer, Brian	26
Putschli, John	28
Beckett, Tim	29
O'Reilly, Elisabeth	29

Members' Meetings 7:00 pm

January 13 February 10 March 9 April 13 May 11

New Members

Steve Steinbach J.W.(Joe) Schwarz Jakob Berschl John & Kyla Hild Michael Wirth

<u>Filmnachmittag</u>

February 7, 2016



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Donau Dancers

2015 was a good year for the Donau Dancers. Here is a short rundown of the final events attended by our group:

Our Halloween Fundraiser was held on the Friday before Halloween. Everyone who came out got in the spirit and had fun!

The Most Original Costume – was Ellen Adam from our club, the Bird Woman - from the Alfred Hitchcock movie - very creative!

Ed Ries from our group won for the Scariest Costume.

Funniest Costume went to a couple that was dressed as the Doctor and Patient – complete with the behind sticking out of the hospital gown and a urine bag taped to her leg.

We had an Angel and a Devil – that won for the #1 Costume and a Caveman won for the Coolest Costume.

The band, Dirty Old Men, rocked the night! They were wonderful as always! Thanks to everyone for their support.

We were invited to the Mardi Gras at the Concordia Club by Seppi and Monika Hoedl to perform our dances from the Viennese Ball as they were crowned Prince and Princess on November 14, 2015. We started off the evening with our Christmas dinner downstairs in the Jaegerstube at the Concordia Club their rouladen and turkey and stuffing was delicious! Along with red cabbage and spaetzle. – scrumptious! We then went upstairs and joined the gala event. It was an elegant evening and we performed our Quadrilles to perfection! We truly enjoyed the evening and were very honoured to be there to support Monika and Seppi.

The Frauen 80th Grundungsfest evening was wonderful! The ladies looked beautiful in their fine evening gowns. Congratulations Ladies and here's to many more years!

We had a lovely Christmas meal with Turkey, Stuffing, Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, wonderfully prepared by our cook Mike. The program was well done with singing from the children and dancing from all the groups. The Christmas carols was unique this year – anyone who wanted to sing German carols and English carols got up and participated both young and old. I thought it went quite well.

Stefanie Khanke recited a beautiful poem in German. Sydney Gissing played the piano. Wow, well done young ladies! You are both amazing!



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For 2016, I am keeping the role of President of the Donau Dancers, with the assistance of my committee: Joanne Holland as Vice President and Rosemarie Gellner as Costume Director, Ed Reis as Treasurer, Monica Anstett as Instructor and we welcome Tina McQuabbie as Secretary.

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Helga Peller

President, Donau Dancers





Cindy (Schaadt), Wolfgang, Erika and Kevin Neumann are very proud to announce the graduation of their daughter/ sister Christina Susan as a Registered Nurse. Proud grandparents Hans and Susan Schaadt, Aunt Katie Kretschmann and Godmother Nancy Clark attended the Pinning Ceremony. Christina has accepted a position at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Florence, Kentucky on the TCU (Heart) Floor. Extended Family wish Christina much luck, happiness and fulfillment in her new career! Der Apfel fallt nicht weit vom Baum!

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Frank & Dean

The show began on a hilarious note. Houston McPherson, comedian, tickled our funny bone with his impersonations of Jack Nicholson, Clinton, Reagan.....

And then.....the first star of the evening, Dean Martin. He talks like the real Dean, he sings like the real Dean and, if you passed him on the street, you would think you were seeing the

real Dean Martin. And his renditions of *Send Me the Pillow That You Sleep On* and *Volare* proved that he





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is as talented as the real Dean. The tribute entertainer whose real name I do not know swayed me with his Sway. Wow!

The sound mixing was not good. There always seemed to be one element that was too loud, whether it was the band or the singer or the comedian. In spite of this, Dean thrilled us with his songs, his humour; a truly excellent entertainer.



I've Got You Under *Mv Skin* was Frank Sinatra's introductory song. This entertainer is a solid singer. He does Frank proud. A few of his other songs were *Fly Me* To The Moon and Chicago Is.

I would like to note

that only one side of the stage was illuminated. That meant that half of the show was always in the dark. Most unfortunate. Thank goodness, we did not need light to hear the great voices.

Intermission.

Comedian Houston McPherson then brought us: Stomp'n Tom Connors with *The Hockey* Song; Randy Travis with I'm Gonna Love You Forever; Johnny Cash with Folsom



Prison Blues; Rodney Dangerfield; Paul Lynde;George Burns. He presented each in the exact voice of the original. Great!

Dean and Frank returned for the second half of the show. What can I say? It was absolutely delightful.

By the way, did I mention that having a 10-piece orchestra as backup was fantastic?













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I know that the audience of 100 people thoroughly enjoyed the meal and the show.

Catherine Thompson Roving Reporter



10 CHRISTMAS GERMAN SHOW

I, first of all, wish to thank the Schwaben Club for bringing us these excellent entertainers from Germany. I have found each and every show delightful and this show was no exception.

What do you call a combination of 2 button accordions and one guitar? The Obersdorfer Muisikanten from the Allgäu, of course. As





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one member said, they have something in common with Donauschwaben....they also speak a dialect that no-one understands.

Their first title was *Komm mein Schatz, wir gehen in die Berge* (and believe me, I was ready to follow them!). The tune, *Ich hör so gern Harmonika*, was definitely not played on instruments made in China.One member of the band also gave us a special Christmas gift...the secret of how to play the accordion well. *"Mann muß bloß im richtigen Moment die richtige Taste drücken!"*

Rudy Ecker...... what can I say about his magnificent voice (better than that of Ronny). A bass from heaven. His specialty is Seemannslieder and he thrilled us with *Nimm mich mit Kapitän* and *Die Gitarre und das Meer*. He then continued



with Auf ein Seemans Grab da blühen keine Rosen, La Paloma and thoroughly melted my heart with Junge, komm bald wieder.

He then announced that, for health reasons, this was his last tour. I quickly purchased 2 of his Cds so I could listen to his voice over and over.

A polka-dot 50'sstyle dress bounced onto the stage and in it was Karin Bond. She sang a medley of 60's hits and then took us on a Musikalische Reise. Compared to previous female



vocalists, her style was flat and so was her singing sometimes. However, she did sing *Ich will keine Schokolade, Ich will Kirk.* She then slowed it down and sang tunes for alle Seemänner (including Wolfgang Kahnke!)

Wolfgange Rippert, one of the organizers

of the tour, sang 2 tunes for us, including Du schwarzer Zigeuner.

The next entertainer came as a total surprise; Joachim Bischoff. He is a 19-year old classical tenor who sang with the Vienna Boys'

Choir. He started with english tunes, You Raise Me Up and Bridge Over Troubled Waters (I was getting worried). Joachim then dove into the German music with Weise Rössel am Wolfgangsee and a piece from the Operette, Vogelhändler. At this point, I had no more worries.....he was totally enjoyable.

After intermission, the Christmas part of the show took off. Each group of entertainers





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season such as Leise Rieselt

pre-

songs of the

der Schnee, Weihnachtsjodler, Andachtsjodler, Winter Wunderland, a' Weihnacht wie's früher war. I wish

to bring to your attention 2 songs which Rudy Ecker sang magnificently: Eine Handvoll Heimaterde and Volgalied. Joachim Bischoff dazzled the audience with a vibrant Ave Maria.

What a show! What a meal! What a night!

Too bad we could not see the entertainers' faces very well because



there was no separate stage lighting. They were illuminated from the internal stage lights in the ceiling of the stage so their faces were in a shadow constantly. Did someone cheap out?

In spite of this, the show made Christmas all the better for us. Again, thank you, Schwaben Club, for bringing us such a good show.

Catherine Thompson Roving Reporter





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gewöhnen!"

Die Schnecke: "Ich will Kirschen essen."

"Aber da hängt doch nichts dran!" sagt da der Vogel. "Wenn ich oben bin, schon," antwortet die Schnecke Ein Bauer hat drei Schweine. Da der Winter kommt und er die Tiere vor der Kälte schützen will, fragt er seine Frau, ob sie etwas dagegen hätte, wenn die Schweine mit im Haus wohnen würden. Sie ist dagegen: "Sie sollen hier mit uns wohnen? Das geht auf keinen Fall. Denk doch an den Gestank!" Darauf der Bauer: "Ach, die Tiere werden sich schon daran

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